



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting **March 2, 2017**

Oakhurst Community Center Pavilion

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

Greeters: Diane Ward & Mary Ziebarth

Program: ***"My Creative Journey" with Sheila Collins***



Meetings

Hello Everyone,

I hope you're enjoying the rain and getting your quilts ready for the quilt show. I would like to thank the ladies that did the demonstrations at the February meeting, Barbara Cozby, Diane Ward, Peggy McNelly and Charlotte Hickman. They did an awesome job! I hope everyone learned a new skill or perfected an old one.

March Meeting



We will be hosting Sheila Collins for a lecture and workshop. Be sure to sign up for her workshop. It is new and different and you are sure to get new ideas. The website has her bio and the supply list.

April Meeting

It is almost time for our quilt show. The Country Store is a part that makes money. Charlotte Hickman is in charge; we will be making some items to sell at the Country Store.

A little something extra: One of our long time members, Joann Waters has donated fabric to the guild. Our members will have first chance to purchase items at the April meeting. Whatever is left will be at the Country Store in May. All profits benefit the guild.

Please try to attend our lectures and workshops.

Penni Simily

CUDDLE CORNER

Thanks to the members' efforts, we collected 16 cuddle quilts at the February meeting. With those already in hand, we were able to distribute 27 cuddle quilts in February. These went to Valley Children's Hospital, Oakhurst Healthcare and Wellness, the Ronald McDonald House, and Helping Hands. Many thanks to all of you who continue to give of your time which makes this program a success. We can look forward to hearing from a few of our recipient agencies at the May meeting.

The next Cuddle Quilt Sewing at Bear Paw will be Tuesday, March 21st at 10:30 a.m.



Please call Betsy Anne Youngholm at 536-6532 with any questions.

SMQA Quilt Show

A Stitch in Time

Sat. May 20, 2017 10-5

Sun. May 21, 2017 10-4

Sierra Mountain Quilters Association

General Meeting, February 2, 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 Nancy Swanson and Peggy McKnelly for being greeters and the February birthday ladies for refreshments.

By motion of Nancy Swanson, seconded by Pat Pfankuchen, the January 5, 2017, General Meeting minutes were approved.

Penni Simily/1st Vice President announced that signups are still being taken for the March Mandala Blossom workshop by Sheila Collins. Lynn Mann will give the September workshop; and Patsy Carpenter with paper piecing is scheduled for the August workshop. There will be four demonstrations tonight by members on quilting techniques, binding, piping, and sleeves.

Chris Hudson advised that Sharon Stull has stage four breast cancer and asked members to send a card in support. She advised that Sandy Johnson has agreed to step in temporarily as 2nd Vice President. Sandy Johnson announced the 12 ½ inch block program for each month – an email will be forthcoming with the details.

Betsy Anne Youngholm thanked everyone for their participation in the cuddle quilt sewing at the January meeting; and announced a workshop on cuddle quilts will be held on February 21st at Bear Paw.

Chris Hudson noted that to change the Big/Little Sisters to New Member Support will require a change in the by-laws and a committee will be established to review the by-laws. She noted the new members in January were Mary Platz and Roberta Kight. Mary Platz commented on an easy quilt for beginners.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as printed in the newsletter and filed for audit. Chris Hudson noted that an audit was conducted on January 9th by Mary Roseling, Bev Gulley and Betsy Anne Youngholm. No errors were found and the proper document was signed and filed.

Jullie Vasquez/Membership advised that 55 members were present, two new members signed up. The door prize drawing was held.

Committee reports were given for the Quilt Show: PJ Grant advised that \$260 was received in raffle ticket sales for the opportunity quilt at the Road to California show; and she mentioned the upcoming opportunities to show the quilt. Laura Ashley-Spencer noted that \$3,921 has been received in total raffle ticket sales, and she reminded members to turn in their raffle ticket money. Charlotte Hickman provided information on selling items in the country store. Chris Hudson noted that the chairpersons have signup sheets; and that the suggestion box is available for the guild.

Sally Walker/Webmaster commented on the use of the website and reminded the members of the password. The quilt show entry forms will be available on line. She is hosting the Mystery Quilt project again and provided information; cost is \$8.00 for the pattern.

Donna Baxter encouraged new members to enter quilts in the Quilt Show. Chris Hudson noted that a pair of sunglasses was left at the Community Hall; and she that Kathy Millhollon is taking photos of members for the Quilt Show. Ginnie Westfall reminded members of the Super Bowl sale at Bear Paw on Sunday. Georgia Harvey noted she will take names for a waiting list for the Spring Retreat at ECCO.

Show and tell was held. Chris Hudson asked for a volunteer to take orders for t-shirts for the members – Sheila Hotovec volunteered. Chris Hudson noted that information is available on the upcoming quilt shows and this information is also on the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m. with the next General Meeting to be held on March 2, 2017.

Program: finishing touch demonstrations.

Respectfully submitted by Margie Williams, Secretary

March Birthdays

McBride, Christina	3/10
Vincent, Patty	3/10
Gaither, Carolin	3/12
Marshall, Kay	3/13
Powell, Nina	3/14
Stillman, Eldine	3/15
Hyde, Nancy	3/16
Johnson, Sue	3/20
Weaver, Sharon	3/20
Cramer, Patty	3/23
Kinsel, Trudy	3/27

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

**Happy
St. Patrick's
Day!**

March Holidays

Mar 2	Read Across America Day
Mar 3	Employee Appreciation Day
Mar 12	Daylight Saving Time Starts
Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day
Mar 20	March Equinox
Mar 31	Cesar Chaves Day

Amenities

Cards were sent to:

Sharon Stull - Thinking of You
Donna Henning - Thinking of You
Lissa Metzger - Get Well

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

February New Members

Brendle, Toodie

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Bass Lake, 93604
brendle83@gmail.com
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Home: 559-642-3408

Spears, Bev

42847 Omacha Ct, PO Box 878
Ahwahnee, CA 933610
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Home: 559-642-6690



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

Treasurer's Report

by Sharon Cox
January, 2017
(Checking Account)

Balance Forward (12/31/16)	\$ 6,919.61
Deposits	\$ 2,215.00
Expenses	\$ 1,246.78
Bank Balance (1/31/17)	\$ 6,919.61
Savings:	\$18,137.27
CD:	\$16,878.26



Gearing up with only a couple of months to go, the Quilt Show is just around the corner. Here are the updates:

Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales

The opportunity quilt is one of SMQA's biggest fund raisers, and we need everyone's help!! Ways you can help . . .

- \$ Sign up to sell tickets at the Lindsey Show April 7-9th!!
- \$ Sign up to sell tickets at the Quilt Show
- \$ Turn in your money and stubs for tickets sold. You may drop them off at Bear Paw, bring them to a meeting, or give them directly to Laura.
- \$ Pick up an extra bundle of tickets and sell them to your friends!

Raffle Baskets

Circles are reminded to start putting together your raffle baskets. This is another important fund raiser for SMQA. It's a fun, creative challenge for your circle too.

Photos of Quilters

Kathy will be taking pictures of everyone who plans to enter a quilt into the show. Put on your best hairdo and lipstick and get ready to smile at each SMQA meeting!

Sign-ups for the Quilt Show

Everyone who works at the show gets free entry. Besides helping to make the show a success, it's fun to be a part of it. Sign up opportunities include the following:

- \$ **Security** - You or your husband can sign up for this. Look for Helen Ramsey at the meeting.
- \$ **White Gloving** - Talk to Nancy Swanson.
- \$ **Country Store** - If you plan to put something into the country store (for sale), you will need to sign up for a shift or two. Even if you have nothing in the country store, you can still sign up. See Charlotte Hickman.

Other quilt show coordinators will be asking for sign

ups as well. Don't let the sign-up sheets pass you by!

Quilt Entry Form

The entry form for quilts is on our Website: www.sierramountainquilters.org –

Completing the form online expedites the process and makes it much easier for the quilt show coordinators. If you do not have a computer, the entry form will also be included in the newsletter. But, if at all possible, please complete the form online. If you have problems, talk with Sally Walker, our Webmaster.

Quilt Show Name Badges

If you are a quilt show coordinator, please provide the names of your sign-ups to Chris Hudson as soon as you have them. She will be making name badges.

Food!

This year food will be provided by El Taquero Alvarez. It will be prepared hot and will cost only \$8. According to sources that have had their food, it is delicious and the servings may be as ample as you like. Tell you husbands, kids, friends, and neighbors to show up for lunch!!

Featured Quilter

Diane Ward is our featured quilter! As many of you know, she has created many, many magnificent quilts. We'll have an article about her in the April Newsletter.

Publicity

Our budget is limited so, for the most part, we cannot pay to have paid advertising. It is up to all of us to get the word out about our show. The best approach is personal. Ways you can help:

- \$ At each meeting there will be postcards available. Please take a small stack and distribute them far and wide. If you are taking a trip, drop them off at quilt and fabric shops. Most shops will be happy to let you do this.
- \$ In April, posters will be available to distribute. We need these posters in windows through the region. Please take several and post them in the shops or places you frequent (ask for permission). This is the primary way folks find out about our show.

2017 Quilt Entry Form

Now is the time to go online and fill out your Quilt Entry Form(s). Each SMQA guild member may enter up to two quilts in our biennial quilt show. Under certain special circumstances, a member may be allowed to enter three quilts. We will let you know if this will be the case.



After you submit your online [Quilt Entry Form](#), you will immediately receive a copy of your form via email. At a later date you can expect an email with instructions for dropping off and picking up your quilt(s).

To access the form, click on the above title or "Quilt Entry Form." If you are entering two quilts it is necessary that each one is entered individually. The deadline for entry is April 7.

(Members who receive newsletter by mail: Entry forms are attached to this newsletter.)

2017 QUILT SHOW PROGRAMS

Our last quilt show (2015, was the first year to offer advertising in our Quilt Show Program. Actually, the advertising fees paid for almost half of the cost of printing our programs! Therefore, we will be offering ad's again this year. Last time, we let vendors know about the advertising opportunity; however I was remiss in notifying our membership in a timely manner. Therefore, if you know of a company, business or individual, that would like to place an ad in our 2017 program, please have them



contact me as soon as possible. We offer black and white ads only.

FYI...they may want to know how much exposure they will get. Last show we had approximately 400 visitors.

Chris Hudson

SMQA 2017 Quilt Show Signs & Programs
glasspanes@aol.com -209.815.4855



2017 Mystery Quilt

Our Mystery Quilt program for 2017 is off to a great start. We had 14 ladies sign up at the February guild meeting. Because of the number of steps (clues), you can expect your first clue at the March 2, 2017 meeting. The first clue is normally fabric requirements so you can start gathering what you'll need. Cutting/sewing will not start until April, so it should not interfere too much with the last finishing touches you may be making to your quilt show entries.

It is not too late to sign up. You can sign up at the March guild meeting or contact me if you cannot attend the meeting. I will make sure your name is on the list.

"What is a mystery quilt?" you might be asking yourself. A mystery quilt is defined as a quilt pattern written in steps and revealed one part at a time to hide the final appearance of the finished quilt until the last clue. Value is the most important factor in making the design "pop".

See **Mystery**, page 6



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

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.

This block should be returned at the March meeting. Remember that the completed block should measure 12-1/2 by 12-1/2.



Requirements: 4 each pink strips and 4 each gray strips.

White square: 1 each 4-1/2 x 4-1/2

Pink strips: (1 each) Grey Strips (1 each)

2-1/2 x 4 1/2 2-1/2 x 6-1/2

2-1/2 x 6-1/2 2-1/2 x 8-1/2

2-1/2 x 8-1/2 2-1/2 x 10-1/2

2-1/2 x 10-1/2 2-1/2 x 12-1/2

Block for April: The block, again, is 12-1/2" x 12-1/2". Various light to medium green; spring colors such as pink, purple or yellow. These will also be light to medium. The size is 2" x 6-1/2" for each piece.



April Block - pastels

We (Lissa and I) have a new block that will be due at the April meeting. We will show an example as well as have handouts for interested ladies. Any questions, shoot me an email or give me a call.

Sandy Johnson, 683-6309



Mystery

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The first clue (step) will give good directions on fabric selection. The color choices will be yours to make, but the values (light, medium, dark) are very important to follow. Our final clue is usually handed out at the October or November meeting, giving enough time to finish up the quilt top for the final reveal at our annual Christmas meeting

Skill level 2: added challenges such as on point settings, use of specialty tools, more fabrics, etc.

Four fabrics

Two sizes - Lap to twin size

Cost \$8.00 – pay in cash please or make your check payable to Sally Walker

Questions – contact Sally at 683-5315 or sallyjwalker@gmail.com

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Quilting Circles

March 2017

by Marian Romero



Anything with Fabric This month's technique will be instructions on how to make a fabric cord bowl. Call for the supply list. Members are encouraged to bring their own projects

to work on. We provide cutting and ironing stations. Next meeting: March 16 (the third Thursday of the month) 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Oakhurst Library's community room. Contacts: Rhonda Dewey, 683-8816 or Constance Peterson 641-6979.

Bits & Pieces meets Wednesday, March 1, 11 am, at Charlotte's. Carpoolers meet at Payless Shoes at 10:30. Soup for lunch (bread -Margie; dessert -Patty S.) We'll be making Country Store items; bring a small cutting mat, rotary cutter, small ruler (12" max.), and batting pieces. Show & Tell.

Footloose will meet at Chris' studio on March 6 and March 20, 4-6 pm. Bring a project to work on and show and tell.

Material Girls will meet on Tuesday March 14 at 1:00 pm at Bear Paw. Sue is our hostess and will contact us about a project. Please bring Show and Tell.

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

Sunday Scrappers will not meet on March 10 due to the Spring Retreat. We will also be rescheduling our other regular March meeting to Friday, March 24 from 10:00 am to noon at

Betsy Anne Youngholm's house in Coarsegold. Please call 559-536-6532 with any questions.

Thursday Thimbles will meet March 23 at Georgia Harvey's home.

Tuesday Strippers I regret to report that the Tuesday Strippers are disbanding. Age and illness have prompted this decision by its members. We hope to get together occasionally in friendship. Joan

YoYo's will gather at Nancy Hyde's home on March 20. February postponed due to rain, and hope we can get together in the weeks to come. YoYo's are all fine, their animals fine, but muddy. Some loss of fencing for the quilters on the river. Otherwise an amazing spectacle of wild rushing waters. Stay dry.

March Birthstone

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

The March Birthstone, **aquamarine**, was thought to cure heart, liver, and stomach diseases--all one had to do was drink the water



in which the gem had been soaking. Early sailors believed that aquamarine talismans, etched with the likeness of the sea god Neptune, protected

them against ocean dangers.

Chris's Comments...

As mentioned in our February Newsletter, the clock is ticking, and our Quilt Show will be here before we know it! I'm sure most members are aware that we're going to need many people to assist the Quilt Show Committee Chairs with their "piece-of-the-pie". If you would like to sign up for something, however you aren't sure what your duties will include, PLEASE ask the Committee Chair involved. You'll be seeing more sign-up sheets at our upcoming general meetings (only three left before the show!!), so please consider helping out with as many of the committees as possible, to make our show a great success.

I am excited to say, I received the first suggestion in our "Question/Suggestion Tube" at our last meeting! It pertained to our Free Sew sessions; specifically requesting that more notice be given for sessions scheduled. I passed the suggestion on to Betsy Blum

and Barbara Graas, since they are heading up this activity. You'll find their article on this page with scheduled dates for the remainder of the year. Since this year is a 'trial', to see if members are interested, the amount of participation will determine if the program will be available next year. This is a great opportunity for everyone, at no cost! You'll want to check it out.

As many of you know, a few of our members are currently working through some serious health issues. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.



Free Sew – Save the Dates

April 7, 2017	9 am to 3 pm
October 6, 2017	9 am to 3 pm

Free Sew offers all SMQA members and their guests an opportunity to sew and socialize without a structured program or educational activity at the Pavilion with lots of space to spread out. We will set up tables, chairs and ironing stations, you bring the rest. Newer quilters may ask for help from seasoned quilters, but sharing, sewing and fun is the name of the game. You don't have to pre-commit or stay for 6 hours, you are free to come and go.



Free Sew is being offered this year on a trial basis. Do come join us.

Betsy Blum & Barbara Graas



February Show & Tell





Sierra Mountain Quilters Association

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

BOARD MEMBERS

President	Chris Hudson
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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.

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