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LOS ALAMOS PIECEMAKERS

President's Message:

Dear Quilters,

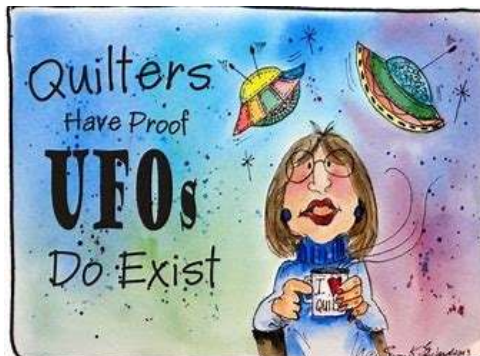
WOW!! What a last couple months. I am not sure about any of you, but life has been pretty strange. Being retired, I can not say that I went and did a lot of different things, but tell me I can't go and do and there are fifty million things I can think of that I need to do. Like most of you, I have done some cleaning. Know where my grandson gets some of his traits, his mother sends him to clean his toys and he finds one he has not played with for a couple years and no it is the newest and best thing to play with. I found a lot of things I had forgotten about and could not part with them (of course not sure when I will ever need them as I have not needed them for some time). Managed to cull some of my stash of mask for family and friends.

Learning to use some of the latest gadget to keep in touch with family and friends. Still not tech savvy.

I will say that I do miss getting together with all of you and look forward to when we can meet, catch up and see what everyone has been working on.

It will be a changing world for us for the remainder of the year as we face the unknown, but my wish is that we are all safe and healthy.

Keep on quilting and will see you soon (I hope).



Yours in quilting,
Linda

UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS AND WORKSHOPS

During this time of uncertain events, meetings, lectures and workshops are all in question. Information changes on a daily basis. We know the May Guild meeting is cancelled. Please watch your email, the web page and/or the face book page for more updates and details. The URL for the Los Alamos Piecemakers face book group's page is:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/287803484702586/>

If you are a face book participant please add pictures of the projects you have been working on.

The speaker for the September meeting, Jodi Barrows, has been cancelled. There may still be a meeting depending on the Governor's orders and the church openings.

There is also an email which Brenda sent out on the September LAP Quilt Market which has been postponed until 2021.

OFFICER REPORTS

Vice Presidents –

From Melodie Gustavsen –

I've always been a planner. As a teacher I held to the value of planning while learning to quickly adapt and change plans when my little people showed me they needed something different! So far, 2020 has turned into something we could never have planned for. Meetings and appointments have been canceled. Long-awaited trips postponed indefinitely.

All the 2020 Piecemaker plans with 3 guest speakers and a quilt market are now in question. The churches where we meet are slowly opening for services, but not to outside groups. We're adapting our plans so our meetings will keep us all safe. When we are able to meet again, we'd like to hold the meetings in Graves Hall where chairs can be placed in a large semi-circle to maintain social distancing. We'll move to online or verbal sign-ups instead of passing around a clipboard and money pouch. And we'll wear masks.

We're planning meetings for the rest of the year that focus on our talented member's experience and skills. Our own Shelly Kuropatwinski is planning a presentation of "What to Do with Pre-Cuts." Other months, we'd like to choose a different quilting technique to discuss- (such as Applique) and have members bring quilts to show where they've used that technique. If we can't have market, we might have a member's only book and yard sale to provide some fun and inspiration. And we hope to still have our yearly community sew-a-thon to make quilts for local groups. Of course, our favorite time of each meeting is "show and tell" of current finished quilts. (And with all this time at home, we will have a pretty large show and tell with all the quilts we're finishing up!)

The last few months have been stressful for me. I do like to make clear plans and living in limbo doesn't feel comfortable. I am enjoying lots of time to create. I've finished a couple more medallion quilts and have some sashiko projects lined up. I really miss our White Rock Cluster each Tuesday morning and look forward to when we can meet again.

Round Robin Update - Staying at home has been very positive for the Free-Spirit Exchange. Several members finished their rounds early, and we have moved to exchanging pizza boxes outside of the original schedule. (Members setting their pizza boxes outside in cars, on porches or on wood-piles, where a masked "pizza box pirate" exchanged them for a new box.) Most members are on Round 4. At our next meeting (June or August?), some members will finish and we can reveal their quilt tops. Other members have the option of completing a Round 5 before opening their boxes in front of the group.

We've seen some really great tops in process and been creatively challenged by this experience. It's getting harder and harder to wait and see the final results!

Individual Medallion Challenge – I've continued to have fun making medallion quilts and hope you are too. (Since I'll be choosing prizes for this challenge, I won't be joining the competition). We are still planning to conclude this challenge in October and the whole group will vote on the completed quilts.

From Clara Vigil

Definitely, this time has been challenging for me and at the same time very busy and inspirational. I've learned a lot about myself, the meaning of community and that angels do exist.

It all started at the beginning of our shelter in place mandate. Together with Shelley we decided to make masks for our medical community starting small with MANNM. I sent out a request for help to the guild members and Shelley sent out a notice to her customers. Hours later Pam Hundley contacted me because she had a small group of sewers that were helping her make masks for MANNM. What started off as a small project grew like the Covid-19 disease. The "Mask Makers" quickly turned into the "Sew Many Masks" which was a true representation of the many, many masks that we made.

The response that I got from the guild members was amazing. I would like to thank everyone who participated in this project, whether you sewed, donated materials, or helped spread the word. Thank you! Thank you!! The "Sew Many Masks" group donated 3,300 masks, 83 scrub caps, and were ready to make gowns for the hospital. (I was told today this may still happen.) I met some wonderful people through this group. Although, I don't have a face to put with every name that contacted me.

As I think of all the outreach work our guild has been involved in this year, I am honored to be part of such an amazing, caring group of women. This quote describes our group, "Women Stand Strong!"

I hope to see you all soon!

Treasurer's Report – Donna Smith

The Enterprise Bank checking account balance on May 1, 2020 was \$10,287.73

Yes, I have been busy sewing. So far I've completed two wall hangings and two lap quilts. I have one queen-size quilt top in the process of quilting and one top finished and ready to quilt. My four year king-size hand quilted, needle turn applique quilt is almost finished too! YEAH!!!! An

odd problem is that with all the sewing, the amount of fabric in the studio has not diminished AT ALL! The fabric bins are still full and there are still piles on my work table. I think it is multiplying overnight. At this rate I will never use up the fabric.

Of course, this means I have not started wood splitting yet or getting inspired for some of that type of work. In a fit of crazy, we volunteered to foster a dog from the Espanola Animal Shelter and of course adopted him, so our pack is now three dogs. We're going to do a DNA test today on him, as the Shelter thinks he is German Shepard / Lab cross, with a bit of Cattle dog thrown in. I would not be surprised if there is Great Dane in there too, but we will find out.

Stay safe, enjoy your family time together and find some time apart for yourself.

Donna

Publicity – Michelle DeBardleben

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

Community Service – Flo Carr

Hi everyone. I hope you're keeping busy, staying safe, healthy and as sane as it's possible right now. I've made some masks, some smaller quilted items as the mood takes me, am working on a baby quilt for our step-great-grandson, and have enjoyed spending time with the wonderful round robin challenge quilts. Unfortunately, I've also been reading, watching TV, and eating too much, sleeping and exercising too little.

I only have one small community service quilt at the moment, and a couple more in the works. The ATU at LAMC is not able to receive quilts at this time and probably won't be ready until late summer, if then. FirstBorn LA is still welcoming baby quilts, but they don't need any immediately.

Things are pretty slow right now, but eventually there will come a time when we'll want to be ready with donation quilts. So if you have any ready or want to work on more for the future, I'll be happy to store them here. I've worked out a "quarantine" procedure to keep them as safe as possible for all concerned. We still have some guild fabric in storage, so if you need some, please let someone know so we can get it to you.

As always, if you know of anyone who needs the benefit of a quilt hug in their life right now, please let me know so I can get one to them. And, no, I'm not able to give all of us a quilt, too, even though we all do need one!

Take care and stay safe! Flo

Membership – Brenda Blea-Edeskuty

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

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Membership Year _____

Please print all information clearly.

Name _____ Mailing
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.

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