



# Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild

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## LOS ALAMOS PIECEMAKERS

7:00p.m. Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

United Church Los Alamos

Dear Piecemakers,

Summer is almost upon us, and it may arrive very quickly with all the wind we have been having. My hope is that we avoid fire season and have an enjoyable summer.

We had a great program last month and I know this month will be just as informative and spark new interest. I am sorry I am going to miss these presentations but want to thank the guild members who have shared their talents with us.

Fun Quilting Facts:

Contrast is perceived by the human brain based on simultaneous brightness and background color.

The human eye detects green shades better than red or blue – impacting how green quilts are read visually.

Visual tension in quilting comes from placing complementary colors next to each other.

Colors that vibrate or “buzz” together (e.g., magenta and green) are used for energy and motion.

I want to thank members for stepping in while I am in Iowa and remember that the President position is ready for anyone looking for a new job.

Yours in quilting,

Linda

## OFFICER REPORTS:

### **Vice Presidents (Brenda & Shelly):**

#### **May**

We have so many talented members that we will have a second month of 4 Corners Demos:

1. Katherine Martin: Quilt as you go placemats featuring the Bargello technique.
2. Melodie Gustavsen: Fabric Weaving
3. Laurie Walker: Make your own "Turtle" pattern
4. We have a 4th spot open. If you would like to volunteer to demonstrate your favorite pattern, technique, tool, etc. To volunteer contact Brenda Edeskuty at [edeskutyb@gmail.com](mailto:edeskutyb@gmail.com). Brenda will have a couple of back up demos prepared if needed.

#### **June**

Bring your favorite tip or tool to share with the group. This is always a fun meeting with great information and we hope to see Linda's amazing pin dispenser. No sewing spacing should be without one!

**July** - No meeting

#### **August**

We are looking for your input/suggestions for the Aug meeting program. Please submit to Brenda Edeskuty at [edeskutyb@gmail.com](mailto:edeskutyb@gmail.com).

#### **August Workshop**

We are excited to announce Nicole Dunn is scheduled for her Tree Workshop August 15th! More info to come as we get closer to the date.

#### **September**

We have tentatively scheduled the SAQA Trunk Show for the September meeting.

Brenda

### **Treasurer (Donna):**

Treasurer's Report

The Enterprise Bank checking account balance on May 1, 2026 was \$7,766.20

Donna

### **Membership:**

Membership Chair

Please remember to pay your dues. You can mail your dues to Donna (see attached form) or bring them to the next Guild meeting.

Clara

## **Community Service:**

Hi everyone. We currently have 10 quilts on hand.

The most recent donations will help give a bit of comfort to a family grieving the loss of their son, a teenager navigating the foster care system, and a woman undergoing chemo for breast cancer.

Your work and talents can help make a day a little more tolerable for someone out there. Thanks for everything you do!

Flo

## **Secretary (Deb):**

Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild  
April 28, 2026 Guild Meeting  
Secretary Report - Deb McLin

Call to Order 7:00 PM

Welcome to members and visitors.

Officers reports

President-Linda K. reminds members to get 2026 dues paid. Also she is repeating Brenda's message of needing a program suggestion for May and June.

Vice President-Brenda reports that 18 kennel quilts have been delivered to the animal shelter. The shelter in Albuquerque is looking for quilters to construct dog and cat toys for that shelter. Brenda has a few ideas and will pass them on to us as she spends some time to make a design plan from a 10 inch square.

She asks for ideas for a program in June and August. Nicole Dunn will present a workshop in August but an evening meeting topic is needed. We will host a member of SAQA (Studio Art Quilters Association) in September. In October we schedule our potluck. In November we have our Sew-a-Thon.

Committee reports

Community Service-Flo Carr states we have 10 quilts with a few more coming in tonight. She mentions that if you need batting for community service projects to let her know the size and she will get it ready for you.

Membership-Clara- no report

Newsletter-Joan- no report-

Publicity-Abbey-no report-

Webmaster-Deborah no report

UFO-Joan will be the CFO of our annual UFO Challenge. Sometime during the year you estimate how many projects started before January 2026 you will finish this year. They can be vintage 1995 or 2025. If it just needs a binding or an unfinished set of placemats you can put a dollar for each you plan to finish by November 2026. You can take a photo and use it in your show'n tell or bring the completed project to the November meeting or even before the November meeting and call it your UFO. We have a drawing at the November meeting for two winners to split the pot. Last year two members received 65.00 each.

Sunshine Report- We are all doing well but if you know anyone who could use a kind thought sent their way and we have their permission to mention their name please let a member of the board know.

Show 'n Tell- Linda K. didn't bring us a new gnome to show but she did bring a beautiful paper pieced purple butterfly and the project we have been waiting to see was her finished Presidents Quilt. Every member made red, white and blue log cabin blocks that were sorta-kinda the same size. Linda sewed them together with a red lattice fabric that reminded us of fireworks. Her choice for the backing was red, white and blue fireworks. It will be a great memory of the many many years she has been the president of the guild. Joan had an early 2026 UFO to share. She started the lap quilt as a BOM from Pandy's quilt store. It contains twelve different blocks of gray, red, black and white fabric. She arranged the blocks with black and white printed sashing with red cornerstones. Brenda presented two wallhangings. She showed a block of very small squares of scraps with a black border that she enjoyed hand quilting and another cutie of a blue bird. Micki presented a lap quilt for a fundraiser at TOTH. She gathered scraps with shades of green with some orange mixed in. The blocks were made of strips that were cut and then reassembled. I think she needs to explain how she did the blocks to us because I can't figure out how she made them by just looking at the picture I took! She also brought a red work quilt that she embroidered recently and it will be a thank you gift. Each block has a snowman doing an activity of one of the twelve months. Micki used red sashing with white cornerstones. Laurie showed a baby quilt of fish and turtle blocks. She placed the batik blocks on the diagonal with black sashing and black set-in triangles. She used a black and white bubble pattern fabric for the border. Because this new baby has an older sister, Laurie made her a wall hanging of a pieced flamingo standing on one leg. She made a big border of very colorful flowers. Charlene showed a quilt that was our sew-a-thon quilt pattern in 2024. The name of the pattern was, "x's and o's". This kids quilt has blues, greens and orange fabric with colorful outer space characters. Roxanne showed her 2025 sew-a-thon quilt. The blocks were made using a layer cake of modern fabrics of black, burgundy shades and brown patterned fabric. She put on a grey border and then used some of the extra blocks along with some black strips on the back to give the backing more interest and fit the size needed. It's a neat trick when you need more fabric for the backing to use those leftover blocks.

Program-4 Corners - Nine Patch Variation Using Layer Cake Fabric by Deb McLin. No Crease Quilt Folding-Donna Smith, Kawandi Quilting demo by Julie Goen and Bead Embellishment by Karen Rose.

Deb demonstrated how she used layer cake fabric that was not cut properly at the factory to construct a nine patch variation block. The block looks very much like the Wentworth block from the sew-a-thon of 2024. Donna did a demo of how to fold a quilt that over time would not show the fold marks. Julie demonstrated the Kawandi Quilting method used by the Siddic women in India. Karen brought some of her beaded projects to show how quilters can use beads for fabric embellishments. She provided a printed handout that detailed the fabric prep, the beading needles to use and the best companies to buy from. She had hints for the care and maintenance when using the different kinds of beading threads. She gave some suggestions for beading companies that gave the best selection of beads and recommended several YouTube videos that demonstrate the different textures and designs using beads for embellishing of our projects.

Additional items

Next meeting May 26 in Los Alamos-We need two more to demo to make 4-Corners.

# 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.

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LAP Use only:

Payment \_\_\_ Entered in data base \_\_\_ Name tag \_\_\_ Packet \_\_\_ Membership card \_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_