



Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild

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LOS ALAMOS PIECEMAKERS

7:00p.m. Tuesday, April 22nd

White Rock Presbyterian Church

Dear Piecemakers,

April!!! Where has the time gone? Shelly passed out words to a song at the March meeting and we are to make a 10"x13" block depicting that word or phrase. I do not know about you but mine is still taped to my sewing machine in hope of some great aspirations.

Brenda is going to teach us how to tame our scraps. I hope that means she is coming to my house and taking them with her. Out of sight, out of mind and out of my way.

April 23, Sandra Rodriguez will have a workshop on Stand n Stow bags. Supplies available from Atomic City Quilts. I look forward to spring every year, but I do not look forward to all the wind that comes with it.



Yours in Quilting,
Linda

OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice Presidents (Brenda & Shelly):

In March, Shelly shared information on a new program. A song has been chosen and the lyrics divided up. Each participant who chose a phrase is to create a 10" wide x 13" tall quilt representing the phrase drawn.

New information. The quilts will be due at the June meeting (new date).

If you were unable to attend the March meeting and would like to participate, Shelly will bring the remaining phrases to the April meeting.

April Meeting

Where are your fabric scraps? Tangled in an overflowing tub, crammed in a bag, jammed in a drawer, on the floor? Ever hear of the Potato Chip block?

Guild member Brenda Edeskuty will present a program titled "Taming of the Scraps." She will discuss scrap management and how a simple "potato chip" rectangle can help make a dent in your fabric scraps. Please bring your favorite scrap block and or quilt to share!

April Workshop

Sandra Rodriguez will teach us how to make the Stand 'n Stow bag. This simple sack stands up when you pack it, then folds and stows away! Pattern has instructions for 3 sizes. We will be making the medium size: 12"x12"x9 1/2".

When: Wed April 23rd

Time: 1:30-3:30 pm

Place: United Church/Graves Hall

Cost: \$35

Shelly has all the supplies at Atomic City Quilts including Stand 'N Stow pattern, PELTEX 71F (7/8 yd) and fusible interfacing for handles (1/8 yd).

Fabric requirements:

Main Color: 3/4 yd

Contrast Color: 3/4 yd

Fabric Handles: included in above yardage

For more information or to sign up, please contact Shelly at shelly@atomiccityquilts.com

May Meeting

The May meeting will feature Ken Nebel from Village Arts. He will discuss the varied services and supplies they provide including their popular monthly Art Gallery Shows. Should be an informative meeting!

June Meeting –Shelly Kuropatwinski will be presenting the many quilts and trends from QuiltCon 2025. It was a phenomenal experience and she can't wait to share all she saw!

July - no meeting

Aug Meeting

Save the dates - Aug 26th & 27th! It is not too early to start thinking about the Aug meeting. Our guest speaker is internationally known quilter Catherine Redford. Her program on the 26th is "Trip Around the World in Folk Art Stitches" followed by her workshop on the 27th "Walking Foot Quilting - Take the Scenic Route."

Workshop fee is \$55 for members and \$65 for non members. We will pass a sign up sheet for the workshop at meetings but you can also send Brenda an email at edeskutyb@gmail.com

Brenda & Shelly
LAP VPs

Treasurer (Donna):

The Enterprise Bank checking account balance on April 1, 2025 was \$10,446.19.

Donna Smith

Community Service (Flo):

Hi everyone. This month we were able to donate 21 of our Community Service quilts. Ten have gone to the wonderful woman in Kansas who takes in foster kids when they need a break from their foster home or are in transition of some kind.

One has gone to a young girl in Colorado who is in a transitional family situation, and one to a member of the local community in need of comfort.

Nine have just gone to First Born Program of Los Alamos.

We currently have 4 quilts in our coffers waiting until we find a new home for them.

Many, many thanks to everyone for your time, creativity, expertise and generosity. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by so many and make a difference in their lives.

Please remember the guild still has plenty of batting for your community service efforts. Give me a call or text at 505-709-7378 if you need some batting. And there's still plenty of fabric in the guild storage shed.

Thanks again, Flo

Secretary (Deb):

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

Call to Order 7:05 Welcome back to Geniece, Roxanne, Sharon and Deniece.

Officer Reports

President-Linda pointed out our "free table" to guild members. If you have any sewing/quilting /needlework items or notions you no longer want this table is available to other members. If items are not taken by the end of the evening the member who brought them must take them back.

Vice President-Brenda passed out a paper pieced economy block as our free monthly pattern. She did not receive many enthusiastic responses from the survey sent out this month. There will be no 2025 quilt show so we will work on the frame project in 2025 and hopefully have 150 items to show in 2026! Let's make that a goal quilters!

Shelly announced a new workshop for April 23rd. Guild member Sandra Rodriguez will help us make a tote bag using the Stand 'n Stow pattern. These totes come in three sizes and stand on their own. They fold up and store nicely. We will meet from 1:30-4:30 at Graves Hall. Pattern and stabilizer is available at Atomic City quilts. Baggers at Smith's love these bags!

Shelly has a new challenge. She picked a song and divided the lyrics on pieces of paper. The challenge is to construct a 10" x 13" quilted piece inspired by the phrase you picked. Return your piece for our reveal at the May meeting.

April our program will be presented by Brenda. She has titled it "Taming Those Scraps". She will suggest ideas for Storage, Organizing and using them in projects.

At the May meeting our guest Speaker will be Ken Nebel from Village Arts. He will let us in on the happenings in the shop with his gallery themes and scheduled classes. If you haven't been able to get to the shop, please try to check out the supplies that work for your quilting needs soon. His business has suffered because of construction on Trinity and on DP Rd.

Secretary- Deb has a correction of her reporting on Melodie's recent Show'nTell. Melodie has always used many different colors in her quilting and her recent quilt has pink, rose and blue fabrics in a star pattern. She is also enjoying using her Deb Tucker rulers.

Treasurer- Donna reminds everyone to send in dues and our shed fee has been paid.

Committee Reports

Community Service-Flo no report

Membership- Clara reports 37 members.

Newsletter-Joan reports no issues with the Newsletter but she offered members cookies to celebrate Linda's birthday.

Publicity-Abbey will promote the guild through social media as the Senior Center volunteers no longer put up flyers around town. If members want to put up flyers she has a listing of boards and will provide the flyers.

Webmaster-Deborah no report

UFO- Joan has received \$80.00 for the UFO challenge. Get on the list, it's a great incentive to finish those quilting projects. One dollar for every item you think you will finish by the November meeting.

Sunshine report-Susan Tesch sustained a broken leg in a hiking accident. In sad news, Karyn Harrington has passed away in Washington State.

Additional items- Clara would like to suspend the door prize portion of our meetings. She has noticed that there is sometimes no interest in the items she selects so maybe a new position could be made to do the purchasing of items and take over the Door Prize drawings. There was a suggestion that there wouldn't need to be drawings at every meeting. Another idea was to offer gift cards to Atomic City Quilts. Further discussions will be held.

Program- Nancy Fuka lives in Lamy NM. She is a certified quilt judge and member of NACQJ since 2019. Her first event was the 2019 Quilt Con. She also teaches two day seminars for her association to prepare others for the rigors of judging quilting events. Judging candidates study for exams and must have knowledge of all design construction to pick the best quilting items. They sometimes are required to judge dolls, clothing fabric sculptures, home dec items as well as quilts. This gathering of knowledge can take up to five years of study. The paperwork resembles a thesis and a panel of three judges decide if your study allows you to proceed to the next phase. Nancy says there is a high failure rate and at this time there are 42 certified judges and 25 candidates. Even if you are rewarded a certification there is still continuing education and volunteering required.

In judging a quilt she scans the appearance of design using color values, construction, quilting design, quilting execution and edge finishing. They also must have knowledge if the show allows BOM, kits or special patterns they might be asked to judge. Her advice to quilters entering into shows is to pay attention to details, pick a great name and enter the quilt into the right category.

Show'nTell- Donna returned a charm pack she picked up at a guild event and transformed it into a topper of hourglass blocks.

Brenda has built a Hot Wheels quilt with panels and three borders. It is destined for a special little boy. She also showed a Mondo bag with jungle print fabric. It is being presented to a friend who is undergoing Chemo and will find it useful to carry back and forth while in treatment.

Clara brought a colorful quilt that gives the impression of circles as blocks. She used a pattern called Orion. Her fabric choice was a collection by Tula Pink.

Laurie brought her 2023 sew-a-thon quilt that she and Debby H. worked on together. The colors were purples and black in the grid pattern. She followed the grid pattern to finish the quilting.

Next meeting, April 22 at 7:00PM in White Rock- Workshop April 23 1:30-4:30 in Los Alamos.

Membership:

A reminder --- Have you turned in your 2025 Los Alamos Piecemakers Membership?

- Dues are still only \$35 for the year.
- The Membership form is on the next page.
- Mail it to P.O. Box 261 or
- Bring it to the April LAP Meeting.

LOS ALAMOS PIECEMAKERS MEMBERSHIP

Membership Year _____

Please print all information clearly.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, & Zip Code _____

Telephone Number _____

E-Mail Address _____

Do you want to receive the LAP Newsletter via e-mail? Yes No (Circle one)

Do you need a ride to meetings? Yes No Can you drive someone to meetings? Yes No
(Circle one)

Please volunteer for one or more of the following by placing a check mark next to the item(s):

Donation Quilt ticket sales _____ Valentine's Day Luncheon _____

Quilt Show/Quilt Market _____ Serve as Officer _____

Payment - Make check for \$35 payable to: Los Alamos Piecemakers or LAP. **Mail payment to LAP, Attn: Membership Chair, P.O. Box 261, Los Alamos, N.M. 87544** or hand in at meeting.

LAP Use only:

Payment ____ Entered in data base ____ Name tag ____ Packet ____ Membership card ____ Date _____