Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild

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LOS ALAMOS PIECEMAKERS

6:00p.m. Tuesday, November 17th

White Rock Presbyterian Church



Dear Piecemakers,

The ghosts and goblins have said their goodbyes and the pumpkin spice is heavy in the air. As we prepare for the holidays and the end of the year, I want to thank everyone for participating in the guild meetings, the "Everything" sale, the enjoyable potluck and the community sew-a-thon.

We have some new volunteers for offices and I will remind you that if you are interested in serving as an officer or committee chair, you still have time to offer your services.

We will vote for Katharine as Treasurer and Julie and Terry for Vice Presidents.

November is our Sew-a-Thon, so we hope to have a great turn out. Sewers, pressers and general helpers are welcome.

Yours in Quilting,
Linda

OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice Presidents (Brenda & Shelly):

2027 Leadership & Programming
Julie Goen and Terry Izraelevitz have volunteered to serve as the 2027 Vice Presidents, supported by Melodie and Brenda. Julie, Terry and Melodie are already hard at work filling the 2027 schedule with exciting programs!

Frame Maintenance
Julie's husband, Larry, a woodworker, recently inspected our frames. He believes they can be retrofitted in their current condition using removable nut and bolt attachments for the feet, and he has kindly volunteered to take this on as a winter project. This long-awaited upgrade will put our frames in great shape for future use. A big thank you to Larry!

November
We are using this year's Sew-a-thon to make quilts for the LA schools nurses' offices using the "Gridwork" pattern by Running Doe. If you would like a copy, please email Brenda at edeskutyb@gmail.com or pick one up at ACQ.

It has been suggested that we use a smaller version of the pattern with a 3x4 layout of the focal blocks (vs 4x5). This results in a quilt approximately 45x55 inches, which is an ideal size for the offices.

Brenda will send a picture and details for the smaller version in a separate email. Fabric and kits for this smaller version will be available at the Sew-a-thon for you to use.

December: No meeting.

Treasurer:

The Enterprise Bank checking account balance on November 1, 2026 is $13,239.76.

Katharine Martin

Community Service:

Hi everyone. After delivering 7 quilts, one to each school, to be used in the school nurses' offices, we currently have 26 quilts in our community service treasure chest.

I will check with First Born LA, the ATU at LAMC, and others to see how they stand at the moment, then check into other options for distributing more.

As always, if you know of anyone going through a difficult or traumatic situation who might need the comfort of a quilt, please let me know.

Thanks, Flo

Membership Chair:

We are accepting 2027 Membership Dues - $35. You can find a membership form at the end of this Newsletter.

Clara

Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild
October 27, 2026 Guild Meeting
Secretary Report - Deb McLin

Call to Order 7:10 PM

Officer reports

President-Linda welcomed quilters and thanked everyone who helped make the "Everything Market" such a success.

Vice President-Brenda thanked the committee that helped plan the event and she also thanked all of the volunteers that came to set up and work the hours of the sale and do the clean up to get us out of the building at the agreed upon time. The November 17th meeting will be our "Sew-a-Thon at the White Rock Presbyterian Church on Rover. We start at 6:00 PM and end at 8:00 PM. The pattern is called Gridwork from Villa Rosa and Brenda has permission from them to copy and distribute this pattern. You will receive the pattern by e-mail and can cut the fabric before the gathering. We will need sewers, ironers and cutters so make a plan to join us. These quilts will be gifted to the school nurses for their offices. Please note that this meeting is one week early so as not to conflict with Thanksgiving week. Brenda also encouraged members to email her with ideas for programs and workshops they would like to see happen in 2027.

Secretary-Deb received no changes or corrections to minutes.

Treasurer-Katharine reports that we have close to 13,000 in the bank. Much of the increase is due to the market. But rent on storage and other fees will come due soon so that number will change going into 2027.

Committee reports

Community Service - Flo is encouraging everyone to come to the sew-a-thon as she will try to deliver two quilts to each school nurse after the January meeting. The guild has batting so if you are doing a charity quilt give the measurements to Flo and she will bring it to the meeting

Membership-Clara reminded everyone that dues are $35.00 and a new form should be filled out with current information. Checks can be given to Katherine and forms go to Clara. There are forms that can be printed out on our web page and Clara has printed out some to pass out tonight.

Newsletter-Joan has received no comments regarding members not receiving the newsletter.

Publicity-Abbey is preparing publicity flyers for 2027 and would like any suggestions for what we should promote to attract new members and inform the public of our activities.

Webmaster-Deborah has received no information regarding problems with our webpage.

UFO-Joan reminded us that it was not too late to sign up but the drawing for the two winners will be held after the show-n-tell at the November meeting. Bring a photo or the finished UFO to receive a chance to win the money.

Sunshine Report-Brenda has had her visit with a UNM hospital ENT doctor and she is scheduled to have a procedure to enlarge her trachea with a "balloon" procedure on Dec.7. Charlene informed the members that her longtime friend, Carol Reinart, passed away on October 15. Carol was an active member of the Embroidery Guild and a volunteer and mentor to the many quilters that volunteered yearly at the opera costume shop.

Show 'n Tell- Roberta has been very busy making lap quilts with black and white penguin blocks with B&W rectangle blocks between them and a turquoise background. She made many extra blocks so she brought some to share. She shared a quilt she made for her son from fabric she bought at every quilt shop she visited in Alaska. She cut large squares to show off the designs exclusive to Alaska and framed them with purple and dark blue fabric. This is a large quilt and her son will be pleased she said. Melodie brought a fall quilt of leaves to showcase the season. The blocks are arranged in half square triangles and squares using fall colored fabric and she used a Tucker Trimmer ruler to cut and arrange the blocks. Melodie also brought a balloon quilt to honor our October celebration of all things Balloon Fiesta. Julie and Terry showed their table runners made using the Krista Moser pattern. Julie used the flower pattern to turn it into a poinsettia and Terry used the flower pattern to make sunflowers. They highly recommend her patterns and her You Tube videos to make these blocks. Julie also presented a quilt using Jason Yenter fabric with the pattern called "Slide Show". She used a layer cake of squares and a white background with small squares to represent the little slides as the lattice between rows. Julie brought a tree skirt she will be gifting to a family member. It is a large hexagon shape with green and gold star blocks with a white background. She sewed two borders, one green strip and a larger red and gold print. She used her Tucker Ruler to construct the blocks. Katherine brought a wall hanging of a flag she constructed using "square in a square blocks" and white squares to look like stars and finishing it with white and red fabric for the stripes. Some of the fabrics were patterned so it gave the wall hanging a scrappy and vintage look. Her next table runner was a show stopper. She found a pattern of a PP wreath that was about five inches square with a white background. So she proceeded to make five of the wreaths to construct a table runner with three borders. If that wasn't enough torture she then made another one for her sister. My question is, "How do you tell the tiny scraps on the floor from the ones you need for the wreath?" Brenda brought a collection of holiday themed items. She showed a pillow cover with a winter theme, a red, green and white tree skirt with flying geese border of red and white. She showed a wall hanging of a wreath of poinsettias on a white background with a small green border and a larger red border. She shared a panel wall hanging depicting Old St. Nick with the words "Peace and Joy" printed on the small panel, she then surrounded the panel with two borders of red then blue. Brenda brought a Halloween lap quilt using themed fabric and a Bargello technique to construct the inside with three borders of orange black and a larger border of leftover cuts of the inside fabric to reflect the Bargello fabric. Brenda was able to show us the silent auction quilt the Bear Paws make every year for the horse rescue group at Santa Ana Pueblo. This is a fancy night of charity fund raising for this equine rescue group. Each Bear Paw made an applique block of a horse or horses and the blocks were arranged on point. The background is grey with darker grey borders around each

horse block. Brenda really wants this quilt to make a lot of money. Donna quilted it and sent it back to Brenda in time to show us. Joan brought us her holiday theme wall hanging of a little mouse peeking out from a big Santa hat. It was appliqued on a blue back round with a darker blue border. Denise is busy getting her holiday gifts made. She has a John Deere fan in her family so she made an apron, oven mitt and pot holder out of John Deer fabric. She has also become an excellent shopper in thrift stores of fabric and orphan blocks. She found a checkerboard stack of blocks and made a table runner with several borders. She picked up some flannel fabric from our free table and put together a blanket with snow bears. She really struck gold by finding a stack of blocks with different half square triangles. She made the blocks into columns of different widths. Since the blocks were mostly blue she chose a lighter blue background between the rows. This was a scrappy looking quilt with clothing fabric used to construct the half square triangles. Over her many stops a thrift stores she collected a few orphan blocks that had no quilt plan but when her collection was ready to arrange them she used a few strips and squares of her own and added a border that included colors of all the orphan blocks. Deb H. brought a Laurel Burch printed fabric she quilted adding four small borders to the panel. Laurie showed her table runner of trees using Christmas themed fabric for the triangle trees and a cream border. She used the same fabric to make fabric boxes out of squares sewed together and the corners are folded down and attached with a button on the four sides. These were really cute and might be an idea for one of our four corners demos. Micki brought the four quilts that will be delivered to the new owners of the house the TOTH builders will be constructing this spring. They are made of denim squares with recycled shirting squares.

My goodness there were so many wonderful projects shown tonight. And the food was great too!

Additional items- November 17 at 6:00 for our annual sew-a-thon.

Adjourned 8:30

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_____