



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting **January 4, 2018**

Oakhurst Community Center Pavilion

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

Program: **Cuddle Quilt Sewing**

January Meeting

Happy New Year!

Hope all your holidays were wonderful. It is time for our new year's resolutions. How about finishing some UFOs???

2018 brings new classes that, hopefully, you will enjoy. If you have any ideas, please share! I have received a few that I'm following up on.

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.

On January 4 we will be working on cuddle quilts. Bring your machines and sew and visit with friends. Betsy Ann and her crew work hard to get the kits ready. This is also a good way to practice quilting.

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 plus \$8.00 for the pattern. Mary needs to order the patterns so contact her at the January meeting. 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 & 2 we have Cathie Hoover doing 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.

Cindy Wiens will return in April with a lecture called Solids Showcase. A workshop on Friday the 6th will be My Swedish Ex. It is very colorful. Several members requested her return. The class will be \$35.00 and \$9.00 for the pattern.

This is early but in June we will have a workshop making a Stash and Dash. The pattern is from byannie.com. The reason for this early notice is you will have homework that needs to be finished before the workshop. More to come...

Penni Simily



2018 Officers pledging on a stack of fabric include Rhonda Lloyd, President; Betsy Anne Youngholm, Secretary; Penny Simily. 1st VP and Sandy Johnson. 2nd VP. (Absent: Kay Marshall. Treasurer)

Sierra Mountain Quilters Association

General Meeting, December 7, 2017

President Chris Hudson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Oakhurst Community Center Main Hall. Chris welcomed everyone and thanked the Bits and Pieces Circle for decorating. December birthday members brought cookies for dessert. Chris thanked the staff of the Wild Fig Restaurant for the wonderful food and service. A motion was made by Toni Morton, seconded by Sharon Weaver, to approve the general meeting minutes from the November 2nd meeting; the minutes were approved. Treasurer's report was approved and filed for audit.

Chris recognized and thanked the outgoing 2017 Board Members and all the Committee Chairs. She was presented with white signature squares from the members in appreciation and thanks for her second year as President. Donna Baxter presented her annual slideshow of the year 2017 in review.

The official business meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. and was followed by Show and Tell. The Christmas Tree block of the month drawing was won by Deb Austin. Mystery Quilt reveal showed a wonderful array of color combinations.

Installation of Officers for 2018: Diane Martin conducted the installation of officers and reviewed the accomplishments and activities from 2017. She reviewed the responsibilities of each Board position and of the members of the SMQA. The 2018 officers took the oath of office on a stack of fabric. Diane presented the President's pillow to Rhonda Lloyd; it holds the names of all past Presidents of the SMQA Board.

The SMQA Board officers for 2018:

President:	Rhonda Lloyd
1st Vice President	Penni Simily
2 nd Vice President	Sandy Johnson
Treasurer:	Kay Marshall
Secretary:	Betsy Anne Youngholm

The Christmas Tree themed table decorations were won by those who had a sticker under their chair.

The next General Meeting will be held on January 4, 2018. The program for this meeting is Cuddle Quilt Sewing.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy Anne Youngholm, Secretary

January Birthdays

Spinelli, Patty	1/4
Wear Colette	1/5
Pennington, Linda	1/6
Madaus, Joanie	1/7
Archibald, Dianne	1/13
Sjostrand, Robin	1/23
Smith, Marsha	1/23
Hudson, Chris	1/30
Spears, Bev	1/31

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

January Holidays

Jan 1	New Year's Day
Jan 6	Epiphany
Jan 13	Stephen Foster Memorial Day
Jan 14	Orthodox New Year
Jan 15	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan 29	Kansas Day



Amenities

Cards were sent to:

Sympathy	Virginia Corriea
Sympathy	Jim & Sue Collins
Sympathy	Jim & Shirley Bryant
Thinking of You	Becky Smith
Merry Christmas	Donna Henning

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

December New Members

There were no new members in December.



Treasurer's Report

by Sharon Cox

November 2017

(Checking Account)

Balance Forward (11/1/17)	\$11,833.30
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Deposits	\$ 396.00
Expenses	\$ 164.51

Bank Balance (11/30/17)	\$12,064.79
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CD:	\$16,886.63
Savings:	\$18,144.82



2018 Membership

Attached to this newsletter is the 2018 Membership Form. Please attach your check to your *fully completed* form.

Please renew by February 1, 2018 to have your name in the 2018 Directory.

Thank you,
Helen Brown

Quilting Circles

January 2018

by Marian Romero



Anything with Fabric will meet twice a month, the first and third Thursdays, January 4th and 18th. We are also adding another hour to our meeting, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We're still

meeting at The Oakhurst Library Community Center. Please bring show and tell and your working projects. All are welcome. We will go out to lunch after the meeting!

Bits & Pieces meets Wednesday, January 3rd, 11 o'clock at Nancy Hyde's home. Bread, Patty S.; dessert, Barbara. Usual agenda and let's talk about the new year's project

Footloose The first Footloose meeting of the year is Monday, January 8th, 4-6 p.m. at the Studio. The second meeting is Tuesday, January 23rd. Make note of the change in day for the second meeting! Bring pattern and fabrics for the Yosemite row and bring show and tell. We will also work on our 2018 calendar.

Material Girls will meet on Tuesday January 9th at 1:00 p.m. at the Bear Paw. Bring your show and tell. PJ will be our hostess.

Sew Crafty Quilters meets the second and fourth Thursdays of each month in the clubhouse at Oak Creek Park in Coarsegold from 1-4 p.m. For more information contact Steph Risinger.

Sew Thrilled will meet Friday, January 12 at Kay's home and Friday, January 26 at Mary's home. Any questions call Linda Pennington.

Thursday Thimbles will meet on January 25th at Helen Ramsey's home.

Yo Yo's are gathering at Peggy's on January 15 to discuss their ideas for the New Year. Maybe even discuss Quilting. We will be munching and having fun, mixed with a little mischief. Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and start for the New Year.

Fabrics from Natural Fibers

Natural fibers are made from plant, animal, and mineral sources. Natural fibers can be classified according to their origin.

Seed Fibers: the fibers collected from the seeds of various plants are known as seed fibers.

Leaf Fiber: Fibers collected from the cells of a leaf are known as leaf fibers, ex. Pina, banana, etc.

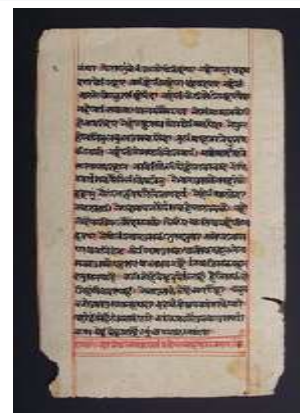
Bast Fiber: Fibers that are collected from the outer cell layers of the plant's stem. These fibers are used for durable yarn, fabric, packaging, and paper. Some examples are flax, jute, kenaf. industrial hemp, ramie, rattan, and vine fibers.

Stalk Fiber: Fibers from the stalks of plants, e.g. straws of wheat, rice, barley. Bamboo and straw.

Fruit Fiber: Fibers collected from the fruit of the plant, e.g., coconut fiber.

Ancient Sanskrit manuscript on hemp based paper. Hemp was a common fiber used in the production of "rag" based papers from about 100 BCE to 1850 AD. Sanskrit is considered a "lost" or forgotten language having lost favor sometime in the 12th Century AD. Sanskrit is associated with poetry, song and verse and is often associated with spiritual or religious writings. As a written language, the color of ink used indicates several key factors, for instance; red ink indicates new or additional information not present in the original text, yellow ink indicates deletions while all other text was written in basic black or brown inks

Ancient Sanskrit on Hemp based Paper. Hemp Fiber was commonly used in the production of paper from 200 BCE to the Late 1800's. Moefuzz; camera, photograph of ancient paper from my collection



Rhonda's Ramblings

I hope everyone had a "warm and fuzzy" Holiday Season. We want to welcome you to a fun and exciting 2018 Sierra Mountain Quilters Association year! I look forward to stepping up as SMQA President and hope I don't disappoint!

- 1st Vice President, Penni Simily has an amazing line-up of fun and exciting programs already scheduled for the upcoming year, including guest speakers, workshops, special meetings and other fun events.
- 2nd Vice President, Sandy Johnson is busy planning for community projects and special member events (maybe a block of the month, mystery quilt, etc.) Can't wait to see what she has planned for us.

However, we do have a little problem going into the New Year, we do NOT have a Quilt Show Committee established. The quilt show is our major event for 2018-2019 and generates most of the income needed to keep SMQA going. This includes our community service contributions, special events, guest speakers, workshops, and scholarships. Without the support of the Quilt Show and members like you, many of these activities might need to be down-sized in the future. We are looking for a couple of members to step up and take on the responsibility to chair the Quilt Show Committee. WE NEED YOU!!!

Our biennial quilt show also gives SMQA an opportunity to showcase our many talented members and their beautiful quilts. Having participated in many of our quilt shows, I feel that we have great attendance and support from our local community, other guilds, and fellow quilters.

In 1999 my significant other and I were traveling through the area and looking for a new place to settle. There was a quilt shop and golf course in the area which helped with our decision. We came back to Oakhurst to look at property and happened to be here for the SMQA Quilt Show. I just had to stop by and have a look see. I met many lovely ladies and was soon invited to attend one of the meetings. *I was hooked!* I have developed many lasting friendships

and learned a ton of stuff about the quilting world and the joy of adding to the fabric stash! And that's what it's all about.

If anyone has suggestions or comments on what we can do to generate future funding in lieu of the Quilt Show, please feel free to contact me by phone or email. I would be happy to present your suggestions at the next board meeting.

Thanks to you all for your support.

Rhonda Lloyd, SMQA President
noneesplace@sti.net

CUDDLE CORNER



It's that time of year again: the January meeting program is sewing cuddle quilts. If you have volunteered to bring your sewing machine, please remember to bring needles, pins, threads, rotary cutters and scissors (the items you would usually bring to a class). Cutting mats and irons will be available. Fabric, batting, and backing will be ready. You can take some binding material, or you can also finish the cuddle quilt envelope style.

If you are not able to complete the quilt on Thursday evening, please be sure someone from your group takes it home to finish it for the next meeting.

Cuddle quilt sewing will continue in 2018 on the third Tuesday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Bear Paw. The first cuddle quilt sewing is scheduled for January 16th.

Betsy Anne Younholm



2017 December Show & Tell



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Your membership dues support the many functions of SMQA including: meetings, speakers, workshops, newsletter, website, quilting retreats, circles, Biennial Quilt Show and fellowship.

Membership: *(Please circle one)*

Individual Membership: \$25

Family: \$35

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BADGE AT THE NEXT MEETING!**

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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.

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