



# Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting **December 3, 2015**

Ed Cid Restaurant

**Doors open at 5:30**

Business meeting at 6:00

Program: **Installation of Officers**

## December Program

**Christmas Party El Cid Restaurant**

**December 3, 2015 at 5:30 pm**

**PLEASE do not arrive before 5:30 pm.**

Entry only with ***previously purchased ticket*** at front "bar door" or rear door. Follow the signs.



Your ticket includes items on our "special menu", non-alcoholic drink, tax and gratuity. (See page 6 for menu offerings.)

Bring a new, unwrapped gift or a monetary donation for ***Toys for Tots***.

This is a regular guild meeting including 2016 Installation of Officers.

Projects will be revealed and we'll have a slide show.

Due to time restrictions, please hold Show & Tell until the January meeting.

## January Meeting

**January 7 & 8:** Michelle Peerson, Fiber Artist, Roseville, CA



Michelle will be lecturing on creativity and how to use big print fabric.

There's still space in Michelle Peerson's "Thinking Outside the Box" workshop January 8, 2016 in the Pavilion from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Only \$35. Contact Betsy Blum at [smqa2012@gmail.com](mailto:smqa2012@gmail.com). You can pay at a guild meeting or the class. A supply list will be emailed prior to the class.

## Cuddly Goodness

We all share a love of quilting and share our efforts with friends and family. We also have the opportunity to share with our community in the form of Cuddle Quilts. These are smaller (usually) quilts that serve as a lap quilt or baby quilt or just a little something to snuggle up with during what may be a trying time.

See ***Cuddly*** page 5

## Sierra Mountain Quilters Association

General Meeting, November 5, 2015

President Kathy Millhollon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Oakhurst Community Center. Kathy welcomed everyone and led the flag salute. Kathy wished a Happy Birthday to those who have a November birthday. She thanked the birthday girls for bringing refreshments for the meeting. Kathy also thanked the greeters Sally Walker and Judy Andes. Kathy then welcomed guests and noted there are two new members.

The Minutes for October 1, 2015, were approved as written in the Newsletter by motion of Nancy Swanson and seconded by Mary Brand. The Treasurer's report was approved and filed for audit. Helen Ramsey noted that all bills for 2015 are due by the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

### Old Business:

Election of New Board Members - Kathy Millhollon advised of the nominees for 2016: Chris Hudson/President, Betsy Blum/1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Trudy Kinsel/2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Sharon Cox/Treasurer, and Margie Williams/Secretary. No other nominations were received from the floor. Action was taken to elect the new Board members as nominated.

### New Business:

- Amy Blodgett announced that Michelle Peerson will present the lecture for the January meeting and a workshop on January 8, 2016, on "Creativity, Getting Outside the Box" with a \$35 fee for the workshop. Tonight is the last night to sign up for the workshop.
- Kathy Millhollon and Patty Spinelli announced that the Christmas party is scheduled for December 3<sup>rd</sup> at El Cid with a member cost of \$15 for the dinner – tonight is the last night to sign up. The menu will be in the newsletter. Reminders for the Christmas party: installation of officers, Mystery Quilt, Block Exchange Quilt, 12" x 12" mini quilts, and bring a toy or monetary donation for Toys for Tots.
- Helen Ramsey, Treasurer, advised that the 2016 budget was printed in the newsletter. The budget for 2014 was used as a guide, as it was the last non-opportunity quilt year. Motion by Virginia Corriea, seconded by Nancy Swanson, the 2016 budget was approved.
- Constance Peterson and Becky Smith/Quilt Show Co-Chairs, announced the show will be called "A Stitch in Time" and will be held May 20-21, 2017 with Diane Ward as the featured quilter. The selection of sub-committee chairs were introduced.
- Georgia Harvey announced the Spring Retreat will be held on March 3-6, 2016, at ECCO.
- Rhoda Stoltenberg and Patty Wiens, Unique Crafters, showed their quilt that will be raffled on November 14, 2015, at the Yosemite Lake Community Church.
- Jullie Vasquez announced that she has information on the new "Class" exercise place that opened in Oakhurst.
- Chris Hudson announced that the last clue for the Mystery Quilt is available.
- Patty Spinelli advised that a certificate of appreciation was received from the Mountain Bear Club for the quilt; a note was received from Linda Ballard thanking the Guild for having her at the October meeting; and she reminded everyone of the 12" x 12" mini quilt for the December meeting.
- Trudy Kinsel held the raffle ticket drawing.
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m., followed by: Show and Tell, refreshments, and a slideshow presentation by Mel Peters and Virginia Corriea on their recent trips to Charleston/South Carolina, Savannah/Georgia, a Bonnie Hunter Retreat in Iowa, and to Costa Rica with Jenny Beyer, etc.

Respectfully submitted by Margie Williams, Secretary

### New Members

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Please add these new members to your  
 Directory and make them feel welcome.

### December Holidays

Dec 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day  
 Dec 25 Christmas Day  
 Dec 31 New Year's Eve

### SMQA Meeting Dates

December 3  
 January 7  
 February 4  
 March 3

### Greeters for 2015

December Georgia Harvey  
 Betty Fish

### December Birthdays

Flynn, Shirley A.	12/4
Lloyd, Rhonda	12/4
Martin, Diane	12/13
Browder, Diane	12/16
Brown, Helen	12/18
Ward, Diane	12/18
Simily, Penni	12/19
Reynolds, Cathy	12/20
Kight, Roberta	12/28



*We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!*



### Amenities

*A get well card was sent to*

***Patty Spinelli***

Contact **Linda Miller** if you know a  
 member who would appreciate us  
 thinking of them. 683-6007

**Quilting Circles****by Marian Romero****December, 2015**

**BITS & PIECES** meets Wednesday, December 2 at 11 a.m. at Patty Spinelli's home for our Christmas party! Carpoolers meet at Payless Shoes at 10:30 a.m. Please don't bring any food but do bring Show and Tell and handwork. Fun, fun, fun.

**FOOTLOOSE** will meet at Chris's place on Monday, December 7 at 4:00 p.m. for our Christmas party. Contact Chris if you have any questions.

**MATERIAL GIRLS** will meet on Saturday December 5 for our Christmas party. Contact Rhonda.

**SEW THRILLED** members will meet on Wednesday, December 16 for our meeting and Christmas party. Contact Linda Pennington for information.

The **THURSDAY THIMBLES** holiday luncheon will be held on December 17 at Betty Fish's home. Arrive 9:30 a.m. and bring your assigned dish.

The **TUESDAY STRIPPERS** will meet at Danna Austin's home on December 8.

**WEDNESDAY WILDFLOWERS** will be having a potluck at Patty's house. Also an exchange of fat quarters and a fun raffle of blocks.

**YOYO'S** will have Christmas in Fresno to celebrate the holidays.

**Big/Little Sisters**

Are you new to SMQA? If so, perhaps you need someone to answer quilting questions and lend a helping hand.

How about a Big Sister?

Contact Donna Baxter at 559 658-5933 or [konaglen@sti.net](mailto:konaglen@sti.net)

**12x12 Quilt Challenge**

Create a 12" x 12" quilt showing your idea of Christmas. Or, if you prefer, you may just make something using the color red. These will be shown at the December meeting.

I hope everyone will participate. Have fun!

Patty Spinelli

**December Birth Flower**

December's birth flower is the **narcissus** which embodies the idea that you want your beloved to stay just the way they are. The other December flower is **holly**, which symbolizes your wish for domestic happiness.



## Kathy's Korner

This is the last article I will be submitting to the newsletter as your president. It has been a real pleasure to serve our guild. Thank you to the SMQA board and all our members for your support.

Come help us celebrate the installation of the newly elected board at our Christmas party on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at El Cid Restaurant in Oakhurst. The 2016 elected board members are Chris Hudson, President, Betsy Blum, Vice President, Margie Williams, Secretary, Trudy Kinsel, Second Vice President, and Sharon Cox, Treasurer.

Be sure to bring an unwrapped child's gift for Toys for Tots along with your Mystery Quilt top, your 12" x 12" red mini quilt and the exchange block quilt. There will be many quilts to see, good food and great friendship to share. I hope to see you all there!

Kathy Millhollon



### Treasurer's Report

by H. Ramsey  
November, 2015  
(Checking Account)

Balance Forward (9/30/15)	\$18,132.64
Income	\$ 1,518.00
Expenses	\$ 2,738.70
Bank Balance (10/30/15)	\$16,911.94
CD:	\$16,863.97
Savings:	\$11,625.89

## Cuddly - from page 1

Our members make these small quilts either with kits handed out, at a work night during one of our meetings, at home or with a sewing circle. They are gathered and distributed by the Cuddle Quilt Chairperson.

Some of the recipients include Sierra Ambulance, Victim Services (Bass Lake), Mountain Crisis Center (Mariposa), Children's Hospital, Helping Hands, and Oakhurst Sheriff's Office.

We invite you all to join in the fun and joy of spreading some positive gifts in our mountain area.

Happy Quilting!!  
Judy Andes

### 2016 Membership

Attached to this newsletter on page 7 is your Membership Form for 2016. Please be aware that if you renew with a check, that check will not be deposited until after January 1, 2016. Please renew early to have your name in the 2016 Directory.

Thank you,  
Mel Peters

Merry Christmas





***Sierra Mountain Quilters Association Christmas Party  
December 3, 2015***

***MENU...MENU...MENU...MENU...MENU...MENU...MENU***

***All meals include a non-alcoholic beverage.....***

***11-A. El Cid Burrito***

*Grilled Strips of Top Sirloin or Chicken Breast,  
Onions, Bell Peppers, Tomatoes, Mushrooms  
& Cilantro. Topped with Guacamole or Sour Cream*

***29-A. Garden Salad***

*Crisp Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, Boiled Egg, Mushrooms & Dressing*

*The following include: Soup or Salad, Refried Beans & Spanish Rice*

- 45. Beef Taco & Chile Verde Burrito***
- 46. Beef Taco & Cheese Enchilada***
- 47. Beef Taco & Chile Relleno***
- 48. Beef Taco & Beef Tostado***
- 49. Beef Enchilada & Chile Relleno***
- 50. Cheese Enchilada & Chile Relleno***
- 51. Cheese Enchilada & Beef Burrito***
- 52. Bean Tostada & Beef Enchilada***
- 53. Two Enchiladas - Chicken or Cheese; Shredded or Ground Beef***
- 54. Two Tacos: Choose Shredded Beef, Ground Beef, or Chicken***
- 55. Beef Tostada & a Bean Burrito***
- 56. Chile Relleno & a Bean Tostado***
- 57. Chile Verde Burrito & a Bean Burrito***
- 58. Two Tamales smothered in El Cid Sauce***
- 59. Two Beef Burritos - fresh, hot & tasty***
- 60. Two Bean Burritos - delicioso***

***If these meals are too large, may we suggest a to-go-box for tomorrow's lunch.***





## Sierra Mountain Quilters Association 2016 Membership Form

Your membership dues support the many functions of SMQA including: meetings, speakers, workshops, newsletter, and website, quilting retreats, circles, Biennial Quilt Show and fellowship.

**Membership:** *(Please circle one)*

Individual Membership: \$25

Family: \$35

*Please Print*

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**ADDRESS:**

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address *(if different from above)*: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** *(please \*\* preferred number)*

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## November Show & Tell







**Sierra Fiber Arts**  
 7462 N Fresno Street  
 Fresno, Ca 93720  
 (Fresno Street at Alluvial)  
 559-432-8900  
[sierrafiberarts.com](http://sierrafiberarts.com)

Complete the learner's class's (\$50) and rent the Longarm Machine for \$15 per hour and quilt your own quilt.

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

### BOARD MEMBERS

President	Kathy Millhollon
First Vice President	Betsy Blum
Second Vice President	Patty Spinelli
Treasurer	Helen Ramsey
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](mailto:lpenni@sti.net)  
Deadline is 20th of each month.

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Amenities	Linda Miller
Big/Little Sisters	Donna Pike-Baxter
Circles	Marian Romero
Cuddle Quilts	Judy Andes & Lissa Metzger
Historian	Donna Pike-Baxter
Hospitality	Footloose Circle
Librarian	Jean Richter
Membership	Mel Peters
Newsletter	Linda Pennington
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