



# Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild

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## LOS ALAMOS PIECEMAKERS

United Church of Los Alamos

Tuesday, February 25 at 6:30 p.m.

### **President's Message:**

Hello Quilters,

Wow, we had a great meeting in January. Thanks, Donna, for presenting a program of borders. Who knew that we had so many options available to us for borders and anyone with a great imagination can definitely add ideas of their own? These suggestions and tips will be very helpful as we continue with our Medallion Round Robin Blocks.

Another thanks to Melodie and Clara for organizing this year long program. I personally came home, hung the block that I received and as I walk past it every day, try to design a border that compliments the original block. We got to see all the medallion blocks at the January meeting, but now we will only get to see the blocks we work on and none of the other blocks until the last robin exchange. A MYSTERY awaits us all.

Anxious to hear how the donation quilt sew-a-thon went on Feb. 8. Sorry I was not able to attend but hope we had a good turnout.

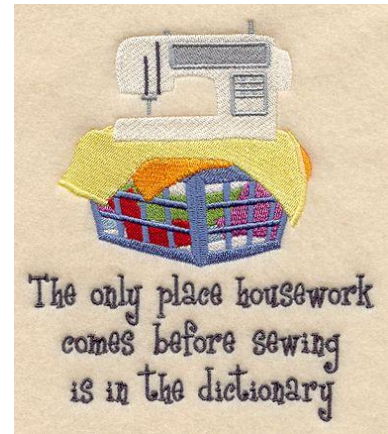
Thank you, Flo, for again organizing the LAVA luncheon on Feb. 12. I thought we had a very nice turnout and the food was outstanding. Show and tell was exciting with all the different styles of quilts and learning that some quilters have a particular quirk: tackling projects for grandchildren, making large quilts versus small quilts, working with pastels or very bold colors. We have MANY talented quilters in our community.

February meeting, remember to bring back your pizza box for the next exchange. We will also be working of hand sewing baby booties for the Mourning Project.

See you at Los Alamos United Church, Graves Hall.  
Your quilting sister,

Linda

## UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS AND WORKSHOPS



Friday February 21st to Saturday February 22nd

The **Gathering of Quilts** in Truth or Consequences. At the Civic Center in T or C. Brings 100s of quilts from brand new to antique. Demos, vendors, and quilt appraisals are available on-site.

March 21st is **National Quilt Day in Albuquerque**. Join the ABQ BioPark Botanical Gardens for an inspirational exhibit of quilts. The Heritage Farm quilting group will feature antique to modern quilts, and engage with visitors about their artwork. Demos and an assortment of techniques will be featured throughout the day.

March 24, 2020

**Jenny Kae Parks Lecture/Trunk Show** - "Every Quilt is a Learning Quilt/Confessions of a Fabric Snob" White Rock Presbyterian Church, Jenny Kae Parks is a nationally published designer, instructor and video host for *Quiltmaker Magazine*, *Craft U*, and *Fons & Porter*. "My objectives, whether teaching, filming or designing, are to entertain, educate and encourage quilters of all skill levels."

March 25, 2020

**Jenny Kae Parks Workshop** – "Dangerous Curves Piecing"

Where: Graves Hall Time: 9:00 – 3:00

Cost: \$45 members \$55 non-members

\$16 required pattern fee

March 30- April 3, 2020

**Katie Pasquini Masopust**

Jump Start Your Creativity in Santa Fe

Explore color and design with Katie in Santa Fe

Madeline Island School of the Arts Winter Workshop

[www.madelineschool.com](http://www.madelineschool.com) for more information

June 23, 2020

**Debbie Jones – Lecture: "Fabric Scraps Become Fine Art"**

LAP Guild Meeting

Graves Hall, United Church of Los Alamos

June 24, 2020

**Debbie Jones Workshop TBA**

Graves Hall, United Church of Los Alamos

September 23, 2020

**Jodi Barrows – Lecture: “Square in a Square” System**

LAP Guild Meeting

Graves Hall, United Church of Los Alamos

September 24, 2020, 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m.

**Jodi Barrows Workshop – Option Overview of the “Square in a Square” System**

Graves Hall, United Church of Los Alamos

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

### **Vice Presidents** – Melodie Gustavsen and Clara Vigil

February Meeting: Did you know that the United States’ infant mortality rate is the highest in the developed world. The vision of Mary Vaneecke, artist and founder of The Mourning Project “is that each of the infants lost in a given year will be remembered with a unique, handmade, heartfelt little elegy. I am asking the fiber art community to come together to create an image of infant mortality with 23,000 pairs of baby booties. This is the number of American infants who die every year. “

LAP has committed to help with this project by donating 100 booties. We will be working on the hand-sewn felt booties at our **February** meeting. Kits and instructions will be provided. Please bring pins (applique pins work best), scissors and enthusiasm!!

March Speaker: We are excited to bring Jenny Kae Parks to LAP in March! Jenny Kae Parks, a nationally published designer, instructor and video host for *Quiltmaker Magazine*, *Craft U*, and *Fons & Porter* will present a lecture/trunk show, “Every Quilt is a Learning Quilt/Confessions of a Fabric Snob” at our March 24 guild meeting. She will host a workshop, “Dangerous Curves Piecing” on March 25. There will be a sign-up sheet at the February meeting for those interested in participating in the workshop.

Cost: \$45 members, \$55 non-members. There is also a required \$16 pattern fee.

If you want more information, please contact Clara. [c.vigil0098@gmail.com](mailto:c.vigil0098@gmail.com)

Round Robin Exchange: Eleven brave "Free Spirits" joined the Round Robin Exchange in January. Three other people have boxes and may still join this month by either skipping the first round (and having a smaller quilt) or by adding their own first border. If anyone else is still wanting to join, please let Melodie know this week so we can get you a box and the paperwork. ([melodie.gustavsen@gmail.com](mailto:melodie.gustavsen@gmail.com)) The second round will start at the February meeting, so bring your boxes if you're participating. Remember, the boxes will now stay closed at meetings until the October reveal!

Individual Medallion Challenge: Those who want to join the Individual Medallion Challenge may do so at any time by bringing a starting block to show at the guild meeting and by signing up.

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**Secretary** – Deb McLin

Call to order at 6:30 pm, note new time, White Rock Presbyterian Church.

Officer Reports - Vice President Clara Vigil gave a short presentation of what will be happening at the March 24, 2020 program and workshop on March 25. Clara showed a table runner as an example of the Workshop, Dangerous Curves by Jenny Kae Parks. The pattern will be \$16.00 with three different patterns included. There will be templates to use or pattern piece can be traced. The workshop will be 9-3 in Graves Hall at the United Church. The cost of the workshop will be \$45.00 for members and \$55.00 for non-members.

Secretary's Report - No changes to minutes from 2019 minutes.

Treasurer's Report - Donna Smith. Donna needs several members who would be willing to look over the guild accounts. They will meet at 5:30 on March 24 at Graves Hall. Joan Williams, Michelle DeBardeleben and Brenda Edeskuty volunteered to audit the accounts.

Donna also informed the members that the guild had expenses that exceeded \$2,000.00 in 2019.

Librarian's Report - The position is open but the membership agreed to sell books at Market in September.

#### Committee Reports

Community Service - Flo Carr. Flo will be acting as host for the RSPV/ LAVA luncheon on Wednesday Feb. 12 at the Senior Center. She passed a signup sheet around and members can sign up to bring a soup, salad, bread, or dessert. Set-up begins at 10:30 and lunch will be at 11:00. Flo stated that these senior quilters look forward to our luncheon and we gift them fabric and a donation for batting. She requested we bring our quilts to present as our show-and-tell.

Membership - Brenda Edeskuty. Brenda reported that 22 members had signed up for 2020 membership before the meeting had begun. Membership forms were on the LAP website. She is also making new name tags as needed.

Newsletter - Joan Williams. Joan is having technical issues with earthlink. She mentioned that if a member does not receive the newsletter to let her know and she will e-mail a copy from her computer.

Publicity - Michelle DeBardeleben. Michelle stated that she will promote our activities through different media outlets. The raffle quilt will need a "quilt mother" to set up a table at events to sell tickets. Donna mentioned that the first event is the Arts and Crafts Fair in May.

Webmaster - Deborah Kubicek. No report

2020 Quilt Market - Brenda Edeskuty has agreed to act as the contact for the Market 2020. The plan for the market date will be, set-up on Friday, September 25 and market open to public on Saturday, September 26. She encouraged members to start making items to sell with the guild

receiving 15% of proceeds. Tags and instructions are on the LAP website. There will be a resale area where members can resell items that they no longer need or want. Our library books will be one section of this resale. The tags for resale are a different color than the tags for the market. Details will follow as the year goes on.

UFO'S - Jo Ann Painter. JoAnn will again be in charge of the UFO challenge. Members can join in at any time before November with a dollar for every quilt project that was started before 2020 but never finished. If you give JoAnn five dollars, you are expecting to work on those five quilt projects and have them finished by the November meeting. You will receive a ticket for every finished project you bring to the meeting. If you gave the project away or sold it at market, a picture of the project will suffice. If you give five dollars but only finish three projects you forfeit two tickets. The pool of money will be divided in two and tickets will be drawn with winners getting the dollars. In 2019 the kitty of UFO dollars was around \$90.00. Any quilted project can be included. Examples are: lap quilts, tote bags, table runners etc.

#### New Business

The budget for 2020 was approved.

The library books will be sold at market. Judy Miller has a relative in California that can help quilters that were impacted from the forest fires of 2019. We will be gathering items as she lets us know what the needs might be as people return to their communities. Some of our library books might be useful for that project.

Round Robin 2020 Project - Clara and Melodie introduced a new project called the Medallion Challenge. All members were invited to join in November by picking a medallion that was 12 1/2" or 14 1/2" in size. They were provided a pizza box to keep the fabric organized. Quilters could provide a fabric piece or pieced block as their medallion along with any fabric pieces they thought they might like to see in their project. All participants showed their medallion and Melodie and Clara gave out the pizza boxes to someone else to add a border to the medallion. In February the quilter with the received pizza block will return the box and Melodie and Clara will rearrange the boxes and redistribute another box to the Round Robin members. In February the box will remain with the participant for two months as the piece will be growing larger and more sewing will be required. This exchange will continue until the end of 2020 when the owner of the medallion will receive their project back with the top finished but not quilted. There will be no revealed medallions until the project ends.

Evening Program - Donna Smith: Borders. To start the Round Robin Medallion Challenge, Donna presented a program on borders and how to use them in various projects not only the challenge. She prepared different handouts to guide and inspire the quilter in adding unique borders within the quilt as well as outside the edge of the quilt. Melodie had created quilts to act as a guide to Donna's narrative as well as quilts that Donna showed to emphasize what she wanted quilters to understand. Donna also provided book and website sources for further information.

Drawing for door Prizes - Brenda. At the beginning of the Guild meeting Brenda gives out raffle tickets to attendees. Tickets are drawn throughout the meeting and a table of quilt related items is set up for the winner of the ticket drawn at that time to choose an item. Brenda keeps the table stocked with useful and interesting items. Visitors and guild members always receive a ticket.

Show and Tell - Roberta Idzorek showed a flannel scrap quilt to give to our community service project. She also showed a Christmas tree skirt that she finished that was started by her mother that passed away recently.

Charlene McHale showed a kitty quilt top in pinks and yellows that she has been working on.

Paula Roybal Sanchez showed a scrappy heart quilt and also a farm animal quilt with small panel pieces used as blocks and pieced blocks mixed in. Her backing showed how to use leftover fabric and barn siding fabric to make an interesting backing related to the farm animal top.

Renita George showed a collection of practice blocks using the Jody Borrows technique of block construction.

Laura Erickson showed a yellow and blue small wall hanging with square in a square blocks. Laura would also like members to contribute small wall hangings to accompany her to Mexico to give to the new home owners that receive a home built by the church group. This year there is a plan to build three homes.

Mickie Taylor gave an update of the Christmas Tree Skirt that was sent to Washington DC. for the tree in the lobby of the Dept. of Agriculture. She also showed her fabric give-a way from the recycle show she will be participating in 2020.

Brenda Edeskuty showed a bag she designed and a horse block that will be added to a quilt that will be used for a raffle to help raise money for a horse rescue group.

Announcements - Next meeting is on Tuesday, February 25 in the Los Alamos United Church Graves Hall. REMEMBER; new time starting a 6:30 PM.

Reminder: See Flo Carr for signup sheet for the Valentines Luncheon for the RSVP quilters. Again, the luncheon will be held at the Betty Ehart Center on Wednesday Feb.12.

Sew-a-thon for Guild Raffle Quilt 9-4 on Feb. 8 at Graves Hall. The pattern is Two Grey Hills by Michelle Watts. Donna will have fabric cut and lunch will be ordered out from Daniel's or bring your own. List of what quilters are to bring is available to volunteers.

Cluster News - Clara mentioned that the Tuesday Morning Library Quilters are making felt bootie kits for the February meeting to help complete an art installation for The March of Dimes's recognition of the number of infant deaths every year. According to this charity there are over 23,000 infant deaths per year in the US. We are going to contribute 100 pairs of booties for this project. This will be done at the February guild meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

**Treasurer** – Donna Smith

Treasurer's Report

The Enterprise Bank Checking account balance on Feb 1, 2020 was \$11,151.16

**Publicity** – Michelle DeBardleben

\*All current events are listed on the Calendar of Events above.

**Community Service** – Flo Carr

I want to send out a big thank you to the wonderful volunteers who brought food for the LAVA Ladies Valentine's Day luncheon, and to all of you who helped set up and decorate tables and clean up after. We had about 13 Piecemaker's members who were able to attend, and 8 or 9 of the Senior Quilters. Thank you everyone!

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**Membership** – Brenda Blea-Edeskuty

To download the membership form please click on the link or see attached form.

<http://www.losalamos.com/lap/forms/lapmembershipform.pdf> .

Do You Have a Quilt(s) for Sale? See request below.

Hello,

I am interested in purchasing a quilt for my husband for his birthday. I was wondering if you could post something to your membership to see if anyone is selling quilts right now and might be willing to send me some photos and prices.

Thanks,

Karlene Maskaly

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# LOS ALAMOS PIECEMAKERS MEMBERSHIP

Membership Year \_\_\_\_\_

Please print all information clearly.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, & Zip  
Code \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number  
\_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address  
\_\_\_\_\_ Do you want to receive the  
LAP Newsletter via e-mail? Yes No (Circle one)

Do you need a ride to meetings? Yes No Can you drive someone to meetings? Yes No (Circle one)

Please volunteer for one or more of the following by placing a check mark next to items{s):

Donation Quilt ticket sales \_\_\_\_\_ Valentine's Day Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_

Quilt Show/Quilt Market \_\_\_\_\_ Serve as Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Payment - Make check for \$25 payable to: Los Alamos Piecemakers or LAP. Mail payment to LAP, Attn: Membership Chair, P.O. Box 261, Los Alamos, N.M. 87544 or hand in at meeting.

LAP Use only: Payment \_\_\_ Entered in data base \_\_\_ Name tag \_\_\_ Packet \_\_\_ Membership card \_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_