

Los Alamos Piecemakers Newsletter

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A Message from Our President: Theresa Feller, 662-1967, tfeller@losalamos.com

I think my first meeting went, well shall we say Okay. I was really nervous. One of the concerns brought up at the meeting was, yes, membership dues raised to \$20.00. I did some research into this and here is what I found out. I took a look at different quilting guilds across the US with the same size membership, providing the same platform of programs, etc. I tried to be consistent. What I thought was true. These guilds are charging \$20 - \$30 per year for their membership dues. I did find one guild in Washington that charged \$18.00 but had an additional fee for guests attending their meetings (we don't do this). The Albuquerque quilters pay \$20.00 per year and we "piggy back on their programs". Also there have been significant increases since 1997. The rental fees for the church facilities have increased, postage has increased, travel for teachers has increased, and the list goes on and on. So at \$20 a year you are paying less then \$1.90 to attend meetings that provide its membership nationally known teachers, cluster information, learning experiences, show and tells that inspire us, a reference library, programs, community services, friendships, and much more. So I feel that raising the dues to \$20 is not much to pay for all that we get and it will help secure a reserve in the checkbook (to pay for workshops that don't pay for themselves) and cover all yearly expenses comfortably. But it is your guild and your choice as a member. We did try to cut cost by e-mailing out the newsletters, but this is part of your membership dues and one of the services provided to you as a member.

I read the By-Laws, Constitution, and Policies of the Los Alamos Piecemakers and this is what I found out. The Budget is presented and voted on in the month of September. Well, we were late on this, since we presented and voted in January. But I will try to make sure we do this on time this year. Changes to By-Laws or the Constitution are presented in writing to all members the month prior to voting. So Sue was right we have to wait a month before voting, but after we provide it in writing to the entire membership. I am glad someone is taking care of me... The membership dues are covered under Policies. Voted on July 9, 1997 to charge \$15 per year. I will have the By-Laws, Constitution, and Policies at every meeting. If you would like to have a copy, please send me a self-addressed, stamped (\$.34), legal size envelope and I will be glad to mail you a copy (I'll cover the copying fee).

Now to really good news - **We have a Vice President for 2002!** Lynn Parker has taken on the responsibility as the Second Vice President. She will be in charge of programs for Calendar Year 2002. Let's all give her a big THANK YOU! –

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

Official Proposal, in writing, to all members of the Los Alamos Piecemakers - proposed that membership dues be raised to \$20.00 per member, per membership year, beginning October 2001- September 2002.

We will be voting on the increase at the March 2001 meeting. Please plan to attend and have your vote counted.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH:

The SewMates Cluster compiled the Blocks of the Month for 2001: Kim New, Donna O'Donnell, Yvonne Deshayes, Trish Brewer, and Cathy Smith. Refer to your 2000/2001 LAP membership packets for specific details about all blocks.

Anita Stone won the blocks for January. So if you made one and didn't get to the meeting, now you know who to give it to.

Upcoming Blocks:

March - World's Fair Block 12" block. Assorted bright solids on Amish black background

April - Lady of the Lake 10" block. Shades of blue (solids and/or prints) on white background.

May – Flower Bud 6" block. Your choice of flower color, green leaves on cream background.

DONATION/RAFFLE QUILT:

Donation/Raffle Quilt - Chairperson: Evonne Holder 672-3578

Evonne has taken on the task of the Donation/raffle quilt for 2001. A big thank you goes out to her. Please contact her if you would like to help with this. I know that throughout the year help will be needed selling the raffle tickets and hanging the quilt at various locations in Los Alamos. So lets make sure we give her all the support she needs.

DOLLS...DOLLS...DOLLS:

Have you ever wanted to make really cool, exciting, different, spiritual dolls? Well here might be your chance to take that step. There is a new guild forming in Los Alamos that will be focusing on Dolls. Watch for more information.....

RED CROSS NEEDS HELP:

Nancy Barros from the Red Cross would like help form LAP. Her phone number is 662-7165. This would be a great project for a cluster....

CHILDRENS ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL:

This sounds like a great cluster project - Los Alamos County Maternal and Child Health Planning Council is planning a Children's Arts and Crafts Festival at Ashley Pond on May 12, 2001. Some sort of child related craft/activity from 10:00 am till 2 pm. Please contact Bernadette Lauritzen at 662-4160.

UPCOMING MEETING AND WORKSHOP INFORMATION:

The following is a schedule of events for the next 6 Guild Meetings. For all workshop/class questions, or to sign up, contact **Nicole Dunn, 662-3810**. All lectures and workshops are subject to change. The Bethlehem Lutheran Church may be remodeling this year and we may have to reschedule events elsewhere. Workshop fees will be determined based on estimated costs of bringing the guest lecturer to Los Alamos. I will accept student sign ups up to 2 months in advance. I will be asking for help throughout the year to host our lecturer, or to help with a workshop. Thanks in advance! **Nicole

- **February 27 General Meeting:** 7:00 p.m. Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Shelly Burge.
Lecture: "Follow the Patchwork Road" a slide lecture is a humorous look at the quilts, quilters, and the ups and downs in the quest for more fabric. Shelly will bring a selection of quilts to share
- **Related Workshop:** Wednesday 28th workshop at WR Baptist Church: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. It is called "Tilted Star Wallhanging" for beginners to advanced quilters. A demonstration on how to use freezer paper for templates will make it a snap to sew the unusual angles and odd shaped pieces. Directions included for a variety of star blocks, and design you own!
- **Host and Gofer still needed:** Still need a volunteer to drive Shelley back to Albuquerque for a 1pm flight on Thursday and someone who will take her to dinner on Wednesday after the workshop. *Hosts and Gofers may take the class free! Let Nicole know if you can volunteer.*
- **March 27 General Meeting:** Tuesday March 27, WR Baptist Church. Lecture by Katie Pasquini-Masopust.
- **Related Workshops:** Saturday the 24th is the first day of a two-day workshop given by Katie. Her workshop is entitled "Ghost Layers and Color Washes". This is an excellent class about color. She is a dynamic teacher and lots of fun. The 31st is the second day of the workshop, both days 9am to 3:30 p.m. at the WR Baptist Church.
- **April 24 General Meeting,** 7:00 p.m., Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Linda Pool.
- **Related Workshop:** Wednesday 25th workshop 9 am to 3:30 p.m. Have you seen the picture of the "bride" quilt? Well our speaker for this month is the creator of that quilt. She will teach us how to create our own "Counted Creations," and it is really an interesting technique.
- **May 22 General Meeting,** 7:00 p.m., WR Baptist Church. Lynn Graves, Trunk Show
Lynn Graves of Chama, NM, will do a trunk show for us at 7 p.m. at. Should be great! She has so many ideas.
- **Related Workshop:** Wednesday May 23rd she will do a workshop for us entitled "Fun with Flat Piping". She uses foundation-piecing patterns, I believe most of which she has designed herself. The workshop will be at the WR Baptist Church 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. If you've always wanted to learn how to use foundation papers or just want a fun class to play with color this is a good one. She will have fabric bundles to purchase and probably some of her patterns as well.
- **June 26 General Meeting,** 7:00 p.m., Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Ivonne Porcella.
Ivonne Porcella will be a featured artist at the Thirteen Moons Gallery this month and she has agreed to stay on and give a lecture and workshop for us. Her lecture is entitled "Dogs, Frogs and Cherubs, Working in a series."
- **Related Workshop:** Wednesday the 27th, she will give a workshop entitled "Fusible Fantasy Fabric Pictures." I am looking forward to both events. She suggested this workshop and said it was "creative and free form."
- **July 24 General Meeting,** 7 p.m., Quilter's Garage Sale. Location TBD
Do you have tons of patterns you bought and will never make? Did you buy that gadget that didn't work for you but might work for someone else? How about fabric you don't want any more or those extra buttons in your drawer? I would like to have a quilter's garage sale! Bring it all down to sell.

Announcements:

Pieces from the Heart II – Update and Thank You. The Quilt Show at the Art Center at Fuller Lodge has been well received by all who have viewed it. We have heard such wonderful compliments from local as well as out-of-state visitors. Thank you to those Guild members who brought cookies to the opening reception, they were enjoyed by all. We have such an enthusiastic response that evening to this show. On January 20th we put together a Trunk Show for the public at the Art Center. Thanks to all Guild members who brought quilts to that showing. We all saw a varied assortment of antique, traditional, and contemporary quilts from your collections. We appreciate the time and effort you put in helping to make it a success. A number quilted pieces from this show have been sold. The Portal Gallery Show of quilted pieces by

Katy Korkos enhanced our show and we appreciate all of you and your talents. Thank you – Doris Jackson and Nancy Martin.

LAP Email list -- update. Rosemary set up an Egroup for the Los Alamos Piecemakers (this is a neat online service that helps organizations manage email lists and announcements). Then Yahoo promptly bought Egrouops.com! Check out the updated Egrouops page at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/lapiecemakers> . To receive the newsletter (and other announcements) by email, send an email to: lapiecemakers-subscribe@yahoogleroups.com. If you have an announcement you'd like to send to the group (it must be Guild- or quilting-related), email it to: lapiecemakers@yahoogleroups.com. Email Rosemary with any questions: rsallee@panoramapoint.com.

Quilt Market 2001. Time to start planning – Quilt Market is happening on Saturday, October 20, 2001, from 10am to 4pm at Fuller Lodge. Contact Debbie Ussery for details: 663-0071, lussery@los-alamos.net.

Dallas Quilt Show, March 2-4. Is anyone going to this event? Have wanted to go for years, but not by myself. Would like to share accommodations and experiences. Micki Taylor

Pandy's – Open on Tuesdays. Pandy's Quilt Shop will be open on Tuesdays starting in March! The hours are now: Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 am to 5:30 pm.

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