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Donation Quilt

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LOS ALAMOS PIECEMAKERS

May Meeting

ALL ABOUT THREAD:

It's not just Cotton

White Rock Presbyterian Church

Tuesday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m.

From the President:

Dear Piecemakers,
Happy Spring/Summer!

It seems we have jumped right into summer. I hope you all are enjoying it as much as I am!

We have made a start on ticket sales for our beautiful raffle quilt. Envelopes with ticket will be available at the May meeting for you to take and sell to your friends/family. Remember, these ticket sales help support our programs, and especially our guest lecturers/teachers.

Last month's meeting, with members showing some other wonderful, creative things they do, was great fun! There was knitting, crocheting, photography, earring hanger making, paper silhouettes, smocking, jewelry, family history, needlepoint, applique, walking sticks, and BROWNIES (thanks for sharing, Micki)! I hope I haven't forgotten anyone! I'm sure there are other hidden talents in our membership!

Looking forward to seeing you all this month in White Rock!

Laura

UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS AND WORKSHOPS

June 21 - September 6, 2016

Row by Row Experience www.rowbyrowexperience.com

Many quilt shops from NM and surrounding areas are participating in the row by row experience, including **Atomic City Quilts**. Check the website to see who. In your travels, be sure to pick up a kit from participating quilt shops. Maybe at a future meeting, we can have show and tell of quilts made from our travels.

July 22, 23, 24, 2016

Jemez Mountains Bear Paw Quilt Guild Fri & Sat 9 am - 5 pm , Sun 10 am - 4 pm
Walatowa Visitor Center, Jemez Pueblo , 7413 Hwy 4 Free Admission

Come see a dazzling display of quilts including the Patriotic Fallen Warrior Quilts given to New Mexico Families that have lost a Soldier in the Middle East. A selection of quilts and hand-made items will also be available for sale (cash only).

Several LAP members are also member of the Jemez Mountains Bear Paw Quilt Guild and will have quilts on display.

OFFICER REPORTS

Vice President's Report – Sharon Kapple

The May meeting is a showing of the Superior Threads DVD with Bob Purcell. It's all about thread.

Treasurer's Report - Donna Smith

The Checking Account balance on May 1, 2016 was \$13,940.57.

Secretary - Dorothy Smedley

The April 26 meeting was held in Los Alamos in the United Church. Laura Erickson called the meeting to order. The Raffle Quilt was displayed for the first time, and Dorothy Smedley asked that someone step up to be the "quilt shepherd" for the rest of the summer. She also asked for volunteers to sell tickets at the May 7th Arts Fair. Sharon Kapple distributed her latest quilt block i.d. challenge: Grandmother's Fans. The challenge was to identify one called Cleopatra's Fan from the other blocks on the sheet. Sharon then announced that next month's meeting will be "All About Thread," with Donna Smith bringing samples as examples. Sharon stated that Michelle Watts will be featured at the guild's August seminar; the LAP members voted and chose red work embroidery as the class we want. Sharon is also working with Nicole Dunn to present a seminar on fabric dying, and estimates it will cost \$40 per participant. If interested, please sign up.

Donna Smith noted that AQS has dropped all conventions, etc, west of the Mississippi. Flo Carr announced a Project Linus volunteer luncheon in June. If anyone worked on a donated quilt, she can be invited to the luncheon. Please give your name to Flo.

Sharon was the M.C. for our show, LAP's Got Talent. Laura Erickson was first to show her crochet skills, talked about her membership in choral groups, and had a stack of her personal photography made into books. She uses

MyPublisher.com which is an online publisher; books cost about \$40 ea. and take about 2 weeks. Clara Vigil amazed the crowd with her smocking, which in the past she sold through a store in Knoxville. She's made christening dresses for all of her children and grands, as well as doing embroidery and lace inset work. Flo Carr makes earring holders from screen, embroidery hoops and ribbons for hangers. Joan Williams has been knitting since she was 6 years old and displayed her hats and scarves. Trish Spillman is a master weaver, often using scraps from opera costumes in her work. She had examples of scarves, vests, and jackets. Sharon Kapple is also a weaver, making tencel fabric. She also does intricate paper cutting that started with silhouettes and expanded; she loves doing birds. Her work with paper has moved into paper sculpting, using many layers and making things 3D. Her paper is cotton and she uses Xacto knives and various scissors. Debbie McLin showed the group her Sue Spargo Blocks of the Month that use wool applique, a variety of threads, ribbons and embroidery. These BOM, featuring tea cups, will join together to make a wall hanging. Mickie Taylor makes and collects walking sticks. She brought a number made from sanded and polished yucca. Her other hobbies include photography, recycling and repurposing, making jewelry from beads and metal works. These she sees coming from her ability to see patterns in nature. And, she brought her homemade brownies - another hobby. Dorothy Smedley brought examples of her needlepoint, cross stitch, knitting and crochet. Donna Smith is also a needlepointer and cross stitcher, who likes Ehrmann designs. Robert Day Idzorek pursues her family history/geneology. She brought a display showing her DAR ancestor, English (post Norman Conquest) and French antecedents (pre-1066).

After a short break, the group was invited to join with the Machine Quilting Cluster at meetings in the White Rock Library the first Thursday of the month. Show and Tell: Joan Williams displayed her "stained glass" wall hanging she made in a SF Quilting seminar taught by Myrna Landt. Debbie McLin shared her daughter's Mother's Day tote bag. Laura Erickson presented her sew-a-thon crazy 9 patch quilt. Trish Spillman exhibited her wall hanging from Virginia Watson's Class. And, Marion Good has made a purse with pockets. Finally, Roberta Idzorek informed the group that the pink and black quilt she made for a cheerleaders' fundraiser raised more than \$1000, and was won by one of the young cheerleaders.

Community Service - Flo Carr

The Guild will be sending some quilts to the people of **Ft. McMurray in Canada**, who have been experiencing the displacement and disruption of their lives due to the terrible fire in their area. I've been in touch with the woman heading up the effort, Dorene Wirth in Lewistown, MT, who will be personally delivering quilts to Calgary on June 22nd, and she would be thrilled to include any quilts and quilt tops we might wish to donate to the cause. She will have to receive them in enough time to repackage them to comply with the border requirements. They are making arrangements with the border people so they will be able to avoid the fees and bonds normally encountered when taking things over the border. She assures me that quilt deliverers will be involved in getting the quilts to the victims of the fire, not just given to an agency. Calgary has quite a few wonderful long-arm quilters ready and willing to finish the tops. They have received quite a bit of fabric, batting, and other supplies from Canadian commercial interests. LAP members who want to help can give quilts, tops, or \$ donations to cover shipping costs. Additionally, **Atomic City Quilting will support this effort by giving a 20% discount on fabrics purchased to make these quilts.**

Quilt Market- Michelle Taylor

Saturday, Sept 24th, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Set-up, Friday, Sept 23rd, 2:30 pm to 8:30 pm
at Crossroads Bible Church, 97 East Road

Also, this year for the first time, LAP will have a float at the county fair! The rock cozy, which is put on the rock in White Rock, will be on a form and put on a trailer and driven in the county fair parade. It would also be nice, if quilters would walk with the float holding a quilt or pulling a wagon with many quilts in it. What fun :)

Co-Chairs: Micki Taylor 6662-9294 and Nicole Dunn 690-6539