



# Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting:

**January 8, 2015** at Oakhurst Community Center Pavilion.

Program: ***Lura Swartz-Smith*** Lecture: *New Journeys of an Art Quilter.*

***Doors open at 5:30; Business meeting at 6:00 followed by Show & Tell***

Lura Swartz-Smith Presents

## ***"INKING YOUR FABRIC"***

*(1-day Workshop)*

**Saturday, January 10, 2015**

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Oakhurst Community Center Pavilion



Textile inks have a wonderful range of applications in quilt making. For both traditional and innovative uses from the simplest shading of an appliquéd leaf or petal to detailed color work on human faces, inks can enhance your work and add new, beautiful dimension to your quilts. Learn easy effective shading and blending techniques in this workshop. No prior art experience required - just come with an "I can do it!" attitude. Simple, fun exercises on paper and fabric.

Lura Swartz-Smith is a nationally recognized quilting artist that we are proud to have as a SMQA member.

\$35 members / \$45 non-members

Contact Pat Pfankuchen

## **Sierra Mountain Quilters Association**

General Meeting, December 4, 2014

President Kathy Millhollon called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at El Cid Restaurant in Oakhurst, California. Kathy welcomed everyone to the Christmas Party. The General Meeting minutes from November 6, 2014 were approved. The Treasurer's Report was accepted for audit.

### **New Business:**

Virginia Correria presented the Budget for 2015. Mel Peters made the motion to accept the proposed 2015 budget. Lin Crow seconded the motion. The motion passed. Patty Spinelli presented quilt blocks made by members to Kathy Millhollon for a 2014 president's quilt. The block theme was flowers and birds.

### **Installation of Officers for 2015:**

Diane Martin thanked the out-going officers for their hard work and dedication to SMQA. Kathy honored each officer and board member for their work. She presented each with a beautiful Christmas kitchen towel. Kathy also presented Christmas kitchen towels to Chris Hudson, Sharon Lawin, and Susan Campbell for helping out with added events, and Diane Ward and Lin Crow for chairing the SMQA retreats.

Diane Martin conducted the installation of officers for 2015. She listed the accomplishments of the 2014 board and activities that were held during the year. Diane reviewed the responsibilities of each Board position. She then had the new officers take the oath of office. A pillow was presented to the president that held the names of all the past presidents of the SMQA Board which starts a practice each year by adding each new president's name to the pillow.

### **The new officers for the 2015 SMQA Board:**

President: Kathy Millhollon

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President: Betsy Blum,

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Patty Spinelli

Secretary: Margie Williams

Treasurer: Helen Ramsey

### **The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.**

Following dinner there were several presentations.

The Winter Mini Quilts, the Challenge Christmas Table Runner, and Mystery Quilts.

Jullie Vasquez  
Secretary

## SPRING RETREAT 2015

### March 5-8, 2015

Thursday thru Sunday

Reminder to all retreaters: Deposits for the Spring Retreat are due by the January meeting. Double rates are \$267 and Quad rates are \$249. Day rates are \$25 per day. I will need at least \$100 deposit for the overnights and, if possible, day campers if you could pay your days in full. If there are any changes in the day campers schedule, these totals can be adjusted.

At this time I only have four openings. If I haven't heard from you previously or if you are not sure I have you on my list and you would like to attend a fun filled three days of sewing, laughing, being creative and making new friends just give me a call and I will add you to my list. Please call me at 683-5582.

See you at the meeting.  
Diane Ward

### Block Exchange Reminder

For those of you participating in the block exchange: Original schedule was to exchange blocks at the December meeting. This has now been postponed to the **February** meeting.

*Organized by Susan Campbell*

### Treasurer's Report

By H. Ramsey  
November 2014  
(Checking Account)

Balance Forward (10/30/14)	\$ 7,775.63
Income	\$ 2,720.00
Expenses	\$ 1,038.21
<b>Bank Balance</b>	
<b>(11/28/14):</b>	<u>\$ 9,457.42</u>
CD	\$ 16,835.
Savings	\$ 11,620.

### New Member

**ELLIS, Rose Ann**

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### 2015 SMQA Meeting Dates

Jan 8	Jul 9
Feb 5	Aug 6
Mar 5	Sep 3
Apr 9	Oct 1
May 7	Nov 5
Jun 4	Dec 3

**Quilting Circles****By Sharon Lawin****January, 2015****INFORMATIONAL MEETING****REMINDER:**

Due to the interest of new members in joining a circle, President Kathy Millhollon and I will be holding a meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM, just prior to the January Guild meeting. It will be held at the Community Center. Anyone interested in joining a new circle, or just learning about circle activities, is welcome to attend.

**Monthly reports:**

**Bits & Pieces** will meet Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at Nancy Hyde's. Carpoolers should meet at Payless Shoes at 10:45 AM. Bring salad toppings (crackers-Mel, dessert-Patty V.). Usual agenda, plus discussion of Guild meeting presentation.

**Footloose** group meets twice monthly, 4 to 6 PM, the first Monday following the SMQA monthly meeting, and again two weeks after. In January their meetings will be on January 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. They will start the New Year discussing plans for 2015. They have completed the top for the Community Quilt and will be passing it on to Virginia Corriea for her fabulous quilting! Thank you, Virginia!!

The **Material Girls** will meet on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM at Bear Paw. They will be discussing their Quilt of Valor project.

**Sew Thrilled** members will be meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at member's homes. They will be planning their Quilt Show raffle basket and other projects for 2015. For more information contact Linda Pennington.

The **Thursday Thimbles** will be meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January at Pat Miller's home.

Virginia Corriea will host the **Tuesday Strippers'** meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

The **Wednesday Wildflowers** will meet on January 14<sup>th</sup> at the YLP Clubhouse at 10:00 AM. Members should bring their lunch or for \$8.00 you can eat in the Blue Heron Restaurant with other quilters. Their first project will be a BOM with Amy providing the first one. Contact Sandy Johnson for further information.

**YoYo's** will meet at Nancy Hyde's home on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January and will continue discussions on their challenge.

## 2015 Guest Programs

Get ready for an exciting new year with SMQA. We have four well-known quilt instructors coming to share their expertise. Get out your 2015 calendar and mark these dates so you don't miss a lecture or workshop. Other exciting programs are planned as well so you won't want to miss a meeting. Please show your support of our guest teachers by signing up for these workshops so we can do even more.

**January 8 & 10 Lura Schwarz Smith** is a nationally recognized quilt artist who often works artistically with her husband **Kerby**. Lura is also a Coarsegold resident and longtime SMQA member. Her lecture will be *New Journeys of an Art Quilter* and both Lura and Kerby will be showing their work. The Saturday workshop will be on *Inking Your Fabric*. \$5 material fee. Learn more about Lura at her web site <http://www.lura-art.com>

**April 9 & 10 Judy Sisneros** Lecture: *You Make the Decisions*. Workshop: *Circle Pizzazz!* Judy's lecture will focus on how fabric selections can totally change the look of quilts. A punch of the right color can make your quilts come to life. Also, borders or not? Judy's workshop will have you working with circles. You may have seen her book of the same name *Circle Pizzazz!* Wonderful quilts! Five piece acrylic templates can be purchased at the class. <http://www.judysisneros.com>

**June 4 & 5 Sandra Bruce** will share how she came up with her process of gridding a photo called *Material Matrix* and how it all comes together in fabric using color, design, composition and serendipity. In the workshop of the same name we will use a grid photo she provides of a coffee cup (18" X 20" quilt) to learn her unique technique so we will be able to tackle our own images.

\$3 material fee.

<http://www.sandrabruce.com>

**October 1 & 2 Linda Ballard** will make you laugh and get you talking among yourselves at her lecture *Charm Square Shuffle* or *Strip Poker* (we haven't decided which yet because it's just too hard). Linda teaches traditional quilts with a new twist. She has a unique style of dissecting how a quilt was constructed and offers new, simpler methods to duplicate or rearrange a familiar pattern. At the workshop we will start a quilt called *Magic Mountain*. She won "Most Inspiring Teacher in the World for 2011" and has been published in numerous magazines. <http://www.letsquilt.com>

**NOTE:** All workshops are \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members. Guest lecturers that are paid for by the guild will be free for members and a \$5 fee for guests paid at the door.

Sign up with Betsy Blum ([smqa2012@gmail.com](mailto:smqa2012@gmail.com)). Payment is expected at the time you sign up.

### OPPORTUNITY QUILT TICKET SALES.

Please take advantage of every opportunity to sell tickets to friends or family. Better yet, sign up with Sally Walker to take the quilt to a guild meeting in another, nearby city, or a location where you think tickets could be sold. We are all responsible for helping to reach our \$8,000 sales goal. You can pick up additional tickets at every SMQA meeting or at Bear Paw Quilts.

Thank you for helping us reach our goal!

Sally and Mel

### January Birthdays

Patty Spinelli	1/4
Linda Pennington	1/6
Joanie Madaus	1/7
Juliana Draska	1/9
Dianne Archibald	1/13
Colette Wear	1/15
Marcia Smith	1/23
Chris Hudson	1/30

Please bring birthday snacks to our January 8th meeting.

*We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!*

### Amenities

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

**MEMBERSHIP** If you have not already done so, please complete your membership form (attached to the newsletter), add your membership fee, and submit it to me at the January meeting or mail it to SMQA, P. O. Box 1359, Oakhurst 93644. I would like to have your form and dues **no later than February 1**. That will insure your contact information will be in the 2015 Directory.

Thank you! Mel Peters, Membership Chairman

## Sierra Mountain Quilters Association

### 2015 Membership Form

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

**Cost: Please circle**

Individual Membership  
\$25

Family Membership  
\$35

**Please Print**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Day of Birth: (Month/Day) \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS:

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**Please circle all that apply to help us plan for Programs and Workshops**

I am interested in a program/workshop for:

Wearable Art	Antique Sewing	Sashiko	Landscape/Picture Quilts
Raw-edge Appliqué	Redwork	Memory Quilts	Color & Design
Featherweight Maintenance	Child/Adult Summertime Workshop		
Free Motion Quilting	Embellishments	Fabric Dying	



## Christmas Party at El Cid's Restaurant





### Table Runner Challenge



### 2014 SMQA New Members



### Sew Thrilled Fun Day



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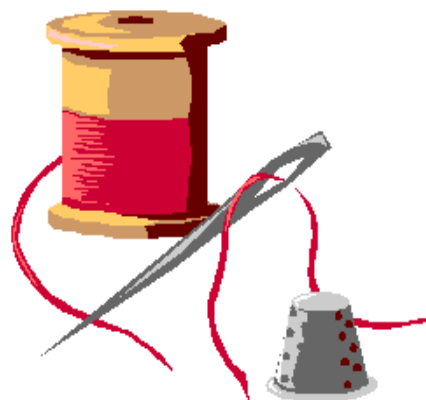
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**REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME TAG TO  
THE NEXT MEETING!**

### 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.*

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Webmaster -	Sally Walker
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