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La Plata Quilters Guild's Quarterly Newsletter

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President's Message

Dear Guild Members:

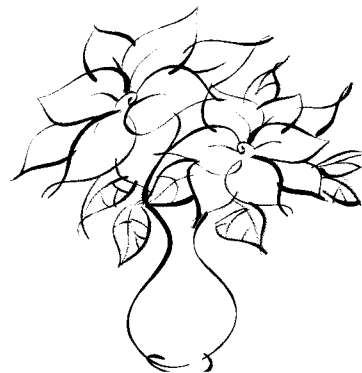
Well, here I am nearing my last formal meeting for 2010. We had a very active and productive year! Our membership really pitched in to help with the Small Quilt Auction, County Fair, Quilt Show, Raffle Quilt and numerous Sew Days. Thank you to all of you! I'm sure, in one way or another, all the members (and a lot of non-members) participated to help us achieve another banner year. The Board had to make some difficult decisions due to our financial situation and the Guild will be in good shape going into 2011.

Your hard work and enthusiasm for quilting and sharing with our community made my year as chairperson very enjoyable and rewarding. I urge you to consider taking a position on our Board. As a "co-person" in 2011, you will have a year to learn how to do that job. None of these jobs are too difficult and, as I said, all the members are very supportive. It is good to see several of our newer members on the Board of 2011. Please consider joining them to ensure a solid future for our Guild. And besides, it's fun! I look forward to seeing you at the transitional Board meeting on December 12th.

(As I write this, we need Co-Membership, Co-Secretary, Co-Newsletter and Co-Chair. If you want to see a Block-of-the-Month in 2001, we'll need a committee chairperson for that, too. If you have any questions regarding these positions, Heather, Sharon, Suzanne or I would be happy to answer them.)

Keep on quiltin',

Noel



**La Plata Quilt Guild Board Meeting
August 26, 2010**

Attendance: Noel Tambre, Karen Benson, Judy Hodges, Pat Akers, Barb McCall, Barb Morgan, Suzanne Singley, Lynn Bell, Robin Mason, Beth Emrich, Celia Bronson, Linda Mount, and Sharon Wiebel.

The Meeting was called to order at 5:20 PM by Noel Tambre.

A motion to approve the August minutes was made by Lynn and seconded by Karen.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Celia. There is \$1208.02 in the Raffle account and \$3920.76 in the general account, of which \$2500 is retreat fees.

Outreach: Karen Benson announced that she has been finishing some quilts at home and that there will be a sew day on October 23 at the church. Please sell raffle tickets!!

Programs: Lynn reported Cheryl Phillips is tonight's program and she is presenting workshops on Friday and Saturday August 27 & 28 at Christ the King Lutheran Church. Cheryl and her husband are staying with Heather. Thank you Heather and Bob. Regina Bensen is the program for September; her program is entitled "Off the Wall Quilts" and is the same one which she presented to the International Quilt Festival in England. Regina is being sponsored by Robin and Berry Mason, Thanks Robin & Berry! The 2010 Retreat October 15, 16 & 17 at Silver Pick Lodge featuring Linda Jenkins still has openings. The classes are: Saturday No Ruler Technique for creating a machine -pieced background & hand appliqué pieces followed by a color class. Sunday it will be Linda's hand appliqué method using a block of your choice from Appliqué Outside the Lines.

Pat said that publicity is moving along well for the Fall Quilt Show with ads in The Country Register and Colorado Country Life and Posters and counter cards distributed. There will be an ad in the Herald the week of the show.

Noel and Barb Morgan gave a report on the Fair.

A motion was made to adjourn by Robin and seconded by Sharon. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

LPQG Meeting August 26, 2010:

A report on the Fair was given by Noel.

The Quilt Show will be September 25 & 26 at FLC. There will be a Country Store and so far four vendors have signed up. Signup sheets to work were passed around. All information has been e-mailed to the Guild members and the quilt information sheets are due at tonight's meeting.

Please pick up raffle tickets to sell. This is a good portion of the Guild income.

Cheryl Phillips presented a very interesting program and showed many of her lovely quilts.

Respectfully Submitted by Sharon Wiebel, Co-Secretary

**Minutes of LPQG Board Meeting
September 23, 2010**

Meeting was called to order - at 5:05 p.m. by Noel Tambre. Present at the meeting was: Lynn Bell, Heather Lundquist, Britt Toppenberg, Robin Mason, Linda Mount, Pat Akers, Sharon Wiebel, Barb McCall, Suzanne Singley and Karen Benson. August minutes were approved by Robin Mason.

Treasurer's report - Celia Bronson reported \$1,600.02 in the raffle account and \$3,289.35 in the regular account.

Programs - Lynn Bell reported that Regina Benson is the September guest speaker, Camille Fauth is our October speaker on "Art from Junque." In November, bring your ugliest quilt for help and advice.

Molly Gilliam has volunteered to be program chair for 2011. She will encourage various LPQG members to participate in our programs to hold down our guild expenses.

Membership - Heather Lundquist reported that we have 80 paid members.

Newsletter - Suzanne Singley stated that any information for the next quarterly newsletter must be in by November 1, 2010.

Public Relations - Pat Akers reported that all advertising had been completed for the September 25 and 26 guild show at Ft. Lewis College.

Outreach - Karen Benson reported that our next guild outreach sew day will be on October 23rd at Christ the King Lutheran Church from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Old Business

By-law changes will be voted on in the November meeting and will take effect in January 2011.

New Business

We need to fill all new board positions for 2011. Membership will make their nominations in October, vote on the positions in November, and the new board positions will take effect January 2011.

Thank you to LPQG member, Stacie Matheson, for sending a 2011 subscription to Quilters Newsletter to the guild.

The 2010 Raffle Quilt drawing will be held Sunday, September 26th at 2:00 p.m. at Ft. Lewis College.

We are also looking for a new WEB master, as Chris Pfeiffer would like to retire from this position. We need someone who has more up to date computer equipment/programs and is computer savvy! If you would like to volunteer for this position, please let the board know.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m. Motioned by Lynn Bell and seconded by Pat Akers.

LPQG Meeting September 23, 2010:

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Noel Tambre. Guests were welcomed and Noel graciously thanked all members who donated goodies for our meeting.

Heather Lundquist reported 44 people in attendance, with 9 additional guests arriving later to hear our guest speaker, Regina Benson. The 9 guests were people visiting from Germany. We have 80 paid LPQG members.

Information for the guild newsletter is due by the October 28th guild meeting, no later than November 1, 2010 to Suzanne Singley.

Karen Benson announced a guild sew day on October 23rd at Christ the King Lutheran Church from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will be working on 9-patch charity quilts.

Everyone who checked out raffle tickets for the LPQG raffle quilt were asked to have them turned in by the weekend of our show, September 25th.

Sign up sheets were passed around for our chair positions and committee positions. Nominations are made in October, voted on in November and will take effect January, 2011.

The October 15, 16 and 17th retreat with Linda Jenkins at Silverpick still has openings. Contact Lynn Bell for further information.

Pat Akers announced that our first Blue Star Mom's quilt has been handed out to our first lost soldier here in Colorado. Her name is Faith Renee Hinkley, and this quilt was hand delivered by Vickie Ezzell and her daughter, Janessa.

Regina Benson from Golden, Colorado, was our guest speaker for the evening. (Thank you Karen Benson for hosting her.) Regina gave a very informative program on her methods of hand dying fabric using soy wax resistant. She brought many samples of her award winning quilts and hand dyed fabrics. She has received the 2007 International Textile Award as well as many other awards and several of her quilts hang at various locations thru out Colorado.

Members shared their Show and Tell quilts and then door prizes were handed out.

The next hive meeting will be at Britt Toppenberg's on October 14th.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Britt Toppenberg, Secretary

LaPlata Quilt Guild Board Meeting - October 28, 2010

Attendance: Noel Tambre, Karen Benson, Lynn Bell, Robin Mason, Beth Emrich, Suzanne Singley, Karen Preston and Sharon Wiebel.

The Meeting was called to order at 5:28 PM by Noel Tambre.

Approval of the September minutes was deferred until November due to lack of a quorum.

The Treasurer's report was presented for Celia by Noel. The total sales for the Raffle Quilt were \$3100. There is \$2012.95 in the raffle account and \$2245.82 in the general fund.

The Transitional Board meeting will be a potluck from 1 to 4 pm at Christ the King on December 12th. The Christmas party is on Saturday December 18 at Christ the King Church.

Karen Benson reported that there was a very successful sew day on Saturday October 23 and the next sew day will be on November 27 from 9 am to 3 pm at Christ the King. There will be no December sew day.

Noel had a message from Cindy Amidon that block kits for the 2011 Raffle Quilt can be picked up at the Durango Quilt Company on Saturday from 10 -5.

Lynn reported that there were 15 people at retreat. She stated the program tonight would be presented by Camille Fauth on her form of Art Quilting. Next month's program will be HELP MY UGLY QUILT and members are asked to bring their projects that need help.

There was discussion about filling the slate of officers for 2011. The need is for co-chairs for almost every office and committee. A sign up sheet will be passed around during the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:59pm

Meeting highlights:

Susan Campbell will be the new website person. Sign-up sheets were passed around for the Christmas Party and officers for 2011. Karen Preston asked for refreshment volunteers for the November meeting.

The proposed amendments to the by-laws were passed by the members present.

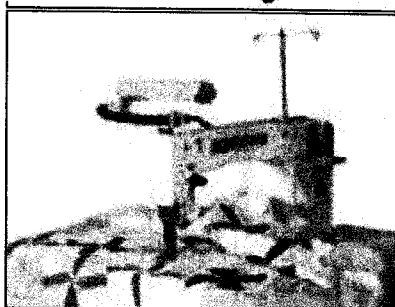
Camille Fauth presented a wonderful program on what led her to art quilting and showed many of her fun examples. Thanks Camille!

Respectfully Submitted Sharon Wiebel co-secretary

- ◆ **Domestic, Long arm, and Industrial Machine Sales**
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Year round hours: Mon - Sat 9:30 am - 5:30 pm // Sundays 12:00 to 5:00 pm

New Collections: from Benartex Montana Modern; from Moda Bar Harbor, Garden Party and Martinique-- Jelly rolls and charm squares ; and lots of new batik

Other Guild News...

Picket Fence Hive

The Picket Fence Hive meets the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Bring a project or just come to enjoy the company of your fellow quilters. Everyone is welcome! The Hive is taking a hiatus for the remainder of 2010. We'll keep you posted once a schedule for 2011 is developed.

From your 2010 Program Chair Lynn Bell:

A quick preview of the remaining programs for 2010.

- **November 18:** Chris Pfeiffer – Help This Ugly Quilt!
- **December 18:** Annual Holiday Party

Birthday Girls!

November Birthdays:

Birth Stone: Citrine
 11/1: Suzanne Singley
 11/3: Joyce Morton
 11/5: Jan Lewis
 11/9: Cathy Dodd
 11/21: Mollie Gilliam

December Birthdays:

Birth Stone: Blue Topaz
 12/2: Wanda Thomas
 12/6: Terry Holley
 12/25: Noel Tambre
 12/29: Judy Hodges
 12/31: Cindy Amidon

January Birthdays:

Birth Stone: Garnet
 1/18: Dorothy Shank

Your Sign

Scorpio
 (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)
 The Scorpion

Sagittarius
 (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)
 The Archer

Capricorn
 (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)
 The Sea Goat

Aquarius
 (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
 The Water Carrier

Noel's President's Block

Noel Tambre 259-9049

"T" Block in black & white. It will end up 6-1/2" square and finish 6" square in the quilt top. Please use any black & white fabric that reads black for the "T" and a crisp white on white fabric for the background.

CUTTING

From the black fabric: you'll need 2 2-1/2" squares
 1 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangle
 1 2-1/2" x 6-1/2" rectangle

From the white fabric: you'll need 2 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangles

CONSTRUCTION

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the 2-1/2" squares.
 Place 2-1/2" square, right sides together, on one end of a 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" white rectangle.
 Sew on the marked line, trim to 1/4" and press toward the black. Repeat, making sure you have one right angle and one left angle per block.

Stitch a black & white unit to each side of the black 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangle. Check to be sure the angles are correct. Press toward the black. Sew a 2-1/2" x 6-1/2" rectangle to the top of each unit. Press toward the black top rectangle.



What Every Quilter Should Know

- ◆ **General meetings** are on the 4th Thursday of every month except November (3rd Thursday) and December (no meeting). Occasionally, there are exceptions to this rule, so check your newsletter carefully. Meetings take place in the Fellowship Hall of Christ the King Lutheran Church, 495 Florida Road in Durango. Social time starts at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Board meetings** take place on the first Thursday of each month at Christ the King Lutheran Church at 5:00 p.m. All members of LPQG are welcome to attend Board meetings, whether they wish to participate or just observe.
- ◆ **Hives** are casual gatherings of LPQG members, usually held in members' homes once per month. Hives are open to all LPQG members – just contact the hostess to let her know you're coming. Check page 7 of this Newsletter for details on all of the hives currently in existence.
- ◆ We have a **block of the month** each month. All LPQG members are encouraged to participate. Just pick up a pattern from the program table and make the block for the following month. Then turn in your block at the next meeting to contribute to the Public Outreach Project. There will be a sew day once a month to put the blocks together.
- ◆ The **Annual Small Quilt Benefit Auction** is held on the first Sunday of June each year. LPQG members are asked to donate a small quilt for the auction, with the proceeds being donated to local charitable groups.
- ◆ Our **Outreach** programs are our connection to the community. We make quilts to donate to various organizations each year. Announcements and information are always in the newsletter and at meetings.
- ◆ We make a **raffle quilt** each year. LPQG members make the raffle quilt and tickets go on sale in early April. The drawing is held at the La Plata County Fair.
- ◆ LPQG is the Superintendent of the quilt section of **La Plata County Fair**. In this capacity, we take in the quilts, hire judges, hang the quilt display, and protect the quilts during the time the Fair is open to the public.
- ◆ LPQG has a **quilt show** in the even numbered years during the fall. All LPQG members are encouraged to show their quilts.
- ◆ We wear **nametags** to get to know each other. If you forget to wear yours, you need to pay a quarter at the sign-in table. You can also pick up a sticky nametag there.
- ◆ The **Hospitality Committee** organizes our snacks for each meeting, plus setting up all the tables and chairs we need. Signup sheets are passed around regularly, so please be sure to lend a hand.
- ◆ The **Board of Directors** is here to answer your questions. Please feel free to contact anyone on the Board.
- ◆ We have a website! Information about the guild, past newsletters, current events and Blocks of the Month can be found at www.lpqq.org

2011 Committee Chairs

Block of the Month
VACANT

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Shannon Story

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Web Site & E-mail
Susan Campbell

LPQG 2010 Annual Holiday Party

Our Annual Holiday Party will be held on Saturday, December 18, 2010, at 12:00 noon at Christ the King Lutheran Church (regular meeting room). All LPQG members and their spouses or significant others are invited! There will be no business meeting, just fun and food! Here's what we're doing this year:

We will have a potluck lunch at 12:30 p.m. Bring your favorite dish to share and any serving utensils that you may need for your dish. The Guild will provide coffee, hot water for tea and hot chocolate, plates, napkins and silverware.

Our 2010 Challenge Quilt entrees will be on display during the party. Attendees can vote for their favorite, and valuable prizes will be awarded to the entrants with the most votes.

Finally, our ever-popular Ornament Exchange will once again be the centerpiece of our party. Each attendee who brings a wrapped ornament (handmade or purchased) may participate. Our exchange involves a lot of good-natured stealing, so don't get too attached to the first ornament you pick!

Sign up sheets will be passed out at the November meeting, if you haven't already signed up.

See you there!

La Plata Quilters Guild Membership

Membership runs from January 1 – December 31 of each year. Renewing is easy: just fill out the form below and turn it in with your dues at the January meeting. If you won't be attending the meeting, please mail your check and membership form to LPQG, P.O. Box 2355, Durango, CO 81302 **Thanks! Dues are \$25.00 for 2011.**

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LPQG does not share or sell its mailing list to anyone! Mailing lists are used by LPQG members for guild business only.

Cathy Dodd brought this cake to our last meeting and got rave reviews.
She was kind enough to share the recipe with us.

Apple Cake - Cathy Dodd

My mom wrote the recipe for me after we moved her to Durango - those were her last days and so it is rather incomplete. When I asked her she said, "you're an experienced cook, you figure it out". So here is the recipe as she wrote it out for me and in parenthesis is what I have figured out.

6 cups apples	1/2 tsp salt
2 cups walnuts	2 tsp vanilla
2 eggs	2 1/2 cups flour
1 cup Melted Shortening	2 tsp cinnamon
2 cups sugar	2 tsp soda in H ² O (1 cup H ² O - I use luke warm water)

Sauce:

1 cup sugar (I use brown)	1/2 cup cream
1/2 cup butter	
1 tsp vanilla	

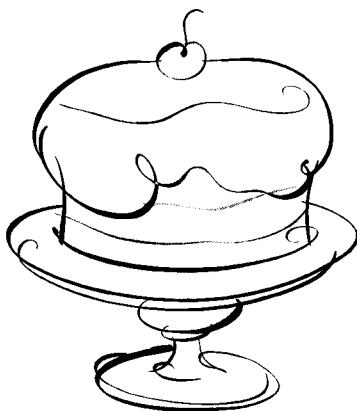
Okay, here's what I've figured out: The sugar should be brown sugar. The shortening should be butter. The water should be luke warm.

The sauce should be cooked and left on a warm burner, so that it can be poured over the cake after the cake has had a chance to cool somewhat. You do not want the cake to cool completely!! (and if you do it too soon, the cake will be soggy)

Obviously, the apples are washed and sliced into a buttered cake pan with the raisins and walnuts over them and the batter is then poured over them.

I'm at 7200+ feet, so I always use a slightly hotter oven when I bake. I use 375 or 380 for this cake. It's a big cake (especially if you use alot of apples), so use your largest cake pan!

If I ever get the "real" recipe, I'll pass it on.....



WHO DOES WHAT

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning.

The wife said, 'You should do it because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee.'

The husband said, 'You are in charge of cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee.'

Wife replies, 'No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee.'

Husband replies, 'I can't believe that, show me.'

So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says 'HEBREWS'