



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting **April 7, 2016**

Pavilion Oakhurst Community Center

Doors open at 5:30; Business meeting at 6:00

Greeters: Nancy Swanson and Peggy McNelly

Program: **Kevin Kosbab - "Appliqué is Not a Four Letter Word"**

April Meeting

April 7 & 8: Kevin Kosbab from Stockton, CA

Lecture: "Appliqué Is Not a Four-Letter Word"

Appliqué has unjustly earned a reputation as "the 'A' word," a fussy, time-consuming technique that many quilters avoid like a plague. There's a lot to love about appliqué, and it really isn't scary! The lecture takes the intimidation out of appliqué and shows the wonderful possibilities it adds to quilt making. You'll find an appliqué method to suit your own quilting personality, along with tips for avoiding some of the pitfalls that give appliqué such a bad name.



Section of "Bird Crossing Quilt"

Workshop: Learn machine appliqué techniques while working on this cute, popular design that lends itself to many styles of fabric. Practice a number of different techniques in class, including starch-turned preparation with invisible machine appliqué and fusible raw-edge appliqué for the smaller details. Quilt measures 36½" × 45½", or a runner can be made from 4 blocks.

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Earth Day April 22, 2016

Looking Ahead...

May 5:

Meet the Circles: Footloose Circle presentation. Get ready to knock our socks off with your quilting challenges and beautiful quilts.

Jun 2:

Charlotte Rodgers: Lecture and Trunk Show. "Color Studies in Old and New Quilts"

Fall Retreat - Save the Dates September 19 thru 22, 2016

Now that the successful spring retreat has concluded (thank you to Georgia Harvey and Betty Fish), it is time to start thinking about the fall retreat at ECCO. Currently ECCO has no rooms available for overnights near these dates. This is scheduled as a *days only retreat*. More details will be available at our May meeting and signups will begin then.

Contact Betsy Anne Youngholm at 559-536-6532 if you have questions about the fall retreat.

Sierra Mountain Quilters Association

General Meeting, March 3, 2016

President Chris Hudson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. at the Oakhurst Community Center. Chris welcomed everyone and led the flag salute. She thanked Gene and Linda Pennington for building the stand and purchasing the new flag and pole on behalf of the Guild. Chris thanked greeters Constance Peterson and Rhonda Dewey and noted there is a signup sheet for greeters for the rest of the year. Chris wished a Happy Birthday to those who have a March birthday and thanked them for bringing refreshments for the meeting. She also recognized those with anniversaries in March.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

The General Meeting Minutes for February 4, 2016, were approved as written in the Newsletter by motion of Nancy Swanson and seconded by Virginia Corriea.

Reports:

- Chris Hudson, on behalf of Betsy Blum, provided a reminder of upcoming programs and workshops; and she passed out slips for members to make suggestions for speakers, programs, and techniques. She advised of the “meet the teachers” event in April in Pleasanton and noted she and Betsy plan to attend. Amy Blodgett stated there are three spaces available for the April appliqué workshop.
- Diane Martin provided information on the history of “National Quilt Month” and suggested doing something next year to promote the quilt show. It was noted that there was a story in the Sierra Star today on the Guild.
- Trudy Kinsel, 2nd Vice President, held the drawing for the paper piecing mini quilt challenge. She noted that the theme for April is flower fantasy.
- Jean Richter, Librarian, advised that the books are now located in the back storage room. A new donation was received today. If Jean is not available, the books can be self checked out and in.
- Chris Hudson advised that the Board is currently revisiting the name and description of the Big/Little Sisters.
- The Treasurer’s report for February 2016 was approved as printed in the Newsletter and filed for audit.
- Jullie Vasquez, Membership, noted there are 52 members present. Chris Hudson thanked Jullie for her work on the 2016 Membership Directory. The raffle ticket/door prize drawing was held.
- P.J. Grant and Rhonda Lloyd advised of plans to show the opportunity quilt and asked for members to sign up to help at: 2017 Road to California Show, Quilters’ Paradise Retreat at Bass Lake, ECCO, Lindsey Show on April 8 and 9, Rusty Barn Show in Fresno on April 28-30, and the Shop Hop at Bear Paw on May 1. Ticket books and postcards should be available for the April meeting. Bookmarks are available now. They advised of incentives for members to sign up to help, with drawings for shift workers and fat quarters.
- Sally Walker/Webmaster advised that labels are available with the password for the new website. She also noted that tonight is the last opportunity to sign up for the Mystery Quilt, and she showed the pieces she cut for her quilt.
- Betsy Anne Youngholm, Cuddle Quilt Chair, advised that she received over 30 cuddle quilts and noted kits were available for the quilts and the pattern for the wheelchair bags.

New Business:

- Chris Hudson stated that if anyone is interested in belonging to a circle meet here at 5:00 p.m. before the April meeting.
- Charlotte Hickman advised that the Mariposa Piece Makers is holding its outdoor show at the Mariposa History Center on April 30th from 9 – 4 and that bookmarks are available advertising this event.
- Chris Hudson noted that Mary Brand had back surgery and is recovering.
- Chris Hudson noted the postcards swap is available for anyone that is interested.
- Show and Tell was held. Chris Hudson noted that Pat Pfankuchen brought in Quilt magazines for the members.
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m. followed by refreshments and Quilt-O Bingo.

The next meeting is April 7, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by Margie Williams, Secretary

April Birthdays

Gray, Lynn	4/1
Miller, Pat	4/6
Nunes, Jo	4/7
Blodgett, Amy	4/8
Cox, Sharon	4/10
Hotovec, Sheila	4/12
Harvey, Georgia	4/14
Walker, Sally	4/18
Fisher, Laura	4/26
Baxter, Donna	4/28
Williams, Margie	4/28
Bauer, Pat	4/30

Please bring birthday snacks to our
April meeting
We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!

Renewing Member

Lalev, Donna
43803 Hwy 41 Unit 2
Oakhurst, CA 93644
Home: 559-658-2033
Cell: 559-683-8162
lalevs@sti.net
DOB: 10/2

Please add this member to your directory.



SMQA Meeting Dates

Apr 7 Kevin Kosbab: "Appliqué is Not a Four Letter Word"
May 5 Meet the Circles: Footloose
Jun 2 Charlotte Rodgers, "Color" Joen Wolfran Guide

April Holidays

Apr 6 National Tartan Day
Apr 13 Thomas Jefferson's Birthday
Apr 16 Tax Day
Apr 19 Nat'l Library Workers' Day
Apr 22 Earth Day
Apr 27 Admin. Professionals Day
Apr 28 Take Daughters & Sons to Work

Amenities

Cards were sent to:

Mary Brand
Shirley Bryant
Susan Campbell
Vivian Helena Aumond-Capone
Donna & Glenn Baxter
Mary Roseling

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



Quilting Circles

April 2016

by Marian Romero

Bits & Pieces will meet Wednesday, April 6, 11 a.m. at Patty Vincent's home. Bring salad toppings (Pat B. & Colette - bread; Patty S. - dessert) Remember: 6 1/2" purple squares. Usual agenda. Carpoolers meet at Payless Shoes at 10:30 a.m.

Footloose will meet at Chris's Studio Mondays, April 5 and April 11 from 4-6 p.m. We'll review where we stand with completing projects and continue working on them. Bring show and tell.

Material Girls will meet on Tuesday, April 12, at 1:00 p.m. at The Bear Paw.

Sew Thrilled members will meet Wednesdays, April 13 and April 27. Contact Linda Pennington for more information.

Thursday Thimbles will be meeting at Helen Ramsey's home on April 28 at 9:30 a.m. Bring your lunch.

Tuesday Strippers will meet on April 12 at Kay Gaumer's home.

Wildflowers will meet at the YLP Clubhouse at 10:00 a.m. on April 13. Bring whatever you are currently working on and your lunch if you wish to stay and chat a bit.

YoYo's will meet April 28 at Nancy Hyde's house. We will have our usual shenanigans, dancing, laughing, talking, hooting and hollering and fabric art work. No doubt we will discuss our ongoing challenge due in September.

Treasurer's Report

by Sharon Cox
February, 2016
(Checking Account)

Balance Forward (2/29/16)	\$9,972.006
Deposits	\$4,197.900
Expenses	\$1,324.46
Bank Balance (2/29/16)	\$12,845.44
CD:	\$18,127.43
Savings:	\$16,865.94

April Birth Flower

April's birth flower is the **daisy** which conveys innocence, loyal love, and purity. It is also a flower given between friends to keep a secret; the daisy means "I'll never tell." The other April flower is the **sweet pea**.



Sweet peas signify blissful pleasure, but are also used to say good-bye.





Cuddle Corner

Thanks to the efforts of the Guild members, we have distributed 24 cuddle quilts this month: twelve to Valley Children's Hospital Child Life program, five to the Oakhurst Healthcare and Wellness Centre (plus two wheelchair bags), and seven to Mountain Crisis Services in Mariposa. Keep up the good work and keep on sewing those cuddle quilts.

Remember you can pick up kits at the monthly meeting or use your own pattern and creativity. We also have need of folks who can take and sew the kits for totes and wheelchair bags.

If you have any questions, please contact Betsy Anne Youngholm at 559-536-6532.

Note: the scheduled monthly cuddle quilt sewing at Bear Paw on April 19 is cancelled; we will sew there again on Tuesday, May 17th from 10:30 to 12:30.

Monthly Mini-Quilt Challenge

Trudy Kinsel

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

April- Flower Fantasy

May- Appliqué (technique)

June- Make a Splash

July- Red, White and Blue

August- Curves

September- Animals

October- Trees

November- Table Runner (No longer than 36")

December- Have a Holly Jolly Christmas

The mini-quilt should be no larger than 36" on any side.



Opportunity Quilt Construction

I am so, so sorry. I forgot one name in the list of people who worked on the opportunity Quilt.

A huge thank you, thank you, thank you also goes out to Betty Fish for being part of the team of workers who sewed blocks for the Opportunity Quilt.

I'm sorry for forgetting you, Betty Fish, and thank you sooooo much.



Virginia Corriea
Opportunity Quilt Chair

SMQA Website Update

Member's Photos have been posted in the password protected area of the SMQA website. If your photo is not posted, or if you do not like the photo that is posted, please contact Sally Walker at Sallyjwalker@gmail.com or 559-683-5316

SMQA Beginnings.....

While clearing out our storage shed a handwritten history of SMQA was found. This is Part II of a series of SMQA history for your enjoyment.

1982-1983:

BeBe Haussmann, President and we moved to the High School Library. Thanks to Betsy Blum who was a member as well as Librarian there. We were up to 35 members.

I did my first two workshops for the group on "Points and Circles." I did circles first then the Daisy 'Mule Ears.'

Glenda then showed us how to quilt our tops and make pillows.

Cay Laughton from the original "Quilter's Paradise" did a workshop on fabric covered note books.

We started our first show for the public library for small items and Virginia Fox chaired that.

We adopted our logo.

April, 1983

Roberta Horton did three workshops on the 8th, 9th and 10th "Combining Prints", "Stained Glass", and Amish Lecture and Slide Show. Betty also did a Celtic Design workshop for us.

Our quilt was "Fascination" by Glenda Warnock.

June 1983

Our first Quilt Show! Marge Hoyt chaired and it was at the Community Center.

(To be continued in May newsletter)



Programs – 2017

During the last few years, I have had the honor of holding guild positions including 1st VP. It has been fun, exciting and helped me get better acquainted with the wonderful people in our guild. So, now to the point – would you be interested in being 1st VP for 2017? Do you have a friend who would like to partner with you?

Responsibilities

- Monthly programs – due to all the business and challenges at meetings this is not hard
- Lining up guest speakers and workshops
- Managing a generous budget for the above
- Attending monthly board meetings
- Publicity
- Twisting the arm of someone to help you with refreshments!
- And you get a set of keys for the Pavilion and SMQA Storage Unit in Ahwahnee!

The biggest part of this job is planning and organization. I have a folder with brochures of teachers who would be interested in coming to Oakhurst. It is also helpful to attend the Northern California Quilt Council "Meet the Teachers" program Wednesday, April 13 in Pleasant Hill, CA from 10 to 12. See their website at <http://www.ncqc.net>

Betsy Blum

Chris's Comments...

April already and Spring is definitely "in the air"!!

I'm looking forward to our April Program, with Kevin Kosbab of Dog Feed Designs, and his class on Friday, 4/8. Hopefully you've already signed up, as I believe there was only one spot left as of our March meeting!

Speaking of programs, as I mentioned at our last meeting, we're already looking at potential teachers & programs for 2017. Please speak up and provide us feedback as to what you'd like to see!! At our last meeting I distributed slips of paper requesting your ideas. Approximately 20% of responses, from those in attendance that evening, were returned. Bonnie Hunter seemed to be a favorite. I checked her Quiltville web site and, believe it or not, she is booked through 2019!! Definitely one popular (and busy) quilter!! She must never sleep! Check out her web site...<http://www.quiltville.com/>...lots of great info and 'eye candy'!

Well, if you attended the March meeting, you know that the 'ticket issues' have been resolved and that Rhonda and PJ are busy setting up venues for showing our beautiful Opportunity Quilt. Please sign up as often as you are able to, between now and May 2017, to sit with our quilt! Granted, for many of us, selling tickets isn't the thing we'd most like to do, however hopefully, we all have that sense of responsibility and commitment to make our Association the best it can be. It is also a great way to meet others in our guild and in the community. If you've not sold tickets before, and you are unaware of what is expected of you, sign up with someone who has. It really isn't that difficult. By stepping up and volunteering, it gives one a sense of accomplishment and at the same time, the responsibility doesn't fall on the shoulders of only a few.

SMQA WANTS YOU!!!!

Keep on stitching!!



Fabric Post Cards

For those of you participating in the Fabric Post Card Exchange, the theme for April is "Flowers after the Rain."

OPPORTUNITY QUILT SCHEDULE FOR TICKET SALES

Notes from PJ Grant & Rhonda Lloyd

We recently attended two Quilter's Paradise retreats at Bass Lake and made a bit more than \$250 in ticket sales. That was a hard act to follow, but we brought the Opportunity Quilt to ECCO during the SMQA retreat, and made another \$166 from the Methodist Women's group...what a wonderful bunch of ladies!



A big shout-out to those members who signed up to volunteer for white-glove duties and Opportunity Quilt ticket sales at the upcoming **Best of Valley Quilt Show** in Lindsay. We were able to fill all of the needed shifts for the white-glovers. **However, we STILL need at least two more volunteers to work the Opportunity Quilt ticket sales table on Friday, April 8, from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.** If you are interested in helping out, please contact either PJ (559-683-4503) or Rhonda (559-683-8028) as soon as possible.

The upcoming **Rusty Barn Quilt, Sewing & Craft Festival** is scheduled for Thursday to Saturday, April 28 to 30. We need a few more volunteers to sell our Opportunity Quilt tickets at that event. They are providing the booth and table and chairs. PJ will be asking for additional sign-ups at the April meeting. **Shop Hop at Bear Paw**, Sunday, May 1. Sally walker has graciously offered to set up the quilt at Bear Paw on Sunday morning. We are looking for volunteers to fill shifts from 10:00 am to noon and 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Sue Collins and Shirley Flynn have volunteered to cover the noon to 2:00 shift.

Oroville Piecemakers 2016 Opportunity Quilt

I am with the Oroville Piecemakers Quilt Guild and have a wonderful Opportunity Quilt to share with you. Due to either distance or scheduling, we are not able to bring our quilt to your guild, so I thought to share it with you this way. First a little about this quilt:

We have been working on it for 8 years and are finally able to market it. It has taken us so long, that some of the ladies who started with it have passed away, so it is with bittersweet joy that we can finally say we are finished.

The quilt is 79" x 79". The drawing will be on December 15 although we will be showing it at our 2016 quilt show "Beauty on the River, 2016" on October 1 & 2, 2016.

The pattern is "Times and Seasons" by Piecemakers of Costa Mesa, CA.

The following is a link to our website where the quilt is shown <http://orovillepiecemakers.org/quilt-show>.

I hope you will agree with us that this quilt is amazing and will share this email with your members. If anyone would like to purchase tickets, they cost 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5. Please mail a check made out to OPQG and mail to:



Terri Russell

198 Canyon Highlands Dr.

Oroville, Ca 95966

We can fill out the tickets for you and mail the stubs back, unless you don't want the stubs, just let us know. Terri is the "keeper" of the tickets.

Thank you for your consideration,
Sharon Helton (cal_sharon@hughes.net)
530-743-7465
Oroville Piecemakers Quilt Guild

Note: Betsy Blum will collect any money and act as the intermediary between SMQA and Oroville Piecemakers.

Classified



Do you have something quilting related you'd like to sell?

Is there something you are looking for that you think other quilters may have and no longer want?

Why not place a listing in our SMQA Newsletter? Limitations would be one listing, per member, per newsletter and, of course, space permitting.

New Circle Opportunities

Would you like to belong to a "Circle" or "small group", but you've found that all current groups are at capacity? Would you like to be involved in possibly forming a new group or joining one?

If you think you may be interested, we'll have a short get-together, **prior to our General meeting, at 5:00 p.m., on April 7, 2016.** We'll discuss any questions you may have about 'circles', and see how many may be interested in starting a new group or two.





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*Board Meetings are held at 1:00 p.m. on the
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Send Newsletter submissions to lpenni@sti.net
Deadline is 20th of each month.

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