



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter



Next meeting **July 5, 2018**

Oakhurst Community Center Pavilion

Greeters: Nancy Swanson & Wendy Holt

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

Program: **Movie & Popcorn**

July Meeting

We are halfway through the year! Happy 4th of July!

July will be Movie Night with Carol Doak's Video which teaches you to paper piece. Popcorn and drinks provided. No need to bring treats.

Cathie Hoover will be our speaker on August 2nd presenting 'Quilts and Garments'. Her workshop on August 3 will be Wild and Crazy Quilt. The class fee is \$35, the pattern \$9.00, and \$16.00 for an optional template. One of the supplies is Shirtailor from Pellon at \$2.00 a yard. If you contact me, I can get it to you. I ordered a bolt to make it easy. I also have templates you can copy.

September will be a visit from the Tool Time lady, Lisa McKissick. Everyone enjoyed her last visit; she has a lot of energy! Her workshop will be on Friday. We will be making the Boomerang Quilt by Jaybird quilts. Sample to come soon. Class fee is \$5.00. There will be a pattern and optional ruler.

In October members will show how to do free motion quilting. I will be asking for help with the demos. Hopefully, this will give basic us basic knowledge about doing free motion. February brings the "Quilt Skipper", who will be with us to add to our free motion quilting education.

In November Clair Witherspoon will be at our meeting with a trunk show and will offer "Scraps Strategies" workshop the next day. Cost is \$35.00.

December is our annual Christmas Event. Marc at Wild Fig will be catering. We will have installation of officers, mystery quilt reveal, row quilts and show and tell.

Penni Simily



Quilt Show Corner "A Needle Pulling Thread"

It's less than a year away, the "A Needle Pulling Thread" SMQA Quilt Show!

Due to a lack of interest in coordinating the Country Store, the Quilt Show Committee decided to forgo it for the 2019 Show. SMQA members (along with their friends and relatives) who want to sell items may want to group together to purchase a vendor space (inside or outside). Contact Trudy Kinsel if this is something you want to do.

Opportunity Quilt raffle tickets will be available at upcoming meetings. Postcards with a photo of the quilt will be available by the July meeting. Chris Hartesveldt will be asking for sign-ups to sell tickets and for suggestions of locations for ticket sales. It is important to remember that a very large part of the funds we use to put on programs is directly derived from raffle ticket sales. It is important for all of us to sell as many tickets as we possibly can.

Sierra Mountain Quilters Association
June 7, 2018 General Meeting Minutes

Second Vice President Sandy Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the flag salute. She expressed appreciation for the evening's greeters, Bev Spears and Toodie Brendle.

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

Helen Brown reported for Membership: there were 50 members present and one guest. Door prize drawing was held.

Members were reminded that First Vice President, Penni Simily, will be stepping down in 2019, and anyone who is interested in the position should contact Rhonda Lloyd or Penni. The July General Meeting program will be a movie and popcorn; the movie is Carol Doak's paper piecing method. Birthday ladies will not be expected to bring refreshments for the July meeting

Sandy introduced the next pattern for the Row Quilt.

Betsy Anne Youngholm thanked the Circles for their participation in preparing cuddle quilt kits.

Payments were collected for the Fall Retreat to be held at ECCO on Monday through Thursday, September 17th through the 20th. Betsy Anne reminded members to confirm their attendance with their payment.

Sally Walker distributed the next clue for this year's Mystery Quilt.

The Opportunity Quilt was unveiled. Sinta Borland recognized members who participated in making the quilt. Postcards, featuring a photo of the Opportunity Quilt, will be available at the July meeting. Members were reminded that raffle tickets for the Opportunity Quilt are available in packs of 30 for SMQA members to purchase and sell.

Representatives of Sierra Pines Church were available to sell raffle tickets for their quilt. Money raised by the quilt raffle supports their theater program.

The business meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. and was followed by Show and Tell and the evening's ice cream social.

The next SMQA General Meeting is scheduled for July 5th at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Betsy Anne Youngholm, Secretary

July Birthdays

Aller, Mary	7/1
Deisher, Lois	7/2
Lund, Rhonda	7/2
Boardman, Mary	7/5
Lacey, Tricia	7/7
Schuhl, Guadalupe	7/7
Waters, Virginia	7/11
Stanford, Lynnette	7/14
Graham, Sue	7/16
Williams, Bev	7/16
Graas, Barbara	7/19
Collins, Sue	7/20
Kernaghan, Lisa	7/22
Swanson, Nancy	7/26
Andes, Judy	7/29
Gulley, Beverly	7/29
Yeatts, Joe	7/31



***We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!
No snacks required for the July meeting!***

June New Member



Tricia Lacey

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

Amenities

Cards were sent to:

Peggy Cochran Thinking of You
Mel Peters Thinking of You

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

July Holidays

July 4	Independence Day
July 15	National Ice Cream Day
July 18	National Hot Dog Day
July 22	Parents Day
July 30	National Day of Friendship
July 30	National Cheesecake Day



Treasurer's Report

by Kay Marshall
May 2018
(Checking Account)

Balance Forward (5/1/18)	\$ 9,241.09
Deposits	\$ 308.00
Expenses	\$ 1,280.12
Bank Balance (5/31/18)	\$ 8,268.97
CD:	\$16,903.52
Savings:	\$18,190.49

Quilting Circles

July 2018

by Marian Romero



Anything with Fabric meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at Oakhurst Library's Community Room from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. New members are welcome.

Contacts: Rhonda Dewey and Constance Peterson.

Bits & Pieces July meeting will be on Wednesday, the 11th. We meet at Margie's for salad lunch. Patty V. will bring bread; Mary will bring a yummy desert. Everyone bring your favorite topping. Car poolers meet at 10:30 a.m. at Payless Shoes. Don't forget your placemat!

Footloose meets Monday, July 9, and Tuesday, July 24, from 4-6 pm at the Studio. Bring a project to work on, and bring Show & Tell.

Material Girls will meet on Tuesday, July 10th at the Bear Paw at 1:00 p.m. Bring along your show and tell. Hope most of you can make it.

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, July 13, at Linda's home and Friday, July 27, at Sheila's home. Any questions call Linda Pennington.

Thursday Thimbles will meet at Diane Ward's home July 26th at 9:30 a.m.

YoYo's are planning a trip to Visalia to have lunch with Cathy Reynolds in July. Some even have quilting items to share. Who knows what other mischief we might get into. Any suggestions?

Quilt Traditions

There are many traditions regarding the number of quilts a young woman (and her family) was expected to have made prior to her wedding, for the establishment of her new home. Given the demands on a new wife, and the learning curve in her new role, it was prudent to provide her some reserve time with quilts already completed.

Specific wedding quilts continue to be made today. Wedding ring quilts, which have a patchwork design of interlocking rings, have been made since the 1930s. White wholecloth quilts with high-quality, elaborate quilting, and often trapunto decorations as well, are also traditional for weddings. Interestingly, it was considered bad luck to incorporate heart motifs in a wedding quilt (the couples' hearts might be broken if such a design were included); so tulip motifs were often used to symbolize love in wedding quilts.

Quilts were often made for other events as well, such as graduations, or when individuals left their homes for other communities. One example of this is the quilts made as farewell gifts for pastors; some of these gifts were subscription quilts. For a subscription quilt, community members would pay to have their names embroidered on the quilt top, and the proceeds would be given to the departing minister. Sometimes the quilts were auctioned off to raise additional money, and the quilt might be donated back to the minister by the winner. A logical extension of this tradition led quilts being made to raise money for other community projects, such as recovery from a flood or natural disaster, and later, for fundraising for war. Subscription quilts were made for all of America's wars.

In a new tradition, quilt makers across the United States have been making quilts for wounded veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts.



Rhonda's Ramblings

Summer 'at last'...two weeks in Southern California got me wishing for our beautiful mountain weather. Summer comes with trips to the Lake, Yosemite and the Coast - and visits with family and friends. Family time can be the very best. My oldest grandson recently got married, and while I was in So Cal, I had a great time taking care of my two youngest grandsons for a week which included a Little League game and swimming lessons.

July brings us our Popcorn and Movie night. I know a lot of you may have plans for the Fourth of July holiday and might not be able to make it, but I do hope we still have a good turn-out. For those who cannot be there, be safe and enjoy the holiday. We look forward to everyone's Show and Tell. I'll be bringing my little "Stash & Dash" bag which I made in Lissa's workshop.

We'll also be getting another Mystery Quilt clue from Sally Walker. I've been trying to keep up with each clue and really like the way it's coming together. Sandy Johnson and her crew will also reveal another Row Block. I haven't quite gotten around to that one yet but have an assortment of fabrics ready to go.

This is the time of the year when we ask for volunteers for the SMQA Board **Nominating Committee**. It is an essential responsibility and our **Committee** dedicates a lot of time and effort in support of this job. If asked, please consider holding a position on the Board for the upcoming year. SMQA needs YOU!!

Thank you for your support and Happy Quilting!
Rhonda Lloyd
SMQA President
noneesplace@sti.net

CUDDLE CORNER

Through the combined efforts of the SMQA circle members, we have more than sixty cuddle quilt kits ready for distribution. Many thanks to all those who helped with this. Now, keep sewing! We distributed another 25 cuddle quilts in June, and, as always, the recipients are more than grateful for our efforts. Quilts were delivered to Oakhurst Healthcare and Wellness, Valley Children's Hospital, and Hinds Hospice.



Betsy Anne Youngholm

FALL RETREAT



Participation in this year's Fall Retreat is excellent. We have filled the available spots except for some two-day possibilities. If you have signed up, please bring your check to the July meeting. If you are interested but have not signed up yet, please see Betsy Anne about which days are still available. We have a good time with lots of chit-chat, sewing, and always a small project for voluntary participation. If you have any questions, please contact Betsy Anne Youngholm.



June Show & Tell



Services from our Advertisers



BEAR PAW QUILTS & MORE

DONNA HENNING
OWNER

(559) 683-7397

HRS: MON-SATURDAY
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

40761 Hwy 41, #7
OAKHURST, CA 93644

WWW.BEARPAWQUILTSANDMORE.COM

A Thread Above Quilt Studio
Longarm Quilting Services

Jeri Carney ~~~ 559.760.5125



athreadabove@gmail.com
www.athreadabovestudio.com



Mennonite Quilt Center

CHRISTMAS IN JULY SALE
JULY 16-21

GUILD DAY SECOND SATURDAY

Dessert Sampler
Tuesdays - 1pm-5pm
Beginning June 26 \$10
Kit Available at MQC
Harvest Basket
With Laurie Britt
August 11



1012 G Street, Reedley, CA
559-638-3560
www.mennonitequiltcenter.org
9-4 Monday-Friday, 9-3 Saturday
Find us on Facebook and Instagram
@mennonitequiltcenter

COUPON

Joe's Sew & Vac
Celebrate 35 years with us



We would like to say
THANK YOU
to our loyal customers for your
continued support & friendship.

Take 35% OFF ANY ENTIRE SINGLE PURCHASE
(Excludes repair, rentals, and special orders)

Quality Sales & Service
Since 1982

Also: Professional Cleaning Products
- Lamp Repairs - Dry Carpet Cleaning
- Scissors Sharpening - And Much More

40114 Hwy 49, Oakhurst, CA 93644 - (559) 683-5101





Sierra Mountain Quilters
Association
P.O. Box 1359
Oakhurst, CA 93644

sierramountainquilters.org



facebook.com/SierraMountainQuiltersAssociation

**REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME
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

Amenities	Linda Miller
Member Services	Chris Hudson
Circles	Marian Romero
Cuddle Quilts	Betsy Anne Youngholm
Historian	Donna Pike-Baxter
Hospitality	Sharon Weaver
Librarian	Patty Wiens
Membership	Helen Brown
Newsletter	Linda Pennington
Parliamentarian	Sandy Johnson
Quilt Show Chair	Sinta Borland & Jeri Carney
Webmaster	Sally Walker