



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting **November 2, 2017**
 Oakhurst Community Center Pavilion
 Greeters: Chris Hartesveldt & PJ Grant
 Doors open at 5:30; Business meeting at 6:00
 Program: **Honoring a Veteran**



November Meeting

Hello Quilters! Cooler weather is coming so let's finish some projects we started when it was hot. In November we will honor a veteran, remembering how important they are in our lives. We are busy and forget to thank those that help keep us safe.

The Christmas dinner will be on December 7 at the Community Center. The Wild Fig will be catering our event. Refer to October newsletter for details regarding the Christmas dinner/meeting. Be sure to get your ticket at the November meeting. No sales at the door. We will have a voluntary contribution to the Boys and Girls Club of Oakhurst. Please join us for a fun event and meet new members.

Upcoming Events:

2018 will bring new programs...

January 4th will be our annual cuddle quilt sewing meeting. If you can't stay please take a kit home with you. Betsy Ann and her group work very hard to keep this venture going.

On February 1st we will have a show and tell by Sew Creative Circle. The next day, February 2nd, Mary Platz will teach Wacky Divine Nine. This is a fast and easy quilt.

March 1st brings Cathie Hoover with quilts and garment. She has asked for models so don't be offended if I ask what size you wear. Cathie will have a workshop "Wild and Crazy Quilts" on March 2.

On April 5th and 6th we will have Cindy Wiens back for our meeting and a workshop. More coming on this event.
Penni Simily

Free Sew Day

On Friday, November 3 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm come sew with your SMQA friends at the Pavilion.

- Bring any project - no rules, just sew.
- Take advantage of having large tables to spread out your quilt for basting.
- Irons and ironing mats will be provided.
- Bring your sewing supplies. Have fun!

If you have questions, contact Betsy Blum or Barbara Graas.



Spring Retreat

It's time again to start thinking about the Spring Retreat which will be Thursday, March 8 thru Sunday March 11, 2018.

- Quad room \$276
- Double room \$291
- Day camper with lunch \$29 per day
- Day camper with lunch & dinner \$50 per day

We are excited and hope to see many of you there. If you have questions call Georgia Harvey at 877-2674 or Betty Fish at 877-4197.

Sierra Mountain Quilters Association

General Meeting, October 5, 2017

President Chris Hudson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Oakhurst Community Center, led the flag salute, and reminded everyone to silence their cell phones. Mary Boardman volunteered to be Sergeant-at-Arms. Chris thanked PJ Grant for being a greeter and thanked the October birthday ladies for refreshments. By motion of Sharon Weaver, seconded by Toni Morton, the August 3, 2017, General Meeting minutes were approved. The September general meeting was canceled due to the fires and smoke and the Community Center being used for an evacuation center.

The Treasurer's report was approved as printed in the newsletter and the report was filed for audit.

Reports:

Penni Simily/1st Vice President announced that Lyn Mann is doing a trunk show this evening on borders and a workshop on Friday on There's No Such Thing As Ugly Fabric. She presented information on the Christmas party, flyers are available and noted the 2018 program list is available. Veterans appreciation will be held in November; cuddle quilt sewing in January 2018; Mary Platz will do a workshop on Wacky Divine in February; Cathie Hoover is scheduled for the March meeting and Cindy Wiens is scheduled for the April meeting on modern quilts.

Sandy Johnson/2nd Vice President held the drawing for the September challenge/fall colors and for the October challenge/pumpkins. The November challenge for the squares will be winter blues colors. She noted that with Lissa Metzger's assistance they are looking at doing a row-by-row for next year versus the challenge squares. Patty Wiens/Library stated she has been sorting and cataloging the books, and she noted the donation of quilting magazines by Sue Muenster.

Jullie Vasquez/Membership advised that 66 members were present. The door prize drawing was held.

Betsy Anne Youngholm/Cuddle Quilts noted that she has cuddle quilt kits available. The October sewing day at Bear Paw has been cancelled since they do not know the status of their move date. The next sewing day will be in November.

Sally Walker/Mystery Quilt project advised that all clues have been made available and she showed a quilt that was made by Sharon Hebbard that inspired the selection of the mystery quilt.

Chris Hudson noted the Board has agreed to pay a large portion of the Christmas dinner this year. Tickets are \$5.00 for the members.

Other Business:

Sinta Borland advised of the selection of five quilt patterns for the Guild to vote on for the opportunity quilt for the next Show. Voting will be held later in the meeting.

Sandy Johnson noted that the Board approved the American Legion Auxiliary's request for a community quilt and asked for a volunteer from a member or a circle to make the quilt. The Guild will provide reimbursement with receipts.

Rhonda Lloyd provided an update on Donna Henning; she had physical therapy today and is doing better. Bear Paw is planning to move later this month.

Chris Hudson responded to questions she received about attendance and income at the Quilt Show.

Chris Hudson noted that Toni Morton has a stitch speed regulator available for sale, and that there are free magazines and information on quilt shows on the back table. Chris recognized the presence of Sue Johnson following her hip replacement. Chris announced that the free sew day has been moved to November.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m. with the next General Meeting to be held on November 2, 2017.

Show and tell was held. Following a break, voting was held on the patterns for the opportunity quilt – Number 1/Eldon was selected; and Number 5/Everyday Best was the runner-up.

Penni Simily introduced Lyn Mann and she presented the trunk show on "Head for the Border" showing options for extending the quilt pattern into the border.

Respectfully submitted by Margie Williams, Secretary

November Birthdays

Bryant, Shirley	11/1
Campbell, Susan	11/7
Henning, Donna	11/7
Williams, Kathleen	11/9
Hickman, Charlotte	11/11
Horn, Tina	11/18
Aumond-Capone, Vivian Helena	11/19
Taylor, Linda	11/20
Champion, Linda	11/21
Smith, Becky	11/21
McKnelly, Peggy	11/24
Madsen, Laurie	11/26

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

October New Members

There were no new members in October.



November Holidays

Nov 5	Daylight Saving Time ends
Nov 11	Veteran's Day
Nov 23	Thanksgiving
Nov 27	Cyber Monday



Treasurer's Report

by Sharon Cox
September, 2017
(Checking Account)

Balance Forward (9/1/17)	\$15,034.13
Deposits	\$ 364.00
Expenses	\$ 3,270.00
Bank Balance (9/30/17)	\$12,128.13
CD:	\$16,886.63
Savings:	\$18,142.55

Amenities

Cards were sent to:

Mary Ziebarth Get Well
Sue Graham Thinking of You
Donna Henning Glad You're Home
Kay Marshall Sympathy
Georgia & Gene Harvey Sympathy

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



Quilting Circles

November 2017

by Marian



Rhonda Dewey.

Anything with Fabric Third Thursday of the month Time: 9:00 to 11:55. Where: Oakhurst Library Community Room. All are welcome. Come and join us for a day of sewing and show and tell. Contacts: Constance Peterson or

Bits & Pieces meets Wednesday, November 1, 11:30 a.m. at Colette's. Soup -Linda & Penni, bread-Charlotte & Mel, dessert-Patty S. We'll talk about Christmas party décor, and have show & tell. Bring handwork. Carpoolers meet at Payless Shoes at 11:00 a.m.

Footloose meets Monday, November 6 and Monday, November 20, 4-6 p.m. at Chris's studio. We'll make Christmas party plans and work on individual projects. Those wanting to work on the Footloose challenge, bring Steam-a-Seam 2 or similar product for tracing shapes and bring show and tell.

Material Girls. Girls will meet on Tuesday November 14th at the Bear Paw at 1:00 p.m. We will be planning our Christmas party so please try to join in on the planning.

Sew Crafty Quilters. Quilters finished their Wacky Divine Nine quilts and shared the finished tops with the group at the last meeting. We discussed doing a class for a Christmas wreath and perhaps doing a group quilt project. We'll be taking a trip to Mennonite Quilt Center in Reedley soon for those in the group who have never been there. We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month in the clubhouse at Oak Creek Park in Coarsegold.

Sew Thrilled will meet Wednesday November 8 at Marian's home. Any questions call Linda Pennington.

Thursday Thimbles will be going out for lunch on November 16. Plans were made at the October 14 gathering.

Yo Yo's will meet at Cathy's on November 20. We have been wanting nice weather to do some fabric dying, but either too hot or not enough sun. After all, we are delicate creatures. Or we might not be meeting at Cathy's. Plans always change after attending Cayucos getaway. Of course, what happens at Cayucos, stays at

Cayucos and wouldn't you like to know? Enjoy your Turkey Day, sharing food with friends and family, the best way to celebrate in the mountains.

Mercedised cotton

Mergerisation is a treatment for cellulosic material, typically cotton threads, that strengthens them and gives them a lustrous appearance. The process is less frequently used for linen and hemp threads.

Development

The process was devised in 1844 by John Mercer of Great Harwood, Lancashire, England, who treated cotton fibers with sodium hydroxide. The treatment caused the fibers to swell, which in Mercer's version of the process shrank the overall fabric size and made it stronger and easier to dye. The process did not become popular until H.A. Lowe improved it into its modern form in 1890. By holding the cotton during treatment to prevent it from shrinking, Lowe found that the fibers gained a lustrous appearance. The process was taken to the DMC company in Mulhouse, France by Jean Dollfus in the 19th century.



Mercedised cotton yarn reels

Thread

The modern production method for mercerised cotton, also known as "pearl" or "pearle" cotton, gives cotton thread (or cotton-covered thread with a polyester core) a sodium hydroxide bath that is then neutralized with an acid bath. This treatment increases luster, strength, affinity to dye, and resistance to mildew. On the other hand, it also increases its affinity to lint.

Cotton with long staple fiber lengths responds best to mergerisation. Mercerised thread is commonly used to produce fine crochet.

Chris's Comments...

It is difficult to believe this year is almost over! I'm not sure if time is flying because I'm getting older, or if it is the extremely fast pace of the world today. It seems I blink, and weeks have flown by!

Is everyone ready for the holiday season? I know I'm not...LOL How did it creep upon us so quickly?

My term as your President is also ending and I was so hoping, that before it ends, one or two of you would volunteer to be the Chairperson/Co-Chairperson for our Quilt Show in 2019. Your time as a member in the Guild really has no bearing as a requirement for chairing the show, so possibly some of our newer members would think about give it a shot? There is no "failing." There are too many other members, experienced and not, that will step in and answer any questions/concerns you may have during the process...myself included. Constance Peterson has already reserved the Community Center for a weekend in May 2019. Hopefully we won't have to cancel our reservation.

For those not able to attend our October meeting we had a great showing of quilts by Lyn Mann. She had some spectacular quilts to share with us. We also voted for our 2019 Opportunity Quilt. Top choice was "Eldon" a pattern by Edyta Sitar, and runner up was "Everyday Best" by Becky Goldsmith. We also had the first opportunity for our Christmas Dinner sign ups. Your Board approved paying most of the cost for each person's dinner, therefore your cost for dinner will be just \$5.00! Don't forget to sign up if you haven't already. More information on that in another part of this Newsletter.

Hopefully you can make it to our November meeting, as we'll be voting for our new Board.

I look forward to seeing you there!



CUDDLE CORNER



Thanks to all of you we have been able to distribute 127 cuddle quilts this year. It would be great if we could go over 150, so please remember to pick up a kit

at the November meeting and get it back to me so I can give them out before the end of the year.

The next cuddle quilt sewing at Bear Paw is scheduled for Tuesday, November 21st at 10:30 a.m. Everyone has begun holiday preparations, I know, but if you can give a couple of hours to this project it would be greatly appreciated.

In preparation for next year, we plan to cut and package a couple of new patterns for 2018 here in Coarsegold at my place. These sessions are scheduled for Wednesday, November 15th and Wednesday, December 13th from 10:00 a.m. to noon. I hope you will be able to join one or both sessions.

The January meeting is our annual cuddle quilt sewing. Please sign up with Betsy Anne to bring your machine and your energy that night.

Many thanks for your support of the guild's wonderful community service.

Betsy Anne Youngholm



Thank you Oakhurst Giftworks for the lovely flowers provided for the snack table at our meetings.

Block of the Month

Each month a different block will be presented at the SMQA meeting along with instructions. You can participate each month or just occasionally. Bring your completed block(s) to the next meeting, and you will get a raffle ticket for each block you turn in. When all are turned in, there will be a drawing, and the winner gets ALL the blocks. You could get 10 or 20 or maybe even 40! The blocks are yours to do with as you choose. Just remember to bring back your completed project so we can see what you did with them.

Block for December Meeting: Tree

Background (light/medium/dark blue)

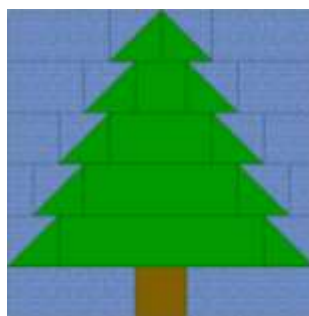
3" x 3" (5)	2½" x 5½" (2)
2½" x 4½" (2)	2½" x 3½" (2)
2½" x 2½" (2)	2½" x 1½" (2)

Tree (greens)

3" x 3" (5)	2½" x 8½" (1)
2½" x 6½" (1)	2½" x 4½" (1)
2½" x 2½" (1)	

Trunk (brown)

2½" x 2½" (1)



Make 10 HST (half square triangles) out of the 3" background and tree fabrics using your favorite method or...layer the 3" dark (or light) blues together with your tree fabric, right sides together. Draw a diagonal line on the lightest one and sew ¼" on each side of the line. Cut on the drawn line and press towards the darkest fabric. Square to 2½" x 2½". Using the graphic as a reference, put the HST together with the other background and tree fabrics to form the tree.

The trunk is made using the 2½" x 5½" background fabrics on both sides of the trunk piece as shown in the graphic. Add to the tree section.

Hope to see lots of trees for our final block of the month for this year.

Lissa Metzger



2018 Membership

Attached to this newsletter is the 2018 Membership Form. Please be aware that if you renew with a check, that check will not be deposited until after January 1, 2018.

Please renew early to have your name in the 2018 Directory.

Thank you.

Election of Officers

At the November meeting we will be voting for our 2018 Officers. The nominating committee has selected:

<i>President:</i>	Rhonda Lloyd
<i>1st Vice-President:</i>	Penni Simily
<i>2nd Vice-President:</i>	Sandy Johnson
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Kay Marshall
<i>Secretary:</i>	Betsy Ann Youngholm

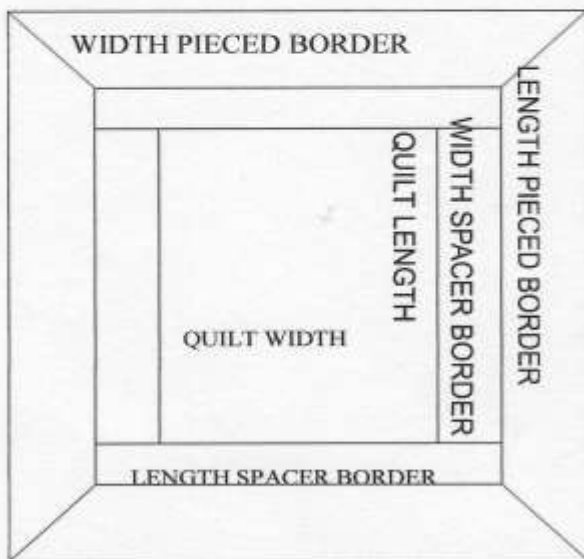
2017 October Show & Tell



At our October meeting, Lyn Mann explained using Spacer Borders. Here is her copyright page of the instruction she promised she would send for publication in our newsletter.

SPACER BORDER © 2000

TO MAKE YOUR PIECED BORDER FIT YOUR QUILT YOU PROBABLY WILL NEED TO ADD A SPACER BORDER. TO FIGURE THE WIDTH TO CUT THE SPACER BORDER, MEASURE THE LENGTH OF THE PIECED BORDER AT THE EDGE THAT ATTACHES TO THE QUILT. THEN MEASURE THE LENGTH OF YOUR QUILT DOWN THE CENTER. SUBTRACT THE QUILT FROM THE BORDER AND DIVIDE BY 2 (YOU HAVE TO SPLIT THE AMOUNT BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES.) THEN ADD $\frac{1}{2}$ " FOR SEAM ALLOWANCES AND THIS IS THE WIDTH YOU CUT THAT SPACER BORDER. IF YOUR QUILT IS SQUARE, THE SPACER BORDER WILL BE THE SAME FOR ALL FOUR SIDES. HOWEVER, IF YOUR QUILT IS RECTANGULAR, YOU MAY HAVE A DIFFERENT WIDTH SPACER BORDER FOR THE SIDES (LENGTH) THEN FOR THE TOP AND BOTTOM (WIDTH). SO YOU WILL NEED TO MEASURE BOTH LENGTH AND WIDTH AND MAKE TWO CALCULATIONS AS ABOVE. THE BORDER WIDTH THAT YOU ARRIVED AT FOR THE TOP AND BOTTOM IS THE WIDTH YOU CUT THE SIDES BORDERS. AND IN TURN, THE MEASUREMENTS FOR THE SIDES GO ON THE TOP AND BOTTOM. REMEMBER YOU MUST ALSO DETERMINE HOW LONG TO CUT THESE BORDERS AND MATCH YOUR QUILT AND BORDER AT FIRST AND THIRD QUARTERS AND IN THE MIDDLE AND SEW WITH THE QUILT TO THE FEED DOGS.



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Sierra Mountain Quilters Association 2018 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

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

BOARD MEMBERS

President	Chris Hudson
First Vice President	Penni Simily
Second Vice President	Sandy Johnson
Treasurer	Sharon Cox
Secretary	Margie Williams

*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.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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