



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter



Next meeting **February 2, 2017**
 Oakhurst Community Center Pavilion
 Doors open at 5:30; Business meeting at 6:00
 Greeters: Nancy Swanson & Peggy McNelly
 Program: **"Finishing Touch" Demos**

February Meeting

February 2:

It is 2017 and the weather is perfect for sewing and quilting and time to think about our quilt show in May. The February program will be "Finishing Touch". This is to assist in completing quilts for the quilt show. There will be stations set up to watch a short demo on binding, piping and sleeves.

Looking Ahead:

In March we will have "My Creative Journey" with Sheila Collins. Her workshop will be Mandala Blossom. Sheila's sample will also be at the sign up table. It's an artsy project that can be stretched on canvas, framed, shadow box or a wall hanging.

Please try to take a workshop and learn new skills or sharpen other skills. Remember this is your guild, volunteer and join in for a great year.

Penni Simily

CUDDLE CORNER

Many thanks to all the members who participated in our cuddle quilt sewing at the January meeting. More than 25 kits were distributed and many of those were nearing completion by the end of the evening. Some

finished cuddle quilts were brought in to the meeting as well. Congratulations to us all for such a good start to 2017!



We still have some completed tops in the larger sizes that are looking for volunteers to bat, quilt or tie, and bind. If you are looking for practice in binding and quilting, these quilts and the smaller cuddle quilt kits are great practice before you complete your entry for the 2017 Quilt Show.



The February cuddle quilt sewing at Bear Paw will be on Tuesday, February 21st at 10:30 a.m. Call Betsy Anne Youngholm for information about cuddle quilts at 559-536-6532.

Sierra Mountain Quilters Association

General Meeting, January 5, 2017

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 Betsy Anne Youngholm for being a greeter and the January birthday ladies for refreshments. Chris also advised of the implementation of a "suggestion box."

By motion of Nancy Swanson, seconded by Carolyn Gaither, the December 1, 2016, General Meeting minutes were approved.

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

Jullie Vasquez/Membership advised that the new membership cards will serve as a receipt for dues that are paid by check; and in addition to the card, a written receipt will be issued for cash payments. Membership dues need to be paid by the beginning of February for inclusion in the directory. The door prize drawing was held.

Betty Fish provided information on the Spring Retreat at ECCO scheduled for March 9-12, 2017; and advised that deposits are being accepted.

Rhonda Lloyd advised that they have a substitute to white glove for the Road to California Show; and she noted that Laura Ashley Spencer told her that \$3,360 has been received for raffle tickets for the opportunity quilt.

Chris Hudson noted that there is a box for the return of library books.

Sally Walker/Webmaster advised of the new password for the SMQA website.

Mel Peters stated signups are being taken for the March 3, 2017, workshop on Mandalas by Sheila Collins.

Betsy Blum announced that Friday will be the first of four free sewing days being scheduled for this year between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Members can bring their own projects or work on cuddle quilts. She and Barbara Graas will be facilitating the free sew days.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m. with the next General Meeting to be held on February 2, 2017.

Program: Betsy Anne Youngholm led the cuddle quilt sewing.

Respectfully submitted by Margie Williams, Secretary

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February Birthdays

Fish, Betty	2/2
Crow, Lin	2/4
De La Torre, Teri	2/10
Griffiths, Nora	2/4
Cozby, Barbara	2/17
Schwarz-Smith, Lura	2/18
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

Platz, Mary

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Please greet these new members and make them welcome at our next meeting.

February Holidays

Feb 1	National Freedom Day
Feb 2	Ground Hog Day
Feb 3	National Wear Red Day
Feb 4	Rosa Parks Day
Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Feb 15	Susan B. Anthony's Birthday
Feb 20	President's Day



Amenities

Cards were sent to:

Ginnie Westfall - Get Well
 Rhonda Stoltenberg - Thinking of You
 Joanie Madaus - Sympathy

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

Treasurer's Report

by Sharon Cox
 December, 2016
 (Checking Account)

Balance Forward (11/31/16)	\$ 6,204.11
Deposits	\$ 1,074.00
Expenses	\$ 358.50
Bank Balance (12/31/16)	\$ 6,919.61
CD:	\$18,136.50
Savings:	\$16,878.26



Mini-Quilt Challenge



SMQA members are invited to challenge themselves by creating a twelve inch mini quilt for the Quilt Show. The theme for the mini quilts is A

Stitch in Time. Be as creative as you like. What comes to mind when you think of a stitch in time? Bring your finished mini quilt to the May SMQA guild meeting. Don't forget to have a label with your name on it!

Quilt Show Photos

Kathy Millhollon will be taking photos of everyone who is entering a quilt in the quilt show. These photos will become part of the information you provide about your quilt. She will begin taking photos at the February guild meeting and take them at the March and April meetings as well. Come prepared with a "good hair day" and a nice big smile!!



Sign-Up Opportunities

Beginning at the February guild meeting, Quilt Show Chairpersons will begin to solicit sign-ups for various tasks at the Quilt Show. These sign-ups will continue through May. Every member is encouraged to play a part in making our show

successful . . . besides, it's fun. Here are some of the opportunities you have to be a part of the show:

Country Store - Help will be needed to set up, assist customers, work the cash box, and take down the store. Members who have items to sell in the store are obligated to work a shift. But even if you don't have anything in the store, you can sign up at the meeting or contact Charlotte Hickman about helping.



Food Service - Betsy Anne Youngholm will be asking for help with the food service. We will be having a vendor provide the food for this show, but she will still need assistance in selling beverages and snacks. Sign up at a meeting or contact Betsy Anne.

Hostesses - Nancy Swanson will be looking for people to serve as "white glovers" at the show. "White Glovers" wear gloves and assist show guests in viewing the quilts. A white glover can lift the quilts so that viewers can see the back. They also politely tell people not to touch the quilts (if needed) and answer questions they may have. It's a fun job! Look for Nancy's sign-up sheet.

Entrance Table - Beverly Williams is the woman in charge of the entry table. She'll be asking for people to staff the entrance. This means greeting folks, collecting entry money, and handing out programs.

Set Up & Take Down - Patty Spinelli will be asking for volunteers to help set up and take down the show. This work will begin the Friday before the show and end on Sunday afternoon right after the show closes. This is a very important job so help Patty by signing up!

Quilt Show Country Store

By Charlotte Hickman

The Quilt Show is just around the corner so it is time to start thinking about what you would like to sell at the Country Store this year. The



purpose of the SMQA Quilt Show Country Store is to sell member items, donated items, and items specifically made to sell for the

show. January is a time when we choose to start the New Year fresh by cleaning out closets and drawers of things we no longer need. Why not start by going through your sewing room and sort through your stash, notions, supplies, equipment, patterns, and kits and consider selling those unwanted items at the Quilt Show's Country Store? Not only will you help the guild earn some money you can earn some yourself to buy more "stuff!" Brilliant idea!

Charlotte Hickman will be handing out the Seller Forms and Inventory Sheets for you to record the items you want to sell. You will then securely fasten the tags to the items you want to sell and bring the items and completed inventory sheet to the store the day before the show. The Country Store committee will set your items for all to see and hopefully BUY!

So don't delay! Get busy and complete any projects you are making to sell and sort through your stuff ASAP. Think how nice it will be to have a clean sewing room with lots of empty shelves and drawers just waiting to be filled up again!



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

Ideas for Raffle Baskets Themes

Traditionally each of our Circle Groups gathers items to create a "basket" (the containers holding the items do not



necessarily have to be baskets) to be raffled at our show. Tickets are sold throughout both days and the winning tickets are pulled around 3 pm on Sunday. In the past, some baskets have contained actual quilted items made by Circle members, i.e., table runners, table toppers, quilts for picnics, etc. Some have contained gift certificates, food items (wrapped and non-perishable) purchased by the Circles. Use your imagination...put together something you'd like to win!

Here are examples/categories of basket ideas provided by Sinta Borland:

1. Reading and Relaxation basket
2. Game classics theme
3. Movie classics theme
4. Cheese, crackers and wine basket
5. Green Thumb theme
6. Outdoor BBQ theme
7. Fun & Sun Picnic theme
8. Knitters theme basket
9. Traveling quilter theme
10. Cupcake maker theme
11. Puppy love theme basket
12. Market bag/tote collection
13. Black and White theme
14. Childs play basket
15. May Flowers basket
16. Retro Basket
17. Needlework fun theme
18. Gizmo's and gadgets basket
19. Tropical Flavors: fabric and thread
20. Americana: Red White and Blue
21. Caffeine theme: coffee and chocolate
22. Downton Abbey High Tea theme
23. Be bold: Kaffe Fassett basket
24. Batik heaven basket

Quilting Circles

February 2016

by Marian Romero



Anything with Fabric AWF meets Thursday January 16, 2017 at Oakhurst Library. Meeting time is 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Contact: Constance Peterson or Rhonda Dewey.

Bits & Pieces meets Wednesday, February 1, 11:00 am at Pat Bauer's home. Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre. (Dessert-Pat B) Usual agenda: Show & Tell plus ideas for next project. Plus bring your calendar to schedule another work day, if needed, and any 6 1/2" squares you forgot to bring during the past year. Handwork if you like.

Footloose will meet on Mondays, February 6 and February 20, at Chris Hudson's Studio, 4-6 pm. The 2017 meeting calendar will be finalized and we will continue to brainstorm ideas for special projects this year.

Material Girls will meet at the Bear Paw on February 14 at 1:00 pm. We will finish up our raffle basket for the quilt show, and work on Cuddle Quilts.

Sew Thrilled members will meet Wednesday's February 8 at Marian's home and February 22 at Kay's home. Contact Linda Pennington for information.

Sunday Scrappers meet on Friday, February 10 and Sunday, February 26 from 10:00 am to noon. Meetings are at Betsy Anne Youngholm's house in Coarsegold. Call Betsy Anne at 559-536-6532 for information or directions. Among other things, we will be finalizing our plans for a raffle basket for the Quilt Show.

Thursday Thimbles will be gathering at Lupe Thompson's home on February 23 and lunch out.

Tuesday Strippers will meet on February 14 at Joan Steskal's home.

YoYo's will meet February 20 at Peggy's home. Sure she will think up some mischief!



February Birthstone

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



Amethyst stone

The February birthstone, **amethyst**, is said to strengthen relationships and give its wearer courage. Amethyst is a violet variety of quartz often used in jewelry. At one time, only royalty could wear the gem. Ancient Greeks thought that the amethyst guarded against intoxication. In fact, amethyst comes from amethystos, a Greek word meaning "sober."



Chris's Comments...

For those of you not able to make it to our January general meeting, it appeared we were very successful in whipping up several cuddle quilts from the kits Betsy Anne provided. Not all were able to be finished, so for those of you that took kits home and quilts to finish up, please remember to bring them to the February meeting. The longer they sit in your home, the easier it becomes to forget them! Take it from one who's been there....done that!

At the meeting, we attempted to work it so that most everyone was at a table with other members they may not have already been totally familiar with. It was a good opportunity to mix-it-up and become better acquainted with other members. This year let's all attempt to get out of our *comfort zones* at our general meetings; sit with someone you don't know. You may just meet your new 'best friend'!

Off that topic, but on to one I feel is of equal importance, our Quilt Show. I attended a meeting on January 17th and things are moving right along. There will be a great need for volunteers to make our show a success (more specifics to come at meetings and in our Newsletter). Please use our 'Suggestion Box' if you need more info!! Also, if you are planning on selling items in our Country Store, remember, or be advised if you are new, you are expected sign up to spend a 'time slot' (or two) in there as well.

Ladies, we have a big year ahead, let's work as a friendly, cohesive group and make it one of the best!

I appreciate each and every one of you!



2017 Membership Renewal

This is the last chance for your name to be in the 2017 SMQA directory. We must have dues and information sheet turned in by the February meeting. This is necessary so we can get the information to the printer and ready to distribute by the March 2 meeting. Thanks you for being prompt!

Jullie Vasquez & Helen Brown

Free Sew Day

Free sewing on January 6 was a success! A dozen members enjoyed our spacious room and fellowship. Several new quilters benefited from learning skills from more practiced quilters and cuddle quilts were completed.



Special thanks to Betsy Anne who kept us focused on cuddle quilts. Don't forget to bring your finished kits back to our February meeting.

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Membership: *(Please circle one)*

Individual Membership: \$25

Family: \$35

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Note: Please mail your check to SMQA, P.O. Box 1359, Oakhurst, CA 93644. Your payment will be deposited in January, 2017.

January Show & Tell





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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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