



Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild

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LOS ALAMOS PIECEMAKERS

7:00p.m. Tuesday, September 23rd

White Rock Presbyterian Church

Dear Piecemakers,

Cooler weather, even a little rain; what better reason to be quilting.

I am just realizing that 2025 is fast approaching the end. We will soon have our YUMMY potluck and then our sew-a-thon, but this month Shelly will share about QuiltCon.

August speaker Catherine Redford wrote a glowing review of Los Alamos and the Guild. If you did not read it you may find it here:

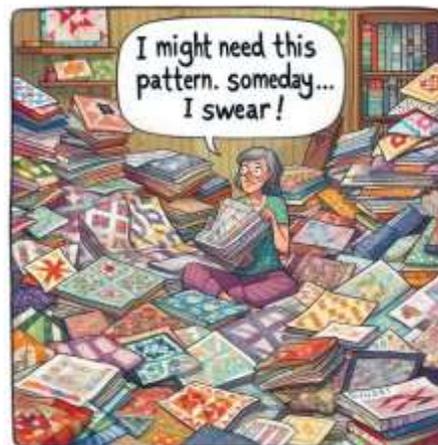
<https://catherineredford.com/exceeded-expectations-my-trip-up-the-hill-to-los-alamos/>

I think many of us learned we may need to study up on our geography. We were not the best at guessing mileage between countries on Catherine's Trip Around the World in Thread Art. We also had a very good turnout for the Walking Foot workshop the next day. I hope to see the techniques used in some of the quilting projects at show n tell.

The end of year is near, so if you are excited about serving as an officer, time to put your name in the hat.

I look forward to seeing everyone in White Rock.

Yours in Quilting
Linda



OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice Presidents (Brenda & Shelly):

September 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!

October Meeting

Annual membership Potluck

November Meeting

Annual Community Service Sew-a-thon. Brenda has selected 2 patterns to choose from. One is a great scrap buster using 2 1/2 in strips so start gathering your scraps! Instructions will be available at the Sept meeting and I will also send via email.

December - no meeting

2026 Programs

It is not too early to start working on programs for 2026 and we are seeking your input! Do you have a technique you would like demonstrated? A program you would like to give? A guest speaker/workshop in mind? If so, let Shelly or Brenda know.

Co-VPs

Brenda and Shelly

Treasurer (Donna):

Treasurer's Report

The Enterprise Checking account balance on September 1, 2025 was \$9,304.53.

This balance does not reflect the expenses and revenue from the Redford lecture and workshop.

Donna

Community Service (Flo):

Hi everyone. We currently have 20 quilts in our donation "treasure chest", but I have requests for a few so that number will change.

As always, many thanks for all the hard work and creativity involved in making these quilts. For some of you, creating a quilt is a quick and easy process. Some of the rest of us might struggle a bit more and take longer to finish. But the appreciation from those who receive them is heartwarming, and all are welcomed. They can help make a difference in someone's life.

If you know of someone who might be in need of one of our "quilt hugs", please let me know.

I still have batting available for donation quilts. If you need any, please call or text me at 505-709-7378, or email me at quiltercarr45@icloud.com.

Thanks, Flo

Secretary (Deb):

Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild
August 26, 2025 Guild Meeting
Secretary Report - Deb McLin

Call to Order 7:00 PM

LAP welcomes The Pajarito Chapter of The Embroiders Guild members tonight as well as the return of Zena Thomas.

Officer Reports

President-Linda K asks us to check out the free table at the back of the room and reminds us to gather up no longer wanted items of the sewing nature and share them with other quilters. But please remember to take home what might be left at the end of our meeting.

Vice President-Brenda states that Shelly K. will present September's program detailing her visit to the 2025 Quilt-Con in February. We meet in White Rock. We have our annual potluck scheduled for October. We will start our night one hour earlier at 6:00 at Graves Hall in the United Church. In the past this is also the meeting that we ask guild members to take board and committee positions for the following year. If you can volunteer for any position, the quilter that holds the current job will give you all the details and help you get started for the 2026 guild year.

In November our meeting also starts at 6:00 but we meet in White Rock for our annual Sew-a-Thon. This is also our meeting for our grand showing of our UFO's and drawing for the cash reward.

Brenda is asking members to e-mail the vice presidents any suggestions they would like to see in program planning for the 2026 year.

Secretary-Deb has received no comments for changes or corrections.

Treasurer- Donna states that all information is in the newsletter.

Committee reports

Community Service-no report. Brenda mentioned that five twin bed quilts have been donated by The Bear Paws quilt members to the Sandia National Lab group making beds for children in transitional housing situations.

Membership-Clara states that dues remain \$35.00 for 2026.

Newsletter-Joan reports no issues with sending or receiving the newsletter.

Publicity-Abbey reports that flyers have gone out to sites around the county announcing our programs with dates and locations of our meetings.

Webmaster-Deborah no report.

UFO-Joan reports that we have over \$100 in the pot for our drawing and Show - and- Tell at our November meeting. The pot gets divided so two winners are drawn.

Sunshine report-Donna states that Carolyn M. is recovering from a stroke and doing well with her PT.

Show'nTell- Linda K. showed her progress on her BOM of gnomes. These little wallhangings have a seasonal theme and she has finished the first three months. Micki T. brought in Community Service quilts that she finished for Christy W. who moved away. She was also able to finish several quilts she made for Community Service. She is still collecting quilting fabric, machines in working order and notions for her contacts on the Dine reservation. Katherine M. showed a top of Bear Paw Blocks set on the diagonal in pastel yellows and greens with bear figures scattered throughout. This is set to be a baby quilt for her next grandchild. Julie G. showed a quilt with heart shaped blocks using a Deb Tucker ruler. This was a quilt-as-you-go quilting technique. She also showed a new quilt for her granddaughter from Desert Bloom designs. It has blocks showing different animals of the Southwest and on the back she printed the names of the critters shown on the front. Melodie showed her recent embroidery project entitled Field Journal. She used turquoise fabric as her backing. Clara picked up a sweet kit of popsicle blocks and ice cream cones to make a wall hanging. She also finished a quilt with nine patch blocks using a dinosaur print in the middle. She chose a soft fleece backing. Charlene showed two quilts. A Community Service quilt using a pattern called Side by Side and the recent BOM called Incandescence. She called this her NI quilt. Ask Charlene what that means. Donna acquired some half square triangle blocks from JoAnn Painter's estate and put them together in a queen size quilt. The fabric was of Asian design and the blocks were 23". She has many blocks left over for another project. Laurie W. had a photo of a 1955 Elna sewing machine in a cabinet that a friend of hers was trying to re home. Luckily we found a sewer in our group that was very interested.

Program-Catherine Redford "Trip Around the World in Folk Art Stitches" Catherine tells us her trip started in 2015 at the Houston quilt show where she had her first exhibit. She uses House of Embroidery Threads. They are a small fair trade co-op from South Africa. She has been a vendor for them but Sue Spargo will take over that position. She recommends anyone interested in folk art to check out Dover Publications for free art forms and symbols and use them for inspiration in their stitching. She doesn't use a hoop and will draw her designs using a thin point permanent marker on a darker shade Kona cotton. She likes to use a tight chain stitch to outline her figures and different variegated threads to fill in with different types of stitches. She took us around the world to Russia, Europe, Africa, India, Japan, Australia, Panama, Belize, and back to the USA showing different folk art designs that might have been used in their projects. Her workshop titled "Walking Foot Quilting-Taking the Scenic Route" will be presented tomorrow at the Catholic Church Parish Hall from 9-3.

September meeting in White Rock at the WR Presbyterian Church on Rover.

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.

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