



# Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild

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

## LOS ALAMOS PIECEMAKERS

### Annual Fall Potluck

6 pm Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

Graves Hall, United Church of Los Alamos

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*Dear Piecemakers,*

*Fall is in the air, the leaves are changing and the heaters are running, what better time is there to quilt and quilt some more.*

*We had a great program in September and workshop, so I hope all participants bring their dyed items to share.*

*We will meet at United Church on Tuesday, October 25 at 6:00 for our annual potluck. During this meeting we will also share memories of JoAnn Painter.*

*So bring your appetite and be prepared to have some great times.*

*Yours in quilting,*

Linda



## OFFICER REPORTS:

### Vice Presidents (Brenda & Shelly):

Hello Ladies ~

### **October 25 Potluck ~ United Church, Graves Hall ~ TIME: 6PM**

Please bring a dish to share - no rules - just bring something you like - a main dish, vegetable, bread or dessert. (I'm getting hungry just thinking about all the possibilities!) Also bring a writing utensil (pen, pencil, crayon) as there will be a few games! & there will be PRIZES!

The Telephone Quilt Game has started! Those involved should have received a photo & are making it into a beautiful, creative 12" finished quilt. Let Shelly know if you need anything.

If you have any thoughts as to content for meetings for 2023 - we would love some input.

November – Sew-a-thon! Tuesday Morning Cluster will bring the fabric.

**NO MEETING in December – Enjoy the Holidays! See you in 2023!**

### Secretary (joan, filling in for Deb):

Call to order at 7:00 p.m. by Linda.

Guests were introduced: Kathy, Celest and Judy.

Officer Reports:

Vice-Presidents:

Brenda – DeStash was a success, we made about \$1,500. Thank you to Shelly, gave her a nice flower.

Shelly – We are looking for ideas for next year's programs. If you know of speakers or if you have a program that you could do. Also, putting together the telephone mini swap if there is still someone who would like to join. She will send out the list by Thursday and participants will forward their picture.

Secretary: Are there any corrections to minutes? No

Treasurer: We are still in the black.

Committee Reports:

Community Service: Have 3 quilts and Melodie donated more tonight. There is a quilt top to quilt if there is a volunteer. There was a quilt donated from the Heckers that Donna removed the tying and quilted. It will be treated as a community service.

Membership: 2023 Membership will be due in January, it will increase from \$25 to now \$35.

UFO Challenge: Can still sign up. We will draw winners at the November meeting.

### Sunshine Report

Jo Ann – we will do remembrances at the potluck.

Donna – she will have her 2nd surgery in November

### Program

Debbie Maddy with the Art of Shibori

She sewed when she was very young-mostly garments. In the early 70's she made her first quilt but went back to sewing garments until the early 80's when she made a king size quilt.

She went to Houston and took quilting and dying classes 9 years ago. She was hooked. She has been to Japan, England and all over the U.S. studying and teaching Shibori and Indigo. Indigo is the only natural blue dye, it comes from a green living plant. The dye is in the leaves.

She did a slide show showing her visits to England and Japan. The workshops in Japan were with Bryan Whitehead who lives in Japan and studies and grows Indigo. She showed slides of her time in Japan. The classes were with people from all over the world.

She talked about the fabrics she designs. How the fabric for Shibori is manipulated-clamps, folding, stitching, pole wrap, slinky. Inspirations for designs which included man hole covers- which are very elaborate in Japan. She showed a vat of dye. The liquid was orange, when the fabric comes out it is green the air turns it blue. This is what we will work with in the class tomorrow. She explained the dying process which has many steps.

### Questions –

Is Indigo dye colorfast? Yes if done right. It needs to be finished out.

Are blue jeans true indigo? They are synthetic indigo not natural.

When manipulating the fabric what thread would you use for stitching? Bonded nylon or heavy upholstery thread.

How long does a vat last? If made right it can last a long time.

Door Prizes: Won by Micki, Judy, Shelly and Celest.

### Show & Tell:

Brenda showed a baby quilt she made from a panel. There was also a tote bag and bowl made from the same fabric to go with it.

Clara showed the quilt top from the Jenny Kae class last month.

Judy showed a tote bag she made with cat fabric.

Additional Items:

September 28th – The workshop is at the United Church

October 25th -- The potluck is at the United Church at 6:00p.m.

November's meeting will be a Sew-a-Thon. The Tuesday Morning Cluster will bring the fabric.

**Treasurer (Donna):** The Enterprise Bank checking account balance on September 30, 2022 was \$93,75.02.

### **Community Service (Flo):**

Hi everyone. We currently have 5 community service quilts available to donate. If you know of someone who is going through a difficult time and who might benefit from the comfort of a quilt hug, please let me know.

If you didn't see my contact info change in the last newsletter, please note my new phone is 505-709-7378, and email is quilteccarr45@icloud.com. Thanks, Flo

### **LIBRARY – Special Notice!**

Deb will be bringing the Guild library books to the pot luck this month. She will be selling them for \$1 each. Bring those dollar bills (or maybe fives or tens)! What a bargain! Leftover books will be donated to charity.

### **Fun Facts about Quilting/Quilters**

**The average quilter is 63 years old, retired, and owns 4 or more machines.**

**“Dedicated quilters” (those who spend more than \$500 per year on quilting) buy on average 99 yards of fabric a year, almost an entire football field’s worth.**

**Dedicated quilters usually spend an average of \$3,363 on quilting supplies per year.**

**Beginner quilters spend an average of 6.9 hours a week on their craft. Advanced quilters spend around 17.6 hours.**

**Dedicated quilters spend almost 8 hours online per week visiting quilting sites and groups centered on quilting techniques, supplies, and news.**

**Quilting was a \$3.7 billion industry in 2017.**

**(Facts found on the internet, so of course they are accurate, aren't they?)**

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2023 Membership Form

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LOS ALAMOS PIECEMAKERS MEMBERSHIP

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 \$35 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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