## Quilt Market Notes from Libby

#### October 2010

Quilt Market is over and I'd like to thank all of the guild members who helped (that's certainly most of you) and those who made wonderful things to sell (27 members) -- and a special thanks to those who did both ... and still went above and beyond the call of duty. As you all know, we have a terrific guild and lots of people willing to work together to get things done. If you didn't get to come to the Market, you really missed something special. We had a terrific display of beautiful items plus a large crowd of potential customers.

Thanks to Margaret Hendricks for doing a wonderful job on publicity. The "word" certainly got out about the Market in this town. Lots of people stopped by. Thanks also to Evonne Holder for serving as our Staffing Chairwoman and keeping us organized and busy. Trish Spillman helped as our "Display" Chair and gave the Market an artistic flair! I'm especially grateful to the members (and their husbands -- please give those guys a hug from all of us) for doing the set-up and take-down. Those tasks went smoothly because so many people chipped in to help. I'd also like to thank Evonne Holder and Joan Williams for spending Friday night at the church and keeping a watchful eye on the quilts and other goodies. And, thank you to Pat Randall for placing and retrieving the Quilt Market signs -- and a big thanks to everyone who washed the sheets.

I'm sure that Joan Williams (We're very lucky to have her as Treasurer) will provide you with specific financial information from the Market somewhere this newsletter and Judy Verzino will report on the Donation Quilt. (Lots of people loved that quilt and bought tickets! Good job, Judy! As always.))

From my perspective, this year's Market was extremely successful and lots of people went home happy with their purchases! Thanks again to everyone! (I apologize if I left out anyone who should have been specifically thanked.) Everyone did a great job and I hope you're looking forward to the 2012 Market.

Be sure to check our Quilt Market photos on the LAP website.

"Lost and Found" at the quilt market: woman's purple jacket made by Russell Athletic Wear with "ACU" embroidered on the left front lapel. Contact me to claim.

Also, we had a few unsold Christmas ornaments that were unaccounted for at the end of the Market. Please check any items you brought home from Market to see if any of the ornaments got picked up with your stuff by mistake. Thanks.

Libby Carlsten

Quilt Market Chair

#### September 2010

# Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Market -- October 16, 2010 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This is a special edition LAP newsletter contains information about the upcoming Quilt Market. I hope everyone has been busily making lots of items to sell!

All the Quilt Market Forms (Instructions, Inventory Sheets, and 2 types of Tags) are either attached electronically or provided as a hardcopy. (This depends on how you receive the newsletter.) Please make as many copies as you need.

Here are the names and contact information for various positions associated with the Quilt Market:

Quilt Market Chair - Libby Carlsten, 662-3980, Carlstens@msn.com

Publicity - Margaret Hendricks, 662-1660, jmh102@comcast.net

Staffing - Evonne Holder, 672-3578, evonneholder@earthlink.net

Set-up/Display - Trish Spillman, 753-3781, georges@newmexico.com

Treasurer - Joan Williams, 672-1639, williamstj@earthlink.net

Please mark your calendars with the dates and times below:

<u>Saturday, October 2</u> – Copies of Inventory Sheets due to the Quilt Market Chairman (Mail to: 36 Loma del Escolar, Los Alamos, NM 87544)

#### Friday, October 15 -

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Quilt Frame Set-up (Meet at the LAP storage shed at 2:00 p.m. – this group will then assemble quilt frames in the First Baptist Church parking lot. Bring pickup trucks, strong backs, and electric screwdrivers.)

3:30 – 5:30 p.m. – Bring your Quilt Market items to the First Baptist Church. Don't forget your inventory sheets.

4:00 – until we're done – Set up and arrange all items for sale.

## Saturday, October 16 -

8:00 – 8:45 a.m. - Final run through and arrangement of all sale items -- set up cashier stations.

8:45 – 9:30 a.m. - Early Bird Shopping for QM workers and participants. All items must be paid for prior to 10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. QUILT MARKET!!

3:30 -- Drawing for the Raffle Quilt

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. – Take down all unsold items and quilt frames. Clean up. Participants pick up their unsold items. Return quilt frames to the storage shed. (Bring pickup trucks, strong back, and electric screwdrivers.)

# New This Year: Sale of Second-hand/Used Items

Special Quilt Market News Alert -- We've decided to use one of the church's siderooms for selling used or second hand quilt-related items. Some of you may remember the Guild's "yard sale" held during the February 2010 meeting. The same concept will apply to this special room during the Quilt Market. If you have fabric, books, tools, patterns, equipment, unfinished projects, or other quilting-related items that you want to sell, this will be your chance. The regular Quilt Market sales guidelines/rules will apply, so bundle like items together, if possible. Everything needs to be listed on your inventory sheet and labeled with a Quilt Market tag. The Guild will take 15% of the sales price. Try to make it easy on the Guild Treasurer and yourself -- don't put items in for less than \$3.00. As noted previously, bundle things together, so we don't have a lot of small individual items. Please note that we're asking you to use the special "second-hand/used items" sales tags and copy them on a different color paper (green recommended) so that we can tell the second-hand items apart from the other Quilt Market items.

## **Publicity**

Margaret Hendricks is the Publicity Chair for this year's Market. She will appreciate and accept any offers of assistance. At the September LAP meeting, she will have flyers and handouts for everyone to

distribute. Please help us get the word out about the Market! We especially need some volunteers to make signs, hang signs and banners, and then take down the signs and banners.

#### **Staffing**

There are many staffing opportunities still available to help with Market. Every time slot and job has room for more volunteers. If you are selling, you need to sign up for either set-up or take-down and one staffing slot on Saturday. If you are not selling, do your guild a good turn and sign up for an hour or two. It's fun!

To contact me, call 672-3578 or email me at evonneholder@earthlink.net.

#### Thanks, Evonne

#### **Alternative Work Assignments**

Several LAP members have told us that they will be out of town on the day of the Market, but they still want to sell items in the Market. If that's your situation, please contact Libby Carlsten or Margaret Hendricks to set up an alternative work assignment. We're open to suggestions and will work with you to figure out a way to meet the Market work requirement -- which is equivalent to about 3 hours.)

# **Set-up and Display**

Trish Spillman will be assisting with set-up and display this year. Please contact her (753-3781) if you have items to bring that can be used to display sale items or will add to the ambiance of the sale. We will especially need things upon which to hang purses and aprons plus small tabletop-size Christmas trees to display ornaments for sale.

#### **Demonstrations**

Please contact Libby Carlsten (662-3980, <u>carlstens@msn.com</u>) if you'd like to give a demonstration of any quilting-related skill or technique sometime during the market.

# Quilt Market's Coming....it's getting closer, closer!! October 16 at the First Baptist Church.

The Quilt Market Publicity Chair, Margaret Hendricks, will have flyers about the Quilt Market available at the August meeting. She will need everyone's help distributing them in Los Alamos, Santa Fe, and Albuquerque. Please take some flyers if you're planning a trip to any of the quilt shops in Santa Fe or Albuquerque before the Quilt Market. We'll also need members to distribute/display Quilt Market flyers at work, churches, schools, stores, community bulletin boards, etc. Talk to Margaret if you can help.

**Evonne Holder** has volunteered to serve as the Quilt Market Staffing Chair. (Many thanks, Evonne!) She will have sign-up sheets at the August meeting. The sheets are divided into the categories of "Things to Do" and "Things to Bring." Please sign up to help. As you know, we will need everyone's assistance to make this a successful Market. Remember that if you're going to sell items at the Quilt Market, you're required to help with either Set-up or Take-down plus work one 2-hour shift during the Market. If you sign up early, you'll get your choice of the best times/jobs.

**Trish Spillman** volunteered to arrange the items for sale, Please contact her if you have items that can be used to display items or to add ambiance to the Market, such as hat racks, rocking chairs, chests, plants, miniature Christmas trees, etc.

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Watch your e-mail and/or mailbox in a few weeks for a special newsletter devoted to the Quilt Market. We'll be sending out copies of General QM Information and Rules, the Inventory Sheets and Sales Tags; however, that information is currently available on the website if you need it now. Contact the Quilt Market Chair, **Libby Carlsten**, if you have any questions about the upcoming Market. In the meantime, keep making wonderful items to sell!

#### June 2010

#### Quilt Market's Coming....please mark your calendars!

The Quilt Market date has been set for Saturday, October 16 and we've already rented the gymnasium of the First Baptist Church (same place we had the Quilt Show.) Start NOW to make lots of wonderful items to sell. The Quilt Market forms and sales tags are on the LAP website. All offers to help with the Market will be accepted and welcomed. Please see Libby if you can help.

#### May 2010

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#### April 2010

The Quilt Market date has been set for Saturday, October 16 and we've already rented the gymnasium of the First Baptist Church (same place we had the Quilt Show.)

Trish Spillman joined Libby's team and has volunteered to help arrange and display all the items for sale. Start NOW to make lots of wonderful items to sell. The Quilt Market forms and sales tags are on the LAP website. All offers to help with the Market will be accepted and welcomed. Please see Libby if you can help.

#### March 2010

We had such a terrific Quilt Show in 2009 -- let's keep that momentum going and host a wonderful Quilt Market in 2010. I'm inviting all of you to participate. The Quilt Market date has been set for Saturday, October 16 and we've already rented the gymnasium of the First Baptist Church (same place we had the Quilt Show.)

I've started to assemble my Quilt Market team. Please let me know if you'd like to join us. Margaret Hendricks has graciously volunteered to handle Publicity. She's set a goal to have the 2010 Market well-publicized (and hopefully well-attended.) As most of you know, Judy Verzino is leading the effort on the Donation Quilt. A special thanks to both of you.

If a LAP member (or members) would like to spearhead and develop a "quilt challenge" to be displayed at the Market, please talk to our esteemed President (Fran) as soon as possible. We only have 5 or 6 more guild meetings before the Market. We'll also need someone to be in charge of selling tickets for the Donation Quilt. Let Fran know if this sounds like something you'd like to do.

Now, the most important detail ... we'll need lots of wonderful "quilted goodies" to sell. As you know, we can't have a Market without them. This is where ALL LAP members can help. This is your chance to earn back some of the money you've already spent on your "stash" or make some extra \$\$\$ to grow your fabric collection. Please use your talents and imagination to make lots of interesting stuff to sell. The timing of the Market allows us to sell seasonal items for both Halloween and Christmas. Non-seasonal wall hangings, baby quilts, and other small items also seem to sell well.

We'll have lots of room to display everything, so any handmade items related to fabric or fibers will be accepted. The Guild will take a 15% commission -- so price your items accordingly. Please talk to other LAP members if you need ideas or patterns for things to make. The Quilt Market will provide you with a great opportunity to finish some of your UFOs and put them up for sale.

I am looking for volunteers to be in charge of "Staffing" and "Market Inventory and Sales." Please let me know if you'd like to help with either of those functions.

I think we're going to have a fabulous Market! Please make lots of items to sell and let me know what else you'd like to do to help. Thanks in advance everyone!