



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting **October 5, 2017**
 Oakhurst Community Center Pavilion
 Greeters: Trudy Kinsel & Donna Baxter
 Doors open at 4:00; Business meeting at 6:00
 Program: **Lyn Mann Lecture "Head for the Border"**



October Meeting

It feels like fall today. So much easier to get started this time of year. Lyn Mann will be our October speaker and will have a workshop on Friday. The supply list is on the website. Her program lecture will be "Head for the Border" and the workshop is "No Such Thing as an Ugly Fabric." We still have openings for the workshop. If you are signed up and have a conflict let me know ASAP and I will hold your payment.

The November meeting will be a tribute to a veteran to show our support for all who serve. We will try to make this a nice celebration.

Upcoming Events:

December is time for Merry Christmas! We will have time before dinner to meet new members and visit with friends. Our dinner

will be catered by Wild Fig Café in Coarsegold. Cost is \$5.00. The menu is hors d'oeuvres: a cascade of fresh fruit, veggies & cheese and dip & crackers. Our entre will be 3 pastas (including gluten free) with 3 sauces: rosemary chicken garlic cream sauce, marinara, and salmon cream, bread and condiments, and firefall salad. December birthday ladies, please bring cookies for dessert.

Tickets for the Christmas dinner will be sold at our October and November meetings. This year we are asking for donations for Oakhurst Boys & Girls Club.

The program for December will include Show and Tell, showing of mini star table runners, reveal of mystery quilts and installation of officers.

Remember to volunteer to help make our guild successful.

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FABRIC SALE!!!

One of the local church thrift shops recently received over **300 yards** of quality quilt fabric (Moda, RJR, Hoffman, etc.) ranging from 1/4 yard to 6 yard lengths. Sue Munester, who works at the thrift shop and knows quality fabric when she sees it, has kindly offered to bring the fabric to our October General Meeting, before selling it in the shop. She has everything bundled and ready to sell at \$2.50 per yard. The Board has approved the sale.

The doors to the **Community Center will open at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 5. The fabric sale will end at 5:45 p.m.** We have a full meeting agenda that evening with a guest speaker so it will be important that we end the sale on time.

Chris Hudson



Free Sew Day

Free Sew has been rescheduled to Friday, November 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Come sew with your SMQA friends at the Pavilion.

- Bring any project - no rules, just sew.
- Take advantage of having large tables to spread out your quilt for basting.
- Irons and ironing mats will be provided.
- Bring your sewing supplies. Have fun!

If you have questions, contact Betsy Blum or Barbara Graas

October Birthdays

Borland, Sinta	10/1
Atwood, Carol	10/4
Peterson, Constance	10/4
Stull, Sharon K.	10/6
Lalev, Donna	10/8
Miller, Linda	10/8
Dimoree, Melanie	10/16
Skowronski, Barbara	10/16
Grant, PJ	10/20
Blum, Betsy	10/25
Ziebarth, Mary	10/25
Dewey, Rhonda	10/29

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

September New Members

There were no new members in September.

*Please welcome our new and returning members.
Personal information is on our website,
sierramountainquilters.org under Members.*

October Holidays

Oct 2	Child Health Day
Oct 4	World Cerebral Palsy Day
Oct 5	World Teachers' Day
Oct 9	Columbus Day
Oct 9	Indigenous People's Day
Oct 13	Friday the 13th
Oct 13	Navy Birthday
Oct 24	United Nations Day
Oct 31	Halloween

Treasurer's Report

by Sharon Cox
August, 2017
(Checking Account)

Balance Forward (8/1/17)	\$15,569.90
Deposits	\$ 1,747.05
Expenses	\$ 2,282.82
Bank Balance (8/31/17)	\$15,034.130
CD:	\$16,886.63
Savings:	\$18,141.78

Amenities

Cards were sent to:

Patty Spinelli Sympathy
Sue Johnson Get Well
Anna Coronado Thank you

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



Quilting Circles

October 2017

by Marian Romero



Anything with Fabric - No report

Bits & Pieces meets at Mary Wyly's home on Wednesday, October 4, 11:00 a.m. Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres for

our lunch. We'll finalize our Christmas party plans, show and tell, handwork. Carpoolers: Payless Shoes at 10:15 a.m.

Footloose meets on Mondays, 4-6 pm, October 9 and October 23. Bring little bits of fabrics for our new row challenge, ideas and projects for show and tell, plus anything else you wish to work on at Chris's Studio.

Material Girls meets on Tuesday October 10 at 1:00 p.m. at the Bear Paw. Bring show and tell and help celebrate the new location of Bear Paw.

Sew Crafty Quilters - No report

Sew Thrilled meets Wednesday, October 11 at Linda's home and Wednesday, October 25 at Kay's home. Any questions call Linda Pennington.

Thursday Thimbles will be meeting at Georgia Harvey's home October 26, at 9:30. Lunch in North Fork.

Yoyo's will be meeting at Peggy's on the 16th to plan our big annual get away. Important plans like what food, pizza delivery and what restaurants to munch at. Oh, yes, what to do with quilting, knitting and selection of DVD movies. After all, not much to see when it is dark at the ocean. We have it covered, you enjoy the cooler weather, and we will also!



Fabrics from Natural Fibers

Supima Cotton

Supima is a non-profit organization in the United States whose main objective is to promote the use of U.S. grown American Pima cotton around the world and is involved in quality assurance and research programs. Founded in 1954, it derived its name from *superior pima*.

Supima licenses about 400 selected high-quality mills, textile and clothing manufacturers, and brands/retailers to use the *SUPIMA*® trademark. Members finance the activities of Supima by payments calculated on a "per bale" basis.

Its other activities include:

- research programs to improve the quality of American Pima cotton
- timely crop and market information to its grower-members and licensees
- advertisements in both consumer and trade publications
- presentations to customers both in the USA and abroad
- participation in major international exhibitions and events
- an annual design competition featuring top graduates from the leading U.S. fashion and design schools that is showcased during New York Fashion Week in September

The Board of Directors of Supima is made up of American Pima growers from Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas.

Production of Supima cotton has risen from about 100,000 bales per year in the 1980s to over 800,000 bales in 2006. More than 90% of Supima cotton is exported from the United States, the majority of this being for the overseas manufacture of yarn, finished fabrics, clothing, sheets and towels which are re-exported to the United States for sale. The top five importers of Supima cotton are China, India, Pakistan, Turkey, and Peru.



Botanical illustration by
Franz Eugen Köhler, 1897

Chris's Comments...

I'm sure September was a very stressful month for everyone. Many wondering if they would be evacuated due to one of the numerous fires in our area, and some who were evacuated. Not to mention the thick smoke that hung around for days. Thanks to the efforts of the many heroic firefighters that were working these fires, we are finally able to breathe a bit easier...in more ways than one.

With the need to cancel our September meeting due to the fires and smoke, we are going to have a 'heavy' agenda for our October meeting. In addition, we'll be opening the doors at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday for a fabric sale! I've submitted another article for this month's newsletter, with more details...be sure to check it out. Our regular meeting will start at 6:00 p.m., as always, and we'll be covering the "normal" topics, along with voting on an Opportunity Quilt. We will also have our special speaker, Lyn Mann, with her workshop on the following day. We've had to rearrange our Free Sew day, that was previously scheduled for October 6th. You'll find another article in this newsletter, with more information on the rescheduled date.

We are still in need of Chairpersons for our Quilt Show in 2019! Remember, all specific Committee Chairs and their members do all the work. Your responsibility as overall Chair, is to insure everyone has what they need to meet their milestones leading up to the show. Every position has a binder with details of what needs to be done. In the last few months prior to the show date, everyone rallies around to make it all work. Please consider stepping up for this position. I would hate to think 2019 would be the first Quilt Show year in the history of this Association we would not have one!

We are also needing someone to head up a group to make the Community Quilt for the American Legion Auxiliary, Oakhurst Post 110. Possibly one of our Circle Groups would consider taking on this responsibility. Remember the guild pays for everything involved in making the quilt. If you are interested, please give me a call or send me an email.

Our year is winding up quickly. December will be here before we know it!!



Fall Retreat

Many thanks to those who participated in the retreat at ECCO in September. Some wonderful projects were completed and progress was made on many others.

Early notice: Fall Retreat next year will be the third week of September, the 17th through the 20th. The Fall Retreat is days only, usually from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

CUDDLE CORNER



Thanks to the efforts of SMQA membership, we have distributed 110 cuddle quilts to date this year. Remember to pick up a kit at the October meeting so we can continue this wonderful community service.

The next Cuddle Quilt sewing at Bear Paw is scheduled for October 17th at 10:30 a.m.

Betsy Anne YOUNGHOLM

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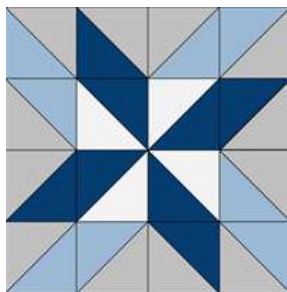
Thank you Oakhurst Giftworks for the lovely flowers provided for the snack table at our meetings.

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! The blocks 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.

Block for November Meeting: Mosaic Star

- 6 - 4" square light-ish gray
- 4 - 4" square light blue
- 4 - 4" square dark blue
- 2 - 4" square white



Put together your half square triangles by your favorite method

Or...

Draw a line on the back of the white and gray squares.

Put the blues on top of the squares with the drawn lines on them, right sides together. Light blue goes with the gray squares. The dark blue squares will go with both the white and gray squares. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the drawn line. Cut on the drawn lines and press towards the dark. Square up the HST to $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

Make 8 HST with gray and light blue.
Make 4 HST with gray and dark blue.
Make 4 HST with white and dark blue.
Following the diagram, sew together into rows, then the rows into the finished block. Hope to see lots of them at the November meeting.

Be sure to bring your pumpkin blocks from last month to the October meeting.

Lissa Metzger



Election of Officers

At the November meeting we will be voting for our 2018 Officers. The nominating committee has selected:

<i>President:</i>	Rhonda Lloyd
<i>1st Vice-President:</i>	Penni Simily
<i>2nd Vice-President:</i>	Sandy Johnson
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Kay Marshall
<i>Secretary:</i>	Betsy Ann Youngholm





Sierra Mountain Quilters Association 2018 Budget

INCOME:

Balance Forward.....	\$ 9,500.00
Advertising.....	140.00
Membership.....	3,000.00
Quilt Show.....	6,000.00
Retreats & Trips-self-sustaining	
Workshops Instructors- self-sustaining	
Shirts & Patches- self-sustaining	
Name Badges- self-sustaining	

TOTAL: \$18,640.00

EXPENSES:

President.....	\$ 100.00
First Vice President	
Hospitality.....	200.00
Programs.....	6,000.00
Publicity.....	50.00
Rent & Set-up/down.....	1,040.00
Workshops (Rent).....	1,500.00
Second Vice President	
Amenities.....	50.00
Community Service.....	2,000.00
Historian.....	150.00
Library.....	50.00
Special Events.....	140.00
Treasurer	
Insurance.....	500.00
Miscellaneous Fees.....	22.00
No. Ca. Quilt Council (2ys.)	40.00
P.O. Box Rental.....	48.00
Scholarships.....	600.00
Office Supplies.....	100.00
Storage Units.....	1,150.00
Tax Preparation.....	250.00
Membership (Roster Book,	
Raffles, Supplies.....	1,000.00
Miscellaneous (Camera).....	500.00
Newsletter.....	350.00
Quilt Show.....	2,500.00
Website.....	300.00

TOTAL..... \$18,640.00

2017 Fall Retreat





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

BOARD MEMBERS

President	Chris Hudson
First Vice President	Penni Simily
Second Vice President	Sandy Johnson
Treasurer	Sharon Cox
Secretary	Margie Williams

*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

Amenities	Linda Miller
Big/Little Sisters	Chris Hudson
Circles	Marian Romero
Cuddle Quilts	Betsy Anne Youngholm
Historian	Donna Pike-Baxter
Hospitality	Sharon Weaver
Librarian	Patty Wiens
Membership	Jullie Vasquez & Helen Brown
Newsletter	Linda Pennington
Parliamentarian	Linda Pennington
Quilt Show Chair	Constance Peterson & Donna Baxter
Webmaster	Sally Walker