



Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild

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LOS ALAMOS PIECEMAKERS

7:00p.m. Tuesday, March 25th

United Church of Los Alamos

Dear Piecemakers,

Well Spring is blowing in like a lion and reminding us how dry and dangerous our fire season might be. Now is the time to be prepared for the worst, but also make sure that we pack our craft supplies in case we are evacuated and need to occupy the endless hours in a shelter.

I thoroughly enjoyed a many tools and tips that were shared in February. I am still looking for the best place and way to store my rulers and considering all the tools I may need to buy. We have some great programs lined up and I am excited to hear about judging quilts. Any show I have attended I have always envied the person who had to judge the many fabulous quilts on display.

“Anyone who works on a quilt, who devotes her [time](#), energy, creativity, and passion to that art, learns to value the work of her hands. And as any quilter will tell you, a quilter’s quilting friends are some of the dearest, most generous, and most supportive people she knows.” — Jennifer Chiaverini

Yours in Quilting,
Linda

OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice Presidents (Brenda & Shelly):

2025 Programs

We are in the process of finalizing the balance of the schedule for 2025. Here is what we have so far:

March Meeting: The Inside Scoop on Quilt Judging

Have you ever wondered exactly what was going on in the mind of the Quilt Judge? Do you wonder what it takes to become a Certified Quilt Judge? Well, here's your chance to find out the answer to those questions and a whole lot more. Join us for a fun and informative lecture as NACQJ Certified Judge Nancy Fuka pulls back the curtain of mystery that surrounds the judging room, spills the beans, and answers your questions.

Nancy Fuka

Nancy started sewing when she was a small child and has been quilting since about 1982. After taking that first quilting class, she just couldn't stop taking more and more classes and making more and more quilts and quilt tops. Nancy says she can't pick a favorite quilt technique or quilting specialty because she loves them all! She is proud to be an NACQJ Certified Quilt Judge and approved instructor for the Introduction to Quilt Judging Seminar. She has had the privilege of judging local, regional, and international quilt shows all over the U.S. She also teaches and lectures on various quilting topics. She says that any day judging, quilting, or even just talking about quilts is "The Best Day Ever!" After quilting for over 40 years, Nancy has accumulated a giant pile of scraps that she has named Mt. Scrapmore. Coincidentally, several years ago she embraced the art of scrap quilting, though it has yet to significantly decrease the size of Mt. Scrapmore. She currently resides in New Mexico just outside of Santa Fe in the little town of Lamy with her husband of 46 years and one super fluffy dog.

April Meeting: Taming of the Scraps

Guild Member Brenda Edeskuty will present a program featuring a variety of Show and Tell quilt blocks using scraps, scrap management and storage. Bring your favorite scrap block and/or quilt to share!

April Workshop:

LAP is excited to announce the April workshop. Sandra Rodriguez will present a class on how to create the Stand 'n Stow medium bag. The class will be Wednesday, April 23 (1:30-4:30) at United Church. Please sign up with Shelly at the next meeting. The pattern and the Peltex needed are available at Atomic City Quilts. Hope to see you at this great project class.

Brenda & Shelly
LAP VPs

Treasurer (Donna):

The Enterprise Bank checking account balance on March 1, 2025 was \$10,709.51. The check for the storage unit for \$990 has been written, but it has not cleared the bank.

Donna Smith

Secretary (Deb):

Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild
February 25, 2025 Guild Meeting
Secretary Report - Deb McLin

Call to Order 7:05 in White Rock

Officer reports

President-Linda announced the passing of Ann Daley and relayed the information regarding her memorial service. Linda is also reconciled to having the same board members in 2025 as in 2024 & 2023 and even farther back if we want to be precise. But if you need a new guild pin she has the stash. She reminded members that we will continue to set up “free table” for members to bring quilting items to give away. Any items remaining at the end of the meeting would need to be taken back by the member that brought them.

Vice President-Brenda welcomed members to “Girls Night Out” by inviting them to enjoy snacks and drinks supplied by board members. Our March program welcomes Nancy Fuka. Nancy is an instructor for people who wish to become quilt judges. After instruction she will issue a certification that enables the student to become a quilt judge.

Our April program will be presented by VP Brenda. She gives the title as “Taming the Scraps” On Wednesday April 23 from 1:30-4:30 there will be a workshop to sew foldable and stand alone tote bags. These bags come in three sizes. LAP member Sandra Rodriguez will present the workshop. The pattern and supply list are available at Atomic City Quilts.

May program is TBD but one suggestion was to have a daytime meeting.

Brenda passed out some embroidery transfers as her monthly thank you for attending our meeting.

Secretary -Deb has fielded no corrections or changes to the minutes.

Treasurer-Donna reminds everyone to get their dues in.

Committee reports

Community Service-Flo reports the luncheon with the LARSO quilters was fun and it was great to catch up with all the quilters from the center. They told us of their community service projects and some changes to their arrangement at the center. They would welcome more sewers as their numbers are low and requests for their quilts is growing. They meet on Wednesdays from 9-11:30 downstairs in the meeting room.

Membership- Clara states that we have 27 members so far and encourages everyone to get their dues in.

Newsletter-Joan states that she has heard that some members are still not getting their newsletter.

Sunshine Report-Ann Daley service at Catholic Church in Los Alamos-Rosary at 9:30 a.m. And service at 10 with burial at Guaje Pines Cemetery.

Show 'n Tell-Laurie and Deb H. finished the 2023 November Sew-a Thon Community Service quilt. The block lattice was black and white fabric and the squares were multicolored dots.

Donna chose the Dripping Diamonds pattern to showcase her Frank Lloyd Wright inspired fabric she purchased at the Thread Bear pop-up store last June. She finished the quilt by stitching feathers everywhere and I mean everywhere. She also presented her 2024 Sew-a -Thon quilt that she arranged “on point”. She used a dark green background and a calico inspired center.

Carolyn finished a panel quilt of owl characters and log cabin blocks. Her second lap quilt was an “Around the World” pattern in greens, browns and peach fabrics with a floral border. She was able to use the scraps from the former quilt to design a second bargello with the same green border.

Melodie used her Tucker Trimmer and a suggested block to sew a lap quilt with her star blocks “on point” using the partial seam technique. If you needed to know the colors you have guessed right. Blues and Greens in every shade and tone.

Katherine has used a bargello design to construct placemats. They are made with Shibori fabric printed by Robert Kaufman. She used the left over pieces to make coasters. It's a great way to use up the scraps she says.

Program – Tips and Tricks. Members arranged their chairs in a circle and exchanged ideas and items that made their quilting easier and more enjoyable. I'm not sure that is true of the Pig Pin dispenser but it's always fun to have it visit and see it in action.

Next meeting March 25 in Los Alamos-Adjourned at 8:50

LOS ALAMOS PIECEMAKERS MEMBERSHIP

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(Circle one)

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Quilt Show/Quilt Market _____ Serve as Officer _____

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