



# Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting **February 7, 2019**  
 Oakhurst Community Center Pavilion  
 Greeters: **Bits & Pieces Circle**  
 Doors open at 5:30, Meeting begins at 6:00  
 Program: **Jenny Lyon "Quilting is a Contact Sport"**



## First VP Report

### HELP WANTED

There is an opening for a helper to the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### January

The chill left the room when the January program for Comfort Quilts got underway. The room was a-buzz with 10 stations and lots of talking. Betsy Anne had prepared strips and patterns. We pulled strips and started sewing. Our station got almost finished, just 2 more passes of free motion quilting and hand sewing the turning spot closed. Watch for results in February.

### February

Jenny K. Lyon will present "Quilting Is A Contact Sport" on the evening of February 7<sup>th</sup>. Jenny says she loves the way "machine stitches create line, texture and shadow" and she enjoys being involved with workshop students as they develop more confidence in quilting their own work on a domestic machine.

The February 8<sup>th</sup> workshop, "Fearless Fills and Frills", starts at 9:00 a.m. This workshop offers something for everyone and is suitable for those who are beginning free-motion quilting and those with experience. I'm always looking for fills to make the frills stand out. There are 12 signed up and we can accommodate more. Jenny is also currently working with whole-cloth pieces. You can see some of her free-hand, free-motion quilting on her website at <http://quiltskipper.com>.

Laura Fisher



## Quilt Show Corner "A Needle Pulling Thread"

### Opportunity Ticket Sales.

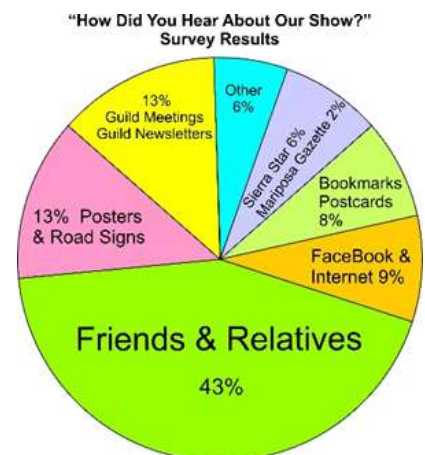
As everyone knows, the SMQA Opportunity Quilt is one of the guild's biggest fund raisers. Every member can contribute by selling tickets for this amazing quilt. At the next SMQA meeting, please stop by the raffle ticket table and **pick up your packet of tickets to sell**. Also, could a representative from each Circle pick up tickets to distribute to members who are not able to attend general meetings? This would be extremely helpful.

Prizes will be given to members selling the most tickets. These will be announced at a future SMQA meeting.

### Publicity.

A survey was conducted at the last quilt show to determine how attendees found out about our show (see pie chart).

(See **Show**, page 5)



## Sierra Mountain Quilters Association

January 3, 2018

### General Meeting Minutes

First Vice President Betsy Anne Youngholm called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the flag salute. She acknowledged birthdays and anniversaries and thanked greeters and hospitality group.

Betsy Anne announced the proposed new format for circles to be responsible for hospitality and greeter functions at monthly meetings. Material Girls volunteered to be responsible for January's meeting.

Second Vice President Joanie Madaus introduced a block of the month with a theme. January's theme "Chill Out."

Helen Brown gave membership report and raffle prizes were distributed. She noted that February is the last month to pay your dues if you want your name in the directory. After February your name will not be listed in the directory.

A motion was made by Margie Williams, seconded by Nancy Swanson, to accept the December minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

There were no questions or revisions to the Treasurer's report as published in the newsletter. The report will be filed for audit.

Georgia and Betty reported that Spring Retreat planning is going well and there is perhaps only one opening available.

Sue Johnson and Joan Earnest were introduced as the new Cuddle Quilt Coordinators. The monthly cuddle quilt sewing group has moved to the third Wednesday of the month at the library.

Rhonda gave an update on Donna Henning from Bear Paw. She is doing better, she is driving and has been to the shop a few times.

The business meeting portion of the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. and followed by the membership working on cuddle quilts.

The next general meeting will be held on February 7th at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Laura Gonzalez, Secretary

### February Birthdays

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| Fish, Betty         | 2/2  |
| Crow, Lin           | 2/4  |
| Pesetski, Loretta   | 2/9  |
| De La Torre, Teri   | 2/10 |
| Cozby, Barbara      | 2/17 |
| Schwarz-Smith, Lura | 2/18 |
| Brendle, Toodie     | 2/22 |
| Richter, Jean       | 2/22 |
| Thompson, Lupe      | 2/22 |

***We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!***

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



### Treasurer's Report

by Kay Marshall

December 2018

(Checking Account)

|                               |                 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Balance Forward<br>(12/1/18)  | \$ 3,684.04     |
| Deposits                      | \$ 579.00       |
| Expenses                      | \$ 752.30       |
| <br>Bank Balance<br>(1/31/18) | <br>\$ 3,510.74 |
| CD:                           | \$16,903.52     |
| Savings:                      | \$18,195.82     |

### 2019 Membership

On page 7 of this newsletter is the 2019 Membership Form. Attach your check to your fully completed form.

Please renew by the February 2019 meeting in order to have your name in the 2019 Directory.

Thank you, Helen Brown

### Amenities

*Cards were sent to:*

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Patty Spinelli   | Happy Anniversary |
| Linda Pennington | Sympathy          |
| Diane Martin     | Sympathy          |

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

### February Holidays

|        |                             |
|--------|-----------------------------|
| Feb 1  | National Wear Red Day       |
| Feb 1  | National Freedom Day        |
| Feb 2  | Groundhog Day               |
| Feb 4  | World Cancer Day            |
| Feb 5  | Chinese New Year            |
| Feb 11 | World Day of the Sick       |
| Feb 13 | World Radio Day             |
| Feb 14 | Valentine's Day             |
| Feb 18 | Presidents' Day             |
| Feb 20 | World Day of Social Justice |

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# Reflections

April 5 & 6, 2019  
Friday 10-5, Saturday 10-4

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Quilt Designed by: Judy Niemeyer  
Opportunity Quilt Organized by: Carol Viera  
Quilted by: Brandy Rayburn

## Quilting Circles

*February 2019*

by Marian Romero



**Anything with Fabric** will meet the first and third Thursday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Oakhurst Community Center. Bring your own sewing projects. Remember to bring scissors, rulers and other sewing supplies you need. We will provide a cutting mat and Iron. Everyone is welcome. Contacts: Rhonda Dewey and Constance Peterson.

**Bits & Pieces** meets Wednesday, February 6 at 11:30 a.m. at Colette Wear's home. Colette will fix heartwarming soup. Bread – Charlotte; dessert – Patty S. Carpoolers meet at Payless Shoes at 11:00. Bring hand work and show and tell.

**Footloose** meets Monday, February 11 and Tuesday, February 26 at the Studio. Work on the raffle basket will continue. Bring show and tell.

**Material Girls** will meet at the Bear Paw on Tuesday, February 12 at 1:00 p.m. Please bring show and tell and any hand work you may have to work on. There will be a project with info coming soon.

**Sew Crafty Quilters** No report

**Sew Thrilled** will meet Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at Jean's home and February 22<sup>nd</sup> at Linda's home. Any questions call Linda Pennington.

**Thursday Thimbles** will be meeting at Lupe Thompson's on February 28 at 9:30 a.m.

**YoYo's** will meet on February 18 at Peggy's home. We have a surprise luncheon and will get caught up. Discussion of future projects. Maybe.

## CUDDLE CORNER

Greetings from your new Cuddle Quilt co-coordinators, Sue Johnson and Joan Earnest. We're excited to take on this new challenge and want to thank Betsy Anne for all the help she's given in getting us off to a good start!



We have some fun ideas cooking, including a new incentive program which we'll tell you all about once it's fully planned and approved.

Our CQ sewing days will be the third Wednesday of every month, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the Oakhurst Library's community room. We hope to see you on February 20th! Kits will be available at the meeting.

## Spring Retreat



It's almost time for the Spring Retreat and I'm sure everyone is getting organized. Just a few reminders.

We will be collecting the remainder of the amount due at the February meeting. If you would like to get a massage while at retreat, please let

us know. We need to know how many are interested so the schedule can be made up.

If anyone is interested in coming and has not signed up, please let us know. If we have a cancellation you will be notified.

Any questions please call Georgia at 877-2674 or Betty at 877-4197.

Georgia and Betty



## President's Notes

Happy February!

I would like to thank Betsy Anne for running the January Meeting. I have been told she did a great job.

Betsy Anne & Laura have a great program for us at the February meeting. The presenter is Jenny Lyon; "Quilting is a Contact Sport". Come to the meeting to hear Jenny's presentation .

I went to my first Quilt Show Board Meeting. The group of women seem to have everything under control. If you are asked to help with the show, please consider saying YES. The Quilt Show is how we make our money to have great programs.

Thank you, Bits & Pieces, for signing up for Hospitality this month.

I am looking forward to leading my first meeting as President.

Patty Spinelli



## Member Opportunity

Looking for a place in SMQA? Newsletter Editor gives you the opportunity to be on the inside of the operations of the guild. This position requires attendance at the monthly board meetings and working closely with Membership and Historian.

Requirements: Basic knowledge of Microsoft Word. Present editor will train you on current newsletter production.

Time: varies from month to month. Average is 6-10 hours/month (that's only about 2 hours per week!). Interested? Contact Linda Pennington

## Raffle Basket Request

Here's a list of Raffle Basket ideas & themes for Fat Quarter Cake. These ideas are for the circles & members who would like to participate by donating for the Raffle Basket area at our upcoming quilt show!



Sinta Borland

|                                   |                              |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Reading & Relaxation              | Game classics theme          |
| Market bag/tote collection        | Caffeine: coffee & chocolate |
| Green thumb                       | Outdoor BBQ                  |
| Fun and Sun                       | Knitter theme                |
| Traveling quilter                 | Cupcake maker                |
| Puppy love                        | Movie classics               |
| Black & white                     | Child's play                 |
| May flowers                       | Retro baskets                |
| Needlework fun                    | Gizmos & gadgets             |
| Tropical flavors: fabric & thread | Americana: red, white & blue |
| Cheese, crackers & wine           | Downton Abbey High Tea       |
| Be Bold:Kaffe Fassett             | Batik heaven                 |

## SHOW *continued from page 1*

As you can see from the chart, our best way to get folks to our show is through word of mouth (i.e., talking to friends and relatives), posters and road signs, guild meetings, and the Internet. As in years past, we will be asking all SMQA members to spread the word. Postcards will be available at each meeting and we are encouraging every member to take a small bundle to give to friends, relatives, shop keepers, etc. As the show nears, posters for shop windows will be available and each member is encouraged to take some to post on bulletin boards at their churches, recreation centers, club offices, etc. We need everyone's help with this.

### Bed Turning.

A returning event for this show is "Bed Turning." PJ will lead of this fun event. If you have an antique quilt, please contact her. If you do not know the history, that's OK. PJ will research the pattern, etc. and see what she might find out about it.

Diane Martin

### January Cuddle Quilt Sewing





## Sierra Mountain Quilters Association 2019 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

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

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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 2019.*

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**REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME  
BADGE AT THE NEXT MEETING!**

### BOARD MEMBERS

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| President             | Patty Spinelli                         |
| First Vice President  | Betsy Anne Youngholm<br>& Laura Fisher |
| Second Vice President | Deb Austin & Joan<br>Madaus            |
| Treasurer             | Kay Marshall                           |
| Secretary             | Laura Gonzalez                         |

*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

|                   |                             |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Amenities         | Linda Miller                |
| Member Services   | Chris Hudson                |
| Circles           | Marian Romero               |
| Cuddle Quilts     | Sue Johnson & Sue Earnest   |
| Historian         | Lynn Gray                   |
| Hospitality       | Circles sharing             |
| Librarian         | Patty Wiens                 |
| Membership        | Helen Brown                 |
| Newsletter        | Linda Pennington            |
| Parliamentarian   | Sandy Johnson               |
| Quilt Show Chairs | Sinta Borland & Jeri Carney |
| Webmaster         | Sally Walker                |