



Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild

P.O. Box 261, Los Alamos, NM 87544

www.losalamos.com/lap

March 2024

2024 Officers

President:

Linda Kolar 505-662-5768

kolars@newmexico.com

Vice Presidents:

Brenda Edeskuty

edeskutyb@gmail.com

Shelly Kuropatwinski

shelly_kuro@yahoo.com

Secretary:

Deb McLin, 505-672-9811

damclin@gmail.com

Treasurer:

Donna Smith,

575-829-3883

dnt@glenda.com

2024 Chairs

Community Service:

Flo Carr, 505-709-7378

quiltercarr45@icloud.com

Membership:

Clara Vigil

c.vigil0098@gmail.com

Publicity:

Abbey Hayward

tobe.abbey@gmail.com

Newsletter:

Joan Williams

joanwilliams@earthlink.net

Webmaster:

Deborah Kubicek,

deborahkubicek@hotmail.com

Quilt Market/Show:

Open

LOS ALAMOS PIECEMAKERS

10 A.M. Tuesday, March 26th

United Church of Los Alamos

Dear Piecemakers,

March is here! To me that means spring flowers and the urge to get outside and begin prepping for my garden and planting flowers. However, with the winds and still snow a possibility, I have many quilt projects ready to go.

We have several great programs and workshops ahead of us and I hope that we take advantage of these opportunities to learn new skills, new hobbies and just have fun.

Did you know that March 16 is [Worldwide Quilting Day](#)? And better yet, March is National Quilting Month! So how did we get so lucky? Well, The National Quilting Association (NQA) began sponsoring National Quilting Day with a resolution passed by members in 1991. National Quilting Day has evolved -- and now we have Worldwide Quilting Day and National Quilting Month! To help celebrate the love of quilts and quilting, we've compiled some fun facts about quilts and their history.

Yours in quilting,

Linda

OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice Presidents (Brenda & Shelly):

Calling All Pictures for the March Meeting!

The March meeting will be a morning meeting on Tues 3/26, 10am, United Church/Graves Hall.

Our guest speaker is a talented local sewist/artist (and my sister-in-law), Celeste Raffin, an expert in sublimation printing. She will give a lecture at Graves Hall following the business meeting concerning all things sublimated and how it works.

After the lecture we are welcome to travel to her studio, a short distance away from United Church, to see a demo of sublimation printing on fabric.

There are no steps to negotiate for entry into the home, seating will be available, and there is ample parking and we can also car pool.

Celeste has offered to print one of your pictures on a piece of polyester fabric (roughly 8x10 or you can specify a size smaller or larger) as part of the studio tour demonstration. If you would like to have a picture printed on fabric, please send me your picture and size no later the 3/24.

This should be a fun informative meeting and tour, and Celeste is looking forward to printing your photos on fabric!

April Meeting, 4/23, United Church, 7pm

The April meeting is being held in Los Alamos to get us back on the original schedule.

Put on your dancing shoes, and bring your rotary cutter and mat! We are having a Cutting Party! We will be cutting fabric to make placemats for the seniors in Los Alamos/White Rock that have meals delivered. Interested members can take placemats home for completion. The plan is to have a placemat delivered with each meal.

We will have guild fabric available, but also feel free to bring your own.

Thanks! Brenda and Shelly

Treasurer (Donna):

The Enterprise Bank Checking account balance on March 1, 2024 was \$11,394.40.

Donna

Secretary (Deb):

Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild
February 27, 2024 Guild Meeting
Secretary Report - Deb McLin

Call to Order at 7:00

Welcome to returning member, Sandra.

President-Linda states that there are board positions to fill. Specifically, a Publicity Chair to help grow our membership through outreach. Also if someone is interested in being president, Linda would be very grateful.

Vice Presidents- Brenda thanks the four presenters for their participation in the 4 Corners program last month. Thank you's to Donna, Shelly, Marian, and Brenda. The March meeting will be at The United Church. This is our first daytime meeting in quite a while. It is a request from some members to try a day meeting to gauge interest in having different times to meet as a way to increase membership and participation.

We will start the meeting in Graves Hall at 10:00 AM. We will have our business meeting, show & tell and announcements. We will adjourn and proceed to the studio of Brenda's sister-in-law in Los Alamos. The program presented is titled "Sublimation Printing on Fabric". There are no stairs to climb and seating is available but visitors might want to stand around her work table for the demo.

The program for April will be a cutting party to prepare placemat kits for the guild members to sew for the Senior Center's home delivered meals. There are at least 80 people in White Rock and Los Alamos receiving home delivered luncheons.

Secretary- Deb-no changes or corrections.

Treasurer-Donna states that the financials are in the Newsletter.

Committee reports

Community Service-Flo thanks everyone for making the Valentines LAVA luncheon such a success. There were 26 attendees. The food was wonderful and the treats from Flo and quilted hearts from Melodie and Clara made it quite festive for everyone. The show and tell was pretty amazing with LAVA quilters showing work they do outside their volunteering at the center. Our guild members quilts and yoyo's were quite impressive too! They had one request for us. They would like to invite guild members to come and help out on Wednesday's from 9-11. They need volunteers to cut, sew, pin baste, and help tying and binding. They will be providing quilts to the Ronald McDonald House in 2025 as well as other outreach programs. Please help if you can.

Membership-Clara reports we have 36 members before tonight but that will change with many checks coming in tonight.

Newsletter-Joan reports no changes.

Publicity- no report- update-Abbey has volunteered to be our Publicity Chair for 2024! Yeah!

Webmaster-Deborah is working on a plan to make sure everyone is receiving the newsletter via e-mail. She will be sending out a "request to respond" upon receiving an e-mail from her. That way she can determine who is receiving the newsletter and who is not.

UFO-Joan has the cash bag and sign-up sheets to enter the drawing in November.

Sunshine report- all is well with no reports of illness, accidents or speedy recovery wishes needed. Keep it up quilters, your guild needs you!

Program- Nicole Dunn began by reminding us that she moved to Albuquerque from Los Alamos four years ago. Her main interests are focused on Art Quilts, She is a member of SAQA and is an invited member of 4 Common Corners art quilters group. She brought their art quilts to our quilt show last year titled "The Way We Were". She submits art quilts that travel around the country and has even done a commission work that found it's destination in France! With over 20 years experience as a long arm quilter she still finds the basic patchwork and traditional blocks inspiring.

She enjoys traveling and taking photos that she uses to further influence her art pieces. Her slide show and trunk show included samples to inspire quilters taking her workshop tomorrow. We viewed her future entrees in art shows as well as a commission work that she recently finished. She mentioned that she enjoys handwork such as cross stitch on linen and wool embroidery and has begun making samples in wool applique and cross stitch sample pieces for designers and vendors. Nicole stayed visiting with members and answered many questions.

Show & Tell- Linda began with a cautionary tale of buying kits with directional fabric. She has a new rule that "kits with directional fabric will not be purchased by her" However she showed a wonderful Fall Harvest/Halloween table runner with lovely pumpkins with directional fabric. Looking great Linda! Paulette brought four interesting and different in theme items. She showed a diamond pattern looking lap quilt that was actually made with half square triangles. She chose southwestern colors as her palette. She also brought three wall hangings to remind her of her mountain home now, her beach home as a youngster and a still life of heart shaped flowers in a vase that had extensive quilting throughout. Melodie showed a large wall quilt with appliqued elephants using aboriginal fabrics. The impression was of India henna designs. She was able to place the elephant pattern on the fabric so that an eye could be seen on each elephant. Abby brought a quilt she made for her daughter. It was from a kit she purchased at the quilt show. It has printed animals in the blocks which she surrounded with checkered borders. Donna brought a 3 yard quilt she bought as a quilt kit but altered the binding to show the faux flange binding she demonstrated at the January meeting.

Additional items- Micki spoke to us about a group of Dine quilters, (formally known as Navajo), that she has a connection with. Last year she delivered a car full of sewing and quilting supplies to them so they could continue teaching and sharing their love of quilting with their family and friends. Micki would like to return with another car full of more sewing supplies sometime this spring/summer. If you have items like cutters, blades, mats, thread, fabric, machines, rulers, sewing machine needles and pins, or pin cushions that you can donate please bring it to the March/April meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45.

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 26 at 10:00 at The United Church with a studio tour following.

Community Service (Flo):

Hi ladies.

We delivered several quilts to First Born LA last week and they were delighted with them. Even before they opened the bag of quilts, they were exclaiming about the beautiful colors.

We have given quilts to them in the past, but things sort of fell apart during Covid.

They continue to add new families throughout the year, they can use donations from us any time.

If anyone is interested in making some quilts for them, they would like what they term "crib sized", which is approximately 36-42/44 by 50/52 inches.

Thanks, Flo

The Navajo Quilt Project

Susan Hudson is a Navajo quilter, who recounts history through her ledger quilts. You can watch her video at craftinamerica.org/artist/Susan-Hudson. Through her, a call was put out for quilting/sewing supplies, fabric, batting (the larger the better) and sewing machines for the quilters and sewers in the Navajo Nation. They will also take white yarn.

My involvement with The Navajo Quilt Project started with Nicole Dunn sending me an article that was in the Craft In America magazine. The article listed a half dozen ladies in AZ, CA, CO, and NM. I wrote to Lola Woods because she is in Arizona, my home state, and lives in St. Michaels, which is the name of my church in Tucson. She called me and we coordinated a meet-up.

In July 2022, I drove to Gallup to meet Lola Woods and her daughter Tanya at the local Denny's. My car was full of fabric, tools, mat boards, and a sewing machine, which was all transferred to their vehicle. They treated me to lunch and we talked. They are very nice ladies and very appreciative of all the donations.

Since I have recently moved and realized how much more stuff there is, some of it needs to go and this is a great project. I have mentioned this a couple of times already and have received a few donations. Anyone who wants to donate fabric, tools or sewing machines, I will pick up from anyone here in Los Alamos or White Rock, or it can be taken to the next guild meeting on March 26th. This is a day meeting at the United Church.

If you have any questions, please call me, Micki Taylor, 505-477-1503

Membership

Remember to pay your 2024 dues (\$35)!

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 the item(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 _____