



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting **February 4, 2016**

Pavilion Oakhurst Community Center

Doors open at 5:30

Business meeting at 6:00

Program: **Cuddle Quilts**

Greeters: Mel Peters & PJ Grant



Cuddle Quilt Fun

The February 4th meeting provides you with an opportunity to work and play together with other guild members by sewing some cuddle quilts. These quilts are appreciated by their recipients and they are fun to make.

We have a new pattern this year using tumbler blocks that go together easily and quickly. We also have kits available from past cuddle quilt programs. All the equipment will be there and there's a job for everyone. Just bring your enthusiasm.

Betsy Anne Youngholm

Looking Ahead...

March 3, 2016

Quilto and celebrate **National Quilt Month**.

We'll be playing the Quilto game (similar to Bingo using quilting terms).

National Quilt Day is observed on March 19, 2016. It celebrates quilts and those who make them annually on the third Saturday in March. The National Quilting Association started National Quilting Day in 1991.

April 7 & 8:

Kevin Kosbab from Stockton, CA

Lecture: "Appliqué Isn't a Four Letter Word".

Let Kevin take the intimidation out of appliqué and show the wonderful possibilities it adds to quilt making. You'll find an appliqué method to suit your own quilting personality, along with tips for avoiding some of the pitfalls that give appliqué such a bad name.



Section of "Bird Crossing Quilt"

Workshop: "Bird Crossing Quilt". Starch-turning with invisible appliqué will be taught, with fusible appliqué for details.

www.feddog.net. Quilt measures 36½" x 45½", or a runner can be made from 4 blocks. Class fee \$35 plus \$10 for pattern.

Sierra Mountain Quilters Association

General Meeting, January 7, 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 thanked greeters Sally Walker and Trudy Kinsel noting there is a sign-up sheet for greeters for the rest of the year. Chris wished a Happy Birthday to those who have a January birthday and thanked them for bringing refreshments for the meeting. Chris welcomed Michelle Peerson, the guest speaker.

The Minutes for December 3, 2015, were approved as written in the Newsletter by motion of Nancy Swanson and seconded by Lupe Thompson.

The Treasurer's report was approved as printed in the Newsletter and filed for audit.

- Betsy Blum/1st Vice President reviewed the 2016 program: tonight/Michelle Peerson "Creativity, Getting outside the Box"; April/Kevin Kosbab "Appliqué isn't a Four Letter Word"; June/Charlotte Rogers "Color Theory"; and October/Diane Matthews "String Quilts." In February, the activity will be cuddle quilts with Betsy Anne Youngholm. Betsy asked for volunteers from a circle group or members to help with hospitality duties; and she asked for a volunteer for program chair for 2017. Chris Hudson stated the March activity would be "Quilto"; i.e., bingo.
- Sally Walker stated the new website is up and running. Some issues are still being worked out. There is a mystery quilt sign-up sheet – the quilt will have six different layouts and three different size options; cost is \$10 (cash or check to Sally) starting in March. Final clue in October and reveal in December.
- Virginia Corriea presented the beautiful opportunity quilt and thanked Donna Henning for her assistance. She advised of plans for taking the quilt to the Road to California Show later this month; however, approval hasn't been received. It was suggested that members respond to the Show's emails to see if we can get a response.
- Sinta Borland and Jeri Carney were congratulated for having a quilt published in "Easy Quilts 2015."
- Georgia Harvey provided information on the Spring Retreat at ECCO for March 3 – 6, 2016. Signups are being taken now.
- Chris Hudson stated she and Betsy Blum cleaned out the refreshment locker and there is room for the library books.
- Jullie Vasquez noted there are 60 members present, one returning member and one new member.
- The raffle ticket drawing was held.
- Chris Hudson stated Lissa Metzger brought books in for the members.
- Virginia Corriea noted that Diane Ward has a quilt entered in the Road to California Show.
- Laura Fisher suggested doing a swap with fabric postcards. Chris Hudson noted this would need to be approved by the Board before starting.
- Linda Pennington stated the deadline for submitting articles for the newsletter is 20th of each month.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m. followed by: Show and Tell, Refreshments, and Michelle Peerson/guest speaker, with a workshop on Friday. Laura Fisher advised that information is available on the Timber Line Art Gallery website on their upcoming fiber show.

The next meeting is February 4, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by Margie Williams, Secretary

New Members

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Please make these new members feel welcome at the upcoming meetings.

Amenities

Cards were sent to:

Tricia Ham

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

Treasurer's Report

by Sharon Cox

January 2015

(Checking Account)

Balance (1/01/16)	\$ 9,482.69
Deposits	\$ 2,880.00
Expenses	(\$ 2,722.23)
Balance (1/25/16)	\$9,640.46
Savings:	\$18,127.43
CD:	\$16,864.94

February Birthdays

Fish, Betty	2/2
Crow, Lin	2/4
Ellis, Rose Ann	2/4
Griffiths, Nora	2/4
Cozby, Barbara	2/17
Schwarz-Smith, Lura	2/18
Richter, Jean	2/22

Please bring birthday snacks to our February 4 meeting

We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!



February Holidays

Feb 2	Groundhog Day
Feb 4	Rosa Parks Day
Feb 8	Chinese New Year
Feb 12	Lincoln's Birthday
Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Feb 15	Presidents' Day
Feb 15	Susan B Anthony's Birthday

Year End Treasurer's Report

by H. Ramsey

December 2015

(Checking Account)

Balance Forward (12/31/15)	\$17,411.72
Income	\$ 2,373.00
Expenses (Oct/Nov/Dec 2015)	\$ 3,802.03
Bank Balance (12/15/15)	\$15,982.69
Transfer to Savings	\$ 6,500.00
Bank Balance Forward	\$ 9,482.69
CD:	\$16,863.97
Savings:	\$18,125.89
(Yr End 12/27/2015)	

Quilting Circles

by Marian Romero

February, 2016

BITS & PIECES meets Wednesday, February 3, at 11 a.m. at Penni's. Dessert:-Patty Vincent. Don't forget: 33 each 6-1/2" squares of red fabric. Usual agenda. Carpoolers meet at Payless Shoes at 10:40 a.m.

FOOTLOOSE meets on Mondays, February 8 and 22, 4-6 p.m. at Chris's studio. Bring Footloose projects to complete or other projects and bring what you have to share.

MATERIAL GIRLS will meet on Tuesday Feb. 9 at 1:00 p.m. when we will continue to work on our Quilt of Valor.

SEW THRILLED members will meet on Wednesday, February 10 at Marian's house and Wednesday February 24 at Mary's house. Contact Linda Pennington for information.

The **THURSDAY THIMBLES** will meet at Lupe Thompson's home on February 25 at 9:30 a.m.

TUESDAY STRIPPERS will meet February 9 at Bev Gulley's home.

WEDNESDAY WILDFLOWERS meet Wednesday February 10 at our usual place and time. For those wishing to participate in a Wildflowers Mystery Quilt, facilitated by Lisa, let her know so she can begin the instructions in February. See you all on the 10th. Sandy, 683-6309

YOYO'S: Myra is scheduled to have the YoYo's at her home for our monthly meeting on February 15. But we are always open to change. Happy Valentine's Day!

Big/Little Sisters

Are you new to SMQA? If so, perhaps you need someone to answer quilting questions and lend a helping hand.

How about a Big Sister?

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

February Birth Flower

February's birth flower is the **violet** which signifies watchfulness, loyalty, and faithfulness. Give a violet to someone to let them know you'll always be there for them.

The other February flower is the **primrose** which let someone know you can't live without them.



Upcoming Area Events

The Mariposa County Arts Council will be presenting the 29th Annual Mariposa Storytelling Festival March 11-13, 2016. Check their website-mariposaartscouncil.org or facebook.com/mariposastorytelling.

The San Joaquin Valley Quilters Guild will be holding its bi-annual quilt show at the Golden Palace of Fresno March 19-20, 2016. For more information see their website-<http://sjvqg.org/guild-activities> Quilt Show 2016.

The Annual Redbud Arts and Crafts Festival would like to extend an invitation to their 2016 Art Quilt Show. The show will be held at the Three Rivers, CA Memorial Building from 10-5, May 7th and 10-4 May 8th. This year's theme is "The Inspired Stitch". Entries will be accepted from January 2 to April 8, 2016. Email-RedbudFestival@gmail.com or phone Karen Kimball 559-561-7718



2016 SMQA Mystery Quilt

It's not too late to sign up for the 2016 SMQA Mystery Quilt.

We will be taking sign-ups at the February meeting.

The cost is \$10 which will include all the clues and a complete pattern at the end. Bring cash or a check payable to Sally Walker.

The first clue will be available at the March guild meeting.

If you will not be at the February meeting, mail your check to Sally at

PO Box 813

Oakhurst, CA 93644

Questions? Contact **Sally Walker** at 559 683-5316 or sallyjwalker@gmail.com

SMQA Meeting Dates

- Feb 4** Cuddle Quilts
- Mar 3** Quilto & Celebrate National Quilt Month
- Apr 7** Kevin Kosbab, Appliqué
- May 5** Meet the Circles
- Jun 2** Charlotte Rodgers, Color

Monthly Cuddle Quilt Sewing

For those of us who enjoy sewing with others, we have arranged to use the back room at Bear Paw for monthly cuddle quilt sewing. The scheduled days are the third Tuesday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (February 16, March 15, and April 19). Bring your sewing machine and your creativity. Hope to see you there. If you have questions about meeting at Bear Paw, please call me at 536-6532.

Thanks,
 Betsy Anne Youngholm

Chris's Comments...

Well, the first month of 2016 just flew by! We're due for more rain (yeah!!), so we should have many opportunities to keep dry and get some of our unfinished projects completed. For those of you that never have unfinished projects (I can't even imagine! LOL), you'll be able to start on something new!

"Ladies.....start your machines....." at our February Program we'll be making cuddle/comfort quilt tops. Betsy Anne Youngholm will be kicking off this effort. Since Betsy and her Circle Group, The Wednesday Wildflower's, have pre-cut 'kits' for us to sew together, we should get a lot accomplished. I believe there will be batting and backing fabrics available, however if you'd prefer, you can use your own. Remember this is one of the many ways we help our community and are able to retain our non-profit status. If you will be bringing your sewing machine, and haven't already done so, please let Betsy Anne know.

We have a busy year ahead of us:

- Betsy Blum, our 1st VP, has a number of great workshops lined up. Look for the sign-up sheets at our meetings.
- Trudy Kinsel, our 2nd VP, has a number of fun challenges planned for this year.....watch for details in next month's Newsletter.
- Sally Walker announced this year's Mystery Quilt at our January meeting. Be sure to sign up!
- Virginia Corriea unveiled the beautiful Opportunity Quilt she and members of her Circle Group constructed and that she quilted, so we are ready to sell tickets! Thank you so much Virginia and "team"!! It is just gorgeous!!
- Betty Fish and Georgia Harvey will be hosting the Spring Retreat. If you've

never attended, don't miss out on a lot of fun, and an opportunity to get better acquainted with members you may not already know.

So, sign up, participate, and volunteer!! Our Guild is only as good as the efforts and participation each and every one of us puts forth. Let's be the best we can be!



2016 Spring Retreat

It's almost time to head up to ECCO in Oakhurst for our annual Spring Retreat. The dates are Thursday, March 3rd thru Sunday, March 6th. Please come and have a great time with us. We have a few surprises planned for this year.

The cost this year will be:

Overnighters

Double room - \$276.00

Quad room - \$258.00

Deposit of \$100 due: February 4 meeting

Balance due: February 15

Day campers are welcome (Thurs, Fri and Sat).

Day rate: \$26 per day (includes lunch)

We have quite a list already but if you haven't signed up yet don't be left out. Call one of us to add your name. You can send your payment to the address below if you can't make it to the February SMQA meeting.

Happy Retreating,

Georgia Harvey 877-2674

Betty Fish 877-4197

Georgia Harvey
56351 Road 226
North Fork, CA 93643

SMQA Beginnings.....

While clearing out our storage shed a handwritten history of SMQA was found. This will be a series of SMQA history for your enjoyment.

Started January 1981:

"Twelve of us at Ruth Crandall's home. Talked about forming a group to promote love of quilting, do projects, and learn from each other and others.

Glenda Watson Warnock elected first president and we named ourselves "Sierra Mountain Quilters"

First project was 'Ozark Star' potholder by Judy Crawford."

September 1981-82:

"Diana Clark, President, got meetings moved to the telephone company conference room as we increased to 25 members.

Betty Robinson came down from Mariposa and did a workshop on "Log Cabin" quilts and we signed her up to be a member.

We did lined baskets and padded picture frames in other workshops.

Stared our first opportunity quilt called 'Scrap Bear Claws.'

Sue Muenster led the effort and we made \$402 net.

Started the historical "Historical" quilt and Glenda got up going along with the local Western artists guild who designed some of the block. Also stared block of the month drawings.

Lorraine Linnenberger came up from Fresno and did her First workshop, two days in Seminole piecing and tote bag. Did not realize how old my bag was! Lorraine is now a very well known Fiber Artist in California."

(Next installment in March newsletter)



FLASH!!

If you haven't paid your dues and filled out a membership form please do so soon. For your information to be in the 2016 SMQA Membership Roster it needs to be received by the February 4th SMQA meeting.

Rosters will be handed out at the March 2016 meeting.

Thank you to all who have already filled out your form and sent in your dues. It's been an outstanding turnout. There are lots of fun presenters and workshops planned for 2016. So don't miss out on a fun year of quilting and friendships.

Hostess volunteer or volunteers needed to spread out refreshments each month and clean up. Sign up at February meeting for an opportunity to help. Or contact Betsy smqa2012@gmail.com

Seeking new Programs VP to start planning this spring for 2017 speakers and workshops. The Northern California Quilt Council sponsors a Meet the Teacher Program in April and this is when it all begins. Contact Betsy at smqa2012@gmail.com



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**REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME
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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