

Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild

So Much Fabric, So Little Time

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Donation Quilt - 2007

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Quilt Market - 2007

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Membership - 118 members

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Block of the Month

Myrna Landt & Heidi Payne

County Fair

Claire Swinhoe

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Evonne Holder

Next Meeting - April 24th, United Church, 7pm

April 24th - Sarah Thein, from Rebound Physical Therapy, will present "The Ergonomics of Quilting." We will include demonstrations of rotary cutting and pressing. Sarah can give us some hands-on advice!

May 22nd - J. Michelle Watts will give a lecture, "Beauty of the Southwest."

Workshop - Southwest Medallion, 1-7 pm Wednesday, May 23rd (see registration form at end of newsletter)

A unique oval medallion is in the center of this beautiful southwestern quilt. This design is inspired by a woven basket design. The center medallion will be taught in a full day class, then the background completed after class. The 9 degree wedge ruler is needed for this class. Sign-up sheet and supply list will be available at the April meeting.

Visit her website at: <http://www.jmichellewatts.com>



Coming in September - Cathy Miller, the Singing Quilter. She will have a mini workshop "Slow and Steady Turtle" (as seen on Simply Quilts), using freezer paper applique. The workshop will be before her lecture on Tuesday, Sept. 25th from 1-4 pm.

More information at: <http://www.singingquilter.com>

Community Service

Sat., April 21st is the Guild's day to make quilts for donations. Bring sewing implements; we'll provide fabric, batting, irons/boards, and lunch. I'll bring blocks that can be put together, panels, and other ideas for a quick quilt. If you have started a quilt you plan to donate, bring it Sat. to work on. Come join us for a day of fun.

I donated four adult quilts to IHM church for injured soldiers.

E-Quilting—Web Sites

The Quilt Pink auctions have started on Ebay. The Quilt Pink auctions will continue through August.

http://search.ebay.com/_W00QsassZquiltpinkauctions

There is a new web site from Better Homes and Garden at <http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/> There are projects, tips and how-to videos on the site and it is free.

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Quilt Camp
in the Pines
Flagstaff, Arizona

July 15 - 21, 2007

Featuring National Teachers

Karla Alexander	Linda Matteotti
John Flynn	Martha Nordstrand
Cara Gulati	Gina Perkes
Harriet Hargrave	Jennie Rayment
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www.QuiltCamp.com

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Clusters

A new evening hill cluster is forming and will meet May 7th, 7:PM, at Shelly Kuropatwinski's house, 937 Capulin. If you are interested, please call and let her know that you will be coming, 661-9732. You don't have to live on the hill to participate in this new cluster.

If you belong to an existing cluster, please give Evonne a copy of your cluster roster and let her know if you have openings and what your focus is. Thanks to the Sew Whats for already giving me a list.

evonneholder@earthlink.net

QUILT MARKET

Quilt Market is coming. Mark your calendars:

October 20, 2007, 10:00 A.M. til 3:00 P.M.

This year Quilt Market will be held at the United Church in Graves Hall. Start thinking about things you want to sell and get busy quilting. October is here before you know it. We will have more news at the LAP meeting in April. Besides the Donation Quilt each year, this is the only moneymaker in which the guild participates. Proceeds go for all the wonderful speakers and community projects the Guild provides its members.

To sell at Quilt Market your dues must be paid for the 2007-2008 period; you must participate in either set-up or take-down and work one shift during the sale. (This is about a two-hour commitment for any of these three jobs.) Ten per-cent of your sale will go to Los Alamos Piecemakers. As an added incentive ALL market workers and participants can shop between 9:30 and 9:50 A.M. before we open to the public.

Please feel free to call the co-chairs with any questions.

Co-Chairs are:

Sue Friar, 672-1641

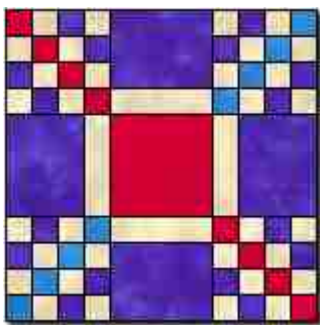
Debbie Ussery, 663-0071

Kay Eccleston, 424-3710

Block of the Month: APRIL

Block of the Month is a program the guild promotes. Each year volunteers choose a different block for each month that we meet. This year's blocks are all made from squares-- no triangles, no curves. To participate you make the block designated each month.

The block of the month for April is **Sixteen Patches Chain**. It is available online and in your membership packet.



The instructions can be found online at:
<http://www.quilterscache.com>

Quilt Shows

May 3-6, 2007---Denver National Quilt Festival II, Denver, CO.

http://www.quiltfest.com/quilt_festival.asp

May 24-26, 2007—6th Biennial Fiber Arts Fiesta, Albuquerque. Info from albqfiberarts@spinn.net



Newsletter -- Joan Williams

If you signed up to get your newsletter via e-mail and did not receive it, please let me know at williamstj@earthlink.net or call 672-1639

Newsletter deadline is 10 days before the monthly meeting date. May's deadline will be 5/13/2007. E-mail information to williamstj@earthlink.net or call 672-1639.

Machine Quilting—What to Expect?

You've finished piecing your quilt and you've decided to have it machine quilted. You have a list of machine quilters, how do you decide which machine quilter to send it to?

Discuss machine quilting with people who have had their quilts machine quilted to figure out which one(s) they have used and liked. Get all the information, both good and bad, since it is your responsibility to be an informed consumer.

Here are a few questions to be sure to ask before you hand over your treasure:

1) What is the lead time? This can be 6 months to a year so if you need the finished quilt for a specific date you will need to plan ahead.

2) Do you sell batting or should I bring my own? Often a machine quilter would rather use a batting she prefers to work with or she may request a certain brand of batting.

3) How much larger than my quilt top should my backing fabric be? Because of the way a quilt is mounted to a quilting machine's rollers, it is necessary to have the backing fabric larger than the quilt top.

4) How do you price your work? This is usually "per square inch", but may be square foot, square yard, quilt size or by the hour.

5) What kind of quilting will be done? Custom or all over. Be sure you know up front.

6) Will I receive an estimate? Be sure you have an estimate.

7) Do you require a deposit? Is the machine quilter purchasing batting and/or backing fabric? If so, a deposit may be appropriate.

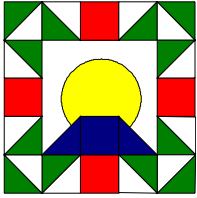
8) If extra work is required, do you call in advance of doing that work? Be sure that you will be called before any additional work is done and that you get an estimate for the additional costs.

9) Do you baste all the edges? This will help you know what you will see when you pick up your quilt.

10) Do you trim the backing and backing? This is your preference, but you should know up front.

Know what to expect up front and both of you will have a better relationship.

(Taken from *What to Expect – A Quilt Piecer's Perspective* by Janet-Lee Santeusano a machine quilter since 1999.)



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**Registration Form for
Southwest Medallion Workshop**

**May 23, 2007
1 – 7 p.m.**

NAME: _____

Phone # _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

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**Workshop cost is \$50. Make checks payable to: LAP
Submit this form at the Guild meeting or mail to: LAP, PO Box 261, Los Alamos, NM 87544**