



# Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild

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## LOS ALAMOS PIECEMAKERS

7:00p.m. Tuesday, May 27th

United Church

Dear Piecemakers,

I just realized that our year is about half over. We have gotten so much accomplished but there is so much more we are going to do.

Last month we discussed our "scrap" problem. I think most everyone sorts their scraps by colors, then we have several different ways to keep them. Some only keep 5" or more in size and there are a few that keep as small as 1". But however you may keep your scraps, it sounds like most of us keep a large amount of fabric scraps.

One more month to finish your block for Shelly. I won't be here for the big reveal but hope it will be shared on the guild's Facebook page at "Los Alamos Piecemakers."

I look forward to participants showing off their "Stand 'n Stow" bags made last month.

Ken Nebel, Village Arts, will discuss the services and supplies that they can offer. He will also talk about their popular monthly Art Gallery Shows.



Yours in Quilting,  
Linda

## OFFICER REPORTS:

### **Vice Presidents (Brenda & Shelly):**

#### **Song Lyrics Quilt Interpretation**

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).**

All the lyrics have been chosen and we can't wait to see your quilt interpretation. It will be fun to see if we can guess the song title based on the quilts!

#### **May Meeting**

The May meeting will feature Ken Nebel from Village Arts. He will discuss the varied services and supplies they provide including particulars regarding 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

#### **August 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](mailto:edeskutyb@gmail.com)

#### **September Meeting**

The Taming of the Scraps program by Brenda Edeskuty has been rescheduled for September.

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!

Brenda & Shelly  
LAP VPs

**Treasurer (Donna):**

The Enterprise Bank checking account balance on May 1, 2025 was \$9,456.42.

Donna Smith

**Secretary (Deb):**

Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild  
April 22, 2025 Guild Meeting  
Secretary Report - Deb McLin

Call to Order 7:00 pm. Welcome back to Paulette.

**Officer Reports**

President-Linda is asking for a person to open the door for the meeting in June in White Rock as she will be out of town. She will pass on the key at the May meeting.

Vice Presidents- Shelly reminds everyone that picked a word phrase at the March meeting their piece is due at the June meeting. This is a 10"x13" finished mini quilt that inspired you from the phrase you picked. If you can't attend the meeting in White Rock you can drop off your piece at Atomic City Quilt Shop. Shelly also reminds members that the "Stand and Stow" bag workshop will be Wednesday, April 23 from 1:30-4:30 at Graves Hall.

Secretary-Deb reports no changes or corrections.

Treasurer-no report

**Committee reports**

Community Service-Flo has five quilts on board. She requests lap quilts as well as crib quilts for First Born group.

Membership- Clara reports that we "maybe" have 30-35 members.

Newsletter-Joan reports that no new problems have occurred with the newsletter and those wishing to see the photos of our show and tell quilts must ask to join the Facebook Group. This is a private group and Laura is the gatekeeper. She will check to see if you are a member and let you join.

Publicity-Abbey no report

Webmaster-No report

Sunshine report- Susan is with us tonight in a walking cast which she says is an improvement from her confinement at home for three weeks with a typical cast.

Show and Tell- Spring finished her Hungarian Square block and turned it into a pot holder. She is happy with finishing a project, any project!

Susan brought a finished BOM that a few members have been working on since January. She varied from the pattern called "Incandescence". She also made up her own

kit using Desert Bird Mercantile Fabric line. The subtle changes in shades reminded one of a tapestry. She quilted it on her long-arm with a circle design from edge to edge.

Clara showed a charming wall hanging quilt of a family of giraffes. They have 3-D eyelashes and floppy ears and wagging tails. They are munching on leaves from a branch stretched across the top of the quilt.

Melodie used the same pattern but with a few more giraffes in her family as it will fit on the wall above her grandson's bunk bed set. It was apparent in their presentation that they enjoyed creating these giraffe families.

Paulette wore her show and tell to our meeting. It is a long coat with denim on the front and a tapestry blanket of a cowboy on a horse on the back of the coat. She used every piece of the blanket with the fringe used on the bottom and lining the shawl collar. She made changes to the pattern to better suit her and found some vintage buttons to show off the front.

Laura brought a “problem to solve” show and tell. A friend was gifted an antique quilt made with fabric from clothing. It was stained and some of the blocks were frayed and in need of repair. Several members offered ideas on how to treat stains, wash and care for the piece.

Door prizes have changed. Clara will have gift certificates and draw only two times per meeting.

Program- Taming Your Scraps by Brenda was turned into a group participation gathering to exchange ideas on using and organizing scraps. Brenda was not able to lead our program but many ideas came out of our discussion. One person suggested scraps make good tie-ups for tomato plants. Paulette saves her scraps from her applique work that have Steam-a-Seam on the back to reuse on her landscape projects. She likes to make half square triangles using a neutral as the other half of her scraps.

Susan sorts her scraps by size starting by 12”,10”, etc. Marjorie uses a 6” wide ruler to wrap her larger scraps around it and then folds it into a smaller piece to fit into a shoe box so she can file through looking for the fabric she needs. Her smaller pieces go into a drawer. Melodie goes through her fabric yearly and donates what no longer inspires her. She passes her fabric on to thrift shops, Mickie's contact on the Dine' reservation or EFAC. Clara sorts by color and size and puts smaller pieces in plastic bags. Katherine was reminded of her aunt that used her scrapes as centers for Cathedral Window blocks. Marjorie remembers that some scraps can be used for rug hooking and weaving. Deb has a 5x3 shoe box storage unit that holds fat quarters and larger scraps and uses plastic shoe boxes for smaller scraps sorting them by color.

Next meeting May 27 in Los Alamos-Ken Nebel from Village Arts will be the speaker.

Adjourned at 8:15

Follow up on scrap ideas. You Tube videos suggested by members are Warped Spinster tutorial called “Crumb Crazy”. “The Last Homely House” tutorial called “Fabric Scrap Challenge”. Missouri Star tutorial “Making Fabric out of Scraps”

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Membership Year \_\_\_\_\_

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Quilt Show/Quilt Market \_\_\_\_\_ Serve as Officer \_\_\_\_\_

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