



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting **February 8, 2018**

Oakhurst Community Center Pavilion

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

Program: Mary Platz Truck Show

February Meeting

Happy Valentine's Day!

Lots of new classes that I hope you will enjoy. If you have any ideas, please share! I have received a few and am following up on them.

If you are dreaming of taking this job in 2019 it would be a good idea to step in with me and see how it works so that you won't be surprised.

Mary Platz and her group will have a trunk show on February 1 and the next day a class to make a Wacky Divine Nine quilt. Mary has been quilting for 22 years and has a lot of knowledge to share. The class fee is \$35.00 and \$8.00 for the pattern. You will need 2 ½ yards of border fabric and then choose 9 fat quarters to go with the border fabric. This design goes together quickly.

On March 1 and 2 Cathie Hoover will give a lecture on quilts and wearable arts. She will ask for models. Her class will be Wild and Crazy Quilts. Class fee is \$35.00. She will offer an optional template set. Her quilts have rick rack and all sorts of different embellishments.

Also in March, Georgia Harvey and Betty Fish will host the Spring Retreat At ECCO. It will be held March 8th until the 11th. This is a good time for finishing or starting projects.

Cindy Wiens will return on April 5 with a lecture called Solids Showcase. A workshop on Friday April 6 will be My Swedish Ex. It is very colorful. I had many members

request her return. The class will be \$35.00 and \$9.00 for the pattern.

In May the date changed to the second Thursday and Friday. We will have a workshop making a Stash and Dash. The pattern is from byannie.com. You will have homework that needs to be finished prior to the time of the workshop.

Our annual ice cream social will be in June.
More to come...

Penni Simily



Spring Retreat

Spring retreat is coming soon!!! If you have signed up to attend, please bring your money to the February meeting. If you can't be there just send it to Georgia Harvey by February 15th.

We have a full house but if you're interested and not signed up we will be happy to put your name on a waiting list.

This will be a great time and hopefully you can get some quilting done also. If you have any questions, please call Georgia Harvey 877-2674 or Betty Fish 877-4197.

Sierra Mountain Quilters Association

General Meeting, January 4, 2018

President Rhonda Lloyd called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She thanked everyone for attending and led the flag salute.

She thanked the greeters, Teri de la Torre and P.J. Grant; the January birthday ladies for bringing the refreshments; and Sharon Weaver for doing a wonderful job with decorating the table.

Rhonda announced that Sinta Borland and Jeri Carney have volunteered to co-chair the Quilt Show committee.

Minutes from the December meeting were presented, and corrections or questions were solicited. Nancy Swanson moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Eldine Stillman. Minutes from December were accepted.

There were no questions or corrections about Treasurer's report as printed in the newsletter and the report was filed for audit.

Rhonda noted that thanks to the members generosity at the December meeting, we were able to contribute \$835 to the Oakhurst Boys and Girls Club.

Helen Brown recognized three guests and two new members. Raffle items were won by Donna Baxter and Peggy McKnelly.

Penni Simily reviewed the upcoming workshops and showed samples provided by the workshop leaders.

Penni also announced the change in meeting date in May to the second Thursday (May 10th) because the Pavilion is booked on the first Thursday of the month by another group.

Sandy Johnson announced that we are looking for volunteers to take on the Cuddle Quilt coordinator position as well as volunteers to coordinate the Fall Retreat. This is the third year that Betsy Anne has been coordinating these programs. She will be happy have new volunteers shadow her so there will be a gradual transition to new coordinators.

Georgia reminded folks that spaces are filling up fast for the Spring Retreat (March 8, 9, 10, 11) so contact her or Betty if you are interested in attending.

Sally Walker announced an update to the SMQA website and a password change.

There was no Show and Tell so that we could move into the Cuddle Quilt Assembly portion of the evening.

Business meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. and after a short break was followed by Cuddle Quilt Sewing.

The next General Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 1st.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy Anne Youngholm, Secretary

February Birthdays

Fish, Betty	2/2
Crow, Lin	2/4
De La Torre, Teri	2/10
Griffiths, Nora	2/4
Delk, Lupita (Lupy)	2/7
Cozby, Barbara	2/17
Schwarz-Smith, Lura	2/18
Brendle, Toodie	2/22
Richter, Jean	2/22
Thompson, Lupe	2/22

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

January New Members



Virginia Waters



Lisa Kernaghan

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

February Holidays

Feb 1	National Freedom Day
Feb 2	Groundhog Day
Feb 2	National Wear Red Day
Feb 12	Lincoln's Birthday
Feb 13	Mardi Gras
Feb 14	Ash Wednesday
Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Feb 16	Chinese New Year
Feb 19	Presidents' Day

FEBRUARY



Amenities

Cards were sent to:

Get Well	Tillie Hilmer
Get Well	Toni Morton
Thinking of You	Miriam Harkless
Thinking of You	Susan Campbell

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

Treasurer's Report

by Sharon Cox
December 2017
(Checking Account)

Balance Forward (12/1/17)	\$12,064.79
Deposits	\$ 25.00
Expenses	\$ 2,589.79
Bank Balance (12/31/17)	\$ 9,500.00
CD:	\$16,896.14
Savings:	\$18,185.96

Quilting Circles

February 2018

by Marian Romero



Anything with Fabric meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Oakhurst Library Community Room. Bring your own project and

any supplies you will need. (We will provide an iron and a cutting mat.) We will also have show and tell. New members are always welcome. For information contact Rhonda Dewey or Constance Peterson. Circle is canceled if it snows.

Bits & Pieces meets Wed., February 7, 11:30 a.m. at Colette's. Patty S.-bread, PJ-dessert. Usual drill; bring handwork. And don't forget your finished place mat! (Approx. 12 x 16, red/white/black, pattern of your choice.) Carpoolers meet at Payless Shoes at 10:40 a.m.

Footloose meets twice in February: Monday the 5th, 4-6 p.m. at the Studio and second date has not yet been determined. We will finish up our 'Going to Yosemite' challenge.

Material Girls will meet on Tuesday February 13 at 1:00 p.m. at the Bear Paw. Bring your show and tell and Dianne will be in touch about a small project.

Sew Crafty Quilters have been finalizing projects for our trunk show at the February meeting. We'll be going to lunch the first meeting in February to celebrate the winter birthdays. We meet the second and fourth Thursdays of each month in the clubhouse at Oak Creek Park in Coarsegold. For more info contact Steph Risinger.

Sew Thrilled will meet Friday February 9 at Robin's home and Friday February 23 at Jean's home. Any questions call Linda Pennington.

Thursday Thimbles will be meeting at Lupe Thompson's home on the 22nd.

Yo Yo's are settling in for Winter, getting cozy with quilts, having discussion of goals for the New Year and munching at Nancy Hyde's on February 19. Stay warm with your quilts.



Fabrics: Textiles

A **textile** is a flexible material consisting of a network of natural or artificial fibers (yarn or thread). Yarn is produced by spinning raw fibers of wool, flax, cotton, hemp, or other materials to produce long strands. Textiles are formed by weaving, knitting, crocheting, knotting, or felting.

The related words **fabric** and **cloth** are often used in textile assembly trades (such as tailoring and dressmaking) as synonyms for *textile*. However, there are subtle differences in these terms in specialized usage. A *textile* is any material made of interlacing fibers, including carpeting and geotextiles. A *fabric* is a material made through weaving, knitting, spreading, crocheting, or bonding that may be used in production of further goods (garments, etc.). *Cloth* may be used synonymously with *fabric* but is often a piece of fabric that has been processed.

The word 'textile' is from Latin, from the adjective *textilis*, meaning 'woven', from *textus*, the past participle of the verb *texere*, 'to weave'.

Rhonda's Ramblings

Brrrr...as I write this, it is a dreary, cold, and wet day. Don't ya just love Winter? These are the kinds of days that inspire me to snuggle up in my sewing room, watch old movies and work on some UFO's. My very first meeting as President started off a little rocky, but with the coaching of Sandy Johnson and the *Roberts Rules* stuff, I made it thru the evening. WHEW!

The January cuddle quilt workshop was a huge success with lots of cutting, sewing and laughter and camaraderie. Thank you, Betsy Anne and friends, for a great job in the organization of the evening.

Quilt Show 2019 – Kudos to Sinta Borland and Jeri Carney for stepping up to co-chair the next quilt show. Sinta is also in charge of the assembly of the Opportunity Quilt. We have selected the "Eldon" quilt pattern designed by Edyta Sitar for Laundry Basket Quilts. We ordered and received the kit that was created specifically for this quilt pattern. Sinta and Jeri will be reaching out to some of you to help with the assembly of the Opportunity Quilt and recruiting for the Quilt Show Committee. If asked, please say YES! Sierra Mountain Quilters Association needs everyone's participation to make it happen!

Penni Simily will be heading up the February meeting in my absence, and will also be talking about upcoming programs and workshops. Several guest speakers and workshops have already been scheduled and sign-up sheets will be at the next meeting.

Thank you for your support and Happy Quilting!

Rhonda Lloyd, SMQA President
noneesplace@sti.net

CUDDLE CORNER

Many thanks to those of you who participated so enthusiastically in the cuddle quilt sewing at the January meeting. And a special thanks to those of you who helped assure that everything was cleaned up and packed up before we left. Kits will be available at the February meeting for the Rail Fence pattern as well as a sample and kits for our second cuddle quilt pattern for 2018.



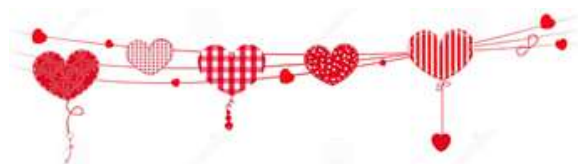
A special appeal to those of you with a long arm and/or the willingness to quilt a larger sized quilt. We have had some completed tops donated that require sandwiching and quilting. The top, backing and batting are ready to go, so please help if you can. Some of our larger quilts, for example, last year went to families affected by the Detwiler fire. Your expertise and generosity are appreciated.

The next Cuddle Quilt Sewing at Bear Paw will be on Tuesday, February 20th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please call or email Betsy Anne with any questions about the Cuddle Quilt Program.

Also, please consider volunteering to take over the coordination of the Cuddle Quilt Program. It is a large portion of our community service. We need to continue that community service to maintain our 501(c)3 charitable organization status.

It would be a great volunteer job for a team or a Circle to take on.

Betsy Anne Younholm



2018 January Show & Tell



Finished Cuddle Quilt Tops



January Meeting Cuddle Quilts Sewing



2018 Membership

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Individual Membership: \$25

Family: \$35

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*Board Meetings are held at 1:00 p.m. on the fourth
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Send Newsletter submissions to lpenni@sti.net
Deadline is 20th of each month.

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