



Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild

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Donation Quilt

OPEN

LOS ALAMOS PIECEMAKERS January Meeting

A Sew-a-Thon
featuring
This Year's Donation Quilt

Los Alamos United Church, Los Alamos
Tuesday, January 26 at 11:30 a.m.

NOTE: THIS IS A CHANGE OF LOCATION & TIME

From the President:

Happy New Year, Piecemakers!

I hope your holidays were everything you wanted them to be! We drove to Minnesota and Illinois, and had several family Christmas celebrations. It was wonderful to reconnect with our extended families!

What hopes do you have for 2016? Is your passion for quilting going to lead you to new projects? We have a new Vice President, and Sharon is working hard to bring great programs for our Los Alamos Piecemakers meetings. Let's all resolve to invite a friend (or several) to our meetings and share the fun!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone, and being inspired by what you all will create in 2016!

Laura

UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS AND WORKSHOPS

Early February (TBA)- The Senior Quilters' Valentine Luncheon – Guild members will provide a luncheon of soup, salad, bread and dessert as well as a Show and Tell Quilt Cavalcade.

SATURDAYS, MARCH 19 and 22 - A workshop, "Color and Design," with Melissa Bartlett

OFFICER REPORTS

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Sharon Kapple

The January program will be a raffle quilt sew-a-thon. In addition to the usual sewing machines, irons, ironing boards, rotary cutters and mats, please bring pre-cut 2-inch strips of white and bright colored fabrics from your stash, although fabric will also be available if you run short. The raffle quilt is to be a scrappy log cabin.

We also have a request for quilt magazines for an upcoming workshop. If you have any quilt magazines you no longer want, bring them to the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Donna Smith

The Checking Account Balance as of Jan 1, 2015 was \$15,152.31.

Los Alamos Piecemakers

Income Statement

January 1, 2015 thru December 31, 2015

Income

Membership	1,865.00
Interest	1.39
Workshops -	
Walton Whirlpool (Net - 388.19)	40.00
Busby (Net -150.41)	640.00
Machine Quilting (Net 734.05)	770.00
FreeMotion Quilting (Net 200)	200.00
Alexander - Curved Piecing(Net -71.16)	770.00
Donation Quilt (Net 1467.9)	1,799.00
Quilt Market/Show (Net 379.06)	1,581.00
Advertising -	
Silent Auction	793.00
Misc. -	

UFO Challenge	45.00
Garage Sale	283.00
Total Revenue	8,787.39
Expenses	
Workshops	1,517.02
Treasurer	124.90
Quilt Show/Market	1,201.94
Donation Quilt	331.10
Monthly Programs ()	450.00
Storage Locker ()	990.00
Silent Auction -	
Library ()	100.66
Community Service ()	
Senior Quilters	100.00
Church Rental	650.00
P.O. Box (1 yr. rental)	62.00
Web Site	256.91
Membership	327.05
President's Quilt	55.11
Newsletter -	
Misc. ()	95.00
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Total Expenses	6,261.69
Net Income	2,525.70

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Dorothy Smedley

The meeting was held on November 16, 2015, at the Los Alamos United Church, and featured Karla Alexander and her take on quilting. Prior to the speaker, Donna Smith opened the business meeting, asking for officer and chair reports. Dorothy Smedley presented the plans for the 2016 Donation quilt, which will be a scrappy log cabin with a modern twist. Pattern copies and the red polka dot centers were available at the meeting, as well as at Atomic City Quilting and from Dorothy in White Rock. The legs of the block will be brights and lights (white, ecru, light gray.) Members are asked to make blocks, of which we need 72.

Deborah McLin stated that the library is now 170 books strong, and all are listed on the website. She will have a paper copy available at the January meeting. If there is book you think should be added to the collection, please let her know. Sharon Kapple urged members to renew, still \$25 a year. Forms are available; should all your info be the same, simply mark "no changes." Shelley Kuropatwinski stated that she'd like to have more pictures of the winners of the Quilt Show and asked members to submit them.

The slate of 2016 officers was read: President- Laura Erickson (if no one else volunteers), Vice President Programs -Sharon Kapple, Treasurer- Donna Smith, Secretary and Newsletter- Dorothy Smedley, Membership- Marion Good, Community Service - Flo Carr, Publicity- Charlene McHale, Quilt Market - Micki Taylor & Nicole Dunn, Librarian- Deborah McLin, and Webmaster- Deborah Kubicek. The slate was presented to the assembled members, who voted "Aye". Additionally, Donna brought up the proposed 2016 budget which had been distributed via email. The group voted for it as well.

White Rock Baptist Church, our White Rock meeting location, was discussed as they recently split the room, and the result was a cramped space and a noisy situation. Ideas for a replacement location were requested: the library was suggested, although hours are restrictive; other churches should also be reviewed. Additionally, the January meeting might have to be moved to Los Alamos. Sharon Kapple will pursue a new venue. Clusters were also discussed- how they were originally formed, and what they focused upon. A sign-up sheet was on the membership table for those who were interested in joining a cluster or starting a new one. Flo Carr, for Project Linus, asked if anyone in our group donated the tractor quilt, which is now featured in the NM Project Linus Cookbook (also available for sale). Additionally there is a Quilt Challenge for ALS; they ask for quilts to be donated through next July to be given to patients. Flo Carr will be point for this effort.

Joan Williams introduced our speaker, **Karla Alexander**, who is from Oregon. Her company is named **Saginaw Street Quilting**. She is the author of 8 books and has many individual patterns available through her company. She works with Creative Grid to produce her specialized quilt rulers (and they are made in the USA!) As a 4th generation quilter, Karla thinks she has the best job, ever. There are some inglorious parts, like the travel, but says she learns something from every group she meets. Karla only buys fabric in 1/3 yards or less, and has a small stash. If she can see it, she doesn't want it. After a year, if it hasn't been used, she donates it to her Guild. A fabric's "position" in a quilt (i.e. in a 9-patch the 4 dark corners are a "position) inspires her to draw from the stash in the same color family. An event quilt (graduation, wedding, baby, etc.) is all about the person it is for, and the time you spend is like giving a "whole block of you." But, "never give away a quilt with rules," like no dogs on it, etc. If you're concerned about how the person will use it, give him/her a wall-hanging. Quilts are folk art, so there *are* no rules. It's a great gift: it keeps you warm, if you gain weight it still fits, and you can always donate it. When you finish a quilt, call it a W.R.A.P.- Wonder, Reflect, Appreciate, and Ponder. Then move on to the next project. Karla's workshop starts at 9 am, November 17th.

Member Show and Tell saw Micki Taylor's recycled items that will be shown Friday in the "Trash Fashion Show:" denim and flannel quilts, potato chip bags from upholstery samples, curtains for a baby's room made of old baby dresses from Casa Mesita on a curtain rod, etc. Charlene McHale presented a tube quilt in green. The meeting then adjourned.

MEMBERSHIP – Marion Good

My wish is for lots of new members this year. We had 150 in Toronto when I lived in Canada. Some members traveled over an hour to get to the meetings, even in the snow!! See you on Tuesday!

Community Service – Flo Carr

In addition to working with our community here in Los Alamos this year, I work with Project Linus. I became a member of the Sandoval County Chapter several years ago, and enjoy the idea of being able to send a "warm hug" via a quilt to a needy child. The Sandoval chapter also encompasses Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, and Santa Fe Counties. There are no other chapters for Northern New Mexico. Donated blankets and quilts are distributed to children in area hospitals, health care facilities, veteran and family support programs, homeless shelters, homes for survivors of child abuse, and foster homes. They also go to programs and agencies that serve children in crisis or those at risk for trauma related to abandonment, violence, homelessness, accidents, and loss of a family member.

Blankets are needed for children/youths ages 0 - 18 years. All styles of blankets are welcomed, including quilts, tied comforters, fleece blankets, crocheted or knitted afghans, and receiving blankets in child-friendly colors.

All blankets must be made from previously unused fabric, homemade, fragrance and smoke-free, with no pet hair or dander. They must be washable, free from pins and buttons or similar decorative items. No metallic or sparkly material, please. No used blankets/fabric or any part of it will be accepted.

The general size guidelines are as follows:

40 x 40 - 42 Small/Infants - this is the minimum size accepted by neonatal units, they must be large enough to wrap babies snugly

40 x 42 - 48 Toddler

45 x 50 - 60 Medium/Elementary

60 x 72 + Pre-teen/Teenager

I have heard that there is some criticism of Project Linus's exacting standards, but since the blankets that go to these children might be the one thing they have that is not pre-used and is their very own, I don't think the requirements are too difficult. Many children have allergy issues, and many blankets go to neonatal units who have very exacting standards of their own. They have to discard anything that might compromise the health of an infant.

Project Linus also accepts donations of cotton fabric, batting, fleece, needles and thread, cotton/flannel fabric, yarn (not wool), cash donations, and fabric store gift cards.

Quilts can be dropped off at Atomic City Quilts/Warm Hearts Yarn, or given to me directly. My husband and I deliver the quilts to Dottie Hu, the Project Linus Coordinator at least every other month. If anyone is interested in the program, please feel free to contact me at 505-660-4980, or ks_carr@msn.com.

LIBRARY - Deborah McLin

The Los Alamos Piecemakers library list of books and DVD's is updated and available to Guild members online on our web page. A limited number of paper copies will be available at the January meeting and by request throughout the year. Our 2016 budget allows for new books to be purchased. Send your suggestions to Deb McLin. Many thanks to Judy Crocker for affixing library pockets and printing new sign out cards.