



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting **June 2, 2016**

Pavilion Oakhurst Community Center

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

Greeters: Rhonda Dewey & Betsy Anne Youngholm

Program: **Charlotte Rodgers "Color Studies in Old and New Quilts"**

June Meeting

Jun 2 & 3: Charlotte Rodgers: Lecture and Trunk Show. "Color Studies in Old and New Quilts"

June 3 Workshop with Charlotte on "Color" using Joen Wolfrom's *Color Tool* available for purchase from Bear Paw.

Color Class

Don't miss Charlotte Rogers' June 3rd workshop on Color. This is the number one requested topic in our annual survey of member's interests. A six-hour workshop will be held at the Pavilion from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for just \$35 plus a \$3 material fee. It's a bargain. There are a few spaces left so contact Betsy Blum ASAP.

Thursday evening Charlotte will present a trunk show, "Color Studies" using old and new quilts for examples of color usage.



Looking Ahead...

July 7: Ice Cream Social & Strip Poker

Aug 4 & 5: Lisa McKissick "Tool Time Girl";
Workshop: "Metro Twist"

Jan 2017: New speaker and workshop

Sheila Collins of Sunnyvale will join us in January to talk about her creative journey from fashion design to quilting. Her quilts are very colorful and she will present a workshop entitled "Mandala Blossom".

FALL RETREAT

Remember to sign up for the fall retreat at ECCO to be held Monday through Thursday, September 19th - 22nd. Tables, irons and ironing boards are provided with lunch included in your registration fee of \$26.00 per day. Sign up at the June meeting for any or all of the days. Please be prepared to pay a deposit of half the registration fee at the June or July guild meeting with full payment due at the August meeting.



The retreats are a great way to finish projects, get advice from other quilters on your planned or ongoing work, and have fun with other SMQA members.

Sierra Mountain Quilters Association

General Meeting, May 5, 2016

President Chris Hudson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Oakhurst Community Center. Chris welcomed everyone and led the flag salute. Chris thanked tonight's greeters Sally Walker and Margie Williams and noted there is a sign-up sheet for future meetings. Birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged and thanked them for bringing refreshments for the meeting. She thanked Rhonda Dewey for setting-up for the refreshments and Sue Graham/Gift Works for the flowers. She also recognized Becky Smith, Mel Peters, and Dianne Archibald for their milestone wedding anniversaries in May.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

The General Meeting Minutes for April 7, 2016, were approved with a correction. Betsy Anne Youngholm noted the cuddle quilt sewing sessions are scheduled for May 17 and June 21 at Bear Paw, 10:30 - 12:30. Motion by Shirley Flynn and seconded by Chris Hartesveldt. Motion passed.

Reports:

- Chris Hudson announced that Amy Blodgett resigned from Membership Co-Chair and that Helen Brown accepted the position. She also announced that Becky Smith is resigning as Quilt Show Co-Chair and she is looking for someone to fill this position. Becky Smith provided input on the duties of the position and stated she is willing to help in the background.
- Betsy Blum, 1st Vice President, advised of a change in the August 5th workshop with Lisa McKissick from "Chic Kisses" to "Metro Twist" using a quick curve ruler. Sign-ups are being taken now. There are still eight spaces for the June 3rd workshop by Charlotte Rogers on "color." She advised that someone left a pattern piece at the last workshop by Kevin Kosbab. She thanked Rhonda Dewey for helping with hostess duties and noted there is a sign-up sheet to help with refreshments at future meetings.
- Trudy Kinsel, 2nd Vice President, held the drawing for the appliqué mini quilt challenge; she noted that the theme for June is "make a splash" and for July is "red/white/blue" and advised of a contest being held by sergedesigns.com for this theme. She also noted that bookmarks are available with information on other quilt shows.
- Betsy Anne Youngholm, Cuddle Quilt Chair and Fall Retreat Chair, cuddle quilt kits are available. There will be a sewing session at Bear Paw on May 17 and June 21 from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm for the cuddle quilts. She distributed 24 cuddle quilts – Valley Children's Hospital, Oakhurst Wellness Center and Mariposa Mountain Crisis. She thanked the new members for turning in quilts. She noted that a new circle is starting on May 15th from 10 am to noon; the contact is herself or Amy Blodgett. She is ready to take sign-ups for the fall retreat which will be held September 19 – 22, day time only.
- Jean Richter/Librarian advised of the donation of books to the library.
- The Treasurer's report for March 2016 was approved as printed in the Newsletter and filed for audit. Charlotte Hickman advised that no one applied for a scholarship this year. Chris Hudson noted that Sharon Cox/Treasurer suggested that the funds be used for members to take classes and/or for a member to attend a professional class and come back and teach a class to the Guild.
- Chris Hudson advised of the receipt of a \$50 gift certificate to Second Chance Fabrics. Drawings were held for the certificate, a sewing theme puzzle donated by Sue Collins and the raffle/door prizes. It was noted that there are membership directories that still need to be picked up. Jullie Vasquez/Membership noted there are 52 members present.
- Laura Ashley-Spencer, Quilt Show Ticket Sales, stated \$973 in raffle tickets have been sold to date. Raffle tickets are available at Bear Paw. She asked that if money is left for the tickets that she be notified so she can pick it up. Rhonda Lloyd advised of the raffle tickets sold at the Best of the Valley Show/\$259, Rusty Barn/\$195 and Bear Paw Shop Hop/\$34; with a total to date of \$1020 for showing the opportunity quilt. Volunteers are needed for upcoming shows – Quilters Paradise, etc.
- Charlotte Hickman asked the members and circles to start thinking about things they could make for the country store at the Quilt Show.
- Marilyn Harvey advised that a new circle is meeting in Mariposa on the last Wednesday of this month and she is the contact.
- Sally Walker, Webmaster-Mystery Quilt, noted that further clues and sewing instructions are available for the Mystery Quilt and she held a drawing.

New Business:

Chris Hudson noted that Bev Gordon from the Bear Club is present with the bear quilt made by the Footloose Circle and that raffle tickets are available. A drawing will be held later in the meeting for a bear quilt bag filled with goodies.

Mel Peters noted a letter was previously received from Tara Locks about moving back, and she asked if anyone had heard anything. Donna Henning stated she heard it may be another year before the move.

Show and Tell was held. The meeting was recessed at 6:54 p.m. followed by refreshments and a drawing for the Bear Club quilt bag. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m. followed by the Footloose Circle group presentation.

The next meeting is June 2, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by Margie Williams, Secretary

June Birthdays

Algots, Myra	6/2
Wyly, Mary	6/5
Corriea, Virginia	6/7
Johnson, Sandy	6/10
Carney, Jeri	6/15
Burton, Linda	6/16
Fisher, Betty	6/18
Dahlin, Joyce	6/20
Vasquez, Jullie	6/20
Ham, Tricia	6/24
Lucas, Teri	6/26
Romero, Marian	6/29

Please bring birthday snacks to our
June meeting
We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!

June Holidays

Jun 5	Doughnut Day
Jun 6	D-Day
Jun 14	Flag Day
Jun 19	Father's Day
Jun 20	June Solistice
Jun 20	American Eagle Day

Amenities

Cards were sent to:

Darryl Hyde (Nancy's son)
Tricia Ham

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

New Members

There were no new members during May.

SMQA Meeting Dates

June 2	Charlotte Rodgers, "Color" Joen Wolfran Guide
July 7	Ice Cream Social & Strip Poker
Aug 4	Lisa McKissick "Tool Time Girl"
Aug 5	Lisa McKissick "Metro Twist" workshop



SERGER FOR SALE

Elna 624 DSE. includes 6 spools of thread. \$150. Dianne Archibald 209 742-4882

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Quilting Circles

June 2016

by Marian Romero

The new Mariposa Circle will have first meeting at end of May so look forward to their first group report in the July newsletter.

Bits & Pieces: will meet Wed., June 1st, 11 a.m. at Pat Bauer's home. Bring salad toppings; bread-Charlotte, dessert -Mary. Bring your 6 1/2" yellow squares. Usual agenda; bring handwork. Carpoolers meet at Payless Shoes at 10:30 a.m.

Footloose: meets June 6th and June 20th at Chris's Studio. Join the fun at 4-6 pm. Bring ideas for the raffle basket and items to sell in the Country Store. Best of all, bring Show and Tell!

Material Girls: Will meet on Tuesday June 14 at 1:00 at the Cat's Meow. We will be planning our summer party.

Sew Thrilled: members will meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Contact Linda Pennington for information.

Sunday Scrappers: Amy Blodgett has agreed to be the contact person for our new circle, the Sunday Scrappers. We meet the third Sunday of the month at Betsy Ann Youngholm's home in Coarsegold. Call Betsy at 536-6532 for directions.

Thursday Thimbles: will be gathering at the Tea House on June 23rd, at noon. RSVP to Helen.

Tuesday Strippers: Meeting will be held on June 14th at Myra Algots home.

Wildflowers will meet at the YLP Clubhouse, on June 8 about 9:30ish. Bring your latest project you are working on. You can bring your lunch or eat in the Blue Heron with other quilters. We have OPENINGS for new members. A portion of the Wildflowers has begun a new group so there are spots available. Anyone is welcome but we are really handy for those who live in Coarsegold or the YLP area. Call Sandy at 683-6309 for more info. Hope to see some new faces!

YoYo's: will meet at Peggy's on June 20th. We will be planning and gathering supplies to do some stamping and fabric painting in August.

Treasurer's Report

by Sharon Cox

April, 2016

(Checking Account)

Balance Forward (4/1/16)	\$ 9,553.62
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Deposits	\$ 1,010.00
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Expenses	\$ 1,746.91
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Bank Balance (4/30/16)	\$ 8,816.71
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CD: \$18,130.43

Savings: \$16,867.88

June Birth Flower

June's birth flower is the **rose** which has more meanings than one can count! A pink rose means perfect happiness, while a red rose means "I love you." A white rose signifies innocence and purity, while a yellow rose conveys jealousy or a decrease in love. A bouquet of roses means sincere gratitude, whereas a single rose amplifies the meaning of the color (a single red rose means "I REALLY love you"). The other June flower is **honeysuckle**, which is a strong symbol for the everlasting bonds of love.



Monthly Mini-Quilt Challenge

Trudy Kinsel

A random drawing will be held each month for quilts brought in.

June- Make a Splash

July- Red, White and Blue

August- Curves

September- Animals

October- Trees

November- Table Runner (Can be longer than 36")

December- Have a Holly Jolly Christmas

The mini-quilt should be no larger than 36" on any side.



Cuddle Corner

Judy Andes and Betsy Anne Youngholm were able to take a tour of the Child Life program at Valley Children's Hospital. At the June meeting, we will give a brief description of our visit and our delivery of a dozen cuddle quilts.

If anyone is interested in sewing up twin size quilts, Crisis Services in Mariposa is in need of quilts for women to take to their new living situations as well as cuddle quilts for the children.

Cuddle quilt sewing continues at Bear Paw on June 21st from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Join us with your sewing machine and ideas. We have kits to sew or fabric to cut or piece.

If you have any questions about cuddle quilts, tote bags, or wheelchair bags, please call Betsy Anne Youngholm at 536-6532.



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Fabric Post Cards

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For each card you bring to the meeting, swap one to take home. Themes will be similar to the Monthly Mini-Quilt Challenge.

June- Make a Splash

July- Red, White and Blue

August- Curves

September- Animals

October- Trees

November- Giving Thanks

December- Holiday Memories



Refreshment Hostesses Needed

Please volunteer to be a refreshment hostess. Openings for August, September, October and November. It's easy! Everything required, except the food, is stored in our cupboard at the Pavilion. Contact Betsy Blum

SMQA Beginnings.....

While clearing out our storage shed a handwritten history of SMQA was found. This is Part III of a series of SMQA history for your enjoyment.

Jan 1988: Marie Strait workshop on batting

Mar 1988: Miniature quilts by Ann Dibert of Quilters Paradise

April 1988: Rhondi Heirdman "Not Just Another Block" and machine quilting trunk show at Oakhurst Mobil Home Park.

June 1988: Sawtooth Star quilt at Cunningham School by Carol Rick, Jeanie Yager & Betty Robinson

Sept/Oct 1988: Quilt Show. Chairperson Dori McKay
1988-1989: Vi Heinbockle President

April: Alan George at Senior Center "Color, Design & Perfect Points"

June: Nancy Clemons "Dye It" at Fresno Flats

1989-90: Carolyn Robinson President

Raffle Quilt Grandmothers Fan - B. Robinson

Sept: Jean Ray Laurey: Free Planning Quilt

Oct: Lura Smith: "Sculpturing Faces in Cloth"

Feb: Started our Cookbook - Carolyn & Diane Browder

March: Donna Butts workshop on Hawaiian quilting

1990-91: President Betty Davis

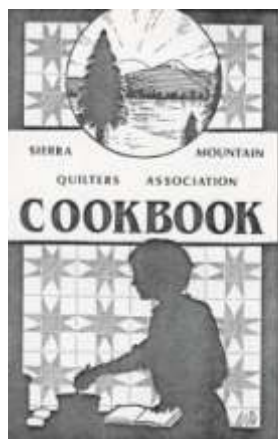
Nov: Baby quilt made for project "Safe House"

April: Sally Colins workshop on "Miniature Quilts"

Raffle Quilt "Houses & Hearts" - Dori McKay

Quilt Show Chair Leoda Hall

Lura Smith won 2nd prize for Danish Cookie Top Tin patter "Dragon Tea"



SMQA Cookbook 1991
Cover by Lura Smith

Flag Day

Date When Celebrated: Always June 14th. Flag Day is a day for all Americans to celebrate and show respect for our flag, its designers and makers. Our flag is representative of our independence and our unity as a nation...one nation, under God, indivisible. Our flag has a proud and glorious history. It was at the lead of every battle fought by Americans. Many people have died protecting it. It



even stands proudly on the surface of the moon.

As Americans, we have every right to be proud of our culture, our nation, and our flag. So raise the flag today and every day with pride!

Properly Display Our Flag: Care and handling of the American flag is steeped in tradition and respect. There is a right way and a wrong way to display the flag. This is called **Flag Etiquette**. The American flag should be held in the highest of regards. It represents our nation and the many people who gave their lives for our country and our flag. Here are the basics on displaying the American flag:

- The flag is normally flown from sunrise to sunset.
- In the morning, raise the flag briskly. At sunset, lower it slowly. Always, raise and lower it ceremoniously.
- The flag should not be flown at night without a light on it.
- The flag should not be flown in the rain or inclement weather.
- After a tragedy or death, the flag is flown at half staff for 30 days. It's called "half staff" on land and "half mast" on a ship.
- When flown vertically on a pole, the stars and blue field, or "union", is at the top and at the end of the pole (away from your house).
- The American flag is always flown at the top of the pole. Your state flag and other flags fly below it.

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Chris's Comments...

June, already?!? I hope you ladies had a Happy Mother's Day and are enjoying the beautiful weather we've been having. This is the time of year many begin plans for vacations or are preparing to host friends and relatives that show up at *your* place for vacation! Then, of course, there are those of you who always seem to be traveling...you know who you are! LOL

Hopefully in your busy summer schedules, you've penciled in time to attend our monthly meetings and a class or two. I am personally looking forward to Charlotte Rogers' presentation at our meeting on June 2nd, and I signed up for her class on the 3rd. The last time Charlotte visited us, I signed up for her class on "Self Portraits". It was great, and at that session, someone made mention of Charlotte's Color Class. She had attended before, and mentioned how much she enjoyed the class. She said she'd never felt confident about her color choices when planning a quilt, until she'd taken the class. I, for one, am really looking forward to attending on the 3rd, since that is one thing I've never felt totally comfortable with...selecting colors for my quilts!

Those of you not able to attend our May meeting missed the announcement that no students, from our local High Schools, submitted for a Scholarship this year. Our Treasurer, Sharon Cox, wanted to be sure that everyone is aware we have the full budgeted amount for Scholarships, now available for our own members to take advantage of! For instance, someone who may really want to attend one of our scheduled program classes, but finds they are short on funds. Another example would be for a member who may want to attend an "outside" class, and then bring that knowledge back to our group and teach our members. Many of you may recall when Colette Wear attended Pearl Pereira's class on appliqué. Our Guild paid for her tuition, and then Colette "paid it forward" and taught many of our members Pearl's appliqué process! So, if you think either of those situations may "fit", please give me a call.

Oh, and speaking of calling me...please update your directory to show my "primary" contact number as my cell number. I rarely use my landline phone, however you are able to leave a message on that number if you would like.




Flag Day

(from page 6)

- The union is always on top. When displayed in print, the stars and blue field are always on the left.
- Never let your flag touch the ground, never...period.
- Fold your flag when storing. Don't just stuff it in a drawer or box.
- When your flag is old and has seen better days, it is time to retire it. Old flags should be burned or buried. Please do not throw it in the trash.

Did you know? There is a very special ceremony for retiring the flag by burning it. It is a ceremony everyone should see. Your local Boy Scout group knows the proper ceremony and performs it on a regular basis. If you have an old flag, give it to them. And, attend the ceremony.

Famous Flag People:

Betsy Ross was a seamstress who made clothes for George Washington. In June, 1776, Washington approached her to make the country's first flag and the rest is history.

Francis Scott Key Inspired by the British bombardment of Fort McHenry, Francis Scott Key penned the lyrics to our national anthem as he witnessed the event as British rockets whizzed in the air while our American Flag flew in the breeze.

Did you know? If you like to study flags, then you are a Vexillologist!

May Show & Tell





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

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Second Vice President	Trudy Kinsel
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
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Send Newsletter submissions to lpenni@sti.net
Deadline is 20th of each month.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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