

# Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild

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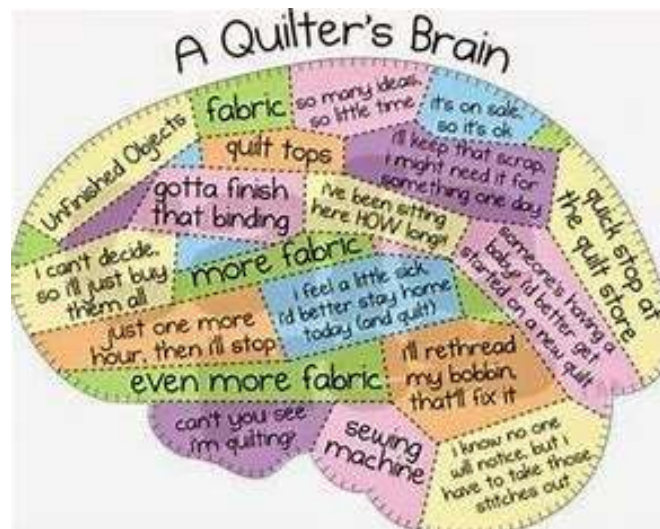
What a year!

I want to thank the officers and committee chairman who served in 2020 and thank them for continuing to serve in their offices until we can meet again. Isn't that a Roy Rogers and Dale Evans song? Telling my age.

The medallion round robin was a huge success and we want to thank Melodie and Clara for their efforts to get the blocks passed along to the next quilter and then to their original owners. I can say I was impressed with what everyone did; WOW!

As the year draws to an end, we have all faced many uncertainties in our lives. My wish for 2021 is that we all have peace, stay healthy and keep on quilting.

Yours in quilting,  
Linda



## OFFICER REPORTS

### **Vice Presidents –**

One of the few plans for 2020 Piecemaker's programs that actually worked out in this crazy year was the Round Robin Medallion Exchange. Especially because we were home, we enjoyed getting our pizza boxes with new fabric and the challenge of putting something together. Members tried something new and learned more about quilting and had some connection through fabric and journal notes. Almost everyone commented about how much they enjoyed the challenge.

Since 2021 will probably continue with most of us at home, we invite you all to join in the next exchange! This exchange is designed to keep things simple and straight-forward and you can choose to join or drop out at any time. Below is a brief explanation. If you want more details, please contact Melodie at [melodie.gustavsen@gmail.com](mailto:melodie.gustavsen@gmail.com).

### **2021 Star-Grazing Exchange**

Star blocks are a traditional element in many quilts. There are numerous options for simple piecing, paper piecing or applique. Depending on fabric choice and complexity of design, there are endless options and possibilities in creating a star block quilt.

For this exchange – each quilter will put at least 2 - 3 yards of different coordinating fabrics in a pizza box. (fat quarters or half yard pieces work well). She could make a beginning block or even put in a pattern or pictures of star quilts that she likes to serve as suggestions. She should specify the size of blocks she would like (or she can ask for a variety of star block sizes).

Boxes will be exchanged each month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. (Until we can meet in person, boxes will be picked up and a new box left on your front porch or other agreed upon safe outside location). If you're concerned about Covid exposure, you can set your box aside for a week or more in a safe, dry location before opening it. (If you live in the Jemez, we'll arrange a time to meet in White Rock or Los Alamos).

Quilters will have one month to make a single star block to add to the pizza box – following the original quilter's suggestions, but also adding their own creativity and coordinating fabric. Blocks will be left as single blocks. The original quilter will get to decide how to arrange the blocks and put the quilt top together.

We will try to keep the exchange going throughout the year, so quilters could end up with 10 to 12 star blocks to arrange in whatever pattern they choose. We'll learn about star patterns as we see what others have created and it will be fun at the end of the exchange to see all the different blocks created from our fabric. (And eventually we'll all enjoy seeing the beautiful quilts our members create with our star blocks).

This is an open-exchange. Members are free to stop at any time. Their box will be removed from the rotation and they can create a smaller quilt with the number of blocks they have from each month they were part of the exchange. If members need to skip a month due to illness or travel, they can ask to have their box held aside from the rotation for a single month. (Their box from the last month will be picked up and passed on). This method also allows for new members to join later in the year.

If you would like to join this exchange, please contact Melodie. ([melodie.gustavsen@gmail.com](mailto:melodie.gustavsen@gmail.com)).

I have pizza boxes available for those that don't already have one and can arrange a meeting time for you to add your fabric. I'll email a journal for you to print out and more detailed directions.

Thanks!  
Melodie

### **Treasurer's Report** – Donna Smith

The Enterprise Bank checking account balance on November 1, 2020 was \$9,818.43.

Donna

### **Northern New Mexico Quilt Guild November Zoom Quilt Meeting**

The November Zoom meeting of the Northern New Mexico Quilt Guild will be:

**Monday, Nov 16 Guild Meeting**

**via ZOOM**

**6:45 PM 'Doors Open'**

**7PM Meeting Starts**

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### **Speakers of the Guild**

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“November's meeting will feature our annual ‘Speakers of the Guild’ featuring Judy Johnson and Jody Gray sharing their quilting journey. Judy is our incoming president and is familiar to many of you. Jody, Judy's twin sister, is familiar to all of us who go to retreat. Join us to learn more about both ladies and see some of their lovely quilts.”

## **Membership** – Brenda Blea-Edeskuty

Hi

From membership:

Hope these 10 quilt quotes make you SEW happy:

1. A bed without a quilt is like a sky without stars.
2. A creative mess is better than idleness.
3. A fat quarter is not a body part.
4. A messy house is a sign of a happy quilter (I must be the "Happiest girl in the whole USA").
5. If you see me with a seam ripper - now is not the time!
6. One of my unfinished crafts may be considered "vintage" by now.
7. Whoever said Disney was the happiest place has never been to a fabric store.
8. No, my sewing room is not messy - I just have everything out on display. Like a museum.
9. I quilt therefore I hoard.
10. Weekend forecast: SEWING with NO chance of cleaning or cooking!

Until we can meet again.

Take care, stay healthy, and Quilt On!

Brenda