



# Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild

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### **2022 Quilt Market/Show:**

## LOS ALAMOS PIECEMAKERS

United Church of Los Alamos

Tuesday, April 26th at 7:00 p.m.

Dear Piecemakers,

April has arrived and I hope the wind will leave and let my allergies leave my eyes so that I can sew.

### 5 Tips for Spring Cleaning Your Sewing Room

#### 1. Open windows and let the fresh air in.

You've most likely been keeping those windows closed all winter, giving dust and smells a chance to build up. Opening up your windows not only freshens the air, it allows you to enjoy the sounds of spring as you clean!

#### 2. Clear the dust.

Start from the top of the room and work your way to the floor. First, dust any cobwebs lingering in the corners and ceiling and around light fixtures. Next get the frames of any artwork and the tops of outlet and light switch covers. Lastly, wipe down horizontal surfaces like tables and shelves. If your table legs have cross beams, don't forget to get those too!

#### 3. Wash your windows to let more sunshine in.

As we begin to get more and more sunshine, dirty windows will become more noticeable. Instead of letting them bother you, take ten minutes to wash both the inside and outside of the windows in your sewing space.

#### 4. Upgrade your walls.

Find some new, inspiring art for your walls or hang some of your prized quilts. If you're feeling ambitious, you could even paint a wall or two in a fun color that will boost your creativity!

#### 5. Last but not least...

With all the dusting, pulling out of projects and moving things around, your floors might need some TLC. Do a quick sweep or vacuum of your floors (don't forget the edges) to really make the space feel clean!

Have fun!!

Yours in Quilting

Linda

### [From our Vice President \(Brenda\)](#)

Our April meeting is Tues Apr 26th at the United Church, Graves Hall at 7pm.

The featured speaker is Kay Sutt of Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA). She is the NM representative for SAQA, and will present information about this international organization and a trunk show of 40 small art quilts made by SAQA members. Looking forward to learning more about this organization, and seeing their work - sure to be a treat!

In May LAP member Julie Goen will be giving a lecture (5/24) on NM Inspired Batik Landscape Quilts and a workshop the following day (5/25). She is generously donating her time and talents to the guild for both the lecture and workshop! Many thanks Julie!!

The guild will be charging a \$10 administrative fee, and a sample of the workshop project is hanging at Atomic City Quilts. There is one slot left for the workshop so if you are interested send me an email [edeskutyb@gmail.com](mailto:edeskutyb@gmail.com)

### [From the 2022 Quilt Market Chair \(also Brenda\)](#)

Thanks to all of you that provided feedback regarding 2022 Market!

Market is the largest funds generator for our guild, and due to Covid we were not able to hold the 2020 Market. Among other things, the funds generated by Market pay for the National Speakers and Workshops we are able to offer to our membership and the community.

Good news is we are able to hold a 2022 Market in the fall (date TBD), but we need participants!

Based on the feedback we have received thus far we do not have sufficient interest to hold a successful Market. The number of participants the past 2 markets were 25 and 29. Currently, only 10 individuals have indicated interest in participating.

So if there are more of you out there that would like to participate in a LAP 2022 Market let me know no later than this Sat April 16th!

[Edeskutyb@gmail.com](mailto:Edeskutyb@gmail.com)

I will be passing the feedback received on to the LAP Board for them to make a decision.

Many thanks!! Brenda

## [Upcoming Events](#)

Fiber Arts Fiesta – April 14 – 16, 10am - 5pm, at the Manuel Lujan Complex in Albuquerque – exhibits, classes, vendors

Four Common Corners art quilt group has a show at Fuller Lodge Art Center – April 8 – May 30. Nicole Dunn is a member of this group – Check it out!

The Enterprise Bank checking account balance on April 1, 2022, was \$8288.64 (Donna)

Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild  
March 22, 2022  
Secretary Report - Deb McLin

Linda K. called the meeting to order.

Welcome to new members/visitors: The guild welcomed visitors Kathy originally from Texas and James who was assisting our speaker Shelly.

### Officer Reports

Vice President – Brenda announced that the program in April will be presented by Kay Sutt. She is a member of the Studio Art Quilters Association in NM. She will explain how SAQA operates and how it inspires fiber artists. She will bring 40 small quilts to show from a recent exhibition.

In May LAP member Julia Goen will give a short talk on creating small landscapes in conjunction with her workshop “Creating Small Landscapes using Batiks”. The workshop on Wednesday, May 25 will be held at the United Church from 9-12.

Julia is presenting this workshop at no charge to the guild but requests a donation be given to the guild. There will be a \$10.00 administration fee per attendee.

Our June meeting will host the return of Michelle Watts. Her talk is titled, “How Does it Get From Idea to Quilt?” She will present a workshop on Wednesday, June 29 titled, “It's Simple With Stencils.” The workshop will be at The United Church. The cost for this workshop will be \$45.00 for members and \$55.00 for non members.

In August we will host Jeni Kay Parks for a light hearted presentation called “Confessions of a Fabric Snob”. The evening will include a trunk show. Jeni Kay will give a workshop titled “Dangerous Curves” on August 24 at The United Church. The cost of this workshop is \$45.00 for members and \$55.00 for non members.

Secretary - Deb M. reports no changes or corrections.

Treasurer – Donna has no report. She did mention that she has paid the rental for the storage space. \$990.00 for 12 months.

### Committee reports

Community Service – Flo mentioned that we have some donation quilts in stock but could always use more. She has batting available as well as some fabric at her home. She mentioned that there was more donation quilt fabric in the shed. Clara mentioned that she had some fabric that can be used to make garments, mostly knit and corduroy. Let her know if you would like a peek at it.

Membership – Clara mentioned that we have a few new members and will be working on a list of members for the board.

Newsletter – Laura invited all members to submit items for our newsletter.

Publicity – Joan submits notice of our meeting to the LA Daily Post and hopes for the best. Let her know if there is any other venue to generate interest in our guild.

Webmaster-no report

Quilt Market / Quilt Show- Members discussed the possibility of having a market or show in 2022 or a combination of both. With Santa Fe guild having a show in October the general consensus was to try and have a market in September. Brenda will send out an e-mail to ask members if they want a market and what jobs they can commit to to make the market a success.

### [Program Speaker](#)- Shelly Kuropatwinski talks “Pre-cuts”

Shelly defines precuts as something cut to a size before being assembled by someone else. The benefits include a matched fabric line, accurate cutting, saving money, saving failure if you cut the wrong size, pretty and coordinated.

If your precuts have pinked edges always check measurements as Shelly's experience has shown they can vary from  $-1/8$ " to  $+3/8$ " difference.

Shelly finds Moda fabrics in their smaller precuts to have 32-40 different fabrics with just two duplicates. Shelly's advice for prewash? Never do it!

Various precuts are known by special names as Moda calls  $2\ 1/2$ " cuts Mini Charms. Shelly showed us zip bags, a table runner and a small wall hanging all made with various mini charm packs and using back round fabric. If you need many mini charm packs for a project you can pick up a 5" charm pack and cut it into quarters. Shelly demonstrated the results by showing a lap quilt using two charm packs. Jelly Rolls are fabrics cut WOF at  $2\ 1/2$  inches. You can expect  $2\ 1/2$  to 3 yards of fabric from each jelly roll.

Shelly also added that quilters should use precuts from known fabric manufacturers for best quality cotton and measurements.

Fat Quarter precut packs are the most used by quilters. Other precuts not as familiar are Honey Buns which are  $1\ 1/2$  WOF cuts. Another precut that is not as popular is called a Frivol which is a 7" square. It was just issued for a short time.

Now quilters can find precut hexagons in small, medium and large size. These can be challenging to use and Shelly advises using tools and a good pattern book to be successful.

Turnovers precuts are half square triangles that are cut on the diagonal from a  $10\ 1/2$ " square. There are fat eights, fat sixteenths and 10" by 10" precuts that are called layer cakes by Moda.

The relative yardage you can expect from various precuts is as follows. 10" by 10" pack = 3 yards. If you want to make your own layer cake get ten-  $1/3$  yard cuts of fabric and make 4 cuts per fabric.

Jelly Roll- $2\ 1/2$ " WOF is 3 yards and if making your own, gather 8 different  $3/8$  yard cuts of fabric and cut  $2\ 1/2$  inches WOF.

Charm Pack is 5" squares. If composing your own use 5 different fabrics of  $1/3$  yard cuts to make 80 squares. It makes two sets of charms.

For fat quarters get  $1/2$  yard cuts of fabric and cut them in half at the center fold to get two fat quarters of same fabric.

Shelly's advice to avoid litter from pinked precuts is to slam them against the trash can a few times to loosen the litter then run a lint roller over them multiple times to get the pieces left behind.

Shelly brought a selection of mini-charms to give away to all guild members attending tonight.

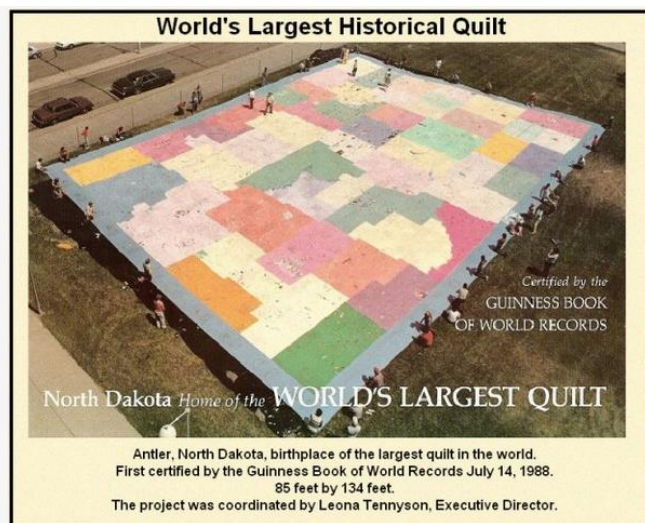
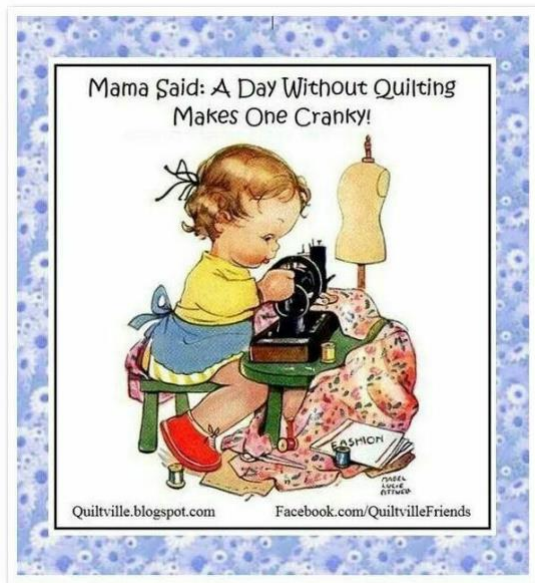
## Show and Tell-

Laura made two quilts, for a grandnephew and nephew. She made a baby quilt with 9 pockets made on the front with little taggies and minkie fabric. For her nephew she designed and quilted a wall hanging with musical notes and symbols. She wasn't finished as she showed three turtle themed batik wall hangings with sea colored fabric as the background. All were designed and quilted by Laura.

Louise is the first 2021 Round Robin quilter to show her finished quilt. The colors of black, white and red showed off the pieced blocks. Louise made a label showing the names of all RR quilters.

Julia showed her most recent "car quilt" she made for her youngest son. The pattern was the La Moyne Star using the Deb Tucker Ruler. The fabrics were shades of green, gold and brown batiks.

Next meeting is April 26 at the United Church in Los Alamos.



**DID YOU KNOW?** Los Alamos Piecemakers has a Facebook group! Check it out! Just type Los Alamos Piecemakers in the search line. You can post pictures of your quilts, and be inspired by what others post.

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HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP FORM?  
DUES ARE BEING COLLECTED FOR 2022

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## LOS ALAMOS PIECEMAKERS MEMBERSHIP

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

Please print all information clearly.

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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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