



Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild

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LOS ALAMOS PIECEMAKERS

7:00p.m. Tuesday, August 25th

United Church Los Alamos

Dear Piecemakers,

Where has the summer gone. We said goodbye to Donna and wished her good luck in her life's next chapter. We welcomed Katharine Martin as the new guild treasurer.

August is going to be a busy and productive month.

We start with:

Trees, Trees, Trees

Come prepared for creative fun! You will work on your own tree landscape. Aspens are a particular favorite of mine, but if you have a certain tree shape you would like to explore, then please bring it! We will be working small, no more than 9" x 12", using a collage technique.

When: Saturday August 15th

Where: Oppenheimer Place Apartments Conference Room ([1001 Oppenheimer Dr](#), Los Alamos, NM)

Time: 10 am - 3 pm

Fee: \$70 (checks payable to Nicole Dunn)

If you are interested in signing up for the workshop or would like to see sample pictures, please email Brenda Edeskuty at edeskutyb@gmail.com. A supply list will be provided when you sign up.

Then at our August meeting, it looks like Brenda and members are preparing for a craft project. Can't wait to participate.

It is also time to think about NEW OFFICERS and paying your dues before the end of the year.

"Like the August heat, we too must learn to slow down and bask in the warmth of life's moments." — Anonymous

Yours in Quilting,
Linda

OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice Presidents (Brenda & Shelly):

Announcing LAP's "Everything Market"

It has been a few years since LAP has held a fundraiser, and it is time to replenish our coffers so we can continue bringing guest speakers and workshops to Los Alamos. To that end, we are planning a combination Yard Sale and Market that Brenda is calling "LAP Quilt & Fiber Arts Everything Market" or "Everything Market" for short.

Date: Saturday, September 26th

Time: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Location: United Church Graves Hall

LAP member Melodie sent an email to the membership explaining why she is excited about our "Everything Market" and I hope her enthusiasm has inspired your participation. I know it has inspired me!

Spread the Word! The sale will feature three departments with a single point of sale:

1. **Fabric Stuff-a-Bag:** This section will feature donated fabric, trim, lace, and other items. Customers can fill a bag for \$15, with all proceeds going to LAP. If possible, please bring your donations for this department to the August meeting or contact Brenda at edeskutyb@gmail.com.

2. **Yard Sale:** This is your opportunity to de-stash your sewing and craft items (notions, tools, UFOs, kits, books, patterns, yarn, needle crafts, fabric, etc.).

You can either donate these items to LAP entirely, or sell them and contribute 20% of the sales to LAP.

3. **Market:** This department is for finished, hand-made items, with 20% of the sales going to LAP.

Please note that you must be a current LAP member to vend items, so please check that your dues are up to date. We will also be inviting members of the Jemez Bear Paw Quilt Guild to participate.

Other Notes:

1. All items in the sale will have to have an LAP sale tag. Contact Brenda @ edeskutyb@gmail.com for required tags.

2. Donated items will not be returned.

3. We do have a Square so will be able to accept credit cards. Remember all sales will go through a single Point of Sale.

AUGUST

Nicole Dunn Tree Workshop

Back by popular demand, Nicole Dunn will take us through her technique for making one-of-a-kind trees using fabric. Nicole is also gifting participants 1/4 yd of hand dyed fabric!

Date: Saturday, August 15th

Time: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location: Oppenheimer Place Apartments (1001 Oppenheimer Dr) — yes, we will have AC!

Fee: \$70 (Checks should be made payable to Nicole Dunn)

To sign up or see pictures of the project please email Brenda at edeskutyb@gmail.com.

Meeting Aug 25th/United Church This meeting will focus on preparation for the "Everything Market". As part of the LAP fundraising, we are in the process of making kits for pot holders and Christmas ornaments for members to make.

Katherine Martin will guide members on making folded fabric Styrofoam ball Christmas ornaments and feel free to bring your machine to make pot holders or take one or more kits home with you.

Sale tags will also be available along with suggested sale prices, etc.

SEPTEMBER

The September 22nd meeting is scheduled for NM SAQAs traveling show and "Everything Market" preparation. After we are wowed by the SAQA show the balance of the meeting will focus on tying up odds and ends for the sale.

If you have any questions - contact Brenda at edeskutyb@gmail.com

Treasurer:

Treasurer's Report

The Enterprise Bank checking account balance on August 1, 2026 was \$7,836.

Katharine Martin

Membership:

If you haven't paid your dues for 2026, please do so ASAP.

Clara

Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild
June 24,, 2026 Guild Meeting
Secretary Report - Deb McLin

Call to Order 12:00 PM

Welcome to members.

President-Linda has been monitoring messages on her phone and has relayed that Donna is evacuating her home as a forest fire has been spotted near her home. She will not be able to attend our potluck that was planned in her honor to say good bye and to wish her well.

Vice President-Brenda- no report

Secretary- Deb no changes or corrections but she encourages everyone to sign the mat board around our special message to Donna. Brenda will deliver the framed sentiment to Donna when she returns to her home. Many thanks to Terry for the embroidery and Village Arts for their quick turn around.

Treasurer-Donna has passed the account to Katherine. Linda expresses her gratitude to Donna for her many years working as LAP Treasurer and thanks Katherine for volunteering to be the new Treasurer.

Community reports

Community Service-Flo states there are 11 quilts in inventory and no requests. Flo said that with the fires this summer she would expect call outs for quilts.

Membership- Clara reminds members that it's not too late to pay 2026 dues of \$35.00.

Newsletter- Joan reminds members that if they want to send out an email to the entire membership the new address is lapmembers@googlegroups.com.

Webmaster-Deborah no report

UFO Challenge- Joan reminds members that it's not too late to sign up. Drawing will be held at the November sew-a-thon.

Sunshine Report- no notice of illness or health concerns of members but Linda suggests we send special thoughts to Donna for her safety and well being during her evacuation and travel to safety.

Additional items- Julie mentions there are programs at the public libraries this summer for children that promote crafts such as quilting. She recently helped with a program by reading a quilting themed book and helped the kids make bookmarks and book covers.

We were also reminded that the County Fair is scheduled for August 7-8 and we are encouraged to enter projects.

Show'n Tell- Our members have been really busy as there were 17 quilts presented. Terry and Julie showed their Cinco de Mayo quilts. Terry used scrappy jewel tones and patterned fabric to construct her 16 paper pieced crown blocks and Julie used more primary colored fabrics both solid and patterned to give a lively fiesta flair. Terry and Julie showed another two quilts that used the Gemstone pattern. In this pattern there are only two different blocks used but by using different fabrics it looks like many unique blocks. Terry used a white background that contrasts with a blue patterned border and Julie made her Gemstone quilt with a black background and used the same blue fabric in her border that Terry used but the quilt had a totally different view. Julie showed a third quilt of batik blocks with some blocks using a Tucker ruler. She chose browns, tans and turquoise colors of fabric giving it a southwestern look.

Clara showed three quilts. The first was a quilt of hexagon shaped blocks using shades of gray, tan, white and black fabrics. She mentioned that the Y seams were easier to do after taking a workshop with Nicole. She was then able to finish a UFO quilt using the same hexagon shape block. She made it look vintage using 30's patterned fabric and then used a red calico fabric pieced using the hexie shape for a unique border technique. Clara mentioned that she likes the Krista Moser patterns and presented two very different quilts. The first quilt was using a pattern named Semifore. It was constructed using a triangle block. It will be a gift for her grandniece. She chose pastel dotted and variegated jewel tone fabric and chose a gray striped fabric as accent somewhere on each block.

Melodie used her Lemoyne Star Tucker ruler to construct a lap quilt. She made an inner section of small stars with a white background placed on point to give it the look of a panel and surrounded that with larger stars using the Tucker square in a square ruler. The fabric was the same line that Terry and Julie used in their Gemstone quilts.

Fran came to the gathering with three quilts to share. She sewed a table runner with a 4th of July theme using red, white and blue exploding stars. Her second quilt was made with the pineapple block as a homage to Marian who we consider the "Queen" of the pineapples! She used scrappy and bright fabrics showcased on a black background. Her third quilt called "Avenue of Trees" was a collaboration with Terry working together with shared fabric and shared design ideas. The trees were applique blocks with a pieced gray and white background

Laura presented four projects. She made a wall hanging as a wedding gift. The three blocks running vertically were reversed appliqued. She bought them years ago and because the applique was of hearts she knew it would make a great gift for the new couple. She was able to find blue and green batik fabric to coordinate with the blocks to make the border. Laura is still enjoying many batik fabrics gifted to her several years ago. She made a square wall hanging with southwestern toned fabrics. She made the blocks using the bear paw pattern and separated them with a dark border that gave a strong look of the Zia symbol. She then surrounded the whole wall hanging with a red border. Her third quilt was for a new baby in her extended family. The blocks were made using the windmill pattern with each block having a three dimensional "wing" that would be fun for the baby to grab on to. The fabrics are variegated jewel tones with solid triangles as the flying geese turned in the four directions to make the windmill block. Her fourth project was a five panel table runner for her new home that came with a dining table that can seat 12! The panels were drawings of Hawaiian flowers. She gave each square a bright yellow border and surrounded the entire piece with that special Hawaiian sky blue fabric.

Laurie came with her "Pandemic" quilt. She started it in 2020 and finished in 2026. She named it "The Village". Each block is a square house with a flying geese roof. The rows have random gathering of houses. Some in twos, threes or four attached together. Many colorful fabrics were used from many sources giving a scrappy look but she also showed off a surprise in her backing. Laurie used four fabrics to make concentric rows starting with a dark blue center followed by a fabric of blue and yellow flowers then came a solid yellow border and the last row was white. It was a great way to make the back of the quilt interesting.

Additional items

Next meeting is scheduled as a workshop with Nicole Dunn. She presents her "Trees" workshop on August 15 at the Oppenheimer dining room from 10-3. Cost is \$70. Contact Brenda for sign-up and supply list.

HELLO OUT THERE -- An Update From Donna In Virginia

Thanks for checking on me.

We made it to VA in good shape. My sister flew out and drove back with me and the dogs. We got Tom settled into a new Assisted Living. Not super happy, but slowly getting adjusted.

All the household goods are here and I am in box Hell. Stacks of boxes everywhere. I have seen my sewing machines in the box mountain in the new studio, but there is sooooo much stacked up I haven't been able to get to them.

I am going to start on the studio Sunday - so many tubs and boxes of fabric to get out of the way to get to the machines and furniture. Lots to play with in the future.

I miss you all and really wish I could do Nicole's Trees workshop again.

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