



Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild

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LOS ALAMOS PIECEMAKERS April Meeting

LAP YOU'VE GOT TALENT:
Showcasing All Your Other Creations
Show and Tell

Los Alamos United Church
Tuesday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m.

From the President:

Dear Piecemakers,

Can you believe, it's April already?! The daffodils, the forsythia and cherry blossoms, and even the rain are making me smile! Have you had the urge to do a little spring cleaning in the sewing room? Maybe you'll find some UFO's ("they're not unfinished, they're just resting") and get inspired! I hope you are also quilting away making items for our Quilt Market in September.

I'm looking forward to finding out about the hidden talents in our membership this month! Look for more details from our Vice President. See you all at United Church - Bring your Show & Tell!

See you all there!
Laura

UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS AND WORKSHOPS

February 13-May 1 "Medicine Bough Mountain Retreat, 2015" by Terrie Hancock Mangat.

A 27-foot, 3-part quilt that uses color, texture, pattern, zippers, scraps, and carabiners that are used for mountain climbing. Harwood Museum, 238 Ledoux Street, Taos, NM Gallery: Curator's Wall

10 am-5 pm Wednesday-Saturday Noon-5 pm Sunday \$10 Adults \$8 Seniors (65+) www.harwoodmuseum.org

April 28-30, 2016 Annual Denver National Quilt Festival

Denver Merchandise Mart

I-25 & 58th Ave, Exit #215, Denver, CO

Royal Cheer Academy Quilt Raffle - April 23 drawing

A quilt made by LAP member Roberta Day Idzorek, and quilted by Nicole Dunn, is being raffled to raise funds for the Royal Cheer Academy. Two of the Academy's teams have been invited to a National competition at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida at the end of April. Two of Roberta's granddaughters are on those teams. Funds are being raised to assist members of the team with travel expenses for this awesome opportunity. The drawing will be held on April 23. Tickets can be purchased at Atomic City Quilts, or by contacting Roberta, rdidznm@gmail.com or 505-662-5701.



Quilt Raffle

Tickets - \$2 each or Book of Six for \$10

This beautiful full sized hand made quilt is being raffled by the Royal Cheer Academy Booster Club to support our Summit Bound Athletes

Winning ticket will be drawn at the Pep Rally on April 23rd at 6:00pm

Contact your favorite Cheerleader today or message us @ www.facebook.com/RoyalCheerAcademyBoosterClub



Generously donated by Roberta Day Idzorek

OFFICER REPORTS

Vice President's Report – Sharon Kapple

I know you're all talented quilters, but also know some of you do other amazing crafts. April's meeting is a chance to show us your other craft talents. Bring your other hobbies for a show and tell.

Treasurer's Report - Donna Smith

The Checking account balance as of April 1, 2016 was \$13609.35. In March we paid \$990 for the storage unit and \$800 for the color workshop.

Secretary – Dorothy Smedley

The March meeting was held on March 22nd at The White Rock Presbyterian Church. Laura Erickson, President, welcomed the attendees to our new location. Sharon Kapple, Vice President, announced the Basket Challenge - pictures of different basket quilt block patterns were distributed and every got to guess the specific block names. No one got them all! She also announced that next month's meeting will be a showcase for LAP members and their other talents. Bring your cross stitch, knitting, embroidery projects/finished products - as well as talents such as singing. Anything you do can be showcased at our meeting in April. Additionally, Sharon reviewed some of the upcoming items on the calendar. Michelle Watts is our August seminary leader. As she has a number of topics from which we can choose, Sharon asks members to indicate their interests on a signup sheet so that we may finalize the seminar with Ms. Watts. The Ugly Fabric Challenge, originally slated for the cancelled February meeting, has been rescheduled (due to popular demand) to the June meeting, and we'll make quilts to be given to Flo Carr. Sharon also distributed Scavenger Hunt lists, the items on it to be collected and presented in November. The member who collects the most will be the winner of a box of craft goodies.

Donna Smith, Treasurer, noted that she has to pay the storage unit bill of \$996 in the near future, our single biggest expense. Flo Carr, Community Service, received a thank you card and pictures from the LAVA Quilters from the Valentine's Day luncheon. She reminded the group that Project Linus Cookbooks, illustrated with pictures of donated quilts, are still available. Deb McLin, Librarian, urged the group to remember we need blocks for the President's Quilt: 4 house blocks and 13 people. They are to be made from bright batiks; she has fabric for the peoples' faces and background white fabric. A completed list of the library is available either in a paper list or on the website. She brought books that highlighted the Color Seminar, on color composition, etc. And, there are a number of new dvds available. Membership issues were discussed: this was the last newsletter that would have the membership form attached, and emails will be sent to those past members who have not yet signed up for 2016. Mickie Taylor, Quilt Market, reported that the necessary forms have been delivered to Crossroads Church to confirm our venue in September. Dorothy Smedley reported that the annual Raffle Quilt had been delivered to Nicole Dunn for quilting. Charlene Mc Hale, Publicity, told the group she has been to Taos to view the Terrie Mangat exhibit at the Harwood Museum and urged all others to visit. Donna Smith said the new cluster focusing on machine quilting is organizing. Interested parties are some long arm, some short arms and some regular machine owners. More information will be sent to those contacting her.

Our member, Shelley Kuropatwinski, was the featured speaker. She had an amazing, colorful slide show from her trip to Quilt Con West in Pasadena, Ca. This is a Modern Quilters Guild event; modern quilting is often defined by the use bold color and prints, with large areas having high contrast or graphic areas of solid colors. This Guild started in Los Angeles in 2009. There are over 100 local chapters now worldwide. This convention saw representation from 49 states as well as international groups. In showing examples of accepted show quilts, Shelly stated that the quilting seems denser on many of the quilts. She then described her pictures from classes offered, the winners, vendor booths, etc. The next Quilt Con will be in Savannah, GA February 2107. Sign up for classes begins June 15th, and will fill immediately if past years are an indication. Show and Tell: Donna Smith displayed a black, blue and turquoise quilt she said was a Jenny Beyer design; Roberta Day has a black and pink quilt she made that will be raffled to benefit her granddaughter's cheering group; the cluster of Charlene Mc Hale, Linda Kolar, Theresa Aguilera, and Mary Mendendorf displayed their mystery quilt, a Judy Hopkins design; Linda Kolar presented little monthly wall hangings; and Dorothy Smedley displayed her African quilt backed by fabric she got in Tanzania. The meeting then adjourned.

Cluster News:

The new Machine Quilting Cluster: We decided to keep the first Thursday of the month as the day to meet for the quilting cluster. I have reserved a meeting room at the LA Library for the following dates:

May 5

July 7

June 2

August 4

Meetings from 10 am to 12.

We decided to focus most of our work on quilting design and some techniques, as we cannot lug many of our machines around. For each meeting:

1. I will try to find a different free-motion pattern to learn/practice.
2. Bring your unquilted top and we will work on design brainstorming.
3. Various topics. For May: Options for marking

All are welcome. If you are interested please contact either Margaret Hendricks, bellemere102@gmail.com or Donna Smith, donna@glenda.com

Prior Projects of the Guild

The First Responders Dinner of 2015. Thelma Hahn presented the group with the amazing ornaments we made. Ornaments were given to the participant's families.



And this is a picture of Trish Spillman and her winning patchwork pillow from the 2015 Piecemakers' Quilt Show.