

Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild

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February 2013 Guild Meeting

First Los Alamos Piecemakers Daytime Meeting

Tuesday, February 26, 2013, 12:00 noon
United Church of Los Alamos
Graves Hall

Carol Martin-Davis from El Rito, New Mexico will be our speaker. Carol is a fiber artist who works with fabric sculpture, quilts, wall hangings, and collage travel journals.

We will also judge the Leprechaun Challenge blocks. Please be sure to bring your block to the meeting. If you will not be there have a friend bring it. There will be prizes and a Leprechaun surprise.

From the LAP President

Dear Los Alamos Piecemakers,

Happy February! I hope you are all staying healthy and warm, and that you are finding time to expand your creativity with your quilting! Our Vice Presidents have some exciting things lined up for us this spring – check for the details elsewhere in this newsletter. We hope you'll take advantage of these opportunities, and that you will invite your friends!

As always, contact any member of the LAP Board if you have any ideas or suggestions. Thanks for being especially flexible this year as we try out some different times, days and places!

See you February 26th, 12 noon at United Church!

Laura

Upcoming Programs (from the LAP Vice Presidents)

Tuesday, March 26, 2013
7:00 p.m. White Rock Baptist Church
Sew-a-thon

March's meeting is in White Rock so getting our sewing machines and supplies into the building will not be too difficult.

Please bring either 8, 10, or 12 fat quarters. Cut each fat quarter into (3) 5"x22" strips. Press and label each strip: from the first fat quarter each strip will be labeled 1,1,1 and from the second fat quarter each strip will be labeled 2,2,2 and so forth for each fat quarter that you use. We will try to have some extra fat quarters at the meeting. If you have any extra fat quarters that you know you are not going to use would you please bring them and perhaps someone else can put them to good use in this project. When finished, the quilts will measure: for (8) fat quarters it will be 35x45; for (10) fat quarters it will be 45x54; and for (12) fat quarters it will be 64x54. You may want to add borders when you are finished. It is your choice.

Your team will consist of two people. If you choose to work alone that is fine, it will just take you a little longer to finish the quilt. If you come by yourself and/or don't have a partner and would like one you can join with another person at the meeting and make a team.

Please bring the following supplies:

Sewing machine (1 for each team if working in pairs)	
Thread	Rotary cutter
Scissors	Ruler 6"x24" works best
Seam ripper	Cutting mat
Pins	

We will have ironing stations set up but if you feel you want your own bring your iron and ironing pad.

Tuesday, April 23, 2013	7:00 p.m., United Church of Los Alamos Show and Tell from the Los Alamos Art Quilters
Tuesday, May 21, 2013	7:00 p.m., White Rock Baptist Church Wendy Mathson will lecture on Scrap Management Web-site: http://www.quiltsbywendy.com/
Wednesday, May 22, 2013	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m., White Rock Baptist Church Wendy Mathson Workshop – Storm at Sea Wall Hanging

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

7:00 p.m., United Church of Los Alamos

LAP Guild Birthday Party. Come and share cake and memories from years past

A Note from our February Speaker

My work encompasses quilts and wall hangings, both pieced and appliqued, and large and small 3-dimensional sculptural pieces, as well as utilitarian items.

Because fabric has such a ubiquitous and intimate association with human beings, I find it can express and evoke human feelings in a very interesting way. Its softness suggests comfort and approachability, and in my 3-dimensional pieces it can approximate the texture and firmness of the human body.

I believe we are greatly influenced by the land where we live. I think that is why many people in the United States, especially in the West, are coming around to the pre-Columbian peoples point of view that the Earth is sacred and must be respected and cared for. In this vein, I am inspired by nature, spirituality, and the connection between the two.

Carol Martin-Davis

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Treasurer's Report

The LAP checking account balance on January 31, 2013, was \$10,153.20.

Donna Smith

Community Service – RSVP Quilters Luncheon



Our first outing of the year was held on Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the Senior Center. We hosted a potluck luncheon for the RSVP Quilters, and had a wonderful time. Our members supplied the lunch and Valentine goodies, as well as a \$50 donation for them to spend on necessities like batting for their projects. A total of twenty-five people enjoyed the meal and the sharing of projects. The "Show and Tell" portion of the program was very impressive with crafts such as felting, crochet, knitting, pin-making and many quilts on display. Thanks to all who supplied food and shared items. It was a huge success!!



--Lyn Haval, Community Service Chair 2013

Thank You from the Community Service Chair 2012

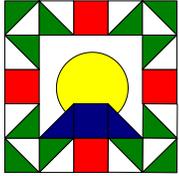
As Community Service Representative in 2012, I had the pleasure of arranging several activities in our community and meet some fantastic quilters. I am honored to list the following guild and community members and to express on behalf of the Piecemakers Guild our sincere thanks for their quilt contributions in 2012. As of January 1, we received 58 quilts.

Micki Taylor 8 quilts
Irene Aiken 2 quilts
Ann Daley 2
Judy Verzino 2
Donna Smith 1
Marilyn Cayton 1
Bonnie Farman 1
Fran Suhocki 3
Material Girls Cluster w/ Judy Verzino fabric 1
Roberta Idzorek 4
Judy Tessmer 2, Judy's neighbor 2
Nicole Dunn 2
Sew a thon team, Deb Claytor/Marilyn Cayton/Dorothy Smedley/Deb Mclin 1
Sew a thon team, Ann Daley/Jo Ann Painter/Joan Williams 1
Jacqueline Krohn 1
Marilyn Mishall 1
Charlene McHale 1
Deb McLin 1
Sue Frier 1
Evonne Holder 1
Dorothy Smedley/ Deb Mc Lin 1
Joan Williams 1
Emma Mati 1
RSVP Quilters 12
Bethlehem Lutheran Quilters 4

I would also like to thank Nicole Dunn, Joan Williams and Carol Hayes of NNMQG for delivering a combined total of 125 quilts to victims of the Little Bear Fire in Ruidoso in July and September.

Guild members took a field trip in November to Aspen Ridge. We held a reception and show and tell for the residents. We also distributed 65 rug mugs. Guild members donated a total of 83. Many thanks for the extra work done on the rugs and we have head start for next year. Many thanks to Lyn Olson, Marilyn Minshall, Laura Erickson, Micki Taylor, Lyn Havel, Evonne Holder, JoAnn Painter, Ann Daley, Joan Williams, Deborah Kubicek for making it a fun activity for everyone.

2012 Community Service Rep. Deb McLin



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