



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting **September 6, 2018**
 Oakhurst Community Center Pavilion
 Greeters: Sinta Borland & Nancy Swanson
 Doors open at 5:30; Business meeting at 6:00
 Program: **Lisa McKissick, The Tool Time Lady**



September Meeting

Hi, Quilt Friends. Hope you will enjoy the programs that we have scheduled.

September will be a visit from the Tool Time Lady, Lisa McKissick. Everyone enjoyed her last visit. She has a lot of energy! Her workshop showing us how to make the Boomerang quilt by Jaybird Quilts will be on Friday, September 7. A sample of the quilt and pattern was shown at our last meeting. If you want a pattern and/or ruler, Lisa will bring them. She needs the count. Let me know NOW if you need a pattern and/or ruler. The pattern is \$11.88 (includes tax) The ruler is a sidekick ruler and is \$31.35 (includes tax). In lieu of the ruler you can bring an 8" x 10" piece of template plastic. Class is \$35.00.

In October we will have members showing how to do free motion quilting. I will be asking for help with the demos. Hopefully, this will give basic quilting knowledge for the February program when Jenny Lyons, the "Quilt Skipper," will be with us to add to our free motion quilting education.

In November Clair Witherspoon will be at our meeting with a trunk show and a "Scraps Strategies" workshop the following day. A sample will be at the September meeting. Cost is \$35.00.

December is our annual Christmas Party; Marc from Wild Fig will be catering. We will have installation of officers, mystery quilt reveal, row quilts and show and tell.

In January we will be making Cuddle Quilts. It is a great time to sew and visit with old and new friends.

Penni Simily

Are You a New SMQA Member?

If so, please check your 'snail' mailbox for an official invite to a **new member get-together!**



This is an opportunity for you to get better acquainted with each other, in a very informal, casual, small scale gathering, at my place. All of you already have three things in common: your love of quilting, you live in or near Oakhurst, and the fact you are new to SMQA!! I'll be hosting this little get together **on Saturday, September 15th**. Please refer to your invitation for more specifics and info on how to get to my place. If you've been to Bear Paw Quilts and More, which I'm sure you have, you should have no problem finding me!

If you haven't received your invitation by September 7th, please call me at 209-815-4855!

I look forward to seeing you on the 18th.

Chris Hudson
 SMQA New Member Support

Sierra Mountain Quilters Association
August 2, 2018
General Meeting Minutes

President Rhonda Lloyd called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the flag salute. She expressed appreciation for the evening's greeters, Lynn Gray and Carolin Gaither, and recognized Sharon Weaver for the refreshment table set up. Rhonda thanked the August birthday ladies for the refreshments and, since the SMQA provided the refreshments for the June and July meetings, asked the birthday ladies for those months to bring cookies to the December meeting.

Nancy Swanson made a motion to accept the July General Meeting Minutes as published in the newsletter. Bev Spears seconded the motion. Minutes for July were approved by the membership. There were no questions or corrections to the Treasurer's report as printed in the July newsletter. The Treasurer's report was therefore filed for audit as submitted.

Rhonda Lloyd announced various upcoming quilt shows and classes to be held at Bear Paw over the next few months. Rhonda also noted that Bear Paw will have its anniversary sale on August 4th. We plan to have the Opportunity Quilt and raffle tickets there. Bear Paw has two classes coming up in July and August, taught by Mary Brand: how to make quilts with your serger and machine quilting with rulers.

Helen Brown reported for Membership and the Door Prize drawing was held.

Betsy Anne Youngholm reported that 99 cuddle quilts have been distributed to date. She also announced that the Fall Retreat participation was full. She suggested that new members and those who have not attended a retreat before stop by at ECCO in September to visit and see what we do at retreats.

First Vice President Penni Simily announced the upcoming programs, with Cathie Hoover as our August presenter and her "Wild and Crazy" workshop on Friday, and Lisa McKissick with the September presentation and workshop. In October, SMQA will provide free motion quilting demonstrations by SMQA members.

Second Vice President Sandy Johnson introduced the next row of blocks for the Row Quilt pattern for this year's voluntary members' quilt pattern and reminded members that the patterns and directions are on the SMQA website.

Sally Walker distributed the next clue for this year's Mystery Quilt and noted that the final clue will be in September.

Rhonda Lloyd announced that Betsy Blum, Lynn Gray, and Sharon Weaver have volunteered for the Nominating Committee for next year's Board. President Rhonda Lloyd, First Vice President Penni Simily, and Second Vice President Sandy Johnson will be stepping down. Betsy Blum addressed the membership regarding the Board positions and requirements. She noted that the Nominating Committee will be contacting members to fill the 2019 SMQA Board.

For the 2019 Quilt Show Committee, Sinta Borland demonstrated a unique way to raffle off fat quarters (a clear cake container filled with "slices" of fabric) and solicited fat quarters from members. Chris Hartesveldt noted that although we have been accepted to show the Opportunity Quilt at the PIQF quilt show October 11 through 14, we will need to provide 32 volunteer hours of white gloving during the show (preferably on Friday, the 12th). We will also need volunteers to sit with the quilt on those days. Volunteers were also requested to sign up to sit with the Opportunity Quilt and sell raffle tickets at Dorsey's Hallmark, Bear Paw, and True Value in the next few months.

The business meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. and was followed by Show and Tell and the evening's program of Cathie Hoover's quilts and wearables.

The next SMQA General Meeting is scheduled for September 6th at 6:00 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Betsy Anne Youngholm, Secretary

September Birthdays

Ashley-Spencer, Laura 9/10
 Sylvester, Sharon 9/11
 McCall, Donna 9/12
 Hoyt, Marge 9/13
 Herkenrath, Gale 9/15
 Pfankuchen, Patsy 9/18
 Steskal, Joan 9/27
 Whitley, Mary 9/27
 Cochran, Peggy 9/28

***We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!
 Please bring snacks to share for the August meeting.***



New Member

No new members in August

Please welcome our new members.

*Personal information is on our website,
 sierramountainquilters.org under Members.*

Treasurer's Report

by Kay Marshall

July 2018

(Checking Account)

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| Balance Forward (7/1/18) | \$ 7,883.88 |
| Deposits | \$ 1,892.50 |
| Expenses | \$ 3,062.53 |
| Bank Balance (7/31/18) | \$ 6,713.85 |
| CD: | \$16,903.52 |
| Savings: | \$18,192.01 |

Amenities

Cards were sent to:

No cards were required for August

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

September Holidays

Sept 3 Labor Day
 Sept 9 Grandparents' Day
 Sept 11 Patriot Day or 9/11
 Sept 17 Citizenship Day
 Sept 28 Native American Day

SMQA Mission

Promote the preservation of traditional needlework and quilting techniques, while encouraging experimentation in contemporary application of these techniques.

Educate the public in general about the value of artistic, handcrafted quilted items.

Encourage cooperation, fellowship, creativity, and quality craftsmanship.

Quilting Circles

September 2018

by Marian Romero



Anything with Fabric meets on the First and Third Thursday of the month, September 6 and 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Oakhurst Library

Community Room. New members are always welcome. Contacts: Constance Peterson and Rhonda Dewey

Bits & Pieces will meet Wednesday, September 5 at Virginia's for a sewing day and salad lunch. Bring toppings and place mats. Bread: Charlotte, dessert: Mary, sewing machines: Patty V., Margie, Penni, Charlotte, Mary and Virginia. We will finish Christmas baskets and cuddle quilts. Car poolers meet at Steve's Pets on Road 426 at 10:40 a.m.

Footloose meets Monday, September 10 and Tuesday, September 25, 2018. Bring a project to work on and Show & Tell.

Material Girls meets on Tuesday, September 11 at 1:00 p.m. at Bear Paw. Bring show and tell. We will be discussing our October trip.

Sew Crafty Quilters. will meet September 13 in the clubhouse at Oak Creek. This will be our only meeting this month

Sew Thrilled meets Friday, September 14 at Kay's home and September 28 at Mary's. Any questions call Linda Pennington.

Thursday Thimbles meets at Georgia Harvey's home on September 27 at 9:30 a.m.

Yo Yo's are either travelling, taking care of elderly mom, of our health, or whatever. So, the YoYo's will meet in spirit only in September and dream of a real YoYo Day at Nancy Hyde's in October.

CUDDLE CORNER

Thanks to your efforts, we have delivered 110 cuddle quilts this year to our very appreciative community: Valley Children's Hospital, Oakhurst Healthcare



and Wellness, Helping Hands, and Hinds Hospice are among those who receive our quilts. They are amazed and gratified that we donate such beautiful quilts to their clients.

There is no official Cuddle Quilt Sewing at Bear Paw on September 18th due to the Fall Retreat that week.

If you have any questions about the Cuddle Quilt program, please call Betsy Anne or talk with her at an SMQA monthly meeting.

Betsy Anne Youngholm



FALL RETREAT



There is *one spot* open for the Fall Retreat, September 17 through 20. If you are interested in participating for several days or the full four days, please call Betsy Anne or talk to her at the September meeting.

Rhonda's Ramblings

I was recently at a rest stop on my way out of town for a little R & R, when a couple of USFS trucks pulled in. They were on their way home to Arizona after working for 21 days straight at the Ferguson Fire. I expressed our great appreciation for all the help and hard work they had done beating down the fires in our area.

The Nominating Committee ladies have been "busy little quilt bees" contacting members to help fill the 2019 SMQA Board positions. As of their last report, it looks like we will have some great potential volunteers who are eager to help with some of the positions! In October, we will be presenting the new slate of officers for the 2019 SMQA Board, with voting in November. Thank you to Betsy Blum, Lynn Gray and Sharon Weaver for all your hard work.

Lisa McKissick will be our guest speaker this month. I am looking forward to her 'Boomerang' workshop on Friday and one more project started but probably not finished! I admit I'm a slacker and jump around from one project to another, never actually completing anything from start to finish. UFO's have taken over my sewing room!

Thank you for your support and Happy Quilting!

Rhonda Lloyd
SMQA President
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Quilt History

Quilt making was common in the late 17th century and early years of the 18th. Most women were busy spinning, weaving and sewing in order to clothe their family. Commercial blankets or woven coverlets



were a more economical bedcovering for most people. Only the wealthy had the leisure time for quilt making so Colonial quilting was done by only a few

Obviously, quilts were not made of left over scraps or worn clothing as a humble bedcovering during this period. Instead they were decorative items that displayed the fine needlework of the maker such as the Baltimore album quilts.

Whole cloth quilts, broderie perse and medallion quilts were the styles of quilts made during the early 19th century.

According to the Wall Street Journal there are an estimated twenty-one million quilters in the United States.

Wholecloth quilts

Early wholecloth bed quilts which may appear to be a solid piece of fabric are composed of strips of fabric, because early looms could not produce expansion of cloth large enough to cover an entire bed surface. Early quilts that feature the same fabric for the entire quilt top, whether that top is made of dyed wool or pieces of (the same) printed cotton fabric, are referred to as wholecloth quilts. Early wholecloth quilts have three layers: a quilt top, a filling (in early quilts the filler was often wool), and a backing. The three layers are held together via quilting stitches worked by hand, in an age before sewing machines were marketed. In wholecloth quilts, the quilting stitches themselves serve as the only decoration. The earliest whole cloth quilts found in America were brought from Europe. Initially, quilts were owned by the wealthy in America who had the means to purchase imported quilts.

August Show & Tell



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

BOARD MEMBERS

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| President | Rhonda Lloyd |
| 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.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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| Amenities | Linda Miller |
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