

Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild

Every quilter has a masterpiece within.

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April 2012 Guild Meeting Tuesday, April 24th 7 p.m. United Church in Los Alamos "Sew-A-Thon"

Join us as we work together to make donation quilts. This is a great chance to collaborate, try a new pattern, or learn a new technique! We will be using the pattern called "Disappearing Nine-Patch." If you have charm squares, left-over strips, or fabric that you do not like, this is your chance to donate them to a good cause!

We will begin by cutting like-sized squares. (I recommend beginning with 5 inch squares, which will result in 6 1/2 inch final blocks.)

We will need rotary cutters, cutting mats, sewing machines, iron, ironing pad/board. Clusters are encouraged to coordinate supplies for a group. If you do not belong to a cluster **please come** -- and bring fabric, rotary cutter, and cutting mat if you can!

Come ready to work together!

<http://www.popularpatchwork.com/news/article.asp?a=5294>

May 2012 Guild Meeting Tuesday, May 22th 7 p.m. White Rock Baptist Church "Finding Ourselves Floating in Color Soup"

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Trunk show presented by Michelle Jackson.

President's Report

Another month has flown by. Susan is in Italy for three weeks. She has worked so hard for the Piecemakers. I hope she has a wonderful vacation.

The March meeting was full of energy. I thank Myrna Landt for doing the program and the class on the day after. Check out Donna's treasurer's report to see how Myrna's generosity swelled our coffers. Thank you so much, Myrna.

We are so happy to report that we have co-chairpersons for the Quilt Show/Market. Thanks to Donna Smith for recruiting Brenda Edeskuty and to Libby Carlsten for volunteering to share this responsibility. They have some very good ideas including that we partner with the Jemez Springs guild. Welcome Brenda and Libby. I know that they are counting on the rest of us to help in any way we can. They will provide us with more details once they find a place and set a date.

I'm looking forward to the sew-a-thon at the April 24th meeting at the United Church. Plan to come and bring a friend. Instructions for what you need to bring are in this newsletter.

There are many events coming up, but I want to remind you of the Ricky Tims seminar in Socorro on August 24 and 25. Ricky has spoken and given workshops here in Los Alamos. If he is true to form, he will keep his audience learning and laughing. He's popular so I think his seminar will sell out. For more information, go to www.rickytims.com/about-solo. Registering before June 16 will give you quite a discount.

Lyn
Co-president

LAP Will Be Moving!

Phyllis Holland has graciously donated her shed to store the Los Alamos Piecemakers stuff. The move of supplies to Phyllis Holland's shed will take place on Saturday morning April 21 at 10:00am. The present storage area is located behind Chiliworks and RPM locker #10. We would love to have you join us!

Lyn

Give a hand and make a friend

Have you ever wanted someone to talk to while driving to the meetings? Would you like to encourage others to enjoy our meetings? Here is one way to make that happen. We are compiling a list of members who would be willing to pick up a fellow quilter that needs a ride to the guild meetings. Please email Deb Claytor coolclaytors@att.net and Marilyn Cayton at th23cayton@gmail.com.

Roberta Day Idzorek is willing to pick up & give a ride to members to Guild meetings. She lives on Alabama Ave, on the hill. Call 505-662-5701.

Community Service Quilts

March was a month of finishing for LAP guild members. Fran Suchocki added borders, backing, batting, binding and quilting to a strip quilt top that Pandy sewed up using the pattern from last year's sew- a- thon. Also a thank you goes out to the three guild members that graciously helped sew down the bindings of the three quilts that Micki Taylor donated to the guild in February.

At the April sew-a-thon I will have the LAP roll of batting to cut up for anyone working on a charity quilt at home or can determine the size of batting needed for the quilt top we will be making that night.

Thank you for your continued support of the Community Service project. If you know of anyone needing a comfort quilt, please e-mail Deb Mclin at damclin@gmail.com



Treasurer's Report

The Checking Account balance as of April 1 was \$7224.40.

Myrna Landt's Quick Quarter Trip Workshop cleared \$520 after we pay for the room. Many thanks to Myrna for a fun, interesting and profitable workshop.

Donna Smith

Library

For the next couple of months I will bring only 2 of the many boxes of books to Guild meetings. The library is quite large and I am recovering from knee surgery.

If you have looked at the on-line inventory and found the name of a specific book you want, you are welcome to call and tell me which book and I will bring it to the meeting at 672-3578 or 412-1773.

Thank You,
Evonne Holder

Membership

We now have 69 members in the guild!

Future Programs/ Workshops

May 22-23 - we will "Find Ourselves Floating in Color Soup" with Michelle Jackson. The following day she will teach a class on "Color Manipulation." (Personally, I can't wait!)

Michelle Jackson will be presenting a trunk show "Finding Ourselves Floating in Color Soup" on Tuesday, May 22. The class "Color Manipulation" will be held the following day. During the class you will learn everything you need to know to do your own piece later and have the color experience necessary to choose great colors to make a stunning quilt. The outline for the class will be as follows:

- What is Color
- Value and Dominance
- The Temperature of Color
- Fabulous Color Combinations
- The Character of Color
- Pattern Texture and Scale
- The Color Shift
- Adding Unique Colors is as easy as 1,2,3

Her website is www.quiltfashions.com

Liz Martineau

Results of the LAP survey taken at the March 27, 2012 monthly meeting

28 questionnaires have been returned thus far. There are still about 5 that were not returned.

14 responders would like our programs to include instruction in quilting skills. Skills requested are:

- How to include piping in binding
- Y seams
- How to do mitered corners on borders
- Strip piecing
- Paper piecing (Judy Niemeyer's method)
- Pressing
- Cutting fabrics judiciously
- Hand quilting
- Information on threads
- Review of some basics
- Cutting triangles (Any new cutting tips)
- Sashiko
- New techniques in appliqué and embellishments
- Machine quilting

There are only a few comments that were not incorporated in the statistical part of the survey. One person requested that we get Ann Rae Roberts from Albuquerque to do a workshop and program presentation. One person said that she loves the new direction of the guild. Another person said that she would be happy to teach another class.

Meeting preferences	
Like all meetings in the evening	8
Likes all meetings in the daytime	0
Likes meetings to vary between daytime and evening	17
Likes all workshops/classes on workdays	7
Likes workshops/classes to vary between workdays and weekends	19
Only attend Los Alamos meetings	0
Only attend White Rock meetings	2
Would like a ride to White Rock meetings	1
Events preferences	
Want a quilt show/market every year	4
Prefer a Fiber Arts Show with other fiber arts groups	11
Would like more social and get-acquainted time at meetings	9
Would like programs to instruct quilting skills	14

Ricky Tims Seminar is coming to Socorro August 24-25, 2012.

Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild wants to let its members know about an exciting one-time quilting event coming to the Socorro, NM area in August of 2012. The Ricky Tims Solo Quilt Seminar, featuring Ricky Tims, will be held at the Macey Center on the campus of New Mexico Tech on August 24-25, 2012 (Friday and Saturday). We signed up as a promotional partner to make sure that all of our members are aware of this educational and fun-filled seminar, and we urge you to open the attached email blast to learn about the details. It's two days of learning and laughter where Ricky shares everything he knows about quilting in an event unlike any other!

If you'd like to attend and take advantage of the small or large group registration rates, we will be collecting registrations. Registration forms, hotel information, etc will come out in the next week or so.

Good news everyone! We are a proud Promotional Partner for the upcoming Ricky Tims *Solo* Quilt Seminar in Socorro, New Mexico at the Macey Conference Center on the campus of New Mexico Tech. It is a fantastic opportunity for quilters in our region to spend two days learning the very best of everything Ricky has to offer. It's all Ricky, all the time, and there's no limit to what you'll learn! The highlights are included below but you can get more info and read the full details on Ricky's website (www.rickytimes.com/about-solo)



Coming to the Socorro, NM area!

August 24-25, 2012
Macey Conference Center
New Mexico Tech Socorro, **NM**



A MESSAGE FROM RICKY TIMS.....

Hey everybody! I'm very excited about the opportunity to bring the Ricky Tims SOLO Seminar to quilters in Socorro, NM and the surrounding region. The seminar is like quilting on steroids and I can't wait to share it with you.

I promise this educational event for quilters is not like any other quilting experience. You can expect to come away with more ideas and techniques than you can imagine. There is no sewing, no supply list, and no UFOs to take home. Everyone attends all sessions so you don't have to pick and choose teachers or classes.

Expect to leave the seminar with renewed confidence and enthusiasm.

Over the two and a half days of the seminar you will learn lessons suited for experienced quilters, novice quilters, traditional quilters and contemporary quilters. You will learn simple, efficient techniques and explore the principles for successful original designs. If that were not enough, the seminar is loaded with projects that will allow you to try the various techniques when you get back to your sewing studio. Prepare to have your head spinning with excitement.

All of the sessions are enlightening and insightful and I'll do my best to keep you laughing and entertained while bringing you the best I have to offer. I'm so confident you will find this seminar to be worth it to you that I offer a full money back guarantee if you are not satisfied!

Come with members of your guild or create your own mini-group. Register early and save!! I look forward to seeing you there! – Ricky

To read comments from previous registrants go to

[To read comments from previous registrants and details about the seminar please go to: http://www.rickytimes.com/about-solo](http://www.rickytimes.com/about-solo)

(or go to www.rickytimes.com/seminars and click on About Solo located in the blue topics line just above Seminar Main and below Ricky's photo)

Sign up early and SAVE!

Early Bird Discount (by mail only) - \$149 each • **Save \$30!**
Early Bird Deadline – registration must be received by June 16, 2012

Standard registration (by mail only) - \$194 each
Standard Registration Deadline – August 17, 2012

You'll LOVE IT! I GUARANTEE IT with a MONEY BACK GUARANTEE!!! Register today – space is limited!!

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PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS NOT A SUPER SEMINAR AND DOES NOT INCLUDE ALEX ANDERSON AND LIBBY LEHMAN. IT IS TWO DAYS WITH INSTRUCTION FROM RICKY TIMS. REGISTRATION RATES HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED TO REFLECT THAT DIFFERENCE.

Celebrate! Quilt Camp and Show

Join us for our premier quilt camp and show in the cool mountains of Flagstaff, AZ June 25 -28!

Some great ideas that we hope will bring you here:

1. It's at the Radisson Woodlands Hotel in Flagstaff in June. That means air conditioning, short distances between classes (like about 15 feet), and no rain.
2. If you're not familiar with Flagstaff, it is THE place to be in Arizona in June. We are in the mountains where it's cool. We are close to Sedona and the Grand Canyon.
3. Classes all have the same base cost, with class supply/kit/pattern fees listed additionally in the class descriptions
4. Registration fee is only \$25 before May 1st. It includes a goody-bag, entrance into the Quilt Challenge, discounts on evening programs and lectures.
5. Prize give-aways including a sewing machine from Odegaard's Sewing Center.
6. FREE events like keynote speaker Patrick Lose, Quilt-'til-you-wilt night-time sewing room, service project/show and tell.
7. Awesome teachers including national and regional experts!

Check out the website! All the info is on there. If you have any questions, please let us know!

www.celebratequilts.com

Quilting 101

The following segment is copied from the website (with permission from Marcia Hohn)

<http://www.quilterscache.com/StartQuiltingPages/startquiltingone.html>

Learning to Quilt – Lesson One – The Stuff!

In order to quilt...there are certain tools of the trade that will make things easier...so we will start with a list of things you should have!

- #1 NEEDLES! You need a good supply! For hand quilting...you need some "betweens", and for machine quilting, several med. weight needles. Changing your machine needle at the beginning of each large project will keep you from having to deal with annoying thread breakage quite as much!
- #2 THREAD! You will have a choice here, of all cotton thread, or cotton wrapped polyester thread. I suggest you try them each, and decide which you like best. I use cotton/poly...and I always have an extra ten bobbins pre-wound with white and ecru thread...as well as extra spools of these, and black. If you become an avid quilter...you will want every color under the rainbow!--and a place to store it all!
- #3 SCISSORS! I really suggest a GOOD pair, too, and ONLY use them for fabrics. (NO PAPER!!) About an 8" bent handled sewing scissor is great...and you might also like some small sharp scissors to snip threads, etc. I really recommend GINGHERS ...they cost a bit more but last well, and take a sharpening well also!
- #4 ROTARY CUTTER! While a person could use scissors...the rotary cutter has revolutionized quilting...they make it possible to cut many layers of fabric at one time. Blades are replaceable! A 45MM cutter is a good size for starters. I Like OLFA!
- #5 CUTTING MAT! You use these with your rotary cutter. Many have grids on them, and that helps tremendously when squaring off your fabric and blocks! Self Healing ones are the best! I Like OLFA!
- #6 SEE-THRU RULER! You will use this with your rotary cutter and mat. They have many measurements and angles printed on them, making accurate piece cutting a breeze! It's good to get about a 24" long one...6 1/2" wide at least... like OMNIGRID or Creative Grids with gripper dots!
- #7 BALL-HEAD PINS! nice long pins...the balls make them easier to grab. Flower Heads are GREAT too!
- #8 PIN CUSHION!...the magnetic ones are GREAT, but don't keep near your machine if it is computerized!
- #9 THIMBLE!
- #10 IRON and IRONING BOARD! The more you press, the better your block!

CELEBRATE! QUILT CAMP AND SHOW

June 25-28, 2012 Flagstaff, AZ

Join us for our premier quilt camp and show in the cool mountains of Flagstaff, AZ!

Registration and entry forms on-line at

www.celebratequilts.com

*or call 928-526-9403
chocolatequiltco@gmail.com*

Classes and events at the Radisson Woodlands Hotel

Daily classes with national and regional quilt teachers including Patrick Lose, Linda Matteotti, Stacy Michelle, Carmen Geddes, Nancy Gilliland, Tammy Kelly, Sarah Whitney, Robin Sruoginis, Julie Hocker, and more!

Lectures and Forums with quilt teachers and artists

Evening programs include:

** Meet and Greet*

**Guest speakers*

**Show and Tell*

**Community service project*

**Closing barbeque*

**Door prizes*

"Quilt-til-you-wilt" night-time sewing room

** Juried quilt show with prizes*

Future Programs for Los Alamos Piecemakers Guild

Tuesday May 22, 2012: "Finding Ourselves Floating in Color Soup" by Michelle Jackson, 7p WR Baptist Church

Wednesday May 23, 2012: "Color Manipulation" Workshop, 9am – 4pm, location TBD

Tuesday June 26, 2012: "Game Night- Fabric Bingo" – Back by popular request! 7pm United Church in LA

July 2012 – No Meeting

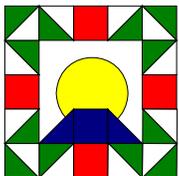
Tuesday August 28, 2012: TBD, 7pm White Rock Baptist Church

Tuesday September 25, 2012: Potluck & Membership Kick-Off, 6pm , United Church in Los Alamos

Tuesday October 23, 2012: "There is no such thing as ugly fabric", 7pm White Rock Baptist Church

Tuesday November 13, 2012: TBD

No Meeting in December – *HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!*



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