



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting **November 1, 2018**

Oakhurst Community Center Pavilion

Greeters: Margie Williams & Chris Hudson

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

Program: **Claire Witherspoon**



November Meeting

Hello Quilters, I hope you got lots of fabric at the free give away at the last meeting.

In October we had members showing how to do free motion quilting and showing supplies to make it easier. Thank you to Colette, Lissa, Sue and Laura for your demos! Hopefully this will give us basic knowledge. In February the "Quilt Skipper" will be with us to add to our free motion quilting education.

Our November meeting will feature Claire Witherspoon with a trunk show and a lecture. Friday we will offer "Scraps Strategies" workshop. A sample was shown at the meeting. You will be able to get more free fabric to go with your stash. Cost: \$35.

December brings our annual Christmas Party; Marc at Wild Fig will be catering. We will have installation of officers, mystery quilt reveal, row quilts and show and tell. Donna Baxter will have her wonderful slide show with pictures some knew she took and some you have no idea when she snapped the picture. There will be door and table decoration prizes. There will be a voluntary donation for Toys for Tots. These donations stay locally. Unwrapped toys or monetary donation. Tickets are \$15, and we are selling now. Please have exact change or a check. No sales at the door.

Our first meeting of the new year in January will be making Cuddle Quilts. It is a great time to sew and visit with old and new friends.

Jenny Lyons, known as the Quilt Skipper., will be with us in February. She will be teaching intermediate free motion designs on your home machine.

Penni Simily



Quilt Show Corner "A Needle Pulling Thread"

Vintage Quilts Needed!

The 2019 quilt show will feature a fun attraction in which vintage quilts will be actively displayed as they are turned up on a bed and their stories are told. This is typically called "Bed Turning" or "Quilt Turning." The "show" usually takes about an hour and is fun and informational.

PJ Grant will host this event for our show. She is asking that members who have vintage quilts let her know. She would like a short history of the quilt or some interesting facts about the quilt (if you don't know the history). Facts can be about the pattern, estimated time it was created, fabrics used, how you obtained it, etc.

Opportunity Ticket Sales

Sales of raffle tickets for our Opportunity Quilt help fund many of the speakers and activities of SMQA. In fact, these ticket sales are the biggest money-maker for our guild. Success requires that every member of SMQA participate in the sales of these tickets. This can involve volunteering to sell tickets at events or locations in the area, or **it can be as easy as picking up the packet of tickets assigned to you at the next SMQA meeting.** See Sharon at the table in the front of the room if you haven't already picked up your tickets. You can sell them to your friends or buy the packet yourself to ensure your chance for winning the quilt!

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Sierra Mountain Quilters Association

October 4, 2018

General Meeting Minutes

First Vice-President Penni Simily called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the flag salute. She expressed appreciation for the evening's substitute greeter Peggy McKnelly, and recognized Sharon Weaver for the refreshment table set up. Penni thanked the October birthday ladies for the refreshments and reminded the June and July birthday ladies to bring cookies to the December meeting.

Nancy Swanson made a motion to accept the September General Meeting Minutes as published in the newsletter and Sharon Weaver seconded the motion. Minutes for September were approved by the membership. There were no questions or corrections to the Treasurer's report as printed in the September newsletter. The Treasurer's report was therefore filed for audit as submitted.

Helen Brown reported for Membership, noting that 49 members were present, and Door Prize drawing was held. Helen also announced that the 2019 application for membership along with annual dues will be due by January 1. The application will be published in the newsletter in November. Membership payment checks will be held until after January 1.

Betsy Anne Youngholm thanked the members for participating in a "Fabric Frenzy Among Friends" prior to the general meeting. She announced that Cuddle Quilt Sewing will be held as usual at Bear Paw on Tuesday, October 16th.

Penni and Betsy Anne introduced the request for quilts and donations from the Redding, California, Quilters Sew-ciety. Almost 1100 homes were destroyed by the Carr Fire and the Redding quilters are distributing quilts to some of those who were affected by the fire. Betsy Anne asked that anyone wishing to donate, please contact her and she will organize delivery.

Betsy Anne recognized Teri de la Torre as the new coordinator of the 2019 fall retreat, dates to be announced.

First Vice President Penni Simily announced the upcoming programs, with tonight's free motion quilting demonstrations by SMQA members, a November presentation by Claire Witherspoon with a "Scrap Strategies" workshop the next day, and the Holiday Party in December. Sign up for the November workshop is available. Tickets for the dinner on December 6th are available tonight and at the November General Meeting for \$15. Please pay by check or exact cash.

For Second Vice President Sandy Johnson, Lissa Metzger introduced the next row of blocks for the Row Quilt pattern and reminded members that the patterns and directions are on the SMQA website.

Sally Walker indicated that she would be willing to help anyone having difficulty with the Mystery Quilt borders. She would be available at the Bear Paw Cuddle Quilt sewing on October 16th if people will let her know they need assistance.

The Nominating Committee (Betsy Blum, Sharon Weaver, and Lynn Gray) presented the slate for 2019 officers. Voting will be at the November General Meeting. President: Patty Spinelli, First Vice President: Laura Fisher and Betsy Anne Youngholm, Second Vice President: Joanie Madaus and Deb Austin, Treasurer: Kay Marshall. Betsy noted that the Board is still looking for an individual or group to coordinate the cuddle quilt program in 2019.

Linda Pennington presented a book of photographs and a card to Donna Baxter in recognition of all her hard work and support of SMQA over the years. She thanked Lissa Metzger for putting the book together and Helen Brown for creating the card.

For the 2019 Quilt Show Committee, Sinta Borland and Betsy Blum discussed the current situation for white gloves at the PIQF in October as well as volunteers to sit with the quilt and sell raffle tickets. PJ Grant asked for antique or vintage quilts to be shown at the bed turning at the Quilt Show. She requested that she also be given a history or story for the quilts.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. and was followed by show-and-tell, refreshments, and the evening's presentation in which Sue Johnson, Lissa Metzger, Colette Wear, and Laura Fisher demonstrated a variety of free motion quilting techniques

The next SMQA General Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 1st at 6:00 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Betsy Anne Youngholm, Secretary

November Birthdays

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

***We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!
Please bring snacks to share for the
November meeting.***



To all my SMQA sisters,

I cannot tell you how much I appreciate the memory book and card you presented to me.

You sure know how to make a girl feel special. You are all very special!

Donna Baxter

2019 Slate of Officers

President: Patty Spinelli

First Vice President: Laura Fisher & Betsy Anne Youngholm (shared position)

Second Vice President: Joan Madaus & Deb Austin (shared position)

Secretary: Laura Gonzalez

Treasurer: Kay Marshall

An Amendment to the Policies and Procedures was approved by the Board to allow for the shared positions with one vote allowed per position.



Amenities

Cards were sent to:

Eldine Stillman	Get Well
Rhonda Dewey	Get Well
Betty Fish	Sympathy

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

November Holidays

Nov 10	Marine Corps Birthday
Nov 11	Veterans Day
Nov 12	Veterans Day observed
Nov 22	Thanksgiving Day
Nov 23	Black Friday
Nov 23	American Indian Heritage Day
Nov 26	Cyber Monday

Treasurer's Report

by Kay Marshall
September 2018
(Checking Account)

Balance Forward (9/1/18)	\$ 6,988.95
Deposits	\$ 1,357.00
Expenses	\$ 4,115.38
Bank Balance (9/31/18)	\$ 4,230.57
CD:	\$16,903.52
Savings:	\$18,193.53

Quilting Circles

November 2018

by Marian Romero



Anything with Fabric Meets: The first Thursday (November 1st) and the third Thursday (November 15th) of each month. Time: 9:00 to 1:00. Place:

Oakhurst Library's Community Center. New members welcome. Contacts: Constance Peterson and Rhonda Dewey.

Bits & Pieces meets on Wednesday November 7th. Penni has a fun day planed for us in Hilmar. Everyone will meet at the Cheese Factory at 12:00 noon for lunch. Then shopping at the Quilt store.....? Bring your place mat for Penni and finished cuddle quilts.

Footloose meets at the Studio 4-6 p.m. on Monday November 5 and Tuesday, November 20. The December meeting/Christmas party plans will be discussed. As always, bring a project to work on and Show & Tell.

Material Girls will meet on Tuesday November 13 at 1:00 p.m.at the Bear Paw. Bring your Show and Tell.

Sew Crafty Quilters No meeting this month.

Sew Thrilled will meet Friday November 9th at Marian's home. Any questions call Linda Pennington.

Thursday Thimbles will be meeting at Lupe Thompson's home in November.

YoYo's will meet on November 19th at Kathy Millhollon's home. Discussion of projects and planning of Christmas celebrations, and scheduling for 2019. Where did the year go? Plan for next years' projects.

CUDDLE CORNER

So far this year we have delivered 136 quilts to very appreciative recipients in the mountain area. We will publish a complete report for



2018 at the end of the year. Remember to pick up a kit to sew or to quilt at the monthly meeting so we'll have a good start to 2019.

The next Cuddle Quilt sewing at Bear Paw is scheduled for Tuesday, November 20th at 10:30 a.m.

Redding Quilters' Sew-ciety

We had a wonderful response to the request for quilts for families affected by the Carr Fire. Thanks to the generosity of SMQA members, we collected more than a dozen quilts to be delivered to Redding. Applause for you all!

Betsy Anne Youngholm



Ceremonial passing of the Fall Retreat book to Teri de la Torre from Betsy Anne. Teri will coordinate the 2019 Fall Retreat at ECCO. She brings a lot of energy and enthusiasm to the position and will do a great job organizing this event.

Rhonda's Ramblings

Thank you to Penni for running the September meeting in my absence. We made a quick trip to Southern California to celebrate my grandson's 4th birthday. I can't believe how fast time is passing me by! I heard that the free motion quilting demos went quite well and am sorry that I missed it. I could sure use some pointers. Thanks to the members who stepped up and shared their quilting skills with us.

At our November 1, meeting, we will be voting on the new slate of Officers for the SMQA 2019 board. Thank you to all the ladies who said "YES"!! Installation will take place at the Holiday Party in December. I'm looking forward to the wonderful food that Wild Fig Restaurant will be providing. Don't forget your show and tell, especially the revealing of this year's Mystery Quilt.

We were quite successful with our recent ticket sales at PIQF. Lots of people stopped by our table and complimented on how beautiful our quilt was. We appreciate all of you who volunteered to do the white gloving and ticket sales.

Thank you for your support and Happy Quilting!

Rhonda Lloyd
SMQA President
noneesplace@sti.net

Quilt Show *from page 1*

SMQA's First Quilt Show . . . A Bit of History

"During the summer of 1981, Judy Crawford, Marge Hoyt, and Betsy Blum expressed a desire to start a Quilt Association in Oakhurst. With this desire, an organizational meeting was held Oct. 18, 1981 in the Oakhurst Fabric House classroom. Nineteen women attended this first organizational meeting, elected officers & set the meeting nights as the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at the Sierra Telephone Bldg. At the time that the quilt association was begun, publicity stated that *the only requirement for membership is a "love of quilting."* (From the program of the first SMQA Quilt Show Program.)

Myra Algots created the first logo (see below).



Original Logo - Designed and quilted by Myra Algots - 1981

A small quilt show was held in the Oakhurst library in 1982. And the first Opportunity Quilt was created which earned \$402. In 1983, the first official quilt show was held, named "For the Love of Quilting."

Contributed by Diane Martin



Sierra Mountain Quilters Association 2019 Budget

Income:

Balance forward in checkbook	\$9,500
Advertising	140
Membership	3,000
Quilt Show (from savings account as needed)	7,600
Retreats & Trips – self sustaining	
Workshops Instructors – self sustaining	
Shirts & Patches – self sustaining	
Name badges – self sustaining	
TOTAL	\$20,240

Expenses

President	100
First Vice President	
Hospitality	200
Programs	6,000
Publicity	50
Rent & Set-up/down	1,040
Workshops (Rent)	1,500
Second Vice President	
Amenities	50
Community Service	2,000
Historian	150
Library	50
Special Events	140
Treasurer	
Insurance	500
Miscellaneous Fees	460
Northern Calif. Quilt Council (2 yrs.)	40
P.O. Box Rental	60
Scholarships	600
Office Supplies	150
Storage Units	1,150
Tax Preparation	250
Membership (Roster Book, Raffles, Supplies)	1,000
Newsletter	350
Quilt Show	4,100
Website	300
TOTAL	\$20,240



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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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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BADGE AT THE NEXT MEETING!**

BOARD MEMBERS

President	Rhonda Lloyd
First Vice President	Penni Simily
Second Vice President	Sandy Johnson
Treasurer	Kay Marshall
Secretary	Betsy Anne Youngholm

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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