



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting **March 7, 2019**

Oakhurst Community Center Pavilion

Greeters: **Sew Crafty Quilters**

Doors open at 5:30, Meeting begins at 6:00

Program: Panel Discussion

Programs and Workshops

Program schedule changes: Since the February meeting and workshop were cancelled due to snow & ice, Jenny K. Lyon has been rescheduled to November. Also, with member attention distracted by the Spring Retreat, Mr. John Egbert has been rescheduled from March to July. Please see the sign-up table for a refund for these rescheduled programs.

March

One of the goals for SMQA for 2019 is to have more people involved in friendship groups, retreats, talking with other members and helpers for activities. It's easier to talk with people when we know a little about them. Therefore, there will be a panel discussion with 3 persons who will tell us about themselves. This will be interactive with the audience.

April

The presenter will be Fern Royce. program entitled "How I found the Liberated Pathway." The workshop is String Quilts. Whether you plan to attend or not, your strings (minimum 1" wide strips) will help give variety to the projects. Please see her website for more inspiration: www.fernroycequilting.com. Sign-ups will start at the March meeting.

May

As I clean/organize my sewing room, there are those hiding items, I no longer need and are taking up valuable space. And I have plenty to fill any available space. Even my mind can operate with only so much

distraction. So, I'm all in to pass these along to someone else.

You can participate in Spring Cleaning. Rent a table for yourself or group for \$10. Sale will start at 5:30 pm. I plan to look at other tables, so mine will be on honor system with a jar for payment. So, bring plenty of small bills/change.

Laura J. Fisher, 1st Vice Pres

Featured Quilter Colette Wear

This year's Featured Quilter for the SMQA quilt show is Colette Wear. Quilt show attendees are in for a big



treat as Colette is a masterful quilter, applique expert, and genuine artist.

Colette has resided in Mariposa with her husband George for 27 years. Colette and George have four adult children, two boys and two girls. Formerly residents of San Jose, California, they both worked for IBM. They

moved to Mariposa after falling in love with the area after visiting a friend's ranch. As a Mariposa resident, Colette is very active in sewing and quilting activities in her home town as well as the Sierra Mountain Quilters Association.

See **FEATURED**, page 4

March Birthdays

McBride, Christina	3/10
Vincent, Patty	3/10
Gaither, Carolin	3/12
Marshall, Kay	3/13
Powell, Nina	3/14
Stillman, Eldine	3/15
Hyde, Nancy	3/16
Johnson, Sue	3/20
Weaver, Sharon	3/20
Cramer, Patty	3/23
Kinsel, Trudy	3/27

We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!

The birthday ladies are requested to bring snacks to share for our March meeting.



Amenities

Cards were sent to:

No Cards were sent in February

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

Mystery Quilt Tabled

After we've all had a chance to catch our breath from the fun of creating an Awesome Quilt Show, we will start on our mystery project. To be announced in June, but here's a hint, it will be a Table Runner! As usual we will show our completed projects at the December Guild Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

by Kay Marshall
January 2019

Checking Account

Balance (1-1-19)	\$3,510.74
Deposits in January	\$2,484.58
Expenses in January	\$1,350.59
Balance (1-31-19)	\$4,644.73
Savings :	\$18,196.59
CD:	\$16,903.52

March Holidays

March 2	Read Across America Day
March 3	World Wildlife Day
March 8	International Women's Day
March 12	National Napping Day
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 23	National Puppy Day



HELP WANTED

There is an opening for a helper to the 1st Vice-President. At this time, it will involve some housekeeping chores of unlocking doors, getting equipment from storage and setting it up for the meetings & workshops.

Laura Fisher

Quilting Circles *March 2019* by Marian Romero



Anything with Fabric meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. From 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Show and Tell: 9:30 am. Where: Oakhurst Library Community Center. Bring your own sewing projects.

Remember to bring scissors and rulers and other sewing supplies you need. We will provide a cutting mat and iron. All are welcome. Contacts: Rhonda Dewey and Constance Peterson.

Bits & Pieces meets on Wednesday, March 6th, 11:00 am at Mary Wyly's home. Bring your favorite salad topping (bread-Charlotte, dessert-Penni). Also bring an extra copy of your 2019 project list for Patty V., and your completed Project #3 to show. Usual agenda. Carpoolers: 10:20 am at Payless Shoes.

Footloose meets on Monday, March 11th and Tuesday, March 26th. Remember our outing to see 'Clue' on March 3rd.

Material Girls will meet on Tuesday March 12th at 1:00 pm at The Bear Paw. We will be working on cuddle quilts. Please bring show and tell.

Sew Crafty Quilters will meet March 14th and 28th at the clubhouse at Oak Creek Park in Coarsegold.

Sew Thrilled will meet Fridays, March 8th at Sheila's home and March 22nd at Linda's home (hosted by Helen). Any questions call Linda Pennington.

Thursday Thimbles. No report

YoYo's gathered in February on a sunny day and plan to be at Nancy's on the 18th of March. We "plan" for beautiful sunny weather for more chatting. Maybe even plan a project?

CUDDLE CORNER



We had a great turn out for the January Cuddle Quilt meeting! Lots of fun cutting & sewing & chatting it up! Since we didn't have a guild meeting in

February, we haven't gotten much back from the January CQ sewing night but are hoping to see some completed quilts at the upcoming meeting.

Remember...you'll be directly keeping someone warm and comforted!

We will be rolling out our new incentive program right away! You'll get the full scoop at the meeting, but it has to do with punch cards for CQ completions, and prizes! Stay tuned!

If you don't have the time to work on a Cuddle Quilt, please consider taking home a kit for a wheelchair bag. They make up in just an hour or so. We've reworked the pattern so that it's much easier to follow.

Don't forget, we meet once a month: the 3rd Wednesday at the Oakhurst Library from 9 am to 1 pm. Next meeting date will be March 20th.

President's Notes

Hello and Happy March! This is your Phantom President. I missed seeing everyone in February, but safety first.

I will not be at the March meeting (sigh). When Betsy asked me to take this position, I had told her I had two trips planned and this is the last of the two. Laura Fisher will be leading the meeting. She has a great program planned for you.

There have been some changes made to your SMQA Board: Laura Fisher is now the solo First Vice President. Betsy Anne Youngholm is the new editor of the Newsletter. Linda will be helping Betsy Anne for a few editions. I know they both will do a great job for the Guild.

I will see you in April. Patty Spinelli

Block of the Month

Remember to bring your blocks of the month to the meeting.

January phrase: Chill Out

February phrase: Lovey Dovey

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She belongs to the Mariposa Piece Makers, a very active quilting club that meets once a month in Mariposa on the second Saturday of each month. She also belongs to the Sierra Sewing group that meets in Mariposa at the Senior Center. She participates in many community-benefitting projects such as sewing quilts for CASA kids, patriotic quilts for Rotary, and quilts for the Children's Hospital. This is along with all the community-benefitting projects she participates in with SMQA!

A lifelong artist and seamstress, Colette decided to try making her first quilt for her fourteen-year-old daughter. It sounded like a fun project as it was called, "Quilt in a Day." Before rotary cutters, it involved ripping the fabric into strips and sewing them into log cabin squares. As Colette had been sewing since she was nine years old, making a quilt came easy. In fact, she became very interested in sewing as a child when her mother was sewing clothing for a life-sized doll. Colette was fascinated. When her mother took a break to make lunch, she decided that she could do some sewing herself. In the unsupervised process, she sewed through her finger. Her mother had to carefully remove the needle with pliers! Yikes! But that didn't deter her. Her mother immediately decided to show her how to safely sew and she has been sewing ever since.

Several years passed between Colette's first quilt and her return to quilting. Following her retirement to Mariposa, she visited Bear Paw Quilt Shop in Oakhurst, where she saw a Chicken Quilt. She says that it was Donna Hennings' encouragement and mentoring, that inspired her to quilt again. Donna is one of her quilting "heroes."

Colette has had many quilting experiences and adventures. She didn't know much about

applique but decided to take an applique trip with friends. Unknowingly, she selected a very complicated pattern. It involved needle-turning applique, which proved to be one of her most challenging projects in quilting. Following that experience, she decided to learn other methods and has become masterful with the starch and reversed applique methods.

Another quilting adventure of Colette's was her quilting cruise to Hawaii with Pearl Pereira, an applique expert. Four days at sea, coming and going to Hawaii, allowed lots of time for learning reverse quilting on Hawaiian quilt blocks. Some folks got a bit seasick, but not Colette! She met many new friends and learned from one of her favorite and most inspiring quilt instructors. Since then, she often uses Pearl Pereira's beautiful, artistic patterns. At the SMQA quilt show on May 18th and 19th, Colette will display some of her latest projects including her biggest challenge: an applique flower quilt designed by Pereira. The quilt involves intricate applique, advanced embroidery techniques, and machine quilting.

The SMQA Quilt Show is May 18-19 at the Oakhurst Community Center. Colette will be there to display her amazing quilts, many of which are award winners.

Submitted by Diane Martin



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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
Deadline is 20th of each month.

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