

Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild

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Hello everyone! Hope you are all happy and healthy. The board met on March 14th, and there is a lot going on that I would like to tell you about. First off, Laura Erickson has been hard at work and will have our current membership list available at our next meeting for those who would like a copy for their personal use. Also, the board decided to invite past members who have not yet joined and potential new members to join our guild for the rest of the 2005-2006 year for only \$15.00! So, if you haven't joined yet, or would like to, now is a great time. Pass the word!

The next board meeting is set for May 8th, so if you would like to join us or have questions, concerns or even constructive criticism for the board, please let us know.

We also talked a lot about our next show which, although not till the end of September will be here soon. The contract for the Knights of Columbus hall has been signed, so that is all set. We still need some volunteers, although many of you have signed up already, thank you. We need a coordinator for Staffing for that weekend. This person will probably be passing out a sign up sheet and calling people a couple of weeks or a few days ahead of time to set up a time for when people can help make our quilt show a success. We also still need a chairperson to contact vendors. I don't know about you all, but I love the vendors as much as the quilts! Also, Jean Marie Havrilla is hard at work on our donation quilt, which is going to be spectacular. But we really need someone to coordinate when and where the quilt will be shown around town to sell tickets for our major fundraiser. This will in large part pay for our speakers next year. Please consider helping with this. Later on I will also be asking for someone to help receive the quilts at the show, several people to help with setting up the show, and someone to coordinate the door prizes, so think about those opportunities as well.

I also wanted to let you know about a fabulous quilt/art show now showing at Fuller Lodge Art Center. It is really incredible. The challenge to the Studio Art Quilters of New Mexico was to make a quilt that was only 24 inches wide and no more than 36 inches long, and that represented any or one of the four elements: wind, fire, water and air. Taken individually they are great, but as a show they are incredible. Please take some time to go see it! The Art Center also now boasts a new wood floor that really sets off the quilts, that I have been told has been very long in the coming. The show will hang until the April 15th.

The Round robin challenge continues in our newsletter as well, are you keeping up? It only gets better and better. And don't forget the challenge issued by the Art Study quilt group as well. Details for both are in your newsletter!

Thanks for all your hard work and keep sewing!

Nicole

MARCH GUILD MEETING

March 28, 2006 7:00 pm White Rock Baptist Church
Irma Gail Hatcher will be speaking on *Quilt Designs: What to Put Where*. Ideas are presented to show how to come up with designs which can be used to quilt a particular quilt. . Members of the audience are invited to bring quilt tops for quilting design considerations.

MARCH WORKSHOP

March 29 2006 Workshop with Irma Gail Hatcher.
3-D Applique -- All Levels
Participants learn basic finger press applique in addition to stuffed applique, yo-yos, gathered flower, folded rose, and ruching. A pattern is given to participants before class so that design can be marked on background fabric before class.

APRIL GUILD MEETING

April 25, 7 pm United Church on Canyon Road
Fat quarter bingo plus a possible special showing of quilts by a cluster is the program. Each bingo card 'costs' 1 Fat Quarter (22" x 18") to play . You can play one or two cards only per game so round up some fat quarters to bring with you for an evening of fun.

COMMUNITY SERVICE from Lynn Pruvost

WORK DAY: Saturday, April 22 will be the day to help make quilts for Community Service. There will be projects to begin or ones to complete. Please bring your sewing machine. There will be fabric, thread, and batting available. We will open the United Church door at 9:00 a.m. and depart at 4:00 p.m.(you do not have to spend the entire day - any time you can spare will be greatly appreciated). Please sign up at the April meeting or contact Lynn Pruvost, 672-1448 or Debbie Claytor, 672-1912 or just show up and help!

1. We had wonderful food to share at the RSVP Senior Quilters Valentine lunch. I have requested that the ladies share their recipes with us. Below is Thelma Hahn's great tomato soup! Thank you, Thelma.

Deluxe Cream of Tomato Soup

2 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 small onion, finely chopped
2 celery stalks, finely chopped

Thelma added one large clove of elephant garlic .

4 large tomatoes, peeled, cored, seeded and chopped -
Thelma used a large can of diced tomatoes instead of fresh ones

1 tablespoon sugar

2 cups chicken broth

1/2 cup heavy cream - Thelma used half and half

2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill weed OR 1 teaspoon dried dill weed

salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Melt butter in a medium-size nonreactive saucepan. Add onion, celery, and garlic; saute gently over medium heat for 5 minutes, stirring often; do not brown. Stir in tomatoes and sugar. Simmer, covered, for 6 to 8 minutes, until tomatoes are soft.

Transfer vegetable mixture to a food processor; process to a smooth puree. Pour puree back into saucepan; stir in chicken broth, cream dill weed, salt and pepper. Heat thoroughly; serve hot. Yields 4 to 6 servings.

Will the other ladies who brought yummy soup, salads, bread, and desserts please send in their recipes to share?

DIY ROUND ROBIN QUILT CHALLENGE

To your center plus border, add a border composed of squares and rectangles. The size is up to you but think about proportion and how large you want your finished piece to be as there are two more borders to add besides this one.

Have fun.

QUILT SHOW 2006 from Jean Havrilla

2006 QUILT SHOW is September 30th – October 1st at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The name of the show is "Quilts of Enchantment".

Request for chairperson for the following committees:

Vendors
Staffing
Receiving
Setup Facilities
Door Prizes

Signs/Publicity - Claire Swinhoe
Refreshments - Myrna Landt
Community Services – Lynn Provost
Security – The Old Batts Cluster – Carolyn Bush
Ballots, Prizes and Labelling – Barbara Forslund & Kay Eccleston

Please mark your calendars and volunteer for the chair positions which are open as listed above. I have a list of members who are willing to help by just asking with a friendly phone call. "Thank you" to those who have already volunteered.

See you at the meeting.
Jean
662-0647

Regional Doings

March 28 Design with Heart Fiber Conference **Exhibition "Protection in the Year 2050"**, showcasing creative garments and accessories for protection against potential "identity theft", "global warming", "alien invasion", "further unrelenting debt", and other challenges in the future. This exhibit will be open to the public all day Tuesday, March 28, from 9am to 7pm, at the Design with Heart conference site, on the mezzanine at The Lodge at Santa Fe (formerly Radisson Hotel) on No. St. Francis Drive. Vendors marketplace also on Tuesday from 4-8 pm at the Lodge at Santa Fe.

Textile Arts Alliance will host Dr. Elizabeth Barber, faculty at Occidental College in So. California, and author of *20,000 Years of Women's Work* and *Mummies of Urumchi*, **Friday, April 7, at 12 noon at the Wheelwright Museum library**, on Museum Hill, Calle Lejo. Dr. Barber will present an hour slide lecture about her most recent field work, and be available for questions. The lecture is free to current Textile Arts Alliance members, and to the public for an admission of \$5.

May 4-7 Denver National Quilt Festival

at the merchandise mart Denver, Colorado
A juried and judged quilt show, fascinating workshops and lectures, plus the large Merchants Mall. More information at <http://www.quiltfest.com/activities.asp?id=35>

Now - May 13, 2006 Harwood Museum of Art
Taos, NM *Stitched Marks*, an exhibition featuring the work of Mical Aloni, Terrie Mangat and Carol Shinn working with a variety of fiber arts techniques. Admission \$7.

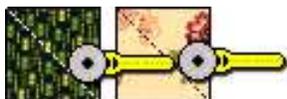
National Alzheimer Art Quilt Initiative

Quilter Ami Simms is organizing the Alzheimer Art Quilt Initiative.. The Alzheimer Art Quilt Initiative is a program to raise awareness and fund research for Alzheimer's disease. It has two parts: a traveling art quilt exhibit interpreting Alzheimer's in fiber art that will tour the US for three years, and an on-going sale of small art quilts. All proceeds will go to Alzheimer's research. The deadline for submitting a quilt for the traveling exhibit is June 5. The prospectus is at www.AlzQuilts.org.

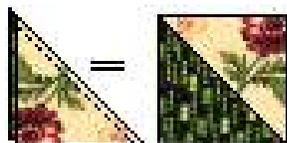
Ami is also sponsoring "Priority: Alzheimer's Quilts." These are very small mini-quilts (maximum size: 9" x 12") named for the urgent need for research dollars and for the USPS priority mailers used to send the donation quilts to the buyers. You may want to make up these small quilts to help the research effort. Ami says 'Many thanks for helping me spread the word'.

APRIL BLOCK OF THE MONTH DEPRESSION BLOCK

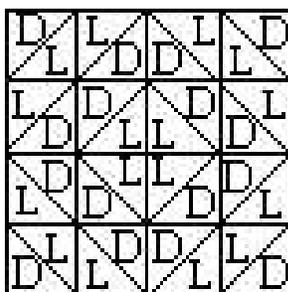
Cut sixteen 3-7/8" dark fabric squares.
Cut sixteen 3-7/8" light fabric squares.
Cut each square in half once on the diagonal....
save half of these for another block, or another project.



Sew each dark half square triangle to a light half square triangle, right sides together, and using a scant 1/4" seam. Press seams to the darker side. Trim to measure 3-1/2" if needed. Make sixteen units like this of all random fabrics...



Now lay out the squares with Dark (D) and Light (L) arranged as shown ...



Piece the block by sewing four horizontal rows. Join the rows, and it's done!

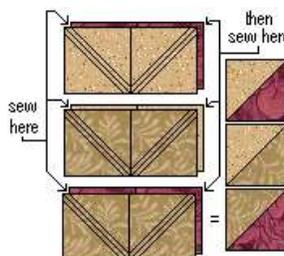


Makes a 12" (12 1/2" unfinished) block.

MARCH BLOCK OF THE MONTH STARFLOWER

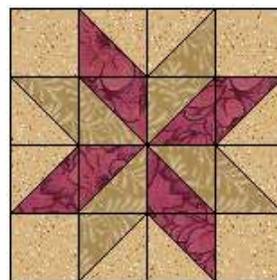
Color 1 (dark) needs: two strips 3-7/8" x 7-3/4"
Color 2 (medium) needs: two strips 3-7/8" x 7-3/4"
Color 3 (light background) needs: one strip 3-1/2" x 14" AND two strips 3-7/8" x 7-3/4"

Start by cutting the Color 3 3-1/2" x 14" strip into four 3-1/2" squares...



Then speed piece the half squares...by stacking the Color 3 and Color 1...Color 2 and Color 3...and Color 2 and Color 1 3-7/8" x 7-3/4" strips, right sides together and all edges aligned. On the backs of the top strips, lightly mark off the 3-7/8" square lines, and then mark the diagonals in the direction shown at left...Now sew a scant 1/4" above the marked diagonals in one continuous seam from the upper left corners to the upper right corners...pivoting at the 3-7/8" square lines...then turn the fabrics, and sew back a scant 1/4" on the other side of the marked diagonals...cut apart on the square lines, and on the marked diagonals...this will give you four of each color combo of half squares....press seam allowances towards the darker fabrics...

Now you can piece the block, by first making rows, and then sewing the rows together to make the block! Alternate pressing directions by row.



Makes a 12" (12 1/2" unfinished) block.

