

Las Colcheras Quilt Guild

Las Cruces, New Mexico

December 2016

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Guild Meetings

Third Monday—1:30 PM
American Legion Hall Post 10
1185 E. Madrid Ave.

Board Meetings

Third Monday—12:00 p.m..
Prior to General Meeting
American Legion Hall

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Hey, Sew Sistas!



Greetings, my sew sistas! Winter takes on a special glow, even without snow. For me, it's comes from my fireplace. And yes, a gas fireplace gives your home a cozy, warm glow. My wish for you this month is all of the time you need to complete your Christmas projects. Lucky are those who receive the gift of a quilt. Cuddling up with a quilt warms your body, a wall hanging warms the heart, and even a mug rug expresses warmth.

May love and joy fill your homes and may you always be blessed with good health and warm quilts. I hope to see you at the next guild meeting. Food, friends, and lots of fun!

How about a little trivia about the Christmas tree:

- *The tallest living Christmas tree is believed to be a 91-year old Douglas fir, in Woodinville, WA. 122 feet tall!
- *1923 – President Calvin Coolidge started the National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, now held every year on the White House lawn.
- *Christmas trees are grown in all 50 states.
- *Thomas Edison's assistants came up with the idea of electric lights for Christmas trees.
- *Teddy Roosevelt banned the Christmas tree from the White House for environmental reasons.
- *In 1963, the National Christmas tree was not lit until Dec. 22nd because of a national 30-day period of mourning following the assassination of President Kennedy

Happy Quilting
Veronica



PROGRAM NOTES

A big "Thank You" to Marty Alexander for showing us so many of her wonderful quilts. I especially liked her color wheel series. Once again we are reminded that our own members are some of the best quilters anywhere. You are truly a diverse multi-talented group.

With that in mind, I hope each of you will remember to bring one or more of your Christmas creations to share with the Guild at our newly reconstituted **Holiday Potluck Luncheon**. In January a couple of representatives from Dona Ana County will be at our meeting to talk about the impact our outreach program makes to various communities in the county.



Treasurer Report November 30, 2016

Beginning Balance: \$23282.00

INCOME:

Membership	150.00
President's Challenge	195.00
Raffle Quilt 2017	501.00
Voided check	25.00
Total Income:	\$ 871.00

EXPENSES:

Guild Publicity	13.96
In-House Workshop	50.00
National Speaker Transportation	25.00
Nixon Fund – Community Service	200.25
Nixon Fund – Outreach	369.51
Properties	20.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 678.72

Overall Total \$ 192.28

Ending Balances:

Checking	\$ 18348.00
Savings	\$ 5,126.00

TOTAL: \$ 23473.00

Nixon Fund

Beginning: \$725.41

Expenses:

Batting – Community Service	\$200.25
Ice Dyeing – Community Outreach	\$327.31
Sewing Mach. Parts – Outreach	\$42.19

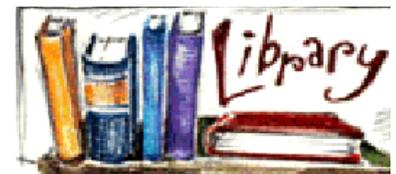
BALANCE: \$155.66

December 2016 Birthdays



Erma Giron	5
Hella Tomczak	5
Robin Curry	8
Naomi Schmidt	8
Lynn Marshall	12
Sara Orton	12
Alyce Ferguson	14
Joan McMullen	15
Linnea Egbert	15
Susan Truitt	27
Carol Sanchez	29
Karen Nemesch	30

Library Books December 2016



- Butterfly album* by Bea Ogglesby
- Garden Party* by Cynthia Tomaszewski
- Tea in the Garden* by Cynthia Tomaszewski
- Artful Album Quilt* by Jane Townswick
- Feather Adventures!* by Patsy Thompson
- Crooked Cabin Quilts* by Pat Sloan
- Scrap Frenzy* by Sally Schneider
- 301 Country Christmas Quilt Blocks* by Cheri Saffiote
- Strips & Strings* by Evelyn Sloppy



Notes from the Vice President



Thanksgiving is over but there are leftovers in the frig. Ugh! My tree is up and so is my Christmas village. Getting back to my sewing machine is at the top of my list.

This month's tip: Match the selvage edges of your fabric. Gently shake to align the straight of the grain before you make your first cut. This works!

Susan Truitt won the November "challenge word". Be sure to hunt for the new word. Come to the December guild potluck, put your answer in the box and you may be a winner too.

March is fast approaching when a new board begins. If you are interested in assisting me, please give me a call. I'll be anxious to hear from you.

Judy Gillen



Minutes of Las Colcheras Quilt Guild General Meeting

NOVEMBER 21, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 1:32 pm at the American Legion Hall on Madrid. There were 48 members, 13 guests. Veronica introduced and welcomed them all.

The minutes for Sept. were approved by all at the general meeting.

Veronica Calderon started the meeting by reading Thank You notes from Linus, Ambercare and Mesilla Valley Hospice. Veronica made the following announcements:

The December meeting will be a Christmas Pot Luck and Christmas Show and Tell. Veronica stated that the Board meeting would begin at 12:00pm with the pot luck starting at 1:00pm.

The In-House workshops will be cancelled until further notice.

The raffle quilt is in need of volunteers.

GUILD CHALLENGE: Dianne Herrmann announced that the Challenge Quilts will be due January 2017. These can be any size or technique using the Challenge Fabric.

Community Service – no report

Raffle quilt – no report

Quilt Show – Vivien Stevens announced that she has contacted Karen Kay Butler for workshops during the Quilt Show.

Program – Libby Pruett introduced Marti Alexander who did a wonderful trunk show. She is a quilter from El Paso, TX. She displayed and talked about her first quilt, hand quilting, scrap quilts, pieced quilts and all of her many colorful quilts.

Show and Tell – Vivien Stevens, Janice Newman, Edna Majestic and Marti Alexander.

Door prizes – three door prizes were donated.

Meeting was adjourned 2:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
B J Alford, Secretary



The 2017 Guild Challenge—Initial Reaction

Each year Las Colcheras Quilt Guild issues a quilt challenge. Each challenge has a theme, rules and guidelines are written and at least one fabric is chosen to be used in the quilt. After the quilts are turned in at Turtle Camp and judged, they are exhibited in February to celebrate Love of Art Month in Las Cruces. Rosettes and a monetary award are given to the top four quilts.

This year's challenge, *Initial Reaction*, is to create a small quilt featuring one or more letters. The letters can be someone's initials, an acronym, a single letter from any alphabet, or perhaps creatures in the shape of a letters. Contact Dianne Herrmann dakotadi@hotmail.com to buy a kit. Cost is \$10 and includes a piece of the challenge fabric and the entry fee into the exhibit.



Community Cupboard

The weather has finally turned and we have given out 24 comfort quilts this past month. Requests for 3 fund raising quilts were also fulfilled. We do still have a good supply of bed quilts should you know of someone in need.

The first thirty cover-up bags were completed by Loose Threads Bee, and delivered to hospice for their clients.

Betty Cross has made a generous donation of 5 large storage cabinets to our various outreach programs and the community cupboard. She and her husband, Mike, also help load and deliver them.

Please remember we take all types of donations - when you are cleaning out your sewing room. Just call or email me (575) 644-6285 or orchardhaven@gmail.com.

In House Workshops

In House Workshops have been discontinued by the Board indefinitely due to lack of interest. If, at some point in the future members show a new found interest for In House Workshops, the Board can discuss the possibility of bringing them back to the guild. It has been my pleasure to work with everyone in providing the workshops this past few months, but right now, there just doesn't seem to be enough interest to continue providing them. - Sandy Koehler

PS A very big thank you to everyone who has volunteered to teach, to help and those who have attended.



It's Coming!!

Yes, yes, yes, we all know Christmas is coming. And a new year. But did you know that there is a new mystery quilt coming in the new year? Be on the lookout for more information about it and ways to sign up in January. The first details will be revealed at Turtle Camp. So get your mystery solving hats on – here we go again!

Anita Himes, Lead Detective, Not Retired



It's that time again!!



It is time for **All of Us** to pay our 2017 guild membership dues. Just as a reminder, we **all** renew our memberships in January. Dues are \$25 for each member and can be turned

in anytime. Please drop your checks off at the next meeting or mail it to the guild PO Box.

Remember if you need to update your information in the handbook this is a great time to do it.

If you have any questions please contact Sue at:
samcmanamen@gmail.com.





Raffle Quilt

Our raffle quilt and two of our wonderful volunteers, Betty Cross and Martha Layman in the picture, were at the La Casa Christmas Bazaar in early December. A reminder to ALL members, if you have not turned in monies for your raffle tickets sales, please do.



If you have not picked up your tickets to be sold, please do. This is our major yearly fundraiser and all members are asked to help. This helps fund our National speakers and other vertigo activities within the guild. So, hurry up and see Elaine. The raffle goes off in February and next years quilt is already in the planning stages.



The Holidays

Remember our Holiday Pot Luck Lunch, bring your goodies and be sure not to eat TOO many treats or you could end up like my very best Girl, Blake, in a candy coma, hohoho!!



From the Gallery

Here are some pictures of a few of the quilts Marty Alexander shared with us last month. Thanks, again Marty



Someone left a pair of glasses at the American Legion hall last month. I have them, so if anyone wants to claim them, have them call Veronica at 649-6567.



Coming Up



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Monday, December 19 12N
LCQG Board Meeting
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Monday, December 1:30P
Guild General Meeting
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Monday, January 16 12:00
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Turtle Camp Dates
January 27 and 28
Dona Aña

February 17-19
Tucson Quilter's Guild
Quilt Fiesta
Tucson Convention Center

March 23-25
Arizona Quilter's Guild
Quilt Arizona
Mesa Convention Center

2018

Las Colcheras Quilt Show
February 16 & 17
National Workshops
February 18 & 19

To:



**Las Colcheras Quilt
Guild Meeting
American Legion Hall
December 19 — 1:30
Meet and Greet 1:00**



Program:

Holiday Pot Luck Lunch

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What to Bring to the Meeting

Dish to Pass

Your Name Tag

Show and Tell

Donations for the Community Outreach Program

