



Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild

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2023 Quilt Market/Show:

LOS ALAMOS PIECEMAKERS

7 pm Tuesday, March 28th

White Rock Presbyterian Church

Piecemakers,

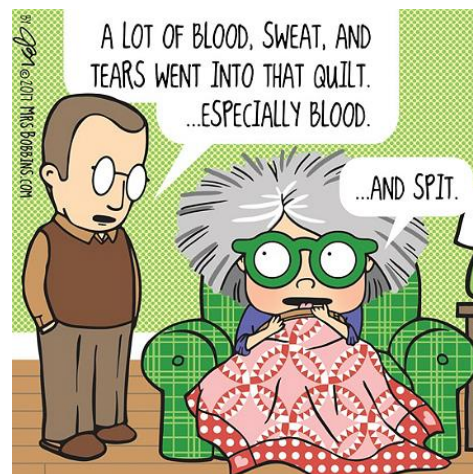
March, St. Patrick's Day, Lent and official start of spring. Hope everyone recovered from time change.

With the spring weather – winds, snow and occasional freezes we should be indoors and quilting until our machines are smoking and our cutters are dull.

We had a great program in February. Thanks to Cindy Barfield. I learned a lot and hope everyone gives the longarm quilts the correct amount of fabric and batting.

I hope we have a short program in March because we do not have any OOPS/mistakes that we might want to share and get other's opinions on how to correct. Heaven knows I have more than my fair share.

See everyone in White Rock this month.



Yours in quilting,
Linda

OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice Presidents (Brenda & Shelly):

It's Confession Time at the next Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild meeting.

I know we have all "been there" - we have made a recoverable mistake (Otherwise, why would they create seam rippers?).

Many of us have also made an UNrecoverable mistake. So, bring your biggest (or most recent) mistake (OOPS!) to share. This can be a color mistake, a hole in the fabric, can't be squared-up, etc. Basically, if you were to re-do this, what would you do different? This will be a time for all to join in the discussion - give suggestions, or condolences! It should be a fun time.

Save Your Strips!!

For the April Meeting, we will play Strip Poker using strips of fabric. To play, plan to bring a minimum of 10 strips (2-1/2" by WOF - width of fabric).

No strips? LAP will provide strips free of charge.

Julie Goen will also give a brief presentation on Landscape Quilts using Batik fabrics. We are delighted to announce she will give a repeat workshop on Wed, 4/26, United Church/Graves Hall, 10-3.

For those that previously took the class, please bring your project for show and tell. Project not finished? The April workshop is an excellent opportunity for you to complete with Julie's guidance!

FQ Exchange - well, we learned how not to swap - Shelly now has a better plan for swapping!

So.... at the end of each meeting we will swap FQs (bring 4, 6 or 8 FQs to swap)

March is African fabrics (or Aboriginal fabrics)

April is Pastel fabrics

May is Reproduction fabrics

See you all soon,
Brenda & Shelly

Treasurer (Donna):

Treasurer's Report

The Enterprise Bank checking account balance on March 1, 2023 was \$7440.39.

Membership (Clara):

It's not too late to pay your 2023 dues! - \$35. (Membership form at the end of this newsletter.)

Secretary (Deb)

Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild
February 28, 2023 Guild Meeting
Secretary Report - Deb McLin

Call to Order 7:05

We welcomed two visitors Claire and Jackie.

Officers reports

Vice Presidents -Shelly announced that the English Paper Piecing workshop is scheduled for October 4, 2023. Sign-up begins tonight. More details to follow. One plan already decided is because of the date of Oct. 4 for our workshop we will have no meeting in September but will hold our meeting in October on the 24th as scheduled.

The fat quarter exchange tonight is Valentines redo and Primary colors.

Reminder-The Telephone Game exchange Part 3, is due by the March 28 meeting.

Secretary-Deb reports no changes or corrections.

Treasurer-Donna reports that the business records for 2020, 2021, 2022 were audited and are correct. Thanks to Joan and Linda for their review.

Committee Reports-

Community Service- no report

Membership- Clara reports that we have 46 members.

Newsletter-Joan thanked Melodie for posting photos on our facebook page as the online newsletter does not allow that feature. If you have facebook you can join our page, Los Alamos Piecemakers. Laura is the "gatekeeper".

Webmaster-no report

UFO Challenge-Joan has the sign-up sheet and will collect the cash to be divided into two winning "pots". This UFO challenge begins with you deciding how many UFO's you will finish in 2023. For each UFO project you expect (in your dreams) to finish you give Joan one dollar. At the November meeting we have a show and tell time even if it's a photo. For every finished item you will get a "chance" in the drawing. There are two winners drawn and they split the "pot".

Quilt Show-Deb and Melodie have agreed to chair a 2023 Quilt Show. They will try to get a date in the coming weeks and send out more information in a LAP e-mail. Brenda agreed to chair the vendor position and Charlene agreed to manage the Silent Auction. We need two members to chair the Publicity and Raffle Quilt positions.

Sunshine Report- Flo is recovering from Covid and she says the recovery is slow with this virus. Linda's dog had a ruptured gall bladder and after many thousands of dollars the dog is recovering! Linda has amazing items to put in this sunshine report! Donna is the poster child for successful hip replacement as she reported that she was able to operate a snow blower for three hours during our last storm.

Program-Cindy Barfield - "What your Long Arm Quilter Wants You to Know"

In order to do a great job quilting on a long arm machine there are conditions that a long arm quilter needs the customer to accomplish. Cindy brought a wonderful 10 page handout covering topics important for quilters using a long arm service. Topics covered included "how to calculate the proper quilt size", "guidelines when planning a bed quilt", a sample sheet that she uses when taking in a quilt with the requirements and cost incurred by the quilter.

The tension information was broken down to a simple form that Cindy called a "game changer"

in working with tension issues on any machine. Several pages on threading your machine were also added to gain success while piecing.

Several issues not covered in the handout that Cindy also added were that all backing material should be quilt fabric not sheeting and all creases and fold marks should be removed from the backing. If ironing isn't possible then spritz the fabric and put it in the dryer to relax the folds. She reminded quilters to not press seams open as "quilting in the ditch" will cut the threads and open the seams. She stressed the need to make the backing using horizontal seams as that will not shift on the long arm machine. Cindy reminded quilter to remove all loose threads on the top as they will become part of the top when stitched down. Also she mentioned to not embellish anything on the top before quilting.

She ended her talk with a reminder that long armers work hard to make your quilt wonderful and a tip is a nice gesture.

Show n Tell-Liz brought a baby quilt in purple tones with an iris backing that told the new baby's name. She asked for some suggestions on how to add more quilting to the blank spaces and as always quilters in the meeting quickly had suggestions.

Julia brought her Star Gazer Challenge quilt with teal and purple star blocks made by the Round-Robin quilters of 2021. She added a few more blocks and a beautiful batik border.

Susan brought a memory quilt of her trek in Spain. It was filled with T-shirt blocks and map reproductions with route embroidered depicting the pilgrims walk of 120 miles that she hiked in 8 days.

Donna brings us a queen size quilt she sewed using her stash of different shades of red and greens. The pattern was the Lone Star" with a whole lotta diamond shapes!

Linda has finished a baby quilt with shades of blue fabric using squares and rectangle blocks.

Brenda took a wallet making class at Quilter's Corners and made two wallets with magnetic closures.

Additional items- Shelly maintains a list of long arm quilters at her shop including Cindy, who can be reached at Cbarfi1013@aol.com

Next meeting is March 28 @ 7 pm at the Presbyterian Church in White Rock.

2023 Membership Form

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 _____

