



Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild

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LOS ALAMOS PIECEMAKERS

7:00p.m. Tuesday, February 24th

White Rock Presbyterian Church

Dear Piecemakers,

We had a Valentine's Brunch at the Senior Center. Pictures were posted on Los Alamos Piecemakers facebook group. If you have not joined, please send a request.

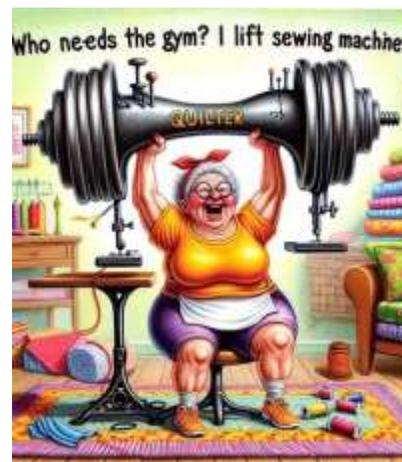
We also have a new broadcast email at lapmembers@googlegroups.com.

Saturday, February 21 we will have a group sewing session to make kennel quilt. Address 1001 Oppenheimer Drive, dining room from 10 am – 3 pm. See you there.

Remember to volunteer to work with any of the officers or committee members to help them out and to inform yourself about their duties. Knowledge is the key to a successful organization.

Looking forward to our speaker, Donna Felker's "Just Get It Done." Hoping it will motivate me this year.

Yours in Quilting,
Linda



OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice Presidents (Brenda & Shelly):

February Kennel Quilt Workshop

The kennel quilt workshop will be held on Feb 21st at the Oppenheimer Place Apartments dining room from 10am-3pm. The address is 1001 Oppenheimer Dr.

The goal is to make quilts for animal shelter kennels in a fun group setting. The guild will have donated fabric available and batting, but feel free to bring your own materials. An email was previously sent to the membership with detailed information, but if you have questions or need additional information contact Brenda at edeskutyb@gmail.com

February Meeting

Donna Felker from the Jemez Bear Paw Quilt Guild will be the guest speaker for the Feb 24th Mtg at 7 pm in White Rock.

Her topic is the 2026 Declutter Your Sewing Room Challenge by Just Get it Done Quilts. Donna is a great presenter and she will also share her experience with this method and tips she has learned. Should be informative and a nudge to declutter our sewing spaces!

March

The March lecture and workshop in Los Alamos is the 24th & 25th, respectively. It will feature Chauncey Foster the co-founder of wegrowecom. The lecture will discuss his trek across the United States and the subsequent establishment of his nonprofit organization in Santa Fe.

One of the main goals of the organization is to work towards a balance between humans and the environment with a focus on recycling and sustainability. One aspect of their "closed loop material system" is recycling waste fabric into hand made paper. To learn more about the organization see the following link: <https://www.wegroweco.org/>

For the workshop shop on the 25th at the United Church from 9am-12pm, we will make a Button Hole Journal from recycled hand-made paper. Workshop Fee is \$85 with a \$10 kit fee due the day of workshop. All fees go to wegroweco.

Let me know if you would like to sign up or you can register directly for the workshop at: <https://www.wegroweco.org/events>

Please note we need a minimum of 6 workshop attendees.

April

We will have a 4 Corners Demo for April. We currently have 2 corners: Melodie will show us how to weave using fabric and Donna will demonstrate how to fold a quilt without creases. If you have a suggestion for a corner or would like to give a demo contact Brenda at edeskutyb@gmail.com.

Other

We are currently looking for lecture/workshop input/suggestions for the months of May, June, August and September. Let us know your thoughts!

We are excited to announce Nicole Dunn is scheduled for her Tree Workshop August 15th! More info to come as we get closer to the date.

Treasurer (Donna):

The Enterprise Bank checking account balance on Feb 1, 2026 was \$8,912.75

Donna

Secretary (Deb):

Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild
January 27, 2026 Guild Meeting
Secretary Report - Deb McLin

Call to Order 7:00 PM

Welcome to visitors and new members - Karen will join us as a new member. She enjoys fiber art and beading.

Officer reports

President – Linda K

Linda has been informed that the biggest concern for members is not receiving the newsletter for January. This was sent out in a timely manner and Deborah is aware of the glitch and is working to solve the problem but reminds members that the newsletters are on the webpage.

One of the items in the January newsletter was a listing of the board and committee positions that need to be filled in 2026. There is a description of each position. Please consider participating in the Piecemakers Guild by taking one of these positions.

Vice President - Brenda announces that Donna Felker of Jemez Bear Paw quilt group will present a program at the February Guild Meeting on how to deal with our stacks of UFO's. We will also meet to sew kennel quilts on Saturday, February 21 at the Oppenheimer Condos across from the Betty Ehart Senior Center.

In March we host Chauncy Foster from the fabric and paper recycling group in Santa Fe. He will give a program on the method they use to make textiles using cotton clothing and paper to construct useful items. He will present a workshop on Wednesday, March 25. We will learn how to make a journal using their recycled paper. We do need to have at least 6 members sign up for this workshop to make it happen.

In April we will have our annual 4-corners tips and techniques program. Brenda is looking for a few members to share a tip they use to make their project interesting or easier. Brenda is also looking for ideas for programs in the coming months. She has contacted several people that were suggested by members and will follow up with the guild on the information she has gathered.

Secretary- Deb no changes or corrections reported. Most of those are caught by Joan our newsletter committee member. Deb did make a comment regarding her observation of the recent workshops and the projects our members present. She was wondering if we should promote us in flyers and announcements as a quilt and fiber arts group to appeal to community members that might be interested in joining our guild if that was an included feature.

Treasurer-Donna reports that our net income is \$1278.00. She has paid the church and shed expense. She wants membership to note that our speaker and workshop presenter expenses were \$1900.00 and \$1100.00. Brenda states that we will watch the budget closely in 2026.

Committee Reports

Community Service- Flo states that she is waiting for a response from the new director of the former Aspen Ridge Retirement Center to see what requests for quilts they might have. Flo will pass around the sign-up sheet for the annual Valentine Brunch the Guild hosts for the quilters at the Betty Ehart Center. The gathering is on Wednesday, February 11 from 9-11.

Membership -Clara announced there are new items in the raffle and we have 20 paid members.

Newsletter-Joan is still working on helping Deborah figure out the newsletter email issues.

Publicity-Abbey no report

Webmaster-Deborah no report

UFO-Joan will have the clipboard next month for sign-up.

Sunshine Report- Linda mentioned that our Webmaster Deborah is not well and we should send out get well wishes.

Guest Leslie and Hannah from The League of Women Voters visited to encourage LAP members to participate in a challenge named Quilt for Fair Redistricting. This is a local quilt project in response to a statewide challenge focused on fair maps, fair representation or community voice. More information on size, shape, pattern inspiration and timeline was presented in a handout. Members attending tonight can share handout to anyone interested not attending tonight.

Show'n Tell- Linda showed her most recent gnome with a Valentine theme. She brought a finished wall hanging of a panel depicting a church in winter with a border of patchwork blue stars. She shared a new Halloween quilt from a kit with a large center panel surrounded by smaller pictures with a colorful and spooky border. She is most happy with the quilting of spiderweb designs. Micki brought a community service sew-a-thon quilt of x's and o's. She also shared her find from Resourceful Santa Fe, which was many "Grandma's Flower Garden" hexie blocks. Charlene shared a quilt from a Tim Holtz fabric collection of blue and brown earth tones. The backing fabric of vintage script with a look of tea dye was as interesting as the patchwork top. Melodie showed a project she has been working on for a few months. It was a Kawandi inspired lap quilt using her own collection of scrapes. All of the hand stitching is a continuous line starting in one corner and ending in the middle of the quilt. The stitching rows are about 1/2 inch apart. She also brought her wallhanging of paisley designs she embroidered from a book purchased from Catherine Redford. She hand quilted the lattice between the blocks in the style presented in the Redford workshop. She chose the colors of the ocean that made the paisley designs look like sea creatures. Susan brought a Jenny Beyer quilt she finished for her mother-in-law. The kit requires special care when cutting as so much is directional and border fabric. Fall colored fabrics radiate out of a center diamond with small black triangles taking the eye out to the double border. Marjorie shared her self portrait that was a collage of fabric that did resemble her very well. She will use it on her business cards and was able to have a tote bag made with the design. She also brought her SAQA challenge collage quilt that will be shown at the Houston Quilt show in November. It was of her dog and the challenge was titled "Pollinators". Her backing fabric of trees was the clue of how her dog brings in all of the pollen to become the pollinator.

Program-Presented by Vice President Brenda titled "Color of the Year". The Pantone Company, founded in 1963 presents the color of the year to guide fabric makers, designers and paint companies with the color that should be used in products and materials. The color for 2026 is Cloud Dancer. This is a shade of white that is supposed to "inspire peace, focus and a desire for simplification." Unfortunately it did just the opposite. Most of the reaction was negative.

Kona Cotton also presents a color of the year. Their color is titled "Wander". It's a green that the internet indicates should have been Pantones 2026 Color of the Year. Emerald Green based on the "Wicked" film.

Brenda showed a quilt she owns that had both colors in a windmill pattern. This is an antique quilt that shows “everything old is new again”. Brenda’s handout was most informative regarding the process of color choice and purpose.

Next meeting-February 24, at 7 pm at White Rock Presbyterian Church's community Room. Donna Felker of Jemez Bear Paw-Just Get it Done.

Adjourn 8:40. Members are encouraged to check out the “free table”.

Community Service (Flo):

Hi everyone. We currently have 12 donation quilts available in our treasure chest. So far this year we've received 11 quilts, and I'm expecting 4 more in the near future. Five, if I get my act together. Last year we donated 43 quilts to individuals, First Born LA, and the ATU at Los Alamos Medical Center, among others. Thanks so much for all your wonderful work!

Many thanks to everyone who brought such good food and pitched in to help with the Valentine's potluck brunch on the 11th. It was nice to get together to visit and see the projects some of you have been working on. And thanks to Micki Taylor and Deb McLin for brightening up our day!

We were able to meet the new director of the senior centers and hear his positive plans for the future of the centers, and see the smiles on the LARSO quilters faces.

Those ladies make and donate an amazing number of quilts and baby hats to various causes!

Just a reminder that we have batting available for community service projects. If you need some please call, text, or email me. Thanks, Flo

Membership (Clara):

Don't forget to pay your 2026 LAP Guild dues -\$35. You can mail your payment to Donna or bring it to the next guild meeting. (See attached form.)

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 _____