



Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild

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LOS ALAMOS PIECEMAKERS

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

The United Church of Los Alamos

Dear Piecemakers,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! I hope everyone made many resolutions about finishing UFO's, trying new quilting techniques and sewing lots and lots of quilts.

I want to thank our officers and committee chairladies that gave us a wonderful year of programs, guest speakers, community outreach and keeping the website updated.

We have included in this newsletter the duties of each office and committee so that YOU will know what is expected if you so graciously volunteer to fill a position or share a position.

I look forward to the programs planned, the social interaction among members and completing some of my UFO's.

Colonial America Facts:

The first American quilts were primarily whole cloth – one large piece with intricate stitching.

English and Dutch settlers brought quilting techniques to the Colonies.

The medallion-style quilt – focal center with surrounding border – was common in the 1700s.

Paper templates were used as early as the 1700s to ensure accuracy.

Yours in Quilting,
Linda

Following each article in this month's newsletter are the duties of that office or committee for Los Alamos Piecemakers. Please consider volunteering to fill or share a position.

LAP President

The Guild President presides at all meetings. A simple agenda is followed. Currently she has the keys to the United Church and the White Rock Presbyterian Church where the meetings are held each month, except July and December.

If she is not able to attend any meeting, she may ask the Vice Presidents or any guild member to run the meeting. Also, she can make arrangements for someone to have that particular key to open the building.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice Presidents (Brenda & Shelly):

January Meeting

We are going to kick off the second quarter of the century with a presentation by Brenda Edeskuty introducing the 2026 Colors of the Year and how they are selected, influence on trends, challenges, etc. She knows there is tremendous excitement and anticipation surrounding the announcement and can hardly wait to reveal the colors at the meeting including samples. Perhaps the 2026 Colors of the Year will influence your quilt projects this year!

February Meeting

Donna Felker from the Jemez Bear Paw quilt guild will give a presentation on the "Just Get It Done Quilts 2026 Declutter Your Sewing Room Challenge". She has participated in the challenge for a couple of years and will share her experiences and tips with you. Show up and learn how to "Git-R-Done"!

We are considering a February Saturday Sew-a-thon to make kennel quilts for animal shelters.

March Meeting and Workshop

Our guest speaker is Chauncey Foster, co-founder of the non-profit eco.we.grow based in Santa Fe. Learn how a trek across the United States led to the establishment of their company with a grass roots focus on environmentalism - and of particular interest to us, their circular textile economy where they turn local cotton textile waste into beautifully hand crafted one-of-a-kind paper and journals.

Workshop March 25th: Journal Making

Hands-on workshop where you will create your own buttonhole journal using recycled and repurposed paper waste. You will learn how to design, build, and bind a one of a kind journal that you can use to "express yourself in this world."

Workshop. Fee is \$85/person plus a \$10 material fee. Note: The fees are paid to eco.we.grow hence the higher workshop price. We also need a minimum of 6 participants.

See link below for more info regarding eco.we.grow

<https://www.wegroweco.org/textile-products>

April

We are considering a "4 Corners Demo" for the April meeting. Is there a technique, design or tool you would like to see? Is there a demonstration you would like to share? If so, please contact Shelley or Brenda.

We are in the process of contacting two quilt related guest speakers to check on availability however we welcome any suggestions to round out the year.

Brenda and Shelly

We have started contacting speakers for 2026 and hope to have a set program soon, but it is not too late to submit suggestions or provide input to Shelly or Brenda.

Vice President

Term

The Vice-President (VP) term is usually a 2 year position. The first year, the incoming Co-VP shadows the VP to learn the position and then assumes the VP position the second year. The Co-VP fills in for the VP as needed.

Preside at Meetings

Conduct meetings when the President is absent.

Venue Booking

Reserve venues for meetings, workshops, Quilt Shows/Markets and other guild events. If a venue requires event insurance, obtain event insurance.

Program Management

Responsible for determining the program content for the calendar year. Research, book, and coordinate speakers and workshops. Manage registration, fees and meals for workshops.

Manage guest speaker contracts and coordinate payments with the Treasurer.

Arrange transportation, accommodations, meals, excursions for guest speakers.

Communication

Provide program/workshop schedule/information to the web page master for posting to the website and the Publicity Chair.

Provide a monthly write-up for the Guild's Newsletter on upcoming programs/workshops/events.

Treasurer (Donna):

The Enterprise Bank checking account balance on Jan 1, 2026 was \$8,562.23.

**2025 Income Statement
Los Alamos Piecemakers**

Income Statement
January 1, 2025 thru December 31, 2025

Income

Membership	1,505.00	
Interest	2.91	
Workshops -		
Redford	1,115.00	
Speakers Fund / Donations	683.17	
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Total		3,306.08

Expenses

Workshops -		
Redford	1,942.49	
Treasurer	55.92	
Monthly Programs ()	398.60	
Storage Locker ()	990.00	
Senior Quilters	100.00	
Church Rental	500.00	
P.O. Box (1 yr. rental)	182.00	
Web Site	299.88	
Membership	115.67	
Total		4,584.56

Net Income (1,278.48)

Donna

Treasurer

The Treasurer collects annual dues, workshop fees, proceeds from any sales or events sponsored by LAP. They maintain accounts, pay bills, and make deposits in a timely manner and balance the checking account each month. The Treasurer maintains documentation, in the form of invoices or receipts for all payments made.

In addition, the Treasurer should prepare a prospective budget and actual Income Statement for the year and file NM Gross Receipts Tax forms every 6 months (July and Jan).

Secretary (Deb):

Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild
November 18, 2025 Guild Meeting
Secretary Report - Deb McLin

Call to Order 6:00 PM.

Welcome to visitor Karen who came with ironing board ready to pitch in and press those blocks!

Officer reports

President- Linda welcomes sew-a-thon volunteers. She brought chocolate mango slices from Hawaii and Denise made Banana Bread to share. We had 6 members pressing and 9 members sewing. Our president, Linda, acted as cheerleader, mentor and logical setup person using the electrical outlets as her guide.

Vice Presidents-Brenda and Shelly supplied the patterns and fabric at the October meeting so we were ready to sew as soon as we were set up.

Secretary- Deb no report.

Treasurer -Donna no report.

Committee reports

Community Service-Flo no report.

Membership-Clara no report

Newsletter -Joan no report

Publicity-Abbey no report

Webmaster -Deborah no report

UFO-Joan organized the drawing for the two pots of cash. Clara and Denise each went home with \$65.00. (That's 130 quilts that had a promise of getting finished. Four of them were disappointed at my house. One made it to the finish line, how about yours?)

Sunshine Report- no information.

Show'n Tell-Donna and Brenda showed the silent auction quilt that is made by the Bear Paws Quilt Group for the horse rescue group located at Santa Ana. The group starts with a horse themed panel and each member adds a border until it is the size needed. Donna quilted it. Denise showed one of her first projects which was blocks of patterned fabric with white borders on two sides of the blocks. It gave the impression of stair steps going diagonally down the quilt. She had enough leftover patterned fabric to use in a square design on the back. Joan brought her table runner that she made for the lobby of Oppenheimer Place. She used a fabric she was able to make into a floral panel and added several borders to make it to size. Joan also brought two quilts that she finished using blocks done by JoAnn Painter. Joan added blue lattice between the very colorful four patch blocks. She also put together a chile themed lap quilt. Melodie brought a water lily themed quilt mixed with sunrise designed fabric mixed in with pink water lily. She staggered her blocks by using different piecing techniques so that your eye could move around and capture many vistas even though you were looking at the same patterned fabric designs. She then used a full panel on the back with ocean colors in the border. Michelle came with seven quilts to show. Her tote bag was the size of a washing machine and took two people to manage. She showed a "Very Hungry Caterpillar" quilt that will someday be great for a future grandchild. She brought a sweet pink quilt that is destined for a daughter with diamond blocks of multiple pieces within the blocks. She added three borders of matching fabric that was found in the blocks. Michelle also brought in a Chinese Coin pattern quilt that was a queen size made up of browns and tans. She brought a snowman themed quilt to get us in the holiday mood but she also had a unique Christmas quilt that had stars, cross blocks and variation of log cabin all placed on a black back ground with two big borders. She wasn't done as the seasonal themes continued with a pumpkin and star blocks placed on point with small squares dividing the blocks going diagonally and two borders of shades of brown. I also have notes on a quilt that might have been Michelle's or Katherine's. It was basically a nine patch with a large center, four smaller pieces in the corner and long white pieces along the

top and sides and solid orange square blocks between the pieced blocks to build a queen topper. Shelly, who likes to quilt in her stocking feet, showed us the sweet giraffe wall hanging she worked on this year. This was a quilt that was made using blocks with no applique. She told us his name but I was too busy smiling to remember it. She also showed us the finished quilt that has been a top hanging in the shop. The Moda fabric blue and white queen size quilt with multiple stars that form a giant star using 20 blocks. Flying Geese in the four corners made the border frame this keepsake quilt. She loved the pattern so much she made a lap size using the same fabric with much smaller blocks but with the same star design. Next she showed a wall hanging/lap size quilt that was blocks of spools and scissors. Perfect for any sewing room. She ended by showing a lap quilt made up of small patterned and solid hexagons to give the impression of white borders separating the patterned hexagons.

Brenda showed a red, green and white Christmas tree skirt with the center being a red star and the square border made of red and white flying geese. She also brought a finished quilt using the pattern that was given to use tonight. She wanted to use it as a reference for quilting.

Additional items- Next meeting January 27, 2026 at 7:00 PM in Los Alamos, Graves Hall at The United Church.

Secretary Position

The secretary attends guild meetings and board meetings. The President passes out the printed agenda for the monthly meetings. The secretary records the minutes using the agenda as the guide. It is important to record the announcements and promote any speaker or future workshop for those not attending the meeting. I like to write a short description of any Show'n Tell as the quilter has put a lot of work into the project and deserves a "shout out". I also like to write a brief narrative of the speakers talk. There was no formal description of this office so I think that the future secretary can design the role in any way that suits this position.

Community Service (Flo):

Hi ladies. It's that time of year again. The annual **Valentine's Day potluck** is scheduled for February 11th at the Betty Ehart Senior Center in Los Alamos. Because of scheduling at the senior center, **we have to be out of the room by 11:15!!!** We might want to rename our gathering a brunch, but lunch **or** brunch foods are welcome. We're quilters; we can be flexible, right? Some of you might even be awake at that time.

The senior center quilters will be setting up their tables from 8:30 until 9 am, so we can start our setup and taking in our food a little before 9. We can start our meeting/show & tell/eating as soon as we're set up.

I will bring a sign up sheet to the guild meeting for volunteers for the potluck. You're welcome to text or email me to sign up also.

We will have show and tell, so if you'd like to share your projects we'd love to see them. They can be finished or in process, or stored and almost forgotten works that deserve a little recognition.

Please come join in the fun, even if you're not able to bring food or show and tell items.

Community Service

Receive, label, photograph, and store donation quilts until they can be distributed to those in need of the comfort they offer. I find and contact new and continuing potential quilt recipients. Also coordinate with the senior center quilters to set up the annual Valentine's Day pot luck.

Website/Email Administrator

Website

Update the website as needed with new meeting dates, times, programs and descriptions, new newsletters, etc.

I modify html files directly, so some knowledge of HTML language is needed. Then, those files and pdf newsletters are uploaded by FTP to our website server.

Email

Update membership emails (adding, removing, changing) as needed. This is done on a website with an easy management interface.

Publicity Chair

The Publicity Chair is tasked with sharing information about upcoming meetings to the general public. This includes a flyer at businesses around town and on social media channels.

Membership Chair

The general duties of the Membership Chair are to: collect dues and membership forms and turn them over to the treasurer, keep a record of the members, and create a name tag for each new member.

In addition, the Membership Chair is in charge of providing door prizes for the guild meetings. They will accept donations from guild members and/or purchase items, as needed. The cost of the door prizes will be reimbursed by the Guild, not to exceed the annual budget set by the board.

Newsletter

Send a reminder email to officers and committee chairs requesting articles for the newsletter. Put them together in the word document to be emailed about a week before each monthly meeting. All newsletters are emailed. No newsletters for the months LAP does not meet - July and December.

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 _____