



# Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting **January 7, 2016**

Pavilion Oakhurst Community Center

**Doors open at 5:30**

Business meeting at 6:00

Program: **Michelle Peerson "Getting Outside the Box"**

## New Officers Installed



*"Fabric Pledge" taken by Chris Hudson, Betsy Blum, Trudy Kinsel, Sharon Cox and Marge Williams*

## Fun, Fun, Fun! at El Cid Christmas Party



## January Meeting

Push your creative side in 2016 by attending guild January 7 to hear Michelle Peerson present a lecture entitled "Creativity, Getting Outside the Box". On Friday Michelle will follow up with a workshop on the same topic. Michelle lived for 20 years in Carmel Valley and is familiar with Kaffe Fassett and his amazing family. Many of us will want to work with his fabrics (available at Bear Paw) and create a quilt based on one of his favorite designs: a nine-patch sandwiched in between a nine-inch piece of fabric. The quilt Michelle sent to SMQA is in monochromatic fabrics using this design but you may also use contrasting fabrics. She added appliqué fish to make it pop.

January 8, The Pavilion 9 am to 3 pm. \$35



*Betsy Blum presents outgoing gifts to Kathy Millhollon*

## Sierra Mountain Quilters Association

General Meeting, December 3, 2015

President Kathy Millhollon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at El Cid Restaurant in Oakhurst, California. Kathy welcomed everyone to the Christmas party. Donations were accepted for Toys for Tots.

The General Meeting Minutes for November 5, 2015, were approved.

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

Kathy Millhollon advised that signups will be accepted tonight for the January 8, 2016, workshop "Creativity, Getting Outside the Box" by Michelle Peerson.

**Installation of Officers for 2016:** Diane Martin thanked the outgoing officers and committee chairs for their hard work and dedication to SMQA. Kathy Millhollon honored each officer and board member for their work. She presented each with a beautiful Christmas dish towel. Diane Martin conducted the installation of officers for 2016. She reviewed the accomplishments of the 2015 Board and reviewed the activities that were held during the year. She reviewed the responsibilities of each Board position. She then had the new officers take the oath of office. She also presented a pillow to the newly elected President Chris Hudson that held the names of the past presidents of the SMQA Board.

**The new SMQA Board Officers for 2016:**

President - Chris Hudson  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Betsy Blum  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Trudy Kinsel  
Treasurer – Sharon Cox  
Secretary – Margie Williams

The meeting was adjourned, with the next meeting to be held on January 7, 2016.

Following dinner, there were several presentations: Mystery Quilt, 12" x 12" mini quilts, and Block Exchange Quilt. Betsy Blum presented Kathy Millhollon with a donation of \$560 to Valley Children's Hospital (her favorite charity) in her name recognizing her service as President for the past two years.

Respectfully submitted by Margie Williams, Secretary

### Treasurer's Report

by H. Ramsey  
 December, 2015  
 (Checking Account)

Balance Forward (10/30/15)	\$16,911.94
Income	\$ 558.00
Expenses	\$ 28.22
 Bank Balance (11/30/15)	 \$17,411.72
CD:	\$16,863.97
Savings:	\$11,625.89



### SMQA Meeting Dates

January 7  
 February 4  
 March 3  
 April 1



### January Birthdays

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

**Please bring birthday snacks to our  
 January 7 meeting  
 We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!**

### January Holidays

Jan 1	New Year's Day
Jan 6	Epiphany
Jan 7	Orthodox Christmas Day
Jan 13	Stephen Foster Memorial Day
Jan 14	Orthodox New Year
Jan 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**Hospitality** – will a circle please take it on? Only 9 dates to commit to as January, July and December don't require help. Betsy

### Amenities

Cards were sent to:

*Joanne Waters  
 Pat Pfankuchen  
 Lin Crow*

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

## Quilting Circles

by Marian Romero

### January, 2016

**BITS & PIECES** meets Wednesday, January 6 at 11 a.m. at Nancy Hyde's home. Bring salad toppings. (Bread-Virginia, dessert-Patty S.) Please bring your calendar; we'll decide on our 2016 schedule. Bring Show & Tell with ideas for our next group project. Carpoolers meet at Payless Shoes at 10:45 a.m.

**FOOTLOOSE** will be meeting on January 11 and 24 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Chris's place. We'll be discussing our plans for 2016. Bring your Show and Tell.

**MATERIAL GIRLS** will meet on Tuesday January 12 at 1:00 p.m. at Bear Paw. We will start work on our next project.

**SEW THRILLED** members will meet on Wednesday, January 13 at Tricia's home and January 27 at Marian's home. Contact Linda Pennington for information.

**THURSDAY THIMBLES** will be meeting on January 28 at Georgia Harvey's home.

The **TUESDAY STRIPPERS** will meet at Virginia Corriea's home on January 12.

**WEDNESDAY WILDFLOWERS** will be meeting January 13 in the YLP Clubhouse. Come anytime between 9:30 and 10:00. Remember that some are bringing Accu Quilts for ease in cutting for the Cuddle Quilts. Be ready to help count, separate and bag! Bring your lunch or you can eat in the Blue Heron for only \$8.00. Questions? Contact Sandy at 683-6309.

**YOYO'S** will meet at Peggy's on January 18th.

### 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](mailto:konaglen@sti.net)

### January Birth Flower

The carnation comes in several different colors to convey different meanings, much like roses. A pink carnation means affection, while a red



carnation means 'I love you.' White carnations mean pure love; striped carnations mean regret that a love is not shared, yellow means rejection or disappointment. The other

January flower is the **snowdrop**, which used to be considered bad luck due to the fact that it would always seem to appear to grow in graveyards. Nowadays, it signifies hope and beauty.



## Kathy's Korner

Thank you to everyone for their generosity and support. I can't think of a better organization to be a part of. We not only have the most amazing and talented quilters, we have the most generous souls! December 3 was our Christmas celebration and I just wanted to let you know what YOU did. We raised \$450 for Toys for Tots along with 47 gifts. There were dolls, stuffed animals, watches, jewelry kits, bubbles, stilts, dishes, puzzles, socks, books and markers and crayons, Legos, airplanes and baby toys to name a few. The Christmas of many children will be so much better because of you. Your donations were delivered to the Marines on December 5 on behalf of the Sierra Mountain Quilter's Association.

But that is not all. It was such a wonderful surprise to receive a certificate for the money that was raised in my name for my favorite charity, Valley Children's Hospital. I can't thank you enough for the donation of \$560. This money will be going to one of the most giving and caring organization I know. This hospital is a non-profit, is a state-of-the-art facility taking care of children and providing health care throughout our valley. I am sure many of you and your family and friends have had experiences and know the quality of care they provide.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!!! Thank you for the last two years; it really makes me smile to know that I am a part of this terrific organization.

Kathy Milhollon

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## 2016 Membership

Attached to this newsletter on page 7 is your Membership Form for 2016. Please be aware that if you renew with a check, that check will not be deposited until after January 1, 2016. Please renew early to have your name in the 2016 Directory.

Thank you,  
Jullie & Amy

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## Well Done!

Our very own SMQA members, Sinta Borland and Jeri Carney, have a quilt published in the magazine "Easy Quilts" Winter 2015 edition by Fons & Porter's now on newsstands.

### Reminder:

Scholarships are available for classes. Chat with Sharon Cox for more information.

## 2016 Mystery Quilt – check out all the options!

It is mystery quilt time again. Don't miss out on the fun! I've made this quilt and it is a blast! It has to be scrappy or a good mix of pre-cuts to work.

### ONE BLOCK - Six Layout Options!

#### Three size options:

Topper 47" square

Throw 63"x 79"

Queen 95"x 111"

Skill Level: Confident Beginner

Fabrics/Precuts: Jelly Roll™ (2.5" strip) and fat quarter friendly.

Cost is only \$10 and you will be given a complete pattern at the end. This pattern is a customer favorite! Please contact me if you have any questions or hesitations. I hope to talk you into joining us in the fun!

Sally Walker 559 683-5316 or  
sallyjwalker@gmail.com

## Chris's Comments...

I'm writing this, my first newsletter article as your new President, two weeks before Christmas. However, by the time you read this, it is likely that most of you will have already cleaned up your holiday "bits and pieces" and are getting ready to "ring in the New Year".

First, I would like to thank last year's Board members for the GREAT Christmas Dinner Program at El Cid! Those of you unable to attend missed out on an evening of fun! Since I'd headed up the Mystery Quilt for 2015, I was hoping to acknowledge each member who had signed up, as you brought your completed quilt top up to show. Unfortunately the noise level wasn't conducive to my 'plan'. However, I'm hoping you all bring your finished quilts to an upcoming meeting, for our very popular "Show and Tell" session! FYI.....Sally Walker will be organizing the 2016 Mystery Quilt. I know I'm ready to sign up!

We all know we had a spectacular Quilt Show this past year and those who actively participated should be very pleased and proud of their accomplishments. A job well done!! It shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone that we've already started plans for our 2017 show. It will be here before we know it! When you are asked to participate, please do so. It is satisfying knowing you are helping our Association raise funds for future years of programs and community assistance. It is also a good feeling, knowing you are part of such a great group of women!

I look forward to the coming year, and to your support. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please let me know. I may not immediately have the answer, but rest assured I'll make sure I get one for you.

Wishing you and your families a HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!!!





## Sierra Mountain Quilters Association 2016 Membership Form

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

**Membership:** *(Please circle one)*

Individual Membership: \$25

Family: \$35

*Please Print*

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

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### December Mystery Reveal



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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](mailto:lpenni@sti.net)  
Deadline is 20th of each month.

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Amenities	Linda Miller
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