



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Sharon Templeton calls herself the Chaotic Quilter; she loves color, fun, and "sharing all things quilting." March 6th she has a trunk show about borders and more. The following day she will teach ***What Becomes of the Broken Hearted*** Quilt. This great workshop will build your confidence with free motion quilting, simple machine appliqué and quilt as you go!!



Sign-ups for the March workshop open at the February SMQA meeting.

\$20 for members.

\$35 for non-members

Limit 20 people.



Pat is our energetic First VP in charge of programs and she has a lot to share this year!

February 6, 2014

Meeting Schedule

The Pavilion at the Oakhurst Community Center

Doors open at 5:30

Business Meeting @ 6pm

Show and Tell

Program: Civil War Quilts; a trunk show by Arlene L. Arnold

If it's your birthday month you're bringing refreshments. :-)

Sierra Mountain Quilters Association
General Meeting, January 2, 2014

President Kathy Millhollon called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at the Oakhurst Community Center in Oakhurst, California. Kathy welcomed everyone to the meeting and she led the Flag Salute. Kathy thanked the ladies who had birthdays in January for brining the refreshments for the meeting. She also welcomed guests.

Reports:

- The December 5, 2013 minutes were accepted.
- The Treasurer's Report will be reviewed and presented at the next meeting. The Audit was completed as of January 2, 2014.
- 1st Vice President Pat Pfankuchen shared upcoming events for the General Meetings and for Workshops. She also said that Diane Martin will assist in making badges for this evenings program and Virginia Corriea will assist the making of pin cushions.
- 2nd Vice President Patty Spinelli asked for volunteers to fill the following positions. She thanked all who volunteered.

Cuddle Quilts – Judy Andes

Library – Diane Ward

Historian – Donna Baxter

Big/Little Sisters – Donna Baxter

Circles – Sharon Lawin

Amenities – Linda Miller

Kathy also thanked everyone for volunteering. Patty announced that we are in need of a chairman for the 2014 Community Quilt to be made for the Mountain Bear Fan Club.

- Membership, Mel Peters reminded everyone that SMQA dues must be paid by February 1, 2014 for their information to be in the SMQA Directory.

Old Business:

- Kathy asked for volunteers to sign up for the Set up Committee...they would come in before the meeting and set up the room and then help take down after the meeting.
- She also passed a Sign up Sheet for volunteers to be Greeters at the meeting.

New Business:

- Kathy announced she would be starting a Challenge – Christmas Table Runner and that we would need a chairman for that activity.
- Virginia Corriea and Pat Pfankuchen held a fabric sale of fabrics that were donated to the guild. Proceeds to go towards Cuddle Quilts. Final profit will be announced at the next SMQA Business Meeting.

Questions/Announcements:

- Sharon Cox and Virginia Corriea will Co Chair the 2015 Quilt Show
- Chris Hudson will Chair the Mystery Quilt for 2014
- Susan Campbell will Chair the Block Exchange
- Kathy also said we would do a 12" X 12" Seasonal Mini Quilt (March – Spring, June – Summer, Sept – Autumn, Dec.-Winter).
- Lin Crow has volunteered to lead the Fall Retreat and Diane Ward will lead the Spring Retreat, both held at ECCO. The Spring retreat will be March 6-9, 2014. Diane announced that she needed more overnight people.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:30

- Followed by Show and Tell
- Refreshments

Quilting Circles by Sharon Lawin

Bits & Pieces meets Wed., February 5th, 11 a.m. at Pat Bauer's home. Usual agenda. Bring your first finished heart block, Show & Tell, handwork. Carpoolers meet at Payless Shoes at 10:30 a.m. (Bread-Colette, Dessert-Patty S.)

Footloose will meet February 10th and 24th at Mountain Home School. For this month, we'll be meeting in the Annex building, to the right of the main entrance, from 4:15 to 6:15. Bring what you are currently working on and any 'show and tell' you'd like to share.

The Material Girls will meet on Tuesday, February 11th at 1:00 PM at The Bear Paw. Dianne Archibald will be our hostess and more information will be coming via e-mail.

Tuesday Strippers will meet on Tuesday, February 11th at Virginia Corriea's home.

Thursday Thimbles will be meeting at Tillie's home on the 27th, arrive around 9:30 am and bring your lunch.

Sew Thrilled meets twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday, in the morning at member's homes. For further information, contact Linda Pennington.

YoYo's will meet on February 17th at Peggy Cochran's home. They will be working on some ideas and looking at some new techniques on CDs.

February Program Civil War Quilts Trunk Show

presented by
Arlene L. Arnold

"Stitches of Glory"

Real Civil War quilts
dated 1830 through
1890, shown during
lecture!

Greeters for Feb. 6 Meeting – Please arrive at the Community Center by 5:30 PM

Judy Andes & Lynn Gray

Set-up Committee for the Feb. Meeting – Please arrive at the Community Center by 5:00 PM

Judy Andes, Virginia Corriera, Marian
Romero and Jean Richter

President's Letter to Members:

I want to thank everyone who attended the meeting in January and everyone who signed up to be a greeter and/or on the set-up/take down committee. There are still openings and we are asking all members to participate by helping at one meeting. A sign-up sheet will be available at the February meeting.

We are going to have a very busy year and there should be something for everyone to participate in and enjoy. We have some wonderful volunteers, **Chris Hudson** will be the chairperson for the 2014 Mystery Quilt, **Susan Campbell** will be the chairperson for a Block Exchange, **Diane Ward** is the Chairperson for the Spring Retreat and **Lin Crow** will be the Chairperson for the Fall Retreat, there will be a Christmas Table Runner Challenge and 4 seasonal mini quilts (March – Spring, June – Summer, Sept. – Autumn, Dec. – Winter). We should all thank these ladies for their support.

Guidelines for Spring mini quilt

The first seasonal mini quilts (Spring) will be shown at the March 6th meeting. The only guideline is the size, 12" x 12". Use your imagination, the latest techniques you have read about and want to try, a favorite block in four different seasonal colors, holiday themes, and photos, anything that reminds you of the different seasons. Some things that remind me of spring are flowers, Easter bunnies, baskets, baby birds, eggs and nests...the ideas are all up to you and I can't wait to see the results!

Kathy Millhollon, SMQA President

Future SMQA Programs

February - Civil War Quilts trunk show by Arlene L. Arnold

March 6 & 7 - Sharon Templeton - Program & workshop. Borders and Hearts

April - Cuddle Quilts

May - Ice Cream Social

June - *American Jane* returns with Sandy Klop, Program & wkshop

July 10 - Barn Quilts

August - Diane Mathews -Program & wkshop -*The Disappearing Nine Patch*

Amenities

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

683-6007

February Birthdays

Betty Fish	Feb 2
Lin Crow	Feb 4
Sheila Bruner	Feb 7
Penny Barber	Feb 16
Barbara Cozby	Feb 17
Lura-Schwarz-Smith	Feb 18
Lupe Thompson	Feb 22
Sharon Lawin	Feb 29

Up Coming Quilt Shows

February 27 - March 2, 2014

Sewing & Stitchery Expo

Washington State Fair and Expo
Center

Puyallup, Washington

30th Year Celebration!

www.SewExpo.com for more
information

March 20 - 22, 2014

Sacramento Quilt, Craft and Sewing Festival

CalExpo Events Center
Sacramento, California

March 22 - 23, 2014

East Bay Heritage Quilters

VOICES IN CLOTH 2014

Craneway Pavilion
Richmond CA waterfront.
Rosie the Riveter Park

Contact info:

[//www.ebhq.org/quilt-shows/vic2014](http://www.ebhq.org/quilt-shows/vic2014)

SMQA Volunteers for 2014

I would like to THANK all the people who took positions at the January meeting.

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Please give these ladies your support.

Patty Spinelli

Cuddle Quilt Olympics!

Thanks to some good fairy godmothers, our storage area has been cleaned and organized and, guess what? We've plenty of material to use for Cuddle Quilts and plenty of worthy recipients in the mountain area who would appreciate our donations. So here's an opportunity to fill the need and reduce our stash. There will be bins of material at the next meeting in February. You and a group of friends may select your bin,

take it home, and see how many quilts you can get out of one bin. You pick the pattern/s. Want to do something other than quilts? How about tote bags for the women's shelter or maybe a walker caddy for someone in a nursing home or assisting living center? It can all be put to good use with a little time invested. Let's see what champions can do in this friendly competition. They may be turned in at the May meeting when we'll have our Ice Cream Social. And, yes, there will be prizes!



Membership Renewal

Please give **Mel Peters** your membership form for 2014 and your dues (\$25 for an individual) by the February meeting! That way you will be certain to be in the **2014 SMQA Directory**. You may bring your form and dues to the meeting or mail to SMQA, P. O. Box 1359, Oakhurst 93644. Thank you!

Treasurer's Report

by Helen Ramsey

January 27, 2014

(Checking account)

Balance Forward \$ 9,944.

January Income \$ 3,454

Total Income \$ 13,398.

January Expenses \$ 382.

Bank Balance: \$ 13,016.

CD \$ 16,835.

Savings \$ 11,614.

New Member

KIGHT, Roberta

36563 Mudge Ranch Rd.

Coarsegold 93614

Home: 559-683-5390

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miusheri93444@yahoo.com

**Sierra Fiber Arts**

7462 N Fresno Street
 Fresno, Ca 93720 (Fresno Street at Alluvial)
 559-432-8900 sierrafiberarts.com

Complete the learner's class and rent the Longarm Machine
 For \$15 per hour.

Use free motion. or computer-assisted quilting methods.



Your Local Bernina, Melco and Tin Lizzie Longarm Dealer, Hours 10:00 to 6:00pm M-F, 10:00 to 5:00 Saturday, Closed Sunday.

Do you need any Quilter's thread, Machine Embroidery, Decorative, Serger or Longarm thread?

We also have a selection of yarns, inks, paints and other fiber arts items. **Check our selection!**

New Class Alert! Learn Innovative Techniques, beginning sewing, quilting, machine embroidery, home decor, and garments.

Test drive a new Bernina today! We offer lifetime lessons on your new machine. We are your local community store and we are here to help you.

FOR SALE

**Pfaff Creative Vision sewing/embroidery
 machine v 5. 5**

In excellent condition, includes carrying bags, luggage roller, manuals, extra feet and bobbins, usb thumb drive. \$2,500 OBO.

Also for sale CD embroidery patterns and embroidery thread. Lin Crow 642-2673



SMQA Board Meeting

February 24, 2014

Yosemite Bank @1 pm

See more SMQA
pictures at our
Facebook page.



Send newsletter items to
Betsy at
smqa2012@gmail.com.





Lissa, above, displays her finished SMQA 2013 Mystery Quilt. **Chris Hudson** will be introducing our new 2014 Mystery Quilt soon.



Raffle Quilt 2015

The Opportunity Quilt Committee is already hard at work on the 2015 SMQA Quilt. It will be a traditional appliqué pattern.



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DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR NAME
TAG TO THE FEBRUARY 6TH MEETING!

BOARD MEMBERS

President -
First Vice President -
Second Vice President -
Treasurer -
Secretary -

Kathy Millhollon
Pat Pfankuchen
Patty Spinelli
Helen Ramsey
Jullie Vasquez

Quilt Show Chair –
Parliamentarian –
Amenities –
Circles –
Big/Little Sisters –
Cuddle Quilts –
Librarian –
Historian –

Virginia Correia & Sharon Cox
Judy Andes
Linda Miller
Sharon Lawin
Donna Pike-Baxter
Judy Andes & Lissa Metzger
Diane Ward
Donna Pike-Baxter

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Sally Walker
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