



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting **June 1, 2017**
 Oakhurst Community Center Pavilion
 Greeters: Mary Platz & Steph Risinger
 Doors open at 5:30; Business meeting at 6:00
 Program: **Cindy Wiens - Trunk Show**



June Meeting

Hello Quilters,

In June we will have a presentation from Cindy Wiens. She will show us how she comes up with her quilt ideas.

July brings our annual ice cream social. Leave your calorie counters at home!

Our August program is Patsy Carpenter who is a Judy Niemeyer instructor and will have a lecture and workshop. Her workshop is sold out and we have a waiting list.

Upcoming Events:

September program will be Lyn Mann with a trunk show and a workshop "No such thing as an ugly fabric." We have openings for this workshop at \$35.00 a person.

In October we will have a trunk show from a new circle. Hopefully we will get acquainted with new members.

Veterans Day will bring a Thank you for your service program.

December will be our Christmas Celebration. I would like a volunteer committee to set up the party or maybe a circle would volunteer.

Please volunteer any ideas for programs for next year. I need to know what you would enjoy learning or seeing examples.

Happy Summer, Penni Simily



*Viewer's Choice & 1st Place Large Quilt Winner:
 Patty Vincent's "Northern Wilderness"*

Quilt Show Appreciation

A huge Thank You to EVERYONE who helped with Set Up and Take Down at the show: Lyle Swanson, Nancy Swanson, Dave Martin, Diane Martin, Mel Peters, Dick Peters, Dale Peterson, Mark Blum, Monty Millhollon, Kathy Millhollon, Gary Marshall, Kay Marshall, Glen Baxter and Bob Spinelli!!! You all worked so hard to make the Show a success!

Also 'thank you' to Rhonda Dewey, Kay Marshall, and crew for their help in hanging and folding the quilts. It was so well organized and ran very smoothly. I appreciate all your hard work.

Patty Spinelli

Sierra Mountain Quilters Association

General Meeting, May 4, 2017

President Chris Hudson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Oakhurst Community Center, and led in the flag salute. Charlotte Hickman volunteered to be Sergeant-at-Arms. Chris thanked Sue Johnson and Sally Walker for being greeters and thanked the May birthday ladies for refreshments. Members with May anniversaries were recognized.

Betsy Anne Youngholm/Cuddle Quilts thanked everyone for their support of the cuddle quilt program. She introduced the following speakers who gave a presentation on their programs and thanked the Guild for the donation of cuddle quilts to their programs:

Sharon Barker/Madera-Bass Lake Victim Services

Jill McCarthy/Community Outreach Liaison and Angela Bisel/Volunteer Coordinator for Hinds Hospice

6:50 p.m. Recess

7:08 p.m. By motion of Sharon Weaver, seconded by Shirley Flynn, the April 6, 2017, General Meeting minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's report was approved as printed in the newsletter and the report was filed for audit.

Penni Simily/1st Vice President noted Cindy Wiens will do a trunk show in June, the ice cream social will be held in July, signups are being taken for the paper piecing workshop in August by Patsy Carpenter; the workshop in September will be "no such thing as ugly fabric."

Patty Wiens for Sandy Johnson/2nd Vice President announced that 17 squares were received for the 12 ½ inch flower appliqué block and the drawing was held for the blocks. Patty explained the block for the June meeting, black and white contrast with bright colors.

Jean Richter/Library noted Patty Wiens is taking over the Librarian duties and she is willing to assist.

Jullie Vasquez/Membership advised that 65 members were present, with two new members and one returning member. The door prize drawing was held.

Committee reports were given for the Quilt Show: Donna Baxter and Constance Peterson/Quilt Show Co-Chairs reminded everyone to turn in their raffle tickets and to sign up for the various duties. Nancy Swanson is taking signups for white gloves. Diane Martin has posters, bookmarks and postcards to be distributed.

Betsy Anne Youngholm is okay with the food booth. Bev Williams is taking signups for the entrance table.

Charlotte Hickman is taking signups for the country store, and she thanked the members for helping to make items to sell. Rhonda Dewey noted she did training on how to fold quilts with her committee; advised that quilts need to be turned in to her on May 15, 16, or 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and directions to her house are on the registration form. Rhonda Lloyd commented on the opportunity quilt raffle ticket sales and asked for additional helpers for the Shop Hop at Quilters Paradise.

Sally Walker/Mystery Quilt project handed out the third clue.

Rhonda Lloyd provided an update on Donna Henning's recovery.

Charlotte Hickman/Scholarships announced that the Board approved awarding a \$500 scholarship to Rebekah Wilhemly of Mariposa County High School.

Chris Hudson advised that the logo shirts were not available for the meeting – she will have them at her house on May 10th or at the Quilt Show. Sheila Hotovec is still taking orders.

Chris Hudson and Donna Baxter collected the "stitch in time" for the mini 12 x 12-inch challenge

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. with the next General Meeting to be held on June 1, 2017. Show and tell was held.

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
Holt, Wendy	6/26
Lucas, Teri	6/26
Romero, Marian	6/29

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

June Holidays

June 6	D Day
June 14	Flag Day
June 18	Father's Day
June 20	American Eagle Day
June 21	June Solstice

Amenities

Cards were sent to:

Shirley Flynn - Sympathy

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

New Members

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Correction:

Sandi Hovey email: sandihovey@gmail.com

Please make these additions to your directory.



Treasurer's Report

by Sharon Cox
April, 2017
(Checking Account)

Balance Forward (4/1/17)	\$ 7,589.80
Deposits	\$ 2,655.25
Expenses	\$ 807.32
Bank Balance (4/30/17)	\$ 9,437.73
CD:	\$16,878.26
Savings:	\$18,139.26

Quilting Circles

May 2017

by Marian Romero



Anything with Fabric meets the third Thursday of the month. June 15 and July 20. Meetings will be held at Bear Paw from 10:00 to 1:00. Bring your show and tell and whatever

you are working on. Contact: Rhonda Dewey or Constance Peterson.

Bits & Pieces will meet Wed. June 7, 11 am at Penni Simily's. Please bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre! (Dessert-Penni). Carpoolers: 10:45 a.m. at Payless Shoes. Usual agenda.

Footloose meets on Mondays, June 5 and June 19 from 4 to 6 pm at Chris'. We'll work on our own projects and share with Show and Tell.

Material Girls will meet on Saturday, June 10th at the home of Sinta Borland. Carpool from Sears in Oakhurst at 11:30. Let Nancy know if you will meet at Sears. This is our special luncheon gathering. Please bring a tea towel to exchange, either store bought or handmade.

Sew Crafty Quilters meet the second and fourth Thursday of the month from 1 - 4 pm in the Oak Creek Park Clubhouse in Coarsegold.

Sew Thrilled members meet the second and fourth Wednesdays each month. June 14 at Sheila's home and June 28 at Jean's home. Contact Linda Pennington for information.

Thursday Thimbles will be out for lunch June 22nd.



Yoyo's meeting will be at Vivian's on the June 19. I am into scrap ideas at the moment. Trying to clear up some of the studio, but where to start? At least the YoYo's won't mind the mess. My thought is to start with a one color box, but where did I put it? Is it this way in your studio also?

June Birthstone

The wearing of birthstones is thought to bring good luck and good health. Astrologers long ago attributed supernatural powers to certain gemstones.

The June birthstone, **pearl**, has long been a symbol of purity. The ancient Greeks believed that pearls were the hardened tears of joy from Aphrodite, the goddess of love.



Editor's note: This is the last entry on birthstones. Next month brings a new series on fabrics.



SMQA Logo Shirts

Our June 1st meeting will be the last time we'll be taking orders for SMQA T-shirts, sweatshirts, polo and V-neck shirts. Many colors and sizes are available.

See Sheila Hotovic at the June meeting for ordering.

Chris's Comments...

I'm sitting here with my morning coffee before I head out to our last day of the Quilt Show. Each of you involved have done a wonderful job putting our show together!! The quilts are spectacular!!! I can't tell you how many times I overheard people struggling with which quilts to vote for, some saying it was an impossible task.

The set up and quilt distribution worked like a "well oiled machine"!! Yesterday I checked in with those at the Entry Table, Country Store, Basket sales, Vendors and of course the Food. Everyone commented on how well everything was going. I know there were a few bumps in the road, but nothing that Donna Baxter and Constance Peterson couldn't handle. Well done ladies!!

Since this is late getting to Linda for the Newsletter I'll cut it short.

Thank you again, to all of you that were involved in putting our show together. It is amazing what we can accomplish when we work together as a team.

Hope to see you at the June meeting. Be sure to join us in July for our Ice Cream Social.




Thank you Oakhurst Giftworks for the lovely flowers provided for the snack table at our meetings.

CUDDLE CORNER

Thank you all for your enthusiastic reception to representatives from Hinds Hospice and Madera Victim Services at the May meeting.



Twenty cuddle quilts were turned in at the meeting, and we were able to send our guests away with a number of them. As of the end of May, we have distributed a total of 75 cuddle quilts to a variety of our recipient agencies. Your contributions to this SMQA program are greatly appreciated by the recipients.

The next Cuddle Quilt sewing will be at Bear Paw on June 20th at 10:30 a.m. Please call Betsy Anne Youngholm at 559-536-6532 with any cuddle quilt questions.

"A Stitch in Time" 12x12 SMQA Challenge

WE HAVE A WINNER!!!

If you want to find out who won the challenge you have to come to the June meeting. For those who entered a quilt, you can pick it up at the June meeting. We had 200 ballots cast. Every 12x12 had votes (YAY). That was so exciting.

Kathy and I were very pleased with the number of quilts. It added a little something special to the 2017 Quilt Show. Thank you all who participated.

Kathy Millhollon & Patty Spinelli

Block of the Month

Each month a different block will be presented at the SMQA meeting along with instructions. You can participate each month or just occasionally. Bring your completed block(s) to the next meeting and you will get a raffle ticket for each block you turn in. When all are turned in there will be a drawing and the winner gets ALL the blocks. You could get 10 or 20 or maybe even 40! They are yours to do with as you choose. Just remember to bring back your completed project so we can see what you did with them.

Block for July Meeting:

Friendship Star

4 - 4.5" white squares

2 - 5" white squares

2 - 5" red squares

1 - 4.5" blue square

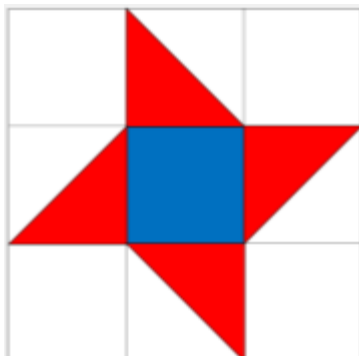
or

4 - 4.5" white squares

2 - 5" white squares

2 - 5" blue squares

1 - 4.5" red square



Layer the 5" white and blue (or red) together. Draw a diagonal line on the white. Sew on $\frac{1}{4}$ " on either side. Cut down the middle. Press towards the blue (or red). Square to $4\frac{1}{2}$ ". Join a white $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square on both sides. Make two. Join the remaining two half square triangles to the center $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square (that's either blue or red). Join all three rows as per the illustration. Square to $12\frac{1}{2}$ " x $12\frac{1}{2}$ ". Bring them to the July meeting to see if you'll win them all!



Fall Retreat

It's already time to think about the Fall Retreat at ECCO. The dates are Monday through Thursday, September 18, 19, 20 and 21. The Fall Retreat is days only, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$26.00 per day, which includes lunch. I will start taking signups and deposits at the June meeting. Final registration and balance of payment will be due at the August 3rd meeting.

If you have any questions about the Fall Retreat, please ask me or call me at 559-536-6532.

Betsy Anne Youngholm



May Meeting





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

BOARD MEMBERS

President	Chris Hudson
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Second Vice President	Sandy Johnson
Treasurer	Sharon Cox
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*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
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