

# Needles & Pins

July, August, September 2009

La Plata Quilters Guild's Quarterly Newsletter

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## **President's Message**

Hello fellow quilters,

I am always so amazed at the talent and generosity of our guild members. I came home with 4 new quilts from this year's auction, all made by dear friends. With the success of the Small Quilt Auction under our belt, it is on to the next opportunity to give to our community and have fun with fellow guild members....The Fair. Barb Morgan and Noel Tambre (and Mary Richards, as strength allows) are in charge once again. We really appreciate their time and dedication. Please see these ladies to volunteer for one of the many jobs available.

As soon as the Small Quilt Auction wraps up, I rarely set foot in my sewing room until fall. There are so many things to do outdoors this time of year, as well as lots of company coming to visit. Even though I don't have the luxury of a day spent quilting, I am intrigued by having a hand project to work on. The Linda Jenkins workshop will be the perfect opportunity to try out a new technique and start a small project. I am really looking forward to learning from and being inspired by an expert. It's time to get out of my box and try something new.

Happy quilting,

Robin



## **IT'S SHOWTIME IN 2009!**

**La Plata County Fair  
August 5th through August 9<sup>th</sup>  
(See Page 10)**

## La Plata Quilters Guild Board Meeting April 23, 2009

Present: Pat Akers, Marcia Sabeti, Karen Benson, Linda Mount, Beth Emrich, Noel Tambre, Celia Bronson, Cindy Amidon, Shannon Story, Sharon Brittain, Melanie McLaren and Sharon Wiebel.

Noel Tambre called the meeting to order at 1703.

### Board and Committee Reports

Beth Emrich made the motion to approve the March minutes; Marcia seconded. The March minutes were approved. Linda Mount gave the treasurers report. \$2556.92 in the General Fund and \$328.10 in the Raffle account. Shannon reported that Donna Stahl would be presenting tonight's program. Chris Pfeiffer will do Small Quilt Show & Tell in May. The June program will be a lecture and Trunk Show by Virginia Robertson. The July program will be a Trunk Show presented by Linda Jenkins. She will also be doing two one-day workshops on July 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Cindy reported that there are 79 members. New membership lists were passed out and will be available at the meeting. Marcia reported the newsletter deadline would be June 26<sup>th</sup>. Melanie reported on publicity for the Small Quilt Auction. Invitations and Bookmarks will be available at the meeting tonight. Pat Akers has placed ads in the Country Register and Country Life magazines. Melanie has faxed public service announcements to the radio stations and TV stations. Melanie will do an article for Anne Butler. Pat will take ads to the newspaper. Posters need to go up downtown. Information has gone to nearby Guilds and Quilt shops. Beth gave an update on Saturday workshops. This Saturday's group will be putting together a quilt in honor of Beth Scales, which will be donated to the Woman's Health Collation in her memory. The Linda Jenkins workshops on July 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> are not full and will be opened to the public soon if they do not fill. Beth read a very nice Thank You note from Steve Scales for the Memorial donation to the ACS in memory of Beth Scales.

### Old Business

Karen Benson showed the REALLY GREAT banner for the Raffle Quilt that she and Shannon put together.

### New Business

None

Cindy motioned the meeting adjourn which Beth seconded. Adjourned at 1723

### MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

There were 2 new members and one guest.

Marcia told a great joke.

Donna Stahl presented a wonderful program and trunk show.

Faye announced that there would also be T-Shirt Quilts from last month at this Saturday's workshop to finish up for quilting.

Beth read a very nice Thank You note from Steve Scales for the Memorial donation to the ACS in memory of Beth Scales.

Beth announced that Guild members donated two quilts to TLC for FLC. She also made an announcement about the Linda Jenkins July workshops. The cost is \$40 per workshop.

Chris announced that there would be training for cashiers for the Small Quilt Auction at 1730 on May 4<sup>th</sup> and a sign-up was passed around. Vicky and Linda showed the lovely quilt that was the dedicated quilt for the Woman's Resource Center.

Barb Morgan announced that LaPlata Quilt Guild will hostess the 2010 Four Corners Quilter's which will be on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. David Taylor from Steam Boat Springs will be the speaker and instructor.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Wiebel, Secretary

## Outreach News

We will resume our sew days in the **Fall**. We will put together the blocks that have been collected and make table toppers/runners for the Four Corner's gathering for next spring when it is our guild's turn to hostess the event. Please call **Beth Emrich (259-1863)** if you have questions.

## La Plata Quilters Guild Board Meeting, May 28, 2009

Present: Robin Mason, Pat Akers, Marcia Sabeti, Linda Mount, Beth Emrich, Noel Tambre, Heather Lundquist, Celia Bronson, Lynn Bell, Melanie McClaren and Sharon Wiebel.

Robin Mason called the meeting to order at 1708

### Board and Committee Reports

Beth made the motion to approve the April minutes; seconded by Noel. The April minutes were approved as written.

Linda gave the treasurers report. \$2451.05 in the General Fund and \$498.10 in the Raffle account.

Lynn reported that the tonight's program would be Chris Pfeiffer presenting Small Quilt Show & Tell.

The June program will be a lecture and Trunk Show by Virginia Robertson. The July program will be a Trunk Show presented by Linda Jenkins. She will also be doing two one-day workshops on July 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

Heather stated that we have 83 members.

Marcia reported the newsletter deadline would be June 26<sup>th</sup>. It will feature the County Fair and request for board members for next year.

Melanie reported on publicity for the Small Quilt Auction. Melanie faxed public service announcements to the radio stations and TV stations today. 50 posters & 400 bookmarks were distributed today.

The Small Quilt Auction ad has gone to the Herald.

Beth reported that Saturday workshops would resume in September.

LaPlata Quilt Guild will hostess the 2010 Four Corners Quilter's which will be on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. David Taylor from Steamboat Springs will be the speaker and instructor.

### Old Business

None

### New Business

The church wishes us to remove our stuff by 6/30/09. Marcia will look into this further as the guild gives a donation of \$1200 per year for our meetings and workshops.

Someone from CQC (Colorado Quilt Council) has been in contact with Heather to discuss documentation of quilts. Heather will get more information for the Board so it can be discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1740

### MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

There were 2 guests.

Marcia told another great joke.

Beth showed the rosebud quilt that will to be donated to a Cancer fundraiser this fall in memory of Beth Scales. She also made an announcement that there are still openings in the Linda Jenkins July workshops. The cost is \$40 per workshop.

Chris showed the many lovely quilts that had been donated for the Small Quilt Auction on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Wiebel, Secretary

## La Plata Quilters Guild Board Meeting, June 25, 2009

Present: Robin Mason, Marcia Sabeti, Linda Mount, Beth Emrich, Heather Lundquist, Celia Bronson, Cindy Amidon, Shannon Story, Sharon Brittain, Chris Pfeiffer, Lynn Bell, Melanie McClaren and Sharon Wiebel.

Robin Mason called the meeting to order at 1708.

### Board and Committee Reports

Marcia made the motion to approve the May minutes; seconded by Robin. The May minutes were approved as written.

Linda gave the treasurers report. \$5148.16 in the General Fund and \$741.10 in the Raffle account.

Shannon reported that tonight's program would be a trunk show presented by Virginia Robertson. The July program will be a Trunk Show presented by Linda Jenkins. She will also be doing two one-day workshops on July 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

Cindy stated we presently have 85 members. Cindy passed out a list of new members.

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Marcia reported the newsletter deadline is tonight. It will feature the County Fair and request for board members for next year. Beth reported that Saturday workshops would not be held in July and August but will resume in September. The collected blocks will be put together and work will be done on table toppers for the Four Corners Quilters. LaPlata Quilt Guild will hostess the 2010 Four Corners Quilter's which will be on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. David Taylor from Steamboat Springs will be the speaker and instructor.

#### Old Business

The Guild storage cabinet can be left where it is. More contact information will be placed on the door including a phone number. Chris said that the Small Quilt Auction was **VERY SUCESSFUL.**

Heather had more information on quilt documentation from the CQC. (Colorado Quilt Council) They will be doing documentation in Cortez on 9-12-09. They give a small patch that is to be placed on the quilt to signify documentation and gives tracking instructions. The cost is \$5.00 per quilt. They would give consideration to adding the information that was previously done by the Guild and is now stored at the Center for Southwest Studies. Heather will announce this at tonight's meeting to see if there is interest in pursuing it. Web site is [www.coloradoquiltcouncil.com](http://www.coloradoquiltcouncil.com)

#### MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Marsha told another great joke.

Beth announced that there are still spaces available in the Linda Jenkins workshop.

Barb Morgan gave information on the Fair and there were Fair Books available. She also spoke about Four Corners Quilters 2010. Sign up sheets were passed around for the Fair.

Britt announced that the block kits were ready for the 2010 Raffle quilt.

Please sign up for refreshments; contact Kim Fisher to do this.

Virginia Robertson gave a wonderful presentation of her quilts.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Wiebel, Secretary

#### Colorado Quilt Council Wants To Know about LaPlata Quilt Guild Quilts!

- Quilt documentation: a process (in written and photo form) of recording information about a quilt, such as maker, owner, history, materials used, style and pattern.
- Since the early 1980's CQC has documented over 10,000 quilts statewide. The documentation committee is currently inputting the accumulated information into a database that is available worldwide. Long term plans also include production of a book about the quilts of Colorado. For more information look at the CQC website: [www.coloradoquiltcouncil.com](http://www.coloradoquiltcouncil.com).
- LPQG has had a documentation program of its own with information (in written and photo form) currently stored and on loan at the Center of Southwest Studies, Fort Lewis College. It might now be possible to incorporate the historical data LPQG gathered into the CQC database. CQC will document our new quilts into their database for a cost of \$5/quilt. By participating with the QCQ documentation program we may have a better chance of them of assimilating previous LPQG data into theirs. The details of any costs involved and data conversion are yet to be determined.
- At the June 25 Guild meeting several people expressed an interest in having their quilts documented by CQC. On Sept. 12 in Cortez, the Dolores Mountain Quilters will be providing a documentation opportunity for their guild and any others if there are available openings. Contact Floy Phillips at 970-882-7338.
- Joan Walker, CQC's contact person, proposed two pre-winter dates for LPQG: Sept 26 and Oct. 24. Later dates would be Spring-Summer 2010. The procedure for documentation is similar to county fair intake and judging and is a one-day event. A documented quilt is assigned a permanent number, which is on the label provided by CQC as reference in their database. The Guild would be asked to provide housing for one night and lunch for the CQC documenters.
- If you have any questions or would like to help with this project, please contact Heather Lundquist, 247-0505 or 759-4736, [hglund@gobrainstorm.net](mailto:hglund@gobrainstorm.net).

**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.

**Programs for 2009**

**July** – Linda Jenkins  
(See Page 9)

**August** – Connie Anderson:  
Trunk Show

**September** – Vicki Ezzell:  
Halloween Goodies

**October** – Chris Pfeiffer

**November** – Terri Taylor:  
Quilting

**December** – Christmas Party

**2010 RAFFLE QUILT**

Thank you for all of the generous donations of beautiful batik fabrics we received from our guild members and to the raffle quilt committee who assisted two Sundays in a row during the month of June to cut out all of the leaves, paper piece the leaf tips and make the bias stems for the leaf kits for our 2010 raffle quilt. I am very excited about this quilt and know it is going to be beautiful in the pastel batiks we have chosen. I also want to thank all of the members who volunteered to take a leaf or leaves home and to assemble them. My hope is that the leaves will be completed by our July 23rd guild meeting, so please bring them with you in the little baggie provided with the leaf number and your name on the label.

If you were unable to attend the June guild meeting, and would like to participate in making one of the leaves for the 2010 raffle quilt, I still have 7 leaf kits left. Please give me a call and I will arrange to get one of these kits to you. My phone number is 259-7172.

I also want to thank Durango Quilt Company for allowing us to use their facilities to meet and make up the kits. They also generously let us purchase the fabric needed to complete the leaves with a twist and turn finish and to purchase the backing for our quilt at a sizable discount.

Our quilting friends are the best!

Britt

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259-1863  
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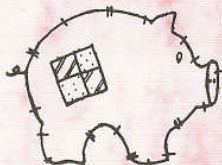
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**HEADS UP!**

**It's the time of year to start thinking about what "co" board position you would like to do next year. You'll learn something and you'll probably make some new friends.**

**The Creative Cycle Gallery featuring the quilts of Allison Goss**

There's a new gallery in Mancos featuring fiber art and painting. Check out **The Creative Cycle: art and the Zen of Motorcycle Maintenance**. The gallery is an informal (well, slightly funky) space located in the front room of the shop where Harry Hill repairs BMW motorcycles, and features the art of Allison Goss, Dr. Cynthia Miller, and Dian Law.

Allison Goss who has given a couple of programs for us now has been making quilts for more than 30 years as well as lecturing and teaching nationwide at conferences and retreats. In 2000 her quilt Ancient Directions was honored as one of the best 100 American quilts of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Allison may be contacted at [agoss@frontier.net](mailto:agoss@frontier.net) for information about this exciting new gallery or any of her work.

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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:

- **July 9 – Robin Mason**, 337 El Gato Place, Durango. Call for directions at **259-7444**
- **August 13 – Camille Roselius**, 55 Winterhawk Drive, Durango. Call for directions at **375-0880**
- **September 10 – Kim Fisher**, 1747 Ridge Road, Durango. Call for directions at 382-9635

**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.

**A USEFUL "HINT" FROM PAT AKERS**

*For all of those Moda ties that come from your fabric Jelly Rolls, how about using them for gift ties for your quilting friends.*

**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!**

**July Birthdays:**

Birth Stone: Ruby

- 7/1 Margien gram
- 7/8 Beverly Glover
- 7/11 Judy Yearout
- 7/16 Charlotte Randles
- 7/17 Shawna Davis
- 7/22 Barb McCall
- 7/27 Chris Pfeiffer

**August Birthdays:**

Birth Stone: Peridot

- 8/8 Kim Clark
- 8/13 Letha Cagle
- 8/14 Judy Danielson
- 8/20 Vicki Ezzell
- 8/23 J.M. Jones
- 8/23 Opal Warr
- 8/29 Karen Preston
- 8/31 Essica Williams

**September Birthdays:**

Birth Stone: Sapphire

- 9/1 Heather Lundquist
- 9/9 Joyce Little
- 9/9 Camille Roselius
- 9/24 Susan Jeansonne
- 9/24 Marcia Sabeti
- 9/25 Lee Ann Vallejos
- 9/28 Britt Toppenberg

**Your Sign**

June 22 – July 22

**Cancer**

(The Crab)

Keyword: "I feel".

Element: Water

July 23 – Aug. 22

**Leo**

(The Lion)

Keyword: "I will"

Element: Fire

Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

**Virgo**

(The Virgin)

Keyword: "I analyze"

Element: Earth

Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

**Libra**

(The Scales)

Keyword: "I balance"

Element: Air

## 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** (evenings) 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.

***There are only a couple of spots still available for Linda Jenkins' workshops on July 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Beth Emrich if you are interested. There is a supply list and your sewing machine is not on it! The cost is \$40 for each day. This is a great opportunity to learn from an expert.***

### Two Poems from Rae Haynes

#### GENTLE MEMORIES

I found it on a table at the auction;  
Such a sad, forlorn old quilt, all worn and stained,  
But it seemed a host of memories lingered 'round it  
As if the ghost of all who'd used it still remained.  
In my mind I saw a woman bending o'er it  
As she made the tiny stitches with such care,  
And the joy and pride it brought her to display it  
Across the spare room bed when guests were there.  
Or perhaps some young girl made it for her dowry  
While dreaming of the life that lay ahead;  
Did her dreams come true, or turn to disappointment  
When the quilt was new and proudly graced her bed?  
'Tis old and shabby; nothing now of beauty  
Remains about this torn and tattered thing,  
But it must have once been someone's proud possession  
And about it gentle memories seem to cling.

-Marcella Bechtel  
Quilters' Newsletter Magazine No. 78  
Reprinted in QNM No. 182, May 1986

*The previous poem, Gentle Memories, found in an old quilters' magazine, inspired me to write the following. I read both Marcella's and my poems at the Four Corners Quilt Gathering in Durango, CO, April 2009.*

#### LEGACY

I bought the quilt with tattered edges,  
Old stains, a hole, and yellowed 'ground;  
Then washed it - twice - in mildest soap,  
Patched holes and, with new cloth, re-bound.

It now adorns *my* bed, this quilt  
From years ago, whose maker will  
Remain unknown to me e'ermore.  
I marvel at her hand stitched skill.

And now it is *my* joy to use it,  
Wondering all the while if she,  
While basking in her quilt's warm comfort,  
Thought about its legacy.

--Rae Haynes, Durango, CO, April 2009

## Small Quilt Auction Results

Congratulations LPQG members for another successful auction! We raised \$13,562.50 with 126 quilts this year. After expenses of \$1,555.53 and the donations to our beneficiaries of \$10,950.00, the guild retains \$1,056.97 for our educational programs and community outreach. I hope you are all proud of your contributions to our 10th Annual Small Quilt Auction - it was fantastic!

I am grateful to all of the members who donated the beautiful quilts we auctioned this year, to everyone who helped set-up and take down the racks, quilts, tables, chairs and tents that day, and to everyone who worked before, during and after the auction to keep everything going smoothly for our auction attendees. I am especially thankful for such a great, hardworking committee: Linda Mount, Beth Emrich, Pat Akers, Robin Mason, Noel Tambre, Cindy Amidon, and Melanie McClaren, who made planning this auction an easy and enjoyable task.

We've already reserved Rotary Park for next year's auction (June 6, 2010), and I hope you all will continue to support this important and truly rewarding event. Thanks again for all you do for the auction.

Chris Pfeiffer

## LA PLATA COUNTY FAIR August 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> 2009 ( Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> set-up)

Our small quilt Auction was wonderfully successful, again! Congratulations to you all! So, you know what that means . . . now it is time to focus on our county fair project. Barb Morgan, Mary Richards and I are chairing this year's event. We hope to again have access to the fair building for **set-up** on **Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>**. This task relies on our men's auxiliary for help. Eight ladies and six men completed set-up in 2 hours last year. We will also need someone to **pick up our trailer** on the opening and closing **Sundays**.

**Wednesday**, the 5<sup>th</sup> is **quilt intake** day. We will need about a dozen helpers divided into three shifts between 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM. This job requires completing the owner information and assigning the correct category for judging. (Workers and entrants, please see your Fair Book for the rules of entry.)

**Thursday** the 6<sup>th</sup> is **judging** and quilt hanging day. This requires ten people each for Professional and Hobbieist judging in two shifts between 6:30 AM until about 3:00 PM. Two are scribes who write the brief notes dictated by the judge. Two update the prize book, four are quilt holders and two are alternates. You are welcome to work both shifts.

After judging on **Thursday**, we **hang the quilts**. Only those folks hanging quilts will have access at this time. If you're anxious to see how your quilt did, sign up to hang quilts. This requires eight people, 3 – 5 PM. Thursday is also the first public viewing of the quilts. About four people are needed to **monitor** the quilts and answer visitor's questions from about 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM .

**Friday** the 7<sup>th</sup> and **Saturday** the 8<sup>th</sup> are exhibit days. We usually have about sixteen people manning three shifts each day between 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM/8:00 PM. These folks **monitor** the quilts (enforce good quilt etiquette), collect Viewer's Choice votes and help sell raffle tickets.

**Sunday** the 9<sup>th</sup>, quilt viewing continues from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. About six people are needed at this time. **Quilt Outtake and Booth Tear Down** begin at 2:00 PM Some male help is greatly appreciated for this task. We'll need about 15 people for two hours.

The Fair Books and sign-up sheets will be at the July meeting and books are available at the extension office at the fairgrounds. All the jobs are easy, some require the ability to write, some require the ability to stand on a chair or ladder, others require the ability to hold up a quilt, and some may require the ability to stand on a chair AND hold up a quilt. If you are interested in volunteering to be an intake and/or judging helper and have questions, please don't hesitate to call or E-mail me. Easy peasy and fun too!

If you are not able to attend the guild meetings, you may call or E-mail me to discuss a day and time you would like to volunteer. Helpers do not have to be guild members. If you have friends or relatives willing to help sign them up or have them contact me.

While you are checking your calendars to see when you can help, don't forget to enter your latest masterpiece . . . get busy with those bindings, labels and sleeves.

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## Ask Polly

Dear Polly,

I would like to learn some new quilting skills but am not very good at following directions from a book. I rented a video that taught appliqué and I had a hard time staying awake through the whole thing and by the time it was over I was not so sure where to start. A lot of my skilled friends now avoid me because they are sure I am going to ask for quilting help. I have seen advertisements for quilting cruises and other quilting workshops held all over the world. I am on a little bit of a budget but really want to learn new skills. What is the best way to learn new techniques and keep your friends?

Laurie the Lonely Learner

Dear Laurie,

There are several ways to learn new methods that do not involve a book or a video. You mentioned a quilting cruise. There are lots of them available and I think you would have a really good time but I am not really so sure you get to sew a whole lot. I would go on a cruise if I wanted to see the world but, my personal opinion is that a ship would not be the place to sew. There are quilt festivals each year in Chicago, Paducah, and Houston and many other locations. Courses are reasonably priced and they offer a large variety of classes. There are usually vendors and a quilt show at the same location. So, again, my personal opinion is that these types of events are well worth your while but may be beyond your budget. I try to save my pennies and attend one main show every 4 or 5 years.

Here is the potential gold mine for learning.....I would suggest that you check with your local quilt shop or your guild to see what classes they are offering. Often guilds or other local quilt groups will contract with a teacher for a workshop. They bring the show to you! Quilt shops may teach new techniques using new tools they have purchased or books that have come their way. The great thing about these types of event is that there is no travel involved. These classes are usually reasonably priced so even if you go home and decide you are not interested in completing the project, you have met a whole bunch of new quilting friends and you will not be lonely anymore.

Good Luck,

Polly

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

As I wrap up this issue I realize that some of you are going to have to get out your reading glasses to be able to read it. Sorry about that but what do you do when it's a newsletter for a Guild that actually does a lot of stuff. It takes a lot of words to tell all about it. Auctions, fairs, hives, workshops, birthdays, poems, minutes. It's all important! And I am determined to cram it all in. Let's hear it for a small font size.

Like Robin I left the Small Quilt Auction with four quilts made by dear friends . . . and one of those friends was . . . me! Yep, I bought my own quilt back. No one seemed to be diggin' my quilt except me so the obvious solution was to make sure a person who highly valued it, got it. It was a "win-win" deal.

In July you will see me at the Linda Jenkins class. I have done one of her excellent classes before – can you ever learn enough about appliqué? Also I am hoping it will help me get off my heini (sp?) and start an appliqué project. (Actually, I usually do my best appliqué while sitting on said heini.)

In August you will see me at the Fair. I haven't officially signed up yet but I hope Barb, Noel and Mary know that I will always be there. The Fair is so quintessentially what a small town in the west is about for me. (I am pretty much over my baklava not winning anything in the foreign baked goods category a few years ago.) Even though I was mad at the baked goods people I wouldn't think about not attending the Fair because year after year the quilt section is awesome. And it's all because you Guild members step up to the plate. You all remind

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me of one of my favorite quotes by Arthur Ashe: "From what we get, we can make a living; what we give, however, makes a life." Here's to the wonderful, rich life we have made through doing what we all love.

I can't believe that this is the third newsletter and I only have one more to produce. It has been a blast. On that note it is time for all of us to start thinking about what we are going to do next year to continue to make our Guild one of the best around. Think about the Arthur Ashe quote. Take that leap of faith and do something you haven't done before. *It's called growth.*

Xxooxoo, Marcia

**ROASTED BEANS & TOMATOES** (From the Rachael Ray Show) Donated by Sharon Weibel

1 pound trimmed green beans – 1 pint cherry tomatoes – rough chopped red onion - minced clove of garlic – extra virgin olive oil - salt & pepper

Heat the oven to 450° with an empty baking sheet on the upper rack. In a bowl coat the beans, tomatoes, onions and garlic with olive oil and season with salt & pepper. Pour all veggies on the hot baking sheet and roast for 22 to 25 minutes until caramelized.

**Additions/Corrections to the LPQG Roster**

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\* New member: Get to know them, make them welcome, you know the drill.

## Meeting Information

### 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

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### General Meetings

- **July 23** – Linda Jenkins (See page 9)
- **August 27** – Connie Anderson, Trunk show
- **September 24** – Vicki Ezzell, Halloween goodies

### 2009 RAFFLE QUILT

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

### 2010 RAFFLE QUILT

- Don't forget to bring your finished block to the July meeting.

Newsletter **deadline** is the **September 24** Guild Meeting. You can E-mail me at [msabeti@aol.com](mailto:msabeti@aol.com) or give me your news at the meeting.

### Board Meetings

- **July 23**
- **August 27**
- **September 24**

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.

### Hospitality Reminders

**July refreshments/Set-up, clean-up:** Letha Cagle, Jan Lewis, Robin Mason

**August refreshments/ Set-up, clean-up:** Rae Haynes, Gail Schulz, Charlotte Randles, Lynn Bell

**September refreshments/Set-up, clean-up:** Joyce Little, Molly Gilliam

Kim needs more help for July and September. Call her at **382-9635**

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