

Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild

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February 2011 Guild Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 22, 7 p.m. United Church, Los Alamos Laurie Waters and "Lace"

Our program for February will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2011, at 7:00 pm at the United Church of Los Alamos. A local resident, Laurie Waters, will share her extensive, world-wide collection of lace with us. She can also answer any questions you might have about lace in general or look at any lace you bring for her to comment on. If you have any questions, contact Margaret Hendricks at 662-1660. Be sure to come... and bring a guest. See you there!!

Next month's meeting is our Spring Workshop on the 5th Tuesday, instead of the 4th Tuesday of March. So mark your calendars NOW for March 29. It's going to be great!! Judy Neimeyer is our teacher and speaker. She is a nationally known quilter. The workshop and guild meeting will be on THE SAME DAY—Tuesday, March 29, 2011. See more info on next page.

LIBRARY NEWS

After discussion at the last guild meeting, a committee was selected to solve our "library" dilemma. Our library is full of wonderful quilting books that have been in storage for over a year. The library committee met on the 15th and hopes to have some of the books for sale at the Feb. meeting. More books will be available at future meetings.

From the President:

Wow! Our first meeting was great. JoAnn Painter showed us how to make the Fabric-Wrap Bowls, Evonne Holder demonstrated how to use hand techniques to embellish and quilt our quilts at the same time and Mickie Taylor gave us a demonstration on binding. Thanks ladies, we enjoyed all of it.

At the meeting, we also went over the Proposed Budget for 2011, which is now in place. Our Library situation was discussed. Evonne Holder is heading up a group of Guild members to review the books that are in storage at the United Church. They will give the Guild a report as to what we should do with the books; sell, keep, give away, etc.

Liz Martineau is now our 2nd Vice President! Thanks Liz for joining the Guild's 2011 Officers. 2011 is the year our Guild should be hosting a Quilt Show. The Guild needs someone or a group of members to come forth to chair this event. The Quilt Show is usually held in October, so check your calendars and see if you can help with this activity.

We are also in need of a member or group to head the Donation Quilt Chair. In order for us to have the quilt ready for showing in May, we need to get started on it as soon as possible.

If you missed last month's meeting and you made the "2010 Mystery Quilt," please bring it in to share with us. Debbie McLin and Debbie Claytor will be starting our "2011 Mystery Quilt" soon.

February is the month of love - you know - candy and romance - and LACE! We are very fortunate to be having Laurie Waters share her collection of lace with us at our February 22nd meeting, starting at 7PM at the United Church in Los Alamos. If you have some lace and don't know too much about, bring it. Maybe Laurie would be able to tell you something about it.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting. Bring a friend to enjoy the evening's activities. Don't forget your "Show n' Tell" items.

Fran

Future Fun for Piecemakers:

MARCH 29, 2011: SIGN UP NOW FOR THIS FABULOUS OPPORTUNITY!! **Judy Neimeyer**, a nationally known lecturer and instructor specializing in foundation paper piecing, will be presenting a lecture and conducting a workshop for our March program. **PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!** Please note that Judy's lecture will be on Tuesday, March 29, 2011, at 7 p.m. and her workshop will also be on Tuesday, March 29, 2011, from 9AM to 4PM, both at the White Rock Baptist Church. We will be working as a group but you can choose from three patterns; Indian Summer, Three Ducks in a Row, or Wild Goose Chase. Check these out at Judy's website quiltworx.com. JoAnn Painter has these 3 patterns available for sale. Pattern includes supply list. **Contact JoAnn at 672-1583 (or jpainter@q.com) to reserve your space and choose a pattern. The class fee is \$45 for guild members and \$55 for non-members. You can pay at our Feb. meeting or mail it to the guild P.O. box. You will need to plan ahead in order to be ready for this class: sign up soon!**

Piecemakers Mystery Quilt

We would like to invite you to join us in making the 2011 Mystery Quilt. We have pulled together ideas from many sources. We have built and re-built this quilt until we are sure you will be delighted with this charming top. We were able to build this top out of our collective stashes so we may have over estimated yardage but not by much. ;) We are sending out the fabric requirements this month so you can begin to gather and label possible fabric choices. The first block pattern and instructions will be in the March Newsletter. We will then continue with the mystery until October. You can jump in any time by checking out the newsletter on the web site. We will bring a few printed copies of the "pattern of the month" to the monthly guild meeting.

Finished Size: 51 1/2 "x 51 1/2"

Fabric Requirements: 1 1/2 yards of medium floral print fabric with a dark background. Fabric should have a variety of colors or shades to compliment the pieced blocks. This floral fabric will be used for outer border and four alternating blocks. We will call this our focus fabric.

5 fat quarters for pieced blocks. We suggest four of the five quarters be very small scale tone-on-tone patterns, polka dots, moda marbles, or blender fabrics that are reflected in the floral focus fabric. Your choices should be labeled as follows:

Color (1) Dark Color (2) light Color (3) Medium (bright) Color (4) Medium (marbled) Color (5)
Complimentary small floral with light background.

1/2 yard non-directional small print or blender that reads as a solid and coordinates with a color in the floral focus fabric.

1 1/2 yards of light tone-on-tone patterned fabric whose color is reflected in focus fabric.

1 yard of dark plain fabric (Kona) or dark tone-on-tone small print fabric that matches the dark background on the floral focus fabric.

We recommend not washing fabrics but if you are using washed stash fabrics, always use starch or spray sizing before cutting. We found that very stable fabric aided construction. All seams should be a scant 1/4 inch.

We will offer cutting and piecing tips throughout the months of this mystery quilt so beginners will be comfortable participating.

Marcia Hohn of Quilters Cache is providing us with some of our public domain traditional blocks. Each block used from her sight will have her address for you to check out online.

--Debbie McLin and Debbie Clayton

Out and About...

Alegre Retreat—An Art Quilters' Experience. Workshops and lectures by well-known art quilters. It will be March 21-27, 2011 in Gateway Canyons Resort in Gateway, CO. More info at www.alegreretreat.com.

Author Jennifer Chiaverini, of the Elm Creek Quilt books, will be at Tattered Cover Book Store in Highlands Ranch, CO on March 4 at 7:30 p.m. to read and sign her new book, "The Union Quilters."

Future Programs for Los Alamos Piecemakers Guild

February 22, 2011: Laurie Waters will share her lace collection, United Church.

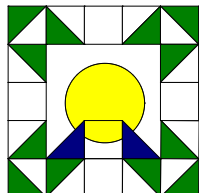
March 29, 2011: Judy Neimeyer, presents foundation paper piecing. Her workshop will be on Tuesday, the 29th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the same day as the guild meeting at WR Baptist Church. Sign up now with JoAnn Painter. JoAnn has the patterns for sale, which include material needs and supply list.

Tuesday, April 26: Program TBA, Los Alamos United Church

Tuesday, May 24: Program TBA, White Rock Baptist Church

Tuesday, June 28: Program TBA, Los Alamos United Church

No meeting in July—Enjoy your summer!!



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