



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting **July 7, 2016**

Pavilion Oakhurst Community Center

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

Greeters: Toni Morton & Sue Collins

Program: **Ice Cream Social & Strip Poker**

July Meeting

July 7: Ice Cream Social & Strip Poker

Let's have fun and beat the heat at our annual Ice Cream Social July 7th. We will also play another rousing game of Strip Poker. You may recall that we played Strip Poker with Linda Ballard in October.



Recently, straightening up my sewing room for guests I found the strips I won from that game. I'm excited to expand my strip collection from your shared strips to make a fabulous String Quilt in Diane Mathews' workshop of the same name October 7th (you can sign up now – just \$35).

To play, we all need to bring 22 strips cut the width of fabric by 2 ½ inches. You will turn in two strips to the kitty and play poker with your 20 remaining strips. Two lucky players will win the kitty. I'm hoping to make a quilt in October with lots of different fabrics by sharing a bit of your stash in my quilt. It's a win-win for everybody.
Betsy Blum

The Tool Time Girl

August Speaker and Workshop

August will be hot and sultry but The Pavilion will be air conditioned and comfortable when Lisa McKissick shares her skills with the Quick Curve Ruler to make the pattern Metro Twist. Come join your friends with a day of sewing and learning August 5th. Check out our website: sierramountainquilters.org for pictures and more information.

\$35 class fee, \$10 pattern and you can buy the ruler at Bear Paw or from Lisa at the class \$25

Time: 9am to 3pm in The Pavilion. The Pavilion doors will open at 8:30am.

Lunch: Bring \$7.50 for lunch if you want a Raley's sandwich and drink delivered. *Betsy*

Cuddle Quilt Challenge

You can win a \$25 gift certificate for Bear Paw. For each completed cuddle quilt you turn in [between July 7th and October 6th](#), you will receive a ticket to be entered in a drawing. There will be two \$25 gift certificates awarded and the drawing will be held at the October Guild meeting. Make one cuddle quilt and you have a chance to win; make more cuddle quilts and you have more chances to win.



Sierra Mountain Quilters Association

General Meeting, June 2, 2016

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 noted that Linda Pennington had an article in the newsletter about Flag Day. Chris thanked the greeters Linda Pennington, Betsy Anne Youngholm and Rhonda Dewey. She thanked Betsy Anne Youngholm for setting up the refreshments. Chris wished a Happy Birthday to those who have a June birthday and thanked them for bringing refreshments for the meeting. Lynn Gray was recognized for her 45th wedding anniversary in June.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

The General Meeting Minutes for May 5, 2016, were approved on motion of Nancy Swanson and seconded by Toni Morton.

Reports:

- Chris Hudson announced that two members volunteered for the Quilt Show Co-Chair position, and that Donna Baxter accepted the position. The Quilt Show Chairs will select a replacement for the lead to set up/take down for the Quilt Show.
- Betsy Blum, 1st Vice President, advised that she will introduce Charlotte Rodgers later in the meeting; and that Amy Blodgett is available to take sign-ups for the workshops. She noted that 22 strips, 2 ½ inches wide should be brought to our July meeting for a game of Strip Poker. Collect strips in preparation for a "String Piecing." workshop with Diane Mathews October 7th. She thanked Rhonda Dewey for helping with the hostess duties and noted there is a sign-up sheet to help with refreshments at future meetings. She noted that the material list for the "color theory" workshop on Friday is available with Amy Blodgett and that it is a "no sew" workshop.
- Trudy Kinsel, 2nd Vice President, held the drawing for the "make a splash" mini quilt challenge; and she noted that the theme for July is "red/white/blue" and that it is okay to bring previous challenges to show.
- Betsy Anne Youngholm, Cuddle Quilt Chair, and Judy Andes advised of a tour they took of the Valley Children's Hospital where they were able to see the cuddle quilts in use. They also toured the Ronald McDonald House who would like to be added to the cuddle quilt distribution. The Hinds Hospice for children may be another venue. Joanie Madaus commented on seeing a quilt donated by the Guild at an adult care facility in Oakhurst. Betsy Anne is taking money and names for the Fall Retreat that is scheduled for September 19 – 22, day time only.
- The Treasurer's report for April 2016 was approved as printed in the Newsletter and filed for audit.
- Jullie Vasquez, Membership, noted that 67 members are present, along with three visitors. The door prize drawing was held.
- Laura Ashley-Spencer, Quilt Show, stated \$1831 in raffle tickets have been sold to date and noted that raffle tickets are available. Chris Hudson asked that the circles let the Quilt Show know what they are planning to make for their contribution to the Country Store.
- Jean Richter, Librarian, advised of the donation of books to the library.
- Rhonda Lloyd commented on opportunities to show the opportunity quilt in nearby areas and asked that interested members take a tag from the display board. She also noted the banner she created to show the status of ticket sales.
- Linda Pennington noted that she is distributing clues for Sally Walker for the Mystery Quilt.

New Business:

Pat Pfankuchen advised of the availability of a table for a long-arm machine from Ellie Nelson as she is unable to use it due to health reasons. Robin Sjostrand noted that the machine she advertised in the newsletter has sold.

Chris Hudson showed the red/white/blue quilt that was made by the Footloose circle to be donated. Sandy Johnson commented on her work with the American Legion Auxiliary to donate quilts to the veterans' home in Fresno.

Show and Tell was held. The meeting was recessed at 6:42 p.m., followed by refreshments. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m. Charlotte Rodgers then gave a presentation on "Color Studies in Old and New Quilts."

The next meeting is July 7, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by Margie Williams, Secretary

July Birthdays

Aller, Mary	7/1
Deisher, Lois	7/2
Roseling, Mary	7/5
Schuhl, Gaudalupe	7/7
Stanford, Lynnette	7/14
Graham, Sue	7/16
Williams, Bev	7/16
Morton, Toni	7/17
Graas, Barbara	7/19
Collins, Sue	7/20
Swanson, Nancy	7/26
Andes, Judy	7/29
Gulley, Beverly	7/29
Yeats, Joe	7/31

Please bring birthday snacks suitable for serving with ice cream to our July meeting

July Holidays

Jul 4	Independence Day
Jul 24	Parents' Day



Amenities

Cards were sent to:

Penni Simily
Mary Wylly
Pat McDonald
Tricia Ham

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

New Members

Stanford, Lynnette
32404 Sunset Ridge East
Coarsegold, CA 93614
Home: 559-642-2382
Cell: 559-676-4961
4lynnette68@gmail.com
DOB: 7/14

Please add this new member to your directory.



SMQA Meeting Dates

July 7	Ice Cream Social & Strip Poker
Aug 4	Lisa McKissick "Tool Time Girl"
Aug 5	Lisa McKissick "Metro Twist" workshop
Sept 1	Florence McConnell-"Quilt Making"

For Sale

Alto's Quilt Cut 2 New. Never been used; was opened for inspection only. \$250 cash. Contact Toni43177@gmail.com

Elna 624 DSE Serger. Like New condition only \$100. Dianne Archibald 209 742-4882



Quilting Circles

July 2016

by Marian Romero

Bits & Pieces will meet Wednesday July 6 at 11 am at Pat Bauer's home. Bring salad toppings. Nancy will bring bread and Collette dessert. Don't forget your dark blue 6 ½ inch squares.

Footloose meets at Chris's Studio from 4-6 pm on Monday, July 11 and Monday, July 25. Planning will continue for the Quilt Show Raffle Basket and items to sell in the Country Store.

Material Girls will meet on Tuesday, July 12th at the Bear Paw at 1:00 pm. We will discuss our August luncheon and also the Quilt Show.

Sew Thrilled members will meet July 13 at Jean's home and July 27 at Linda's home. Contact Linda Pennington for information.

Sunday Scrappers will meet Sun. July 17 at 10 am at Betsy Anne Youngholm's studio in Coarsegold. We're a new circle just forming and welcome anyone interested to join at Betsy Anne's wonderful sewing studio. Call 559-536-6532 for directions. For questions or to carpool from Oakhurst, call Amy Blodgett at 559-580-5629. Come learn and share.

Thursday Thimbles will be meeting at Georgia Harvey's home on July 28. You know the plan.

Tuesday Strippers will meet on July 12 at Barbara Skowronski's home.

Wildflowers will meet in the YLP Clubhouse on Wednesday, July 13 at 10:00 am. Bring a lunch or you can join others in the clubhouse for a buffet, \$10.00. Any project you are working on is fine to bring. There is plenty of room for sewing machines. At the moment we are still debating what project we would like to do for the Country Store. Join us and contribute your thoughts and ideas. We have plenty of room for new members.

YoYo's will gather at Vivian's house for the July 18 meeting. We are going to play with paint, on fabric, of course. And have a cool salad for lunch and ???

Treasurer's Report

by Sharon Cox

May, 2016

(Checking Account)

Balance Forward	\$ 8,816.71
(5/1/16)	

Deposits	\$ 1,162.00
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Expenses	\$ 224.30
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Bank Balance	
(5/31/16)	\$ 9,754.41

CD: \$18,131.20

Savings: \$16,869.78

July Birthstone

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

The July birthstone, **ruby**, was regarded by ancient Hindus as the "king of gems." It was believed to protect its wearer from evil. Today, the ruby's deep-red color signifies love and passion.



Monthly Mini-Quilt Challenge

Trudy Kinsel

A random drawing will be held each month for quilts brought in.

July- Red, White and Blue

August- Curves

September- Animals

October- Trees

November- Table Runner (Can be longer than 36")

December- Have a Holly Jolly Christmas

The mini-quilt should be no larger than 36" on any side.

Cuddle Corner

Virginia Corriea has donated a number of quilt tops, either made by her or given to her. They will be available at the July meeting for you to take, complete, and return. Many are cuddle quilt size; some are the twin size requested by Mariposa Crisis Services. Batting and backing are available with each quilt top. If you take a larger size and you don't have room for quilting, remember you can tie them instead of quilting them. Also, please remember to sew the provided SMQA label to each quilt or kit you finish.

In addition, a customer at Bear Paw donated five rough edge cuddle quilts to us, so thanks to the donor and to Donna for passing those on to us.

And many thanks to those of you who brought eight cuddle quilts to the June meeting. I spoke to a member of the Sheriff's office about their continued interest in receiving cuddle quilts. The officer with whom I spoke said they will be put to good use when they are called out and a child is involved. So keep sewing those cuddle quilts!

Betsy Anne Youngholm



Fabric Post Cards

Laura Fisher-877-7075

For each card you bring to the meeting, swap one to take home. Themes will be similar to the Monthly Mini-Quilt Challenge.

July- Red, White and Blue

August- Curves

September- Animals

October- Trees

November- Giving Thanks

December- Holiday Memories



Refreshment Hostesses Needed

Please volunteer to be a refreshment hostess. Openings for August, September, October and November. It's easy! Everything required, except the food, is stored in our cupboard at the Pavilion. Contact Betsy Blum

SMQA Beginnings.....

While clearing out our storage shed a handwritten history of SMQA was found. This is the last part of a series of SMQA history for your enjoyment.

1991-1992: President Betty Davis

Nov & Dec: Lap quilts made for Sierra Meadows Ladies Circle Patchwork quilts came and photographed some member's quilts for their magazine.

May: Velma McCabe of Visalia gave us a wonderful trunk show.

1992-1993: Elinor Greenwood President

Sept: Marlene Peterman "Quilts & Baskets" trunk show Friday night and workshop Saturday on baskets and flowers appliqué.

Jan: Quilt Show Chairperson Leoda Hall

Quilt: "Tiffany" by Betty Robinson, Glora Bess, Betty Davis & Donna Butts

Feb: Workshop Fresno Flats by Myra "2 in 1" quilt. Cathedral windows meeting workshop by Virginia Ritter

March: Jean Ray Laurey color workshop at Fresno Flats

Hearts meeting workshop by Carolyn Robinson

June: Phyllis Girsch "American History in Quilt Patterns"

1993-1994: Elinor Greenwood President

Sept: Carol Spaulding at Fresno Flats on appliqué

Oct: Quilt Show

Nov: Pat Knoezal, Elinor Burns sister, gave us a trunk show at Fresno Flats

Feb: Crazy quilt vest workshop at Fresno Flats with Myra Algots

March: Double Irish chain workshop by Opridee Glavis and Elise Truelove

April: "One-Half Scrap Log Cabin" by Sharon Craig.

End



SMQA Historical Quilt hanging in Fresno Flats Museum.

2016 Quilt Shows

July 29-30 Summer in the Grove \$10

Orange Grove Quilters Guild
Garden Grove Elk's Lodge
Garden Grove, CA

Aug 27-28 Harvest on the Delta \$10

Delta Quilters Guild
Brentwood Community Center
Brentwood, CA

Sep 1-3 San Diego Quilt Show \$10

San Diego Convention Center Hall F

Sep 16-17 Quilts & Thread Show \$10

Sierra Quilt Guild of Tuolumne County
Mother Lode Fairgrounds
Sonora, CA



Chris's Comments...

I can hardly believe that it is already July!!!! Just where did those first six months of this year go??? Hopefully everyone is staying cool, as it appears this is going to be one L O N G, H O T, summer!!!!

This month I'd like to focus on what I feel is an important part of what we do and why we are here as a Non-Profit Organization...Community Service. Betsy Ann Youngholm is doing a great job with Cuddle Quilts this year. She has received several completed kits and some that our members have put together completely on their own. These quilts don't need to be complicated, complex or 'fancy.' As Betsy Ann's article, in this month's newsletter indicates, we've had several recent donations of fabric and quilt tops, just ready for us to 'whip up' into a quilt for a child in need; one that is hospitalized, undergoing life-saving treatment; for an elder confined to a home that could use a little "pick-me-up"; and for women in crisis, trying to get a fresh start.

Also, in line with Betsy Anne's "Cuddle Quilt Challenge" article this month, I would encourage each and every one of you, if you've not already done so, to take a few hours from your busy schedules, to stitch up at least one Cuddle Quilt this year, either from your own stash or from a kit that Betsy Ann makes available at our monthly meetings. Even if you've already been a contributor, please consider putting together as many of them as you can.

What a great feeling to know we are making a difference and touching someone's life by doing what we love to do!

SMQA Website Debut!

The long awaited website debut will be part of our July 2016 guild meeting. If you've had trouble in the past navigating our website, you might be impressed with our "new and improved" site. Webmaster Sally Walker, with assistance from Betsy Blum, will do a quick rundown of what our website has to offer.

Mystery Quilters

Chance to win a \$50 gift certificate

Great News! Donna Henning at Bear Paw Quilts & More offered us a generous discount on the patterns for our 2016 Mystery Quilt which left funds in the "mystery quilt account."

A random drawing will be held at the 2016 SMQA Christmas Party on December 1, 2016 for a \$50 gift certificate to Bear Paw. Those who bring a completed Mystery Quilt top (does not have to be quilted) will be entered in the drawing. Quilt top has to be present to be entered. If you cannot attend, send your completed top with another member.

Fall Retreat

Remember to reserve your spot at the fall retreat at ECCO scheduled for Monday through Friday, September 19 through 22. Cost is one day for \$26, two days for \$52, three days for \$78, and four days for \$104. This rate includes lunch.



You can set up your machines and projects and don't have to pack up again until you leave at the end of the retreat. The rooms are secured and locked when we are not working. Please be prepared to pay for half of your reservation at the July Guild meeting, with the balance due at the August meeting. It's fun and productive and you should be there!

See Betsy Anne Youngholm at the meeting or call her at 559-536-6532 with any questions.



Looking Ahead...

August 4: Lisa McKissick lecture, "Tool Time Girl";

August 5: Workshop, "Metro Twist"

September 1: Florence McConnell from Manteca, CA

Lecture and Trunk Show: "Quilt Making; A Tour Through Time 1830-1930"

October 6: Diane Mathews from Sacramento formerly of Oakhurst. Lecture with Trunk Show: "String Quilts"

October 7: Workshop: String Quilts. Materials list and information to come but you can sign up now with Amy or Betsy for just \$35.

A Quote From Jenny Doan of Missouri Star Quilt Company:

- **"Honor every quilt you make.** Your quilt doesn't have to look like mine. It just has to be finished.
- **Quilt to share--not to be judged.** Quilt because you love someone and want to give that person a gift from your own hands.
- **Enjoy your journey.** Don't feel the need for your quilt to be 100% perfect. Just as you are not perfect, neither does your quilt need to be."



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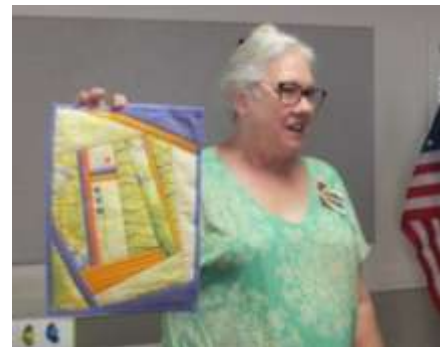
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June Show & Tell





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BADGE AT THE NEXT MEETING!**

BOARD MEMBERS

President	Chris Hudson
First Vice President	Betsy Blum
Second Vice President	Trudy Kinsel
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

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