



# Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter



Next meeting **November 3, 2016**  
Oakhurst Community Center Pavilion  
Doors open at 5:30; Business meeting at 6:00  
Greeters: Susan Campbell & Bev Williams  
Program: **Studio Art Quilt Association**



## ***November Meeting***

### **November 3: Studio Art Quilt Association.**

A representative from Studio Art Quilt Associates will be present at our November meeting to share their mission to "promote the art quilt through education, exhibitions, professional development, documentation, and publications." A trunk show with many examples of small art quilts created by their members will be passed around in sealed clear plastic envelopes representing many styles, techniques and materials. It should be a fun and provocative presentation.

Election of officers will be held at the November meeting. The slate of officers is listed on page 5.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may vote by email. Please send your email vote to [dianemartain@netptc.net](mailto:dianemartain@netptc.net) no later than 8:00 pm on November 2. Votes will not be accepted after the specified date and time.



## **FREE FABRIC**

We've had tons of fabric donated for cuddle quilts, which we greatly appreciate, however much of it is not appropriate for cuddle quilts (i.e., dotted Swiss, satin, double knit, etc). It was suggested, and approved by the Board, that we offer this to our membership. Please take what you feel you can use from the table at the November meeting.

Chris

## ***Looking Ahead...***

**December 1:** The annual Holiday event will be a catered dinner of pasta dishes, spring garden salad, garlic bread and dessert prepared by Willow Creek Catering of North Fork at the Community Center main building for a cost of \$15 per person. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Program: A Parade of Quilts (show & tell, mystery quilt reveal and challenge quilts) and 2017 Installation of Officers. Toys for Tots donations (unwrapped toy or cash) will be greatly appreciated.

## Sierra Mountain Quilters Association

General Meeting, October 6, 2016

President Chris Hudson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Oakhurst Community Center. Chris welcomed everyone and led the flag salute. The greeters, Lynn Gray and Mel Peters, were thanked. Chris wished a Happy Birthday to those with an October birthday and thanked them for bringing refreshments for the meeting. Lynnette Stanford was recognized for her 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Laura Ashley-Spencer, celebrating twelve years cancer free, noted that October is "Breast Cancer Awareness Month."

### Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

The General Meeting Minutes for September 1, 2016 were approved by motion of Toni Morton and seconded by Mel Peters, with a correction to reflect that Chris Hudson recognized Joanie Madaus and Deb Austin for the refreshment table setting and flowers; and Jullie Vasquez and Laura Ashley-Spencer for set-up of the room.

### Reports:

- \* Betsy Blum, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, announced that Diane Matthews will give the lecture after the meeting and the "String Quilt" workshop is scheduled for October 7; spaces are available. The Christmas party will be held on December 1, 2016, at the Oakhurst Community Center Main Building – flyers and tickets are available. Willow Creek Catering of North Fork will prepare a pasta dinner (gluten-free pasta will be available with advance request); \$15 per person. Tickets need to be purchased at or prior to the November General meeting. There will be the installation of officers, show and tell, Mystery Quilt reveal and challenge quilts. Donations will be accepted for Toys for Tots (a new toy or cash). December birthdays were asked to bring cookies.
- \* Deb Austin and Joanie Madaus were thanked for setup of the refreshment table. Volunteers were requested for the November meeting. Betsy also asked for volunteers for the decorating and clean up for the Christmas party.
- \* Sonja Campbell from Napa of the Studio Art Quilters' Association will be showing quilts at the November meeting.
- \* Diane Ward for Trudy Kinsel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, held the drawing for the trees mini quilt challenge. The challenge for November is a table runner.
- \* Betsy Anne Youngholm thanked everyone involved for a successful fall retreat. She showed wheelchair bag and burper bib projects from the retreat. She announced that we will sew cuddle quilts at the January meeting and asked members to bring sewing machines. There will be a get together at her house on November 16<sup>th</sup> and December 13<sup>th</sup> to cut and package strips and squares for the January meeting. To date 97 cuddle quilts have been distributed with another dozen received tonight. Drawings were held for the challenge.
- \* Chris Hudson for Jean Richter, Librarian, noted Laura Ashley-Spencer brought a box of books that are available for checking out.
- \* The Treasurer's report was approved as printed in the Newsletter and filed for audit.
- \* Jullie Vasquez, Membership, noted that 44 members and three guests were present. Membership forms for 2017 will be accepted starting with the November meeting. The application will also be available online; however, checks will not be deposited until January 2017. The door prize drawing was held.
- \* Laura Ashley-Spencer advised that to date \$2,465 in raffle tickets for the opportunity quilt has been received. Rhonda Lloyd and PJ Grant said that the opportunity quilt was accepted for the Road to California 2017. She has signup sheets for volunteers to white glove and to sell tickets on January 20<sup>th</sup> – the list of volunteers needs to be mailed by December 1st. Rhonda advised of upcoming events to show and sell raffle tickets for the quilts. Constance Peterson, Quilt Show Co-Chair, announced that a Quilt Show Committee meeting is scheduled for October 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.
- \* Sally Walker advised that the Mystery Quilt pattern is available. It is called "Mysterious" and was designed by Doug Leko for Antler Quilt Design. She showed her quilt top and a top that was made by Diane Matthews. Donna Henning noted that she had the opportunity to meet Doug Leko at a quilt show.

### New Business:

- \* Chris Hudson, on behalf of the nominating committee comprised of Diane Martin, Pat Pfankuchen and Donna Baxter, announced the slate of officers for 2017: President: Chris Hudson: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Laura Fisher and Penni Simily: 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Sharon Stull, Treasurer: Sharon Cox, and Secretary: Margie Williams. A motion was made by Jullie Vasquez and seconded by Diane Ward that Margie Williams be allowed to serve for a third year as Secretary. Motion passed. There were no nominations from the floor. Elections will be held at the November General meeting.
- \* Chris Hudson advised that a program questionnaire is available at this and the November meeting soliciting input for ideas for programs and workshops. She also noted that information is available on PIQF and a boutique in Hanford as well as an offer from Fons and Porter for a magazine subscription.
- \* Chris Hudson advised that written requests from organizations will be considered by the Board for a community quilt.
- \* Chris Hudson asked for volunteers for an audit committee – Betsy Anne Youngholm, Mary Roseling and Bev Gulley volunteered.
- \* The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m., followed by show and tell and refreshments. Betsy Blum introduced Diane Matthews who gave a lecture on "string quilts."

The next general meeting is November 3, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by Margie Williams, Secretary

### November Birthdays

Bryant, Shirley	11/1
Campbell, Susan	11/7
Henning, Donna	11/7
Williams, Kathleen	11/9
Hickman, Charlotte	11/11
Aumond-Capone, Vivian Helena	11/19
Taylor, Linda	11/20
Champion, Linda	11/21
Smith, Becky	11/21
McKnelly, Peggy	11/24
Madsen, Laurie	11/26

*Please bring birthday snacks for sharing to our  
November meeting*

*We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!*

### October New Member Correction

**Brisendine, Jeanne**  
46041 Road 415, Space 164  
Coarsegold, CA 93614  
Cell: 559-314-4436  
mematinker@gmail.com  
DOB: 5/22

*Please correct Jeanne's address  
in your directory*

### Treasurer's Report

by Sharon Cox  
September, 2016  
(Checking Account)

Balance Forward (8/31/16)	\$ 8,720.15
Deposits	\$ 736.50
Expenses	\$ 2,988.11
Bank Balance (9/30/16)	\$ 6,468.54
CD:	\$18,134.22
Savings:	\$16,869.78

### November Holidays

Nov 8	Election Day
Nov 10	Marine Corps Birthday
Nov 11	Veterans Day
Nov 24	Thanksgiving Day
Nov 25	Black Friday
Nov 28	Cyber Monday



### Amenities

*Cards were sent to:*

Sue Graham

Contact **Linda Miller** if you know a member who would appreciate us thinking of them. 683-6007

## Quilting Circles

November 2016

by Marian Romero

**Bits & Pieces** meets Wednesday, Nov. 2, 11:30 am at Round Table pizza in the Vons shopping center. We might play a game after lunch (we'll email about that). We'll definitely trek to Bear Paw Quilts. Don't forget your 6 1/2" gold squares.

**Footloose** meets Mondays, Nov. 7 and Nov. 21. We'll continue brainstorming for Quilt Show Raffle Basket. Bring your own project to work on, whatever you have to Show and Tell plus anything new you have learned. See you at Chris Hudson's Studio!

**Material Girls** will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 1:00 PM at the Bear Paw. We'll finish our plans for our Christmas Party in December.

**Sew Thrilled** members will meet Wed. Nov. 9 at Jean's home. Contact Linda Pennington for information.

**Sunday Scrappers** has a new Schedule: the 2nd Friday and 4th Sunday of the month from 10:00 to noon. Nov. meetings are Friday, Nov. 11 and Sunday, Nov. 27. Meetings are held at Betsy Anne Youngblood's home in Coarsegold. Call Betsy Anne at 536-6532 with any questions.

**Thursday Thimbles** will be meeting at Kay Marshall's home on the 17th, 9:30 am.

**Tuesday Strippers** will meet on Nov. 8 at Bev Gulley's home.

**YoYo's** go to Kathy M. home the 14 of Nov. to giggle over our fun at the Beach in Oct.!!!

**Anything With Fabric** (was Women's Art) will meet at Oakhurst Library, on Nov 17, 9:00 am to noon. All are welcome to join us for lunch. Bring something you are working on and/or fabric to practice free motion. Contact: Constance Peterson 641-6978 or Rhoda Dewy 683-8816.

## November Birthstone

*The wearing of birthstones is thought to bring good luck and good health. Astrologers long ago attributed supernatural powers to certain gemstones.*



The November birthstone, **topaz**, symbolizes love and affection. It is believed to give the wearer increased strength and intellect.



## Monthly Mini-Quilt Challenge

*Trudy Kinsel*

A random drawing will be held each month for quilts brought in.



*"Trees" mini quilts submitted in October*

**November-** Table Runner (Can be longer than 36")

**December-** Have a Holly Jolly Christmas  
The mini-quilt should be no larger than 36" on any side.

### 2017 Slate of Officers

At the November meeting we will be voting for our 2017 Officers. The nominating committee has selected:

President:	Chris Hudson
1st Vice-President:	Laura Fisher
	Penni Simily
2nd Vice-President:	Sharon Stull
Treasurer:	Sharon Cox
Secretary:	Margie Williams

### Three Things to NEVER do as a Quilter

1. Don't compare your work to someone else's work.
2. Don't point out your mistakes.
3. Don't forget the purpose of your quilt.

## COMMUNITY QUILTS

Our Policies and Procedures, Section IV.F.2, states that "from time to time our SMQA members will create quilts for local organizations for their fund-raising purposes". Many of you are already aware that the last SMQA Community Quilt was constructed by the Footloose Circle and presented to the Mountain Bear Club in 2016.

We currently do not have a waiting list of any other organizations. If you know of one that would like to be considered, please have them submit their written request, for our Board's approval. The request is to be sent to our address as printed on the back of each Newsletter.

Submitted by Chris Hudson

### 2017 Membership

Attached to this newsletter is the 2017 Membership Form. Please be aware that if you renew with a check, that check will not be deposited until after January 1, 2017.

Please renew early to have your name in the 2017 Directory.

Thank you,  
Jullie Vasquez

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## Chris's Comments...

Well, we had our first 'taste' of winter a few weeks ago, with a bit of rain and wind. In my area we had a power outage that lasted about 5 hours. I'm not complaining...as we definitely want/need to see more rain in the coming months.

I'm really looking forward to our Christmas dinner this year, which will be held in the main Community Center building. Details were rolled out at our October meeting by Betsy Blum. For those of you not in attendance, there is additional info in this Newsletter. Betsy has asked for volunteers interested in decorating, so be sure to sign up or let Betsy know.

I want to thank Betsy Anne Youngholm, Mary Roseling and Bev Gulley for volunteering for our Audit Committee! Those of you who have been volunteering for specific positions, a variety of our necessary Committees and for selling Opportunity Quilt tickets, you are the **"heart"** of our organization. It takes many ladies, volunteering their time and talents, to make our Association and our upcoming Quilt Show a success. I truly appreciate all of you! It seems there is always something to do, so hopefully more of you will be able to step up and make our guild just that much better.

Don't forget, we'll be voting at our meeting this month for our 2017 Board. The slate of officers will again be presented and nominations may be made from the floor, providing the consent of the person being nominated has already been obtained prior to their name being placed in nomination. The current slate of officers is listed on page 5 of this Newsletter.

Your vote counts!!! Please make sure to attend the November meeting.

## CUDDLE CORNER

Congratulations to Penni Simily and Helen Ramsey, each winning a \$25 gift certificate to Bear Paw in the Cuddle Quilt drawing at the October meeting. There were 94 tickets in the basket and we thank everyone who entered by contributing a cuddle quilt between June and October.



Penni Simily



Helen Ramsey

In October we donated 12 cuddle quilts and 9 wheelchair bags to Oakhurst Healthcare and Wellness, and 8 cuddle quilts and 6 burper bibs to Helping Hands. This brings our total to 120 cuddle quilts so far this year.

There will be two opportunities to get together to cut and package the cuddle quilt kits for next year: *Wednesday, November 16* from 10:00 am to noon and *Tuesday, December 13* from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Cutting and packaging will be at my place in Coarsegold. A sign-up sheet and directions will be available at the November meeting.

And finally, the January meeting will be the Cuddle Quilt Sewing meeting. We need some folks to sign up to bring their machines that evening.

Any questions about cuddle quilts? Call Betsy Anne at 536-6532.



Thank you Oakhurst Giftworks for the lovely flowers provided for the snack table at our meetings.

# Mysterious

## 2016 SMQA Mystery Quilt

You might be surprised to find out that this year's mystery quilt pattern was designed by a man, a very young man.



*Doug Leko*

When I approached him about using this pattern as a mystery quilt, he said that we are not the first guild to use it as a mystery quilt, though it was not published with that intent. Thanks for your patience with me.

Doug Leko's story is unique in the quilting industry. He founded Antler Quilt Design in 2008, when he was just fourteen. He'd been quilting since the age of six, and working in his mother's quilt shop over the years helped him develop his skills and refine his art. After pattern testing for various designers, he began to develop his own quilt designs. Doug took off from there, launching a full-scale design and marketing operation while he was still in high school.

Since then, his reputation has grown along with his business. He has a vibrant and growing collection of patterns available at quilt stores around the U.S. and Canada. New releases each year coincide with the timing of Quilt Market. With every new release, he signs and numbers the first 24 patterns, and

those are intermixed randomly as orders are filled - so keep your eye out!

Doug takes a distinctive approach to his quilt



designs. He enjoys incorporating secondary design elements, and he's absolutely passionate about color. For Doug, there's nothing like pulling together just the right mix of coordinating fabrics for a project. He loves every aspect of the quilting process, from design to fabric selection to handwork to binding.

His work has been featured in prominent publications such as *McCall's Quilting*, *Quiltmaker*, and in *American Patchwork & Quilting*.

When he's not busy developing new designs or showing at Quilt Market, he divides his time between pursuing a marketing degree and teaching/speaking at quilt shops and other quilting events.

Sharing with other quilters is what Doug likes best about his business. He always wants to know what people are working on, and he's known as much for his outgoing nature and storytelling as for his unique passion about quilting.



Shop Doug's innovative selection of designs, and keep an eye on this young man who's continuing to make a colorful splash in the quilting world!

*Sally Walker*



## Sierra Mountain Quilters Association 2017 Membership Form

Your membership dues support the many functions of SMQA including: meetings, speakers, workshops, newsletter, website, quilting retreats, circles, Biennial Quilt Show and fellowship.

**Membership:** *(Please circle one)*

Individual Membership: \$25

Family: \$35

**Please Print Clearly**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Day of Birth: *(Month/Day)* \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:**

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Mailing Address *(if different from above):* \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

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**Note:** Please mail your check to SMQA, P.O. Box 1359, Oakhurst, CA 93644. Your payment will be deposited in January, 2017.



## October Show & Tell





## Sierra Mountain Quilters Association

P.O. Box 1359  
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**REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME  
BADGE AT THE NEXT MEETING!**

### BOARD MEMBERS

President	Chris Hudson
First Vice President	Betsy Blum
Second Vice President	Trudy Kinsel
Treasurer	Sharon Cox
Secretary	Margie Williams

*Board Meetings are held at 1:00 p.m. on the fourth  
Monday of each month at Yosemite Bank Community  
Conference Room.*

Send Newsletter submissions to [lpenni@sti.net](mailto:lpenni@sti.net)  
Deadline is 20th of each month.

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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