



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting **March 1, 2018**

Oakhurst Community Center Pavilion

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

Program: **Cathie Hoover – Quilts & Wearable Arts**

March Meeting

We have new classes that I hope you will enjoy. If you have ideas, please share! I have received a few ideas and am following up on them.

If you are dreaming of taking this job in 2019 it would be a good idea to step in with me and see how it works so that you won't be surprised.

Thanks to Sew Crafty Quilters for their trunk show and class. We were helped by Stephanie, Kathleen and Mary. Great instructions and many finished quilt tops.

On March 1 we have Cathie Hoover doing a lecture on quilts and wearable arts. She will ask for models. Her class will be on March 2, Wild and Crazy Quilts. Class fee is \$35.00. She will offer an optional template set. Her quilts have rick rack and all sorts of different embellishments. The pattern is \$9.00 with optional templates at \$16.00.

Also, in March, Georgia Harvey and Betty Fish will host the Spring Retreat at ECCO. It will be held March 8 through March 11. This is a good time for starting or finishing projects.

Cindy Wiens will return on April 5 with a lecture called "Solids Showcase." A workshop on Friday April 6 will be "My Swedish Ex." It is very colorful. I had many members request her return. The class will be \$35.00 and \$9.00 for the pattern.

In May our meeting has been changed to May 10, the second Thursday. Jeri Carney will be our speaker. She

will give us the scoop on how to get ready to send your quilt to a professional quilter. We will have a workshop the following day, Friday May 11, making a Stash and Dash. The pattern is from byannie.com. You will have homework that needs to be finished prior to the time of the workshop. Each week we are bringing in samples of what can be finished before class. The charge is \$20.

Our annual ice cream social will be in June.

Penni Simily

2018 Mystery Quilt News

We have 32 excited ladies already signed up for the 2018 SMQA Mystery Quilt. This year's Mystery Quilt **must be scrappy**, either fabrics from your own stash or fat quarters with a very light or very dark neutral background. Here are the fabric requirements:



This quilt uses two main colors and a background, but you'll need several fabrics in each of the color groups as explained below. The value range within each color group should be narrow. In other words, if you choose to use dark values for Color #1, keep all dark.

You can push the limits of the color group a little bit. For instance, if you choose blue as one of the colors, include some that are a little bit blue-green, as well as some that are on the purple side. In general, you want your fabrics of a color group to blend but have enough

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Sierra Mountain Quilters Association

General Meeting, February 1, 2018

In the absence of President Rhonda Lloyd, the meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by First Vice President Penni Simily. Penni led the flag salute. She thanked the greeters Lynn Gray and Joanie Madaus. She also thanked those with a February birthday for bringing refreshments and Sharon Weaver for arranging the refreshment table.

PJ Grant introduced Alexia Dahlin and Katrina Conklin who discussed their senior project: Days for Girls International. In conjunction with this organization, Alexia and Katrina are proposing to create feminine hygiene packages to send to girls and women in underdeveloped countries. These girls and women do not have access to the necessary hygienic products and many face a societal taboo surrounding their menstrual cycles. They have asked for materials, money, and volunteer time to help them reach their goal of 1000 feminine hygiene packages. Their pamphlet material was distributed at the meeting and will be available on our website so you will know how you can contribute. Rhonda Lloyd has agreed to collect donations for them at Bear Paw on the next two Tuesdays, February 6th and 13th. Alexia or Katrina can be contacted directly if you have questions or want to help.

Minutes from the January SMQA general meeting were presented for approval. Nancy Swanson moved, and Sharon Weaver seconded the motion to approve the minutes as published in the February newsletter. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

The Financial report was accepted as published in the newsletter and sent to audit.

Helen Brown reported for membership that there were seven guests and two new members at the meeting. She reminded members that 2018 dues were due by the end of the meeting to be listed in the membership directory. Raffle winners were Marian Romero, Sue Graham and Kay Marshall.

Penni Simily distributed an updated list of programs for 2018 and showed a sample of the quilt provided by Cathie Hoover to demonstrate what we will learn at her March 2nd workshop, Wild and Crazy Quilt.

Sally Walker held a drawing for Bear Paw gift certificates for those who completed the 2017 mystery quilt. Lucky winners were Kathy Burrows and Joanie Madaus. She also signed up those who want to do the 2018 mystery quilt at a cost of \$5.00.

Sinta Borland and Jeri Carney, 2019 Quilt Show co-chairs, requested additional volunteers for some key quilt show positions. The 2019 Quilt Show is scheduled for May 18 and 19, 2019.

Penni read a thank you from a past scholarship recipient from Mariposa who went on to attend Annapolis.

She reminded us that the May SMQA general meeting will be on the second Thursday, May 10th, 2018, as the La Sierra Guild has booked the Pavilion on the night of our regular meeting.

The business meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. and was followed by a trunk show by the Sew Crafty Circle.

The next scheduled SMQA General Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 1st. Doors open at 5:30 and meeting begins at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy Anne Youngholm, Secretary

March Birthdays

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

*Please bring a snack to our March meeting.
We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!*

March Holidays

Mar 8	International Women's Day
Mar 11	Daylight Saving Time starts
Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day
Mar 20	March equinox
Mar 25	Palm Sunday
Mar 30	Good Friday
Mar 31	Passover (first day)
Mar 31	César Chávez Day



Amenities

Cards were sent to:

Get Well	Dick Peters (Mel)
Get Well	Mary Wyly
Sympathy	Tara Locks

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

February New Members



Shawna Effle



Laura Gonzalez



Susan Mellana

*Please welcome our new members.
Personal information is on our website,
sierramountainquilters.org under Members.*

Treasurer's Report

by Kay Marshall
January 2018
(Checking Account)

Balance Forward (1/1/18)	\$ 9,500.00
Deposits	\$ 4,810.00
Expenses	\$ 1,887.88
Bank Balance (1/31/18)	\$12,422.12
CD:	\$16,896.14
Savings:	\$18,187.50



Quilting Circles

March 2018

by Marian Romero



Anything with Fabric will meet Thursdays, March 1st and 15th from 9 to 1 p.m. at Oakhurst Library Community Center. Show and tell at 9:30. Bring your own sewing projects, scissors, rulers and other sewing supplies needed. Cutting mat and iron are provided. All are welcome. Contacts: Rhonda Dewey and Constance Peterson

Bits & Pieces meets Wednesday, March 7, 11 a.m. at Pat Bauer's home. Hors d'ouvres for lunch! Dessert-Penni. Carpoolers meet at Payless Shoes at 10:15 a.m. Bring handwork. (No placemats this month.)

Footloose meets the 1st Monday following guild then 2 weeks later Tuesday (Note change). March dates are Monday the 5th and Tuesday, the 20th, 4-6 pm at Chris's studio. Bring your challenge, sewing and Show & Tell.

Material Girls will meet on Tuesday March 13 at 1:00 p.m. at The Bear Paw. Please bring Show and Tell. Sue will be our hostess.

Sew Crafty Quilters meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month in the clubhouse at Oak Creek Park in Coarsegold. For more information contact Steph Risinger.

Sew Thrilled will meet Friday March 23rd at Robin's home. Any questions call Linda Pennington.

Thursday Thimbles will meet at Kay Marshall's home on March 22.

Yo Yo's have planned a trip to the Fresno Museum for March 19 with lunch in Fresno. Cathy Reynolds and Peggy Cochran are busy with family. We are hoping they can join us soon. Cards would be nice to send.

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difference among them to not look like they are just one fabric. The difference can also come from the fabric design, such as a mix of florals, polka dots, and other tone-on-tone fabrics in the same color hue. The second color group should strongly contrast with the first one (this is a good time to refer to your color wheel). Here are some ideas to help you choose two main color groups:



Fall Theme: Reds (rusty through purplish) and Harvest (greenish golds through warm browns), pale gold background.

Jewel Tones: Magenta (red-orange, red, red violet, etc.) and Teal (emerald, turquoise, blue etc.) crisp white or black background. Hint – think Kaffe Fassett fabrics.

Patriotic: Red and Navy with a white background.

Victorian Christmas: Burgundy reds and a mix of greens with a creamy white background.

Retro: Either Red or Navy Blue and Pastels (pink, yellow, aqua, and light blue retro prints) with a mainly white retro print.

Remember, a mystery quilt is all about contrast! So, even though this color combo is a bit different than the above description, there is contrast. The red or navy blue = dark, the pastels = medium, and the white = light.

Has this peaked your interest? Have you signed up for the 2018 Mystery Quilt? It's not too late! Sign-ups will be open through March and the cost is only \$5.00. There will be prizes during the year for those who sign up and at the end for those who complete their Mystery Quilt top

See Sally Walker at the March guild meeting or contact her via email or phone to join in on the fun!

Rhonda's Ramblings

With the last few days of beautiful weather, my daffodils are confused and are popping up their pretty little blooms. I can't seem to get in the mood to hit the fabric stash and start (or finish) my many quilt projects. Maybe next week!

Thank you to Penni Simily for stepping in for me at the February Meeting. I was in So Cal babysitting my two young grandsons...a week with these two boys was fun but exhausting! Thanks to Mary Platz and her circle of friends for the great trunk show. I heard from several members how fun the 'Wacky Divine Nine' workshop was and can't wait to see some of the finished quilts.

I have received several donations from SMQA members for the 'Days for Girls' project sponsored by Alexia and Katrina for their Senior project. Thank you, ladies, for your generosity.

It looks like March will be a busy month for SMQA. I am looking forward to seeing what our guest speaker, Cathie Hoover, will be sharing at our March meeting and workshop. The always-fun Spring Retreat at ECCO is also just around the corner.

Quilt Show 2019 – The construction of the Opportunity Quilt is well on its way and we hope to have it ready soon. Sinta and Jeri are still looking to fill some key positions for the Quilt Show Committee. Our quilt show is the major fundraiser for Sierra Mountain Quilters. We all want the 2019 show to be a huge success and we need everyone's help and efforts to make it happen. Please consider volunteering.

Thank you for your support and Happy Quilting!

Rhonda Lloyd, SMQA President
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CUDDLE CORNER

Thank you to those of you who brought completed cuddle quilts to the February meeting, and to those of you who left with kits in hand. This past month we delivered five cuddle quilts to Helping hands and 9 to Oakhurst Healthcare and Wellness.

There are now two patterns: Rail Fence and Simply Strips Kits are available for both. As always, feel free to use your own pattern and fabric from your stash to put together a cuddle quilt. Let me know if you need backing, batting and labels.



The next Cuddle Quilt Sewing at Bear Paw will be on Tuesday, March 20th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please call or email Betsy Anne with any questions about the Cuddle Quilt Program.

We are still looking for a commitment from a team or a circle to volunteer to take over the coordination of the Cuddle Quilt Program. As you know, it is a large portion of our community service and we need to continue that community service to maintain our charitable organization status.

Betsy Anne Youngholm



Fall Retreat

Many of you are now gathering your supplies for the Spring Retreat but remember to *save the dates* of September 17 through 20 for the Fall Retreat. Betsy Anne Youngholm will start taking signups any time and begin taking payment in June. The Fall Retreat is days only, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The day rate of \$27 includes lunch, sewing, good conversation, and fun with friends.

Betsy Anne Youngholm

2018 February Show & Tell



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Susy Maus - March 24, 10-4

Feather Weight Workshop
March 24, 3-5

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Deadline is 20th of each month.

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