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LOS ALAMOS PIECEMAKERS

Dear Piecemakers,

WOW 2021 is finally here! I know we do not notice any change from the past many months, but I do think I may see a light at the end of the tunnel.

I hope everyone who want to receive the vaccine has registered on the NM Health database and are anxiously awaiting their schedule date and time as I am. In the meantime, everyone continue to wear your mask, wash your hands and socially distance.

I am excited about the new Star Gaze block exchange. I know I get to do some quilting when we do these challenges; otherwise, I look at my house and think I should really take down the Christmas tree, sweep and mop and as always dust. But, if I have a deadline that someone is counting on me to get the next block done by a certain date, I can ignore the dust and think my husband will pick up enough of the dirt off the floor by walking in his socks all day long. Laundry is another issue.



OFFICER REPORTS

Vice Presidents –

Happy New Year Everyone! Although we are experiencing such difficult times, we also have a lot to look forward to in 2021. Hopefully, before long we will all have our vaccines so we can meet in person again. As soon as we get the green light, we will begin reaching out to our presenters and making plans for future meetings. Stay safe and keep quilting. If you would like to share projects that you are working on, you can post pictures on the Los Alamos Piecemakers' site on Facebook. ---Clara

2021 Star-Gazing Exchange

Piecemaker's is having a block exchange this year. The Star Gazer's Exchange is starting this week with 12 members who will be making a star block each month. This group is open to anyone who wants to join. If you join later in the year, you'll just have less completed blocks by the end of the exchange in November. Until we can meet in person, I'll be moving the boxes between houses. If you'd like more information or to join, please email me. Melodie.gustavsen@gmail.com

Thanks!
Melodie

Treasurer's Report – Donna Smith

The Enterprise Bank checking account balance on Jan 1, 2021 was \$9,611.68.

Donna

Community Service – Flo Carr

GIFT CARD CHALLENGE DEADLINE. The deadline to turn in your finished community service quilts for the gift card challenge is **February 14th, 2021**. We will have a drawing from the names of all who have participated in this challenge, and announce the winner in the February newsletter. Many, many thanks to all who have contributed, in spite of all the trials and tribulations of this past year!

We've gone through a long, slow, difficult, and dangerous year, and I have found that even my love of quilting has been challenged. Even though I know that quilting is my happy place, I seem to lack the focus and the drive that I need to finish my UFO's and start on all the projects I have lined up in my imagination. I had high hopes that the new year would give me the impetus I need, but it looks like we still have a lot of difficulties to overcome, before we can rest easy again.

Obviously, we will be unable to hold our annual Valentine's Day Luncheon for the Senior Center Quilters this year, so you can all have a nice lunch and celebration at home with your loved ones!

Take care, share some kindness, and stay safe, Flo

Membership – Brenda Blea-Edeskuty

I'd like to welcome 2 new members to the guild: Louise O'Brien of Los Alamos, and Abbey Hayward of Whiterock, both of whom I believe are participating in the Star Gazing project.

Our only gentlemen member, Ralph Raffin, moved to Los Alamos with his wife in June.

We look forward to a time when we can meet in person and get to know our newest members!

Brenda