



Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild

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LOS ALAMOS PIECEMAKERS

7:00p.m. Tuesday, February 25th

White Rock Presbyterian Church

Dear Piecemakers,

For those that were not able to make the LARSO and LAP brunch on February 12, you missed a great get together. As always, the food was good, the sharing of beautiful quilts and companionship to two quilting groups. Thanks Flo for coordinating this and the special goodie bags.

As many of you know, we lost a long-time quilting friend, Ann Daley. A rosary will be at 9:30 a.m. and the service will start at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 8 at Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

As March approaches let us celebrate, every **third Saturday of March** is a day to celebrate the rich tradition of quilt making. The Quilt Alliance and the National Quilt Museum recall the origins of this day: a "Quilter's Day Out" organized by the Kentucky Heritage Quilt Society in 1989. What better way to celebrate than spend the day quilting or snuggling under your favorite quilt on the couch with a good book or movie.

Remember to bring your favorite tool, tip or even a nagging question to share at our meeting. I look forward to what quilters use and helpful hints that I may use when quilting.

Yours in Quilting,
Linda

OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice Presidents (Brenda & Shelly):

2025 Programs

We are in the process of finalizing the balance of the schedule for 2025. Here is what we have so far:

Feb 2025: GIRLS NIGHT OUT! Bring your favorite beverage (non alcoholic) and any tips, tools, patterns, etc you would like to share. Anything goes! Snacks will be provided by the Guild.

March 2025: Ever wonder what quilt show judges look for? Certified quilt judge Nancy Fuka of Santa Fe will be our guest speaker and divulge all!

April 2025: Guild Member Brenda Edeskuty will give a lecture on "Taming of the Scraps", however she is willing to give up her spot!

May 2025: TBD

June 2025: Shelly Kuropatwinski will share news and trends from her attendance at this year's Quilt Con.

Jul 2025: No meeting

Aug 2025: In Progress. We are in negotiations with international speaker Catherine Redford for her lecture "Trip Around the World in Folk Art Stitches" and her workshop "Walking Foot Quilting - Take the Scenic Route."

Sep 2025: Available

Oct 2025: Annual Potluck

Nov 2025: Sew-a-thon for Community Service quilts.

Dec 2025: No meeting

We also hope to sprinkle in some sew days and guild based workshops at Graves Hall as well as quick demos at meetings. As always we value any membership input, and also let Shelly or I know if you are interested in presenting at a meeting, giving a demo, or conducting a workshop, etc.

Paper Pieced Patterns: Brenda will have a different free paper pieced pattern available each meeting for attendees. Patterns will be 6 in sq or less. Perfect for scraps!

Brenda & Shelly
LAP VPs

Treasurer (Donna):

The Enterprise Bank checking account balance on Feb 1, 2025 was \$10,634.27.

Donna

Community Service (Flo):

Many, many thanks to all of you who brought your delicious food for the Valentine's potluck on Wednesday the 12th!!! I'm hoping to see if some of you will share your recipes.

Thanks also to everyone who helped decorate the tables and then "undecorate" everything quickly so we could clear the room in time for the next occupants. Starting earlier than usual this year didn't seem to have an adverse effect on the party.

Everyone seemed to have fun, enjoying the good food, interesting conversation, and all the beautiful, fun, and creative quilts on display for show and tell.

Thanks again! Flo

Secretary (Deb):

Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild
January 28, 2025 Guild Meeting
Secretary Report - Deb McLin

Call to Order 7:00 PM -The United Church in Los Alamos

Officer reports

President Linda K-

Linda announced that our fellow quilter and kind friend, Ann Daley, has passed away. Linda has a card for members to sign. Linda reminded members that we will have our "free table" at every meeting. This is an opportunity for quilters to bring quilting items they no longer want and members might find something they can use. Anything left at the end of the night the owner must collect and take back.

Vice Presidents- Brenda reintroduced herself as co-vice president. She is working with Shelly to plan 2025 programs and workshops. There is no SAQA show available this year so May and September meetings are open for ideas. If you or a small group have a program or if you know a local person that could share a technique or trunk show please let the VP's know as they don't want to strain the budget with many speakers and workshop presenters that require large travel expenses and presenting fees.

Brenda has a "peel and stick" slow stitching pattern to give to every attending member tonight. She plans to have a little treat for members every month.

Brenda also has surveyed the quilt frames to evaluate their condition for any future show. The 2x4's can be reduced in length and reused but the feet and crossbars need to be replaced. The suggestion is we remake the feet and install a bolt and wing nut construction similar to what the Bear Paws use for their shows. More information will be collected and presented in months ahead.

Secretary-Deb wanted to correct the mistake from in the November minutes. The new webpage for Los Alamos Piecemakers is lapquiltguild.com. Contact Deborah K. if not receiving newsletter. But check your spam first. Also members can view our facebook page to keep informed of our meeting fun and our quilt show'n tell. It is a private site and Laura will let any LAP member in to view. If any member wants to make an announcement in the LAP newsletter contact Joan for instructions. This is a great way to let members know of events and workshop opportunities they may not be aware of.

Treasurer – Donna reports that we almost broke even in 2024 but not quite so encourage friends and family to join our merry band. Also Donna reminds everyone that the Treasurers report is posted in the newsletter every month

Committee reports

Community Service- Flo is organizing the annual Valentine brunch with the LARSO quilters. We will gather at the Betty Ehart Center on Wednesday, Feb.12 from 9:30-12:00. They are a very welcoming group that supplies quilts to senior living centers and will restart their contributions to The Ronald McDonald House in Albuquerque. They also sent quilts to Ruidoso fire victims. They need more volunteers to tie and construct quilts. If you are available to give them some time they would really appreciate your help. This group meets on Wednesdays 9-11:30. They have been active since 1972 and their membership has dropped post Covid.

Membership- Clara- no report

Newsletter-Joan no report

Publicity Abbey- She will be posting our information on public bulletin boards as this is no longer an activity the Senior Center can help with.

Webmaster-Deborah gave all information during Secretary Report tonight.

UFO-Joan will once again pass the sheet around for quilters to sign up to join the 2025 challenge. Quilters put down the number of projects they hope to finish from past years. They contribute one dollar for every item. We count four placemats as one project. Lap quilts, table runners, wall hangings and of course any size quilt counts as one. Last year two winners were chosen and each winner took home \$50.00.

Additional items- Laura Erickson is asking members to think about making or donating an already made wall hanging for the two homes the Youth Group constructs for Mexican families every spring break. When the home is finished, Laura presents a housewarming gift of a wall hanging for their new home. They choose from her collection which is now running low.

Show 'n Tell- Brenda began with a double quilt that was almost finished by Jo Ann Painter. If we have a quilt show this year this might be a good raffle quilt. She also wanted to get a response from members as to whether we should have a quilt show in 2025.

Charlene showed her finished 2024 sew-a-thon quilt using mostly green shades of fabric. She showed a 3 yard quilt of Tula Pink fabric another 3 yard quilt with an Irish Chain inspiration. Charlene donates her quilts to our community service.

Roberta showed her red and black shoulder bag from the “Calista“ pattern by Paulette who also taught the class at Atomic City Quilts. Roberta also showed a table runner made by her sister-in-law who passed away recently. Julie Idzorek was an award winning quilter and teacher. Roberta described her as sweet and loving and made a donation in her name to LAP.

Laura showed a baby quilt for her newest grandchild. She also brought in her photo books made using Snapfish. It's a great way to keep a visual record of her work and who she gifts them to.

Program-Hungarian Square and K3n clothtales. Melodie and Deb described their experience of viewing the K3n clothtales You Tube channel in 2024. The 2x weekly prompts and demonstrations of slow stitching projects were inspiring and educational. One of Melodie's favorites was constructing the block called Hungarian Square. She made kits for each member and talked them through the making of the block.

Next meeting February 25 in White Rock for “Girls Night Out” Tips and tricks to share and be ready to welcome back the pig!

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:

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