



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting **September 3, 2015**

Oakhurst Community Center Pavilion

Doors open at 5:30

Business meeting at 6:00 followed by Show & Tell

Program: SMQA

September Meeting

SMQA - What Do We Do and How Do We Do It?

A fun filled review - *maybe* we'll sing and dance, too!

This will be a review for new and long time members alike on everything you wondered about SMQA but were afraid to ask. We will share old photos and review some of our past activities then put them in context with our mission statement and current activities. It is also recognition of all the hard work of our membership.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn about our guild.

October Program

"Strip Poker"

At the October meeting our guest, Linda Ballard, will introduce us to a new card game made for quilters: "Strip Poker!" You'll be playing a short version of the original card game using strips of fabric as your 'chips.' The fun

part of this game is that everyone goes home a winner!

To play, this is what you need to bring to the meeting:

- 27 strips 2-1/2" x 42" (approx. length; selvage to selvage)
- PLEASE only 100% cotton fabrics...no polyester or blends!
- An assortment of patterned fabrics is recommended
- Bring the kind of fabric you'd like to receive

Because the theme of the program is strips, if you have any quilts made using strips, please bring them for show and tell. It will be fun to see all the different patterns.

Linda Ballard's class scheduled for October 2 is nearly full. Interested? Contact Betsy Blum or Amy Blodgett ASAP. If you are enrolled in the class Linda recommends that you precut your fabric for Magic Mountain. The instructions are for a 4-block wall hanging or a 9-block quilt. Handouts will be available at the September meeting.



Sierra Mountain Quilters Association

General Meeting, August 6, 2015

President Kathy Millhollon called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. at the Oakhurst Community Center. Kathy welcomed everyone and led the flag salute. Kathy wished a Happy Birthday to those who have an August birthday. She thanked the birthday girls for bringing refreshments for the meeting. Kathy then welcomed guests and noted there were no new members. Kathy also thanked the greeters Helen Ramsey and Carolin Gaither.

The Minutes for July 9, 2015 were approved as written in the Newsletter by motion of Lin Crow and seconded by Nancy Swanson.

The Treasurer's report was approved and filed for audit.

Old Business:

Kathy Millhollon noted that the Board has approved the By-Laws, and they will be available on the website along with the Policies and Procedures.

Kathy Millhollon urged that anyone who is interested in the available elected positions to contact the Nominating Committee: Virginia Corriea, Sharon Cox or Chris Hudson.

Kathy Millhollon read the thank you card and letter from scholarship winners Genevieve Kelsey/Mariposa County High School senior and Kristin Bonillas/Yosemite High School senior.

New Business:

Betsy Blum, 1st Vice President, advised that Janet Paehlig is the quest speaker this evening and is offering a workshop on Friday on embellishments. Linda Ballard will be the guest speaker in October on Magic Mountain, a floating star block in a mountain motif.

Patty Spinelli advised of the receipt of a letter from Valley Children's Hospital thanking the guild for the donation of 20 quilts on July 9th.

Announcements:

Kathy Millhollon read a card that was received from Barbara Ashcroft, the winner of the opportunity quilt.

Lin Crow noted there are three spaces left for the SMQA Fall Retreat scheduled for September 21 through the 24th at ECCO.

Nancy Swanson with members of the Material Girls sewing circle showed the quilt of valor that they made for donation to the Veterans Hospital in Palo Alto.

Vivian Capone and members showed their creative grocery bags.

Trudy Kinsel held the raffle ticket drawing.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m. followed by: Show and Tell, Refreshments, and Janet Paehlig/guest speaker. Kathy Millhollon announced that Lisa was present to accept cuddle quilts. Susan Campbell announced that the Lady of Sierra Church is hosting a yard sale on Saturday. Kathy Millhollon congratulated Diane and Tony Ward on their 60th wedding anniversary.

Respectfully submitted by Margie Williams, Secretary

New Members

CHAMPION, Linda
 39749 Pine Ridge Road
 Oakhurst, CA
 Home: 559 642-4937
 Cell: 559 760-7366
 Email: wawonamom@yahoo.com
 DOB: 11/21

Please add this new member to your Directory and make her feel welcome at our meetings.



September Holidays

Sept 7	Labor Day
Sept 11	Patriot Day
Sept 13	Grandparents' Day
Sept 16	Stepfamily Day
Sept 17	Citizenship Day
Sept 23	Fall Begins
Sept 25	Native American Day

Greeters for 2015

September	Pat Bauer Mary Wyly
October	Sammie Baker Susan Campbell
November	Judy Andes Sally Walker
December	Georgia Harvey Betty Fish

2015 SMQA Meeting Dates

September 3	October 1
November 5	December 3

September Birthdays

Harkless, Miriam	9/1
Harvey, Marilyn	9/8
Ashley-Spencer, Laura	9/10
McCall, Donna	9/12
Dunn, Shirley	9/13
Hoyt, Marge	9/13
Austin, Danna	9/17
Pfankuchen, Patsy	9/18
McClintock, Bonnie	9/19
Steskal, Joan	9/27
Whitley, Mary	9/27
Cochran, Peggy	9/28

Please bring birthday snacks to our September 3 meeting
We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!

Amenities

All is well! No cards were sent.

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

Quilting Circles

By Sharon Lawin

September, 2015

BITS & PIECES will meet at Charlotte's home on September 2nd. Penni will demonstrate Cathedral Windows. Bring salad toppings, Colette will bring bread and Penni dessert. There will be show and tell from the Wilsonia retreat. Carpoolers meet at 10:30 am at the Payless Shoe store parking lot in Oakhurst.

The **FOOTLOOSE** folks will meet on September 7th and 21st from 4 to 6 pm at Chris' place. They will be working on their "special project".

MATERIAL GIRLS will meet on Tuesday, September 8th at 1:00 pm at the Bear Paw. Each should bring ideas for a new project.

SEW THRILLED members will be meeting on Wednesday, September 9th and 23rd. For information, contact Linda Pennington.

The **THURSDAY THIMBLES** will meet at the home of Donna McCall on September 24th at 9:30 am. Please RSVP if you are unable to attend.

TUESDAY STRIPPERS will be meeting on September 15th at the home of Bev Gulley.

The September meeting of the **WEDNESDAY WILDFLOWERS** will be the 9th. They will gather at the YLP Clubhouse. Bring your completed BOM if you have one. They will go over their plans

for their Christmas gathering and raffle, in case there are any questions. Lissa will be handing out patterns for members to choose from for the December block raffle. Arrive anytime after 9:30 am with your sewing machine or handwork. Bring your lunch or you can eat in the Blue Heron. Any questions, call Sandy Johnson.

The **YO YO's** will be at Nancy's on September 21st. They will be planning their big get-away for October.

Big/Little Sisters

Are you new to SMQA? If so perhaps you need someone to answer quilting questions and lend give a helping hand. How about a Big Sister?

Contact Donna Baxter at 559 658-5933 or konaglen@sti.net

12x12 Quilt Challenge

There is still have time to create a 12" x 12" quilt inspired by a book or poem. These quilts will be shown at the September meeting.

I hope everyone will participate. Have fun!

Patty Spinelli

2015 Quilt Shows

Sept 19 & 20:

Kings River Quilters' Guild
Reedley, CA

Kathy's Korner

It is time to start thinking about and planning the next community quilt. We generally make an opportunity quilt every other year for other non-profits. Currently, there are no requests. Are you aware of any group that may be considering a request for a community quilt? If so, please notify the board. The request must be in writing and sent to the attention of the SMQA Board at P.O. Box 1359, Oakhurst, CA 93644. We will collect the requests and vote on a recipient at a general meeting.

Treasurer's Report

by H. Ramsey

July 2015

(Checking Account)

Balance Forward (6/30/15)	\$22,051.84
Income	\$ 1,797.00
Expenses	\$ 2,343.37
Bank Balance (7/31/15)	\$21,505.47
CD:	\$16,858.16
Savings:	\$11,624.42

September Birth Flower



September's birth flower is the **aster**. Asters are mainly symbols of powerful love. The other September flower

is the **morning glory**. Morning glories are simple symbols of affection.

TIPS

Maintain Your Machine.

Remember to periodically clear any lint and oil the bobbin case of your machine. A well-maintained machine is one that will provide years and years of trouble-free sewing. One easy way to regularly take care of this routine



maintenance is to clean and oil after you have emptied five bobbins (keep empty bobbins together so you know).

For professional maintenance, most manufacturers recommend a regular cleaning once a year. Choose one month a year and regularly take your machine in for a "spa" day during that month each year.

Member submissions will be published. Please send your tips to lpenni@sti.net.

Cradle Quilt Sets

Please bring all completed Cradle Quilt sets to the meetings where Linda Pennington will be collecting them for the San Joaquin Fine Woodworkers Association (SJFWA) for distribution. Currently, the Woodworkers have enough cradle sets for this season. However, they will accept cradle quilt sets at any time. The quilt sets will be stored for donation at a future date.

The Woodworkers thank us for our efforts and request that we continue, at our leisure, to add to their collection after the New Year.



August Show & Tell





Sierra Fiber Arts
 7462 N Fresno Street
 Fresno, Ca 93720
 (Fresno Street at Alluvial)
 559-432-8900
sierrafiberarts.com

Complete the learner's class's (\$50) and rent the Longarm Machine for \$15 per hour and quilt your own quilt.

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TAG AT THE NEXT MEETING!**

BOARD MEMBERS

President	Kathy Millhollon
First Vice President	Betsy Blum
Second Vice President	Patty Spinelli
Treasurer	Helen Ramsey
Secretary	Margie Williams

*Board Meetings are held at 1:00 p.m. the last
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
Big/Little Sisters	Donna Pike-Baxter
Circles	Sharon Lawin
Cuddle Quilts	Judy Andes & Lissa Metzger
Historian	Donna Pike-Baxter
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