

# Needles & Pins

April, May, June 2009

La Plata Quilters Guild's Quarterly Newsletter

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## **President's Message**

Hello fellow quilters,

This is such an uplifting time of year. The snow is nearly melted, the first flowers of the season are soon to follow and the Small Quilt Auction will be here before we know it. My thoughts turn to spring cleaning and organizing my quilting room. I was sorting through some of my drawers and came across a couple of unfinished projects from a previous year's classes. What a perfect opportunity for a small quilt. It was surprising to me how quickly I could whip out a cute quilt to donate to this year's auction. It's time to get your design board out and get your creative juices flowing. Start with an orphan block and add some pieced borders or use the four blocks you completed for a larger quilt and then lost interest. It's amazing how good it feels to get these projects off your PIGS list. My personal goal has been to shop as much as possible in my own stash (my ulterior motive is that it will give me more room for new fabric). The king-sized quilt that I made for the Adaptive Sports Association came entirely from my batik collection. It was rewarding, but kind of sad, as I barely made a dent.

Happy quilting,

Robin



## **THE 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SMALL QUILT AUCTION IS COMING!**

- **WHEN: SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2009**
- **WHERE: THE GAZEBO, ROTARY PARK**
- **TIME: 12 NOON UNTIL 4 P.M.**

(SEE PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS)

## La Plata Quilters Guild Board Meeting January 22, 2009

Present: Pat Akers, Vickie Ezzell, Pat Akers, Linda Mount, Sharon Brittain, Beth Emrich, Heather Lundquist, Noel Tambre, Celia Bronson, Robin Mason, Cindy Amidon, Shannon Story, Britt Toppenberg and Sharon Wiebel.

- Vickie Ezzell called the meeting to order at 1705.
- Sharon Wiebel made a motion that the guild give a donation of \$50 to the American Cancer Society in memory of our member Beth Scales who passed away on 1/9/09. Linda Mount seconded it.
- We need someone for Hospitality. The membership will be notified at this evenings meeting and hopefully someone will volunteer.
- Britt came to discuss the grants for the Small Quilt Auction, as Manna Soup Kitchen did not get their application in on time. She requested that a quilt for Manna, that she would make, be included in the auction. This will be referred to the Small Quilt Auction Committee.
- Shannon now has a program for July that will be announced this evening. Linda Jenkins will do a trunk show at the meeting and Robin Mason will sponsor it.
- Names on both checking accounts will be changed, Margien Gram, Beth Emrich and Vickie Ezzell will be removed and Robin Mason, Noel Tambre and Celia Bronson will be added. Linda Mount will remain.
- The General account has \$1790.36 and the Raffle account \$750.51.
- Cindy has cleaned out the guild cupboard but there are decisions to be made as what to do with old newsletters etc. Ask for volunteers at the meeting.
- A motion to adjourn was made by Beth and seconded by Pat at 1740.

### Meeting Highlights

There were 32 members and 4 new members present.

Barb Morgan showed the new raffle quilt and it is lovely.

Chris Pfeiffer announced that there were only four applications returned for the Small Quilt Auction.

They were:

- Big Brothers & Big Sisters
- Woman's Resource Center
- Adaptive Sports Association
- Tri County Head Start

The first meeting will be February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The February program will be Pat Akers and Beth Emrich: "You've Come a Long Way, Babe" on 2/26/09.

Outreach sew day is February 28 at Christ the King

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Wiebel, Secretary

#### To Be 6 Again:

**A man was sitting on the edge of the bed, observing his wife, looking at herself in the mirror. Since her birthday was not far off he asked what she'd like to have for her Birthday. 'I'd like to be six again,' she replied, still looking in the mirror. On the morning of her Birthday, he arose early, made her a nice big bowl of Lucky Charms, and then took her to Six Flags theme park. What a day! He put her on every ride in the park; the Death Slide, the Wall of Fear, the Screaming Monster Roller Coaster, everything there was. Five hours later they staggered out of the theme park. Her head was reeling and her stomach felt upside down. He then took her to a McDonald's where he ordered her a Happy Meal with extra fries and a chocolate shake. Then it was off to a movie, popcorn, a soda pop, and her favorite candy, M&M's. What a fabulous adventure! Finally she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed into bed exhausted. He leaned over his wife with a big smile and lovingly asked, 'Well Dear, what was it like being six again??' Her eyes slowly opened and her expression suddenly changed. 'I meant my dress size, you idiot!'**

***The moral of the story: Even when a man is listening, he's gonna get it wrong***

**La Plata Quilters Guild  
Board Meeting February 26, 2009**

Present: Pat Akers, Linda Mount, Beth Emrich, Heather Lundquist, Noel Tambre, Robin Mason, Shannon Story, Celia Bronson, Cindy Amidon, Melanie McClaren, Karen Benson and Marcia Sabeti.

- Robin Mason called the meeting to order at 17:05.
- Linda took the minutes for Sharon.
- The General account has \$1,669.46 and the Raffle account has \$548.45.
- Shannon reported that the March program will be Allison Goss.
- Cindy reported that we have 43 members.
- Marcia reported that the next newsletter deadline is the March general meeting.
- Melanie will be gone for the next Small Quilt Auction meeting on March 2 so Pat will get an ad in for her.
- Beth reported that we will have a sew day on Saturday, February 28 to complete the quilts for the Blue Star Mothers.
- Karen reported that the raffle quilt is done. We will have raffle tickets at the next meeting. It was suggested that we ask each member to sell \$20 worth of tickets.
- Robin reported that Kim Fisher has volunteered to take the Hospitality position.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Mount, Treasurer

**La Plata Quilters Guild  
Board Meeting March 26, 2009**

Present: Pat Akers, Marcia Sabeti, Karen Benson, Linda Mount, Beth Emrich, Heather Lundquist, Noel Tambre, Celia Bronson, Robin Mason, Cindy Amidon, Shannon Story, Lynn Bell and Sharon Wiebel.

Robin Mason called the meeting to order at 1705.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved.

Treasurer Linda Mount reported we have \$423.45 in the Raffle account and \$2541.81 in the General Fund.

Shannon Story reported that Allison Goss would be presenting tonight's program and that Donna Stahl would present the April program.

Cindy Amidon reported that there were 68 renewed members and 7 new members for a total of 75 paid members. There are 28 members who have not renewed.

The Raffle Quilt is ready and will be on display tonight. The raffle tickets are printed and ready for distribution tonight. The quilt will be on display at the Four Corners Quilt Gathering Luncheon on Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> and tickets will be for sale. It is suggested that all members sell 4 books of tickets, as it is the Guilds main revenue source that supports the educational programs presented at meetings.

The county fair is August 5-9 this year.

The Saturday workshop on March 28 will be conducted by Faye and will be making T-Shirt quilts for charity.

Newsletter deadline is tonight and the newsletter will be sent out in April.

**Old Business:**

The parts for the quilt racks are in.

Thank You to Lynn Bell who will be Co-Program and to Kim Fisher who has consented to be Hospitality Chair.

The next meeting of the Small Quilt Auction committee will be on April 6<sup>th</sup> at Beth Emrich's at 1730.

The meeting was adjourned at 1740.

**Meeting Highlights**

There were three guests present.

Beth Emrich is taking sign-ups for Linda Jenkins workshops on July 24 & 25. They are limited to 20 at each one at the cost of \$40 per day. (See Beth: each day is a different pattern)

Karen Benson passed around a sign up sheet for Showing the Raffle Quilt and selling tickets at various locations prior to the drawing in August.

Britt Toppenberg will chair the 2010 Raffle Quilt. She asked that members donate medium Batik fat quarters at the next meeting. She passed around a sign up sheet for those willing to help with the quilt by making kits, etc..

Allison Goss presented a very interesting program about her quilts and demonstrated the use of Shiva Paintstiks .

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Wiebel, Secretary

## Outreach News

A big thank you goes to Faye Gooden, Karen Preston, and Cathy Duggan for their donations of quilts to the "Soup for Souls" fundraiser for Hospice of Mercy. Faye's quilt went to the Pagosa Springs event in February and Cathy's and Karen's were auctioned at the March event in Durango. Vickie Ezzell and Mary Sue Burnham have donated pieces to the Fort Lewis College Foundation's TLC for FLC fundraiser in April. What a great group of women!!!

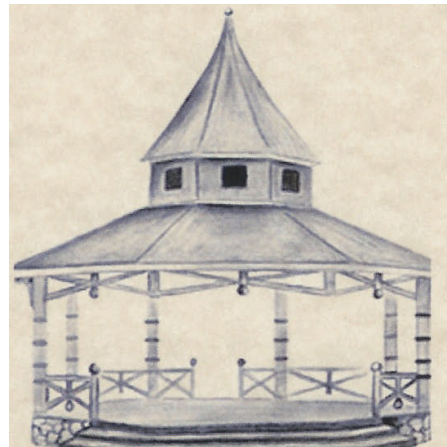
We had our first Saturday Sew Day for the year on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Over 20 members attended for part or all of the day and we completed most of two quilt tops to be donated to the Blue Star Mothers. By the time this is published we will have completed our second Saturday Sew Day coordinated by Faye Gooden to make t-shirt quilts to be donated to VOA to be given to those in need. Mark your calendars for **April 25<sup>th</sup>** when we will put together the rose bud quilt to be donated in memory of Beth Scales to the Women's Health Coalition. They have their big fundraiser in October. We will skip May because of the Memorial Day weekend but then sew again on **June 27<sup>th</sup>**.

With the rest of the year we will be sewing together scraps that have been donated and we will make special quilts from the Block of the Month donations. I have several simple patterns in mind but am open to anything any one wants to do. I was thinking about having an "orphan block" sew day in September? Bring your orphan blocks and we can swap them around, put borders on them and have a start of Small Quilt Auction donations for 2010!!!!

These sew days are meant to be informal and fun. We have the church from **9:00 to 5:00** but you can come later or leave early and no RSVP is needed.

## SMALL QUILT AUCTION

This is the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Small Quilt Auction for the La Plata Quilt Guild. It will be held at the Gazebo at **Rotary Park on Sunday, June 7**. We will set up at **10:00 a.m.** The "preview" of quilts starts at **noon** and the actual bidding will start at **1:00 p.m.** Many helping hands under the leadership of Chris Pfeiffer have turned this into a very successful fund raiser. The charities to benefit this year are: **Tri County Headstart, The Women's Resource Center, Adaptive Sports Association, Big Brothers and Big Sisters and Project Linus**. Any help that guild members can give will be very appreciated. Call **Melanie McClaren (259-9116/Pat Akers (884-0144))** if you can help out with publicity and call **Chris Pfeiffer (739-1982)** if you can help with set-up, take-down, or any of the other tasks that make this day the smooth operation it has become. And, of course, if you can donate even one quilt (with a brief story about it) you will truly be giving a gift of love.



### Here is a way to fix the economy

Patriotic retirement: There are about 40 million people over 50 in the work force; pay them 40 million apiece severance with 3 stipulations:

- 1) They leave their jobs. Forty million job openings – Unemployment fixed.
- 2) They buy NEW American cars. Forty million cars ordered – Auto Industry fixed.
- 3) They either buy a house or pay off their mortgage – Housing Crisis fixed.

**ALL NATIONAL PROBLEMS FIXED!**

OR . . . Just buy a lot of fabric.

**2009 RAFFLE QUILT**

- The gorgeous 2009 raffle quilt master-minded by Karen Benson is complete and tickets are available from Celia Bronson at our monthly meeting or at various sites around Durango.
- Anyone interested in quilt sitting and/or selling tickets please contact our raffle quilt chairman, **Karen, at 749-5595.**
- It will be greatly appreciated if each Guild member would be responsible for selling four (4) books of tickets at \$20.00.

Your participation will be greatly appreciated in what is our only fundraiser that directly supports the LaPlata Quilt Guild.

**2010 RAFFLE QUILT**

- Britt Toppenberg has volunteered to take on the 2010 quilt by doing a rendition of the quilt she designed a pattern for in 2002. She plans to construct (with our help) her lovely Durango Colorfest quilt all from batiks.
- She asks that everyone contribute a fat quarter of batik at the next meeting to supplement the batiks she is contributing. Any medium value color will do.
- By the end of April she would like to have a committee to put together kits with cut fabric to make flying geese and maple leaves. These kits will then be passed out to guild members so they can start sewing.
- Again, your participation will be so appreciated. Call Britt if you have questions: 259-7172

**Programs for 2009**

**April** – Donna Stahl: Her quilts  
(Bear quilt)

**May** – Chris Pfeiffer: Small Quilt  
Auction Show and Tell

**June** – Virginia Robertson

**July** – Linda Jenkins (See  
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**August** – Connie Anderson:  
Trunk Show

**September** – Vicki Ezzell:  
Halloween Goodies

**October** – Chris Pfeiffer

**November** – Terri Taylor:  
Quilting

**December** – Christmas Party

**New Members**

*Get to know them!  
They are who you were once.*

**Karlaine Caudill** – PO Box 3462,  
Durango, CO 81302 – 884-0809

**Mollie Gilliam** - 32222 Hwy 550 #50,  
Durango, CO 81301 – 259-5241

**Elaine Hartnett** – 254 Land Grant Ln.,  
Hesperus, CO 81326 – 259-1126

**Patricia Joy** – PO Box 7717,  
Loveland, CO 80537 – 970-669-0951

**Anne McMath** – 2682 CR 311,  
Ignacio, CO 81137 – 563-4020

**Suzanne Singley** – 2665 CR 302,  
Durango, CO 81303 – 259-2535

**Ann St. John** – 11010 CR 250,  
Durango, CO 81301 – 259-3978

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259-7444  
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259-9049

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259-1863  
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749-5595

**Let's Support Our Locals. . . . .**

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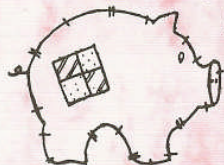
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**HINGES** .....Shel Silverstein

If we had hinges on our heads  
There wouldn't be no sin,  
'Cause we could take the bad stuff out  
And leave the good stuff in.

**2009 DENVER CAPITAL QUILT SHOW**

If you haven't been to this show before, it is one of Colorado's most beautiful quilt shows. The show begins on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and runs thru August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at our state capital building in Denver. The show will be open Monday thru Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. If you are in the Denver area during this time period, stop in and see this fabulous show. It is free and open to the public. If we are lucky we will be able to view the quilt of our own Britt Toppenberg, the one she calls, *Durango, My Home Town* as well as the hundred or more quilts that will hang in the Capital building this summer.

Call Britt at 259-7172 if you want more information about this show.

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**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! Next meetings:

- **April 9** – Vicki Ezzell’s house, 1034 N. Cedar Dr. Bayfield. Call Vicki for directions at **884-0572**
- **May 14** – Karen Benson’s house, 4141 CR 203, Call Karen for directions at **749-5595**
- **June 11** – Linda Mount’s house, 42115 CR N 25. Call Linda for directions at **533-7475**

**THROUGH THE SEASONS SERIES**

Four house blocks plus settings and borders.

Rules:

1. Everyone will be working on his or her own quilt.
2. Blocks will be shown every other month.
3. You can piece, appliqué, embroider, embellish or any combination of techniques.
4. Blocks can be any size.
5. House blocks can be all the same or each house can be different.
6. Any building can be used in place of a house, such as school, church, etc.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> block – Spring house – due in March
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> block – Summer house – due in May
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> block – Fall house - due in July
  - 4<sup>th</sup> block – Winter house – due in September

Quilt top or finished quilt due in November.

**FOR SALE: HANDI QUILTER FRAME**

- Used less than 6 times.
- Current list price: \$799.00 Asking price: **\$500.00**
- Contact Steve Scales @ **884-9172**

**Challenge Quilts**

This year’s challenge is:

***My Favorite Christmas Memories***

- There is no kit.
- There is only one rule: The perimeter cannot be larger than 210”.
- The challenge quilt is due at the November General Meeting.
- For questions call: Vicki Ezzell, 884-0572 or Linda Mount, 533-7454

**Birthday Girls!**

**April Birthdays:**

Birth Stone: Diamond

- 4/5 Nancy Ottman
- 4/18 Robin Mason

**May Birthdays:**

Birth Stone: Emerald

- 5/2 Janette Nickerson
- 5/6 Roberta Day
- 5/8 Jaime Bell
- 5/12 Janessa Ezzell
- 5/14 Gayle Hosek-Spies
- 5/20 Terri Taylor
- 5/29 Jeanette Wickham
- 5/30 Carol Bentley
- 5/30 Melanie McClaren

**June Birthdays:**

Birth Stone: Pearl

- 6/2 Beth Emrich
- 6/7 Gail Schulz
- 6/27 Barbara Morgan
- 6/30 Sharon Wiebel

**Your Sign**

March 21 – April 20

**Aries**

(The Ram)

Keyword: “I am”.

Element: Fire

April 21 – May 20

**Taurus**

(The Bull)

Keyword: “I have”.

Element: Earth

May 21 – June 21

**Gemini**

(The Twins)

Keyword: “I think”.

Element: Air

June 22 – July 22

**Cancer**

(The Crab)

Keyword: “I feel”.

Element: Water

## What Every Quilter Should Know

- ◆ **General meetings** are on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month except November (3<sup>rd</sup> 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. 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 6 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.lpqg.org](http://www.lpqg.org)

### 2009 Committee Chairs

#### Block of the Month

**426-8488**

Beth Emrich  
259-1863

#### Door Prizes

Chris Pfeiffer  
739-1982

#### Fair

Noel Tambre  
259-9049  
Mary Richards  
247-3413  
Barb Morgan  
259-1079

#### Hospitality

Kim Fisher  
382-9635

#### Raffle License/Tickets

Celia Bronson  
259-1642

#### Raffle Quilt

Karen Benson  
382-8121

#### Saturday Workshops

Beth Emrich  
259-1863

#### Small Quilt Auction

Chris Pfeiffer  
739-1982

#### Christmas Party

Linda Mount  
533-7454

## Saturday Workshop in July with Linda Jenkins

We have been lucky enough to get Linda Jenkins of Piece O' Cake Designs to come to Durango for the July meeting. She will have a trunk show at the **July 23<sup>rd</sup>** meeting. Her work is bright, cheery, and incredibly beautiful! She is going to stay on and we will be offering two full day workshops on **July 24<sup>th</sup>** and **July 25<sup>th</sup>**. On Friday she will teach her Tulip Wreath pattern and on Saturday she will teach her Aunt Millie's Roses pattern. We are able to offer these workshops for \$40 for each day. You can sign up for either day or both. Linda says that many students take both classes. The first hour is duplication from the first day but after that she teaches different techniques in the two classes. Call **Beth Emrich at 259-1863** to reserve your space and get a supply list. You can also see her work at [www.pieceocake.com](http://www.pieceocake.com) on the web. We can only accept 20 students for each day so call soon.

## A Few (Ha!) Nostalgic Words From Your Beloved Editor

Hello out there in quilting land! As I put this newsletter to bed (ooh, I think I used a newspaper cliché) I can't help but think about each of the nine Small Quilt Auctions I have attended, especially the first one. It was my first year in the Guild and Stacy Seeger (our SQA founder) implored us all to participate. I had barely made my first quilt but Stacy is lovely and compelling so I thought I could at least donate my time to the show since I didn't have even a handkerchief-size quilt to donate. I showed up on that Saturday morning (yes, I said *Saturday morning*) in June at Buckley Park and looked around for something I could do. I took on the task of being the person who took a quilt from the person holding it up while being bid on and delivered it to a table where Carol Earl (God rest her soul) was keeping track of the quilt number and the price of the last bid. Although I was the one who was supposed to impart this information to her I often couldn't remember either the quilt number or the price. Carol Earl also didn't like the way I folded the quilts and put them on the table and she let me know in no uncertain terms that she didn't think I was up to this job. Strangely enough this all led to a close friendship with Carol until she left for the big quilt guild in the sky. So . . . I don't know if it was that beautiful June morning, the way the quilts looked hanging in the breeze or the way Carol chewed me out but I was hooked. The rest is history (oh boy! another cliché) and I haven't missed a Small Quilt Auction since. This is the tenth one I will be attending and it is still one of my favorite days of the year. And Carol . . . if you're watching . . . I still can't remember the price of a quilt after the bidding is complete.

xxooxxoo, Marcia

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The **Deadline** for the next newsletter is the June Quilt Guild meeting – Thurs., June 26, 2009.

You can e-mail your newsletter items to me at [msabeti@aol.com](mailto:msabeti@aol.com) (preferred, and couldja send it as an attachment?) or put your hand-written items in the Newsletter basket next to the Program table at the back of the meeting room. Thanks!  
*Marcia Sabeti, Newsletter Editor*

## DID YOU KNOW?

There is a MYSTERY QUILT project going on. It's not too late to jump on this bandwagon. Look for the instructions on the back table at Guild meetings or just ask Chris Pfeiffer (739-1982). It can also be found on the Guild website: [www.lpqq.org](http://www.lpqq.org)

## Ask Polly

Dear Polly,

I am struggling with what to donate to our guild's annual small quilt auction? There are always so many pretty things and I really want to make a donation but am nervous that my contribution will not sell for the right amount. I have several things in mind for this year but would not want them to be sold for a pittance. Last year I donated something that I had made for the auction and I had decided that it was worth \$75 and I did not want it to sell for less. I made arrangements with my best friend to bid on it with my bidder number until it made the \$75 cut off. I must not have described the quilt very well nor my true wishes on the whole deal. To make a long story short, she bought the quilt before mine for \$70 and then when she found out that she had made that error she (I) ended up buying my own quilt back for \$190 when she did not understand that I said to stop at \$75. Thank goodness the funds go to charity!! I did buy several other quilts that were made by my friends. I really do treasure those gifts. What would be your suggestion for this year?

Sincerely,

Murial

Dear Murial,

It is always sketchy when you donate handmade items to charity auctions. There is no guarantee that it will sell for even close to the real value of the item. Sometimes people attend charity auctions looking for a deal and others want to make a donation to a worthy cause and will bid well over the value of the piece. I always try to make something that is a "crowd pleaser". It can have bright colors or a collection of beautiful muted colors but I will not donate my mother's antique handkerchiefs or use expensive hand dyed fabric. Remember that you do not know who will purchase your gift. I once made a pretty plaid wall quilt with lots of tiny, tiny pieces. I had hours of work in it to get the points all to perfection and the plaids in the right direction. My vision was that it would be purchased by someone who would showcase it at the entrance to their local business. That person did not show up and I then overheard the man who had purchased it for \$25 say to his friend that he thought it would work well on his dog's bed. I wanted to beg him to sell it back to me or maybe follow him home and swipe it back!!! I now make two or three smaller, less time intensive projects. I pick a pattern with medium size pieces that can be chained. I spend a reasonable amount of time to make it a really nice finished product. Then I donate it and I do not look back. That frees me up to bid on the other beautiful quilts made by other guild members using colors and techniques that I have not tried. I have a collection of small pieces made by others that I cherish.

Hope that helps and see you at the auction!

Polly

### ZUCCHINI SOUP - So easy and sooo good!

- 3 Tbs. butter
- 1½ pound zucchini, coarsely chopped
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2½ cups chicken broth
- Salt and pepper to taste

Cook zucchini and onion in the butter until soft. Pour hot broth over all and simmer for twenty minutes. Cool and then put through blender. Re-heat to desired temperature.

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## La Plata Quilters Guild

Our Meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month (except November and December) at Christ the King Lutheran Church 495 Florida Road Durango, CO

5:30 p.m. Social Time

6:00 p.m. General Meeting

**Don't Forget...**  
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## Meeting Information

### General Meetings

- **April 23** – Donna Stahl, her quilts
- **May 28** – Chris Pfeiffer, Small Quilt Auction Show and Tell
- **June 25** – Virginia Robertson

### Board Meetings

- **April 23**
- **May 28**
- **June 25**

All LPQG Board of Directors meetings are held at Christ the King Church at 5:00 p.m. before the General Meeting. All board members are expected to attend.

**HEADS UP!**  
**LA PLATA COUNTY FAIR**  
August 5- 9, 2005 (Save the date)

### 2009 RAFFLE QUILT

- Remember to buy raffle tickets to sell or to win a fabulous quilt for yourself.

### 2010 RAFFLE QUILT

- Don't forget your medium-value batik fat quarter.

### Hospitality Reminders

**April refreshments:** Bev Glover, Charlotte Randles, Susan Jeansonne, Elaine Hartnett,  
**April Set-up, clean-up:** Vicki Ezzell, Mollie Gilliam, Ann McMath

**May refreshments:** Karen Preston, Mary Sue Burnham  
**May Set-up, clean-up:** Ann St. John

**June refreshments:** Pat Akers, Shar Short, Mollie Gilliam, Linda Mount

- **Kim needs additional hospitality volunteers for May refreshments/set-up, clean-up and June set-up, clean-up. Call Kim Fisher (382-9635)**

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