

# Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild

Quilting is a gift you give yourself.

PO Box 261, Los Alamos, NM 87544

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August 2005

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### Quilt Market - 2005

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Fran Suchocki

### Block of the Month

Myrna Landt

### Newsletter

Becky Hardy

Comments, Submissions, Suggestions,  
etc. [mhardy@cybermesa.com](mailto:mhardy@cybermesa.com)

## Upcoming Programs

**August 23 at 7 pm** White Rock Baptist Church. Kathy Kansier will be here to talk to us about Quilts with Great Edges. Her workshop on the August 24 will continue the same theme when she teaches us Favorite Edge Finishes for Quilts. Kathy is a very accomplished quilter and teacher having won numerous awards for both. She frequently writes for national magazines and keeps a full teaching schedule. In addition she is a certified quilt appraiser. Kathy will appraise quilts while in Los Alamos for \$35 each. To learn more about Kathy check out her website at [www.kathykansier.com](http://www.kathykansier.com). Contact Lisa Spurlin to get signed up before the class fills.

**September 27** is the date for our fall kick-off and the annual potluck. The guild turns 20 this year and we will celebrate in September. Jan Krentz will be our guest speaker. Her lecture on the 27<sup>th</sup> is entitled One Woman's Journey in Quiltmaking which will include a trunk show. The workshop on the 28<sup>th</sup> is called Hunter Star. It is a beautiful quilt that I'm very excited to learn how to make. Jan was the recipient of the 1998 Teacher of the Year award, a nominee in 2001, and has been featured in several national magazines. She is a popular instructor at prominent national seminars such as Road to California, Empty Spools Seminars (Asilomar, CA), and others. Locate Jan in *Quilting Workshops* (© 2000), *Who's Who in American Quilting*, several of her quilts in Jean Ray Laury's *Photo Transfer Handbook* (©1999), and a feature article in *Traditional Quiltworks* magazine (July 1999). C&T Publishing released Jan's first book, *Lone Star Quilts and Beyond*, in October 2001, and she appeared on HGTV's *Simply Quilts*, Jan. 2002 (episode 746). Jan's second book, *Hunter Star Quilts*, was released in Fall 2003.

**Block of the Month Prizes!** I will be giving a prize to two people that made all nine or ten blocks for the Block of the Month. The prizes will be given at either the August or September meeting. I know of a couple people who have made them already but I will need an email from you stating that you made them all. If you have not done so you will have some time to catch up. My email address is [alpine.sfnm@att.net](mailto:alpine.sfnm@att.net). Get to sewing as the prizes are great. --Myrna

## **Quilt Market**

**October 22, 2005** I hope all of you have started on your projects for this year's Quilt Market. If you haven't, start thinking about what you want to make as Market will be here before you know it. Julie Filatoff, Quilt Market Co-Chair, has redesigned the packet with new forms and tickets to attach to your items. The packets will be available at the August and September meetings as well as in the Newsletter. The new location is at the United Church on Canyon Road in Los Alamos. We will have a much larger area with a much smaller fee for the space. We can even set up on Friday evening, Oct. 21st starting at 7:00 pm so no early mornings set up. Those who help with the set up can shop Friday night so be sure to sign up to help.

Thank you for the great response to the Brown Bag Challenge!! I hope you are having fun. I will be bringing my completed project to give you some ideas about what to do with your fabric.-----  
---Kerry Vitkus

## **June Guild Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded at the June general guild meeting that yearly dues be raised to \$25. In accordance with guild policies and procedures that motion is being published in the newsletter and will be voted on at the August general meeting.

Three members are needed to volunteer for the Budget committee. These members will work with the guild's executive board to draft a budget for next year.

A Nominating committee is needed. Three members are needed to volunteer for this committee. Positions to be filled for next year are President, both Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer. I know some of you have served in the past but given the size of the membership and number of years the guild has existed and number of volunteers that are needed every year to make the guild run, every member needs to volunteer for at least 4 years as a board member or committee chair. It's not too early

to be thinking about next year's donation quilt and quilt show. We need a chairperson for both of those. If you would like to volunteer, please let Pandy, Lisa Spurlin or Jean Havrilla know.

## **Notes from VP Lisa**

Greetings fellow quilters! I hope that you all are having a fantastic summer and are getting lots of quilts made! I haven't accomplished nearly as much as I had hoped but there's still time!

I would like to thank Jan Warren for giving such a beautiful presentation of her quilts last month. It was wonderful for her to put forth so much effort in the midst of moving. I think I speak for all of us who were there when I say thank-you Jan and we're sure going to miss you!

I would also like to thank Kerry Vitkus for her time devoted to the Piecemakers. She has devoted countless hours as Vice-President and Quilt Market Chairperson. She was such a tremendous help to me when I took over this position. She provided me a wealth of information and support and for that I am forever grateful. I want to wish Kerry and Ray the best of luck on this new chapter of their lives together. -Lisa Spurlin

## **Upcoming & Ongoing Events:**

*July 21-September 1*

Ouray County Museum Annual Quilt Show Ouray, CO 970-325-4576

*Sept. 16, 17, 18, 2005*

in Tucumcari, New Mexico

Quay Z Quilters Quilt Show

sponsor: Quay Z quilters

cost: \$2.00 entry to quilt show

Email: gallen\_1817@plateautel.net

September 16,17& 18

"A Garden of Quilts"

San Antonio, TX

Sponsored By: Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild

Live Oak Civic Center 8101 Pat Booker Road

Show Times: 10 - 6 Fri/Sat & 11 - 5 Sun

Admission Cost: \$6

For more Information: De Leclair GSAQG P.O. Box

380522 San Antonio TX 78268

Email: [dequilts@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dequilts@sbcglobal.net)

<http://www.sanantonioquilt.org>

September 23-25, 2005

Clovis, New Mexico

Llano Estacado Quilt Guild 2005 Quilt Show

sponsor: Llano Estacado Quilt Guild

cost: \$2.00 Admission

Email: [camfarms@plateautel.net](mailto:camfarms@plateautel.net)

If you know of other quilting events in our general area, please email Becky ([mhardy@cybermesa.com](mailto:mhardy@cybermesa.com))

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### Newsletter Editor

If you signed up to get your newsletter via e-mail and did not receive it, please let Membership know. Also, if you find you cannot open the file, please email Becky at [mhardy@cybermesa.com](mailto:mhardy@cybermesa.com) or call her at 672-9887. There are several formats we can send the newsletter in. We'll find one that works for you!

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**Membership** Membership to the guild is \$25.

Make check payable to LAP and mail to

Membership PO Box 261, Los Alamos, NM 87544.

Please include your e-mail address if you would like the newsletter via e-mail.

### REASONS FOR BUYING FABRIC

1. It insulates the cupboard in which it is kept.
2. It helps to keep the economy going. It is our patriotic duty to support textile mills and quilt shops.
3. It is less expensive, and more fun, than psychiatric care.
4. Because it is on sale.
5. A sudden increase in the Boll Weevil population might wipe out the cotton crop for the next ten years.
6. It keeps without refrigeration, you don't have to cook to enjoy it, you never have to feed it, change it, wipe its nose or walk it.
7. I need the extra weight in the trunk of the car for traction on snowy/icy roads.
8. In case the quilt shop disappears.
9. Stress from the Fabric Control Officer (my husband) made me do it.
10. It is not immoral, illegal or fattening. It calms the nerves, gratifies the soul and makes me feel good.
11. I need to buy it now before my husband retires and accompanies me on all shopping trips.
12. I need it!  
(Thanks to Claire Swinhoe for sending this!)

**Los Alamos Piecemakers Membership**  
September 2005 – August 2006

**Please print all information clearly**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter via e-mail Yes or No (circle one)

**Please volunteer for one or more of the following by placing a check mark next to item(s).**

\_\_\_\_\_ County Fair \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Quilt Ticket sales \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting refreshments \_\_\_\_\_ Quilt Show

\_\_\_\_\_ Valentine Day luncheon

Make check for **\$25** payable to: **Los Alamos Piecemakers** or **LAP**

Mail to: LAP, Attn: Membership, PO Box 261, Los Alamos, NM 87544

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**LAP USE**

Payment \_\_\_\_ Entered Database \_\_\_\_ Name Tag \_\_\_\_ Packet \_\_\_\_ Membership Card \_\_\_\_

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Registration Form Name \_\_\_\_\_

Kathy Kansier Workshop \_\_\_\_\_

Quilts with Great Edges Phone \_\_\_\_\_

August 24, 2005 \_\_\_\_\_

White Rock Baptist Address \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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Registration Form Name \_\_\_\_\_

Jan Krentz Workshop \_\_\_\_\_

Hunter Star Phone \_\_\_\_\_

September 28, 2005 \_\_\_\_\_

United Church Los Alamos Address \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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## JULY 2005 - A JAPANESE GARDEN

Makes two 12 1/2 inch blocks with seam allowance. One for you to keep.

Fabric A - White on White

Cut two 3 1/2 by 8 inch rectangles

Cut eight 3 1/2 inch squares

Fabric B - Black

Cut one 6 1/2 by 8 inch rectangle

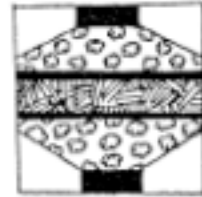
Fabric C - Oriental print

Cut four 3 1/2 by 12 1/2 inch rectangles

Cut two 2 1/2 by 12 1/2 inch rectangles

Fabric D - Solid color coordinating Oriental print for contrast

Cut four 1 by 12 1/2 inch rectangles



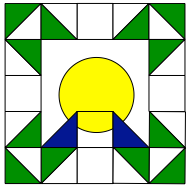
Sew one White 3 1/2 inch rectangle to Black 6 1/2 inch rectangle right sides together with scant 1/4 inch seam. Press toward dark. Sew one White 3 1/2 inch rectangle to the other side of the Black rectangle and press towards the dark. Cut this combined strip into four rectangles 2 inches wide each. Now take two of the 3 1/2 inch White squares and sew to the upper left and upper right corners of a 3 1/2 by 12 1/2 inch rectangle of Oriental fabric using diagonal method. Press towards corner. Do this with another two squares and another 3 1/2 by 12 1/2 inch Oriental fabric rectangle on the bottom two corners.

Now we are ready to layout Block. From top to bottom one White and Black 2 inch rectangle. One 3 1/2 inch Oriental rectangle with White corners on top. Next one Contrast 1 inch rectangle then a 2 1/2 inch rectangle of Oriental fabric and another 1 inch rectangle of Contrast fabric. Now put a 3 1/2 inch rectangle of Oriental fabric with White corners on bottom. The last rectangle is the White and Black 2 inch rectangle. Sew these rows together. You now have your Japanese Garden Block. Square this to 12 1/2 inches.

Repeat the sewing instructions for second block. This one is for you to keep.

Questions? Call Myrna at 989-8218

The September block will be emailed as soon as I can get it to scan properly! --Becky



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The guild meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm. The meeting is held alternately at the United Church of Los Alamos, 2525 Canyon Road, and White Rock Baptist Church, 80 State Road 4.