



# Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting **July 6, 2017**  
 Oakhurst Community Center Pavilion  
 Greeters: Toni Morton & Betsy Blum  
 Doors open at 5:30; Business meeting at 6:00  
 Program: **Ice Cream Social & "Strip" Poker**



## July Meeting

The quilt show is over and it is time to move to a new project or finish our UFOs. In June we had a great power point and trunk show. There was a lot of interest in a workshop with Cindy after this program. Cindy got everyone looking for patterns in floors and upholstery!

In July we will enjoy ice cream and all the toppings. No calorie counting allowed! We will also play "Strip Poker". Each of you will need to bring 25- 2-1/2 inch strips cut the width of fabric (selvage to selvage).



In October Mary Platz and her group will have a trunk show. This is a new circle with some new members. We're looking forward to seeing some new ideas and beautiful quilts.

We will honor a veteran in November and say 'Thanks' to all vets for their service!

Our annual Christmas dinner will be our program with installation of officers in December.

Remember to let me know your wishes for programs.

Penni Simily

## Calendar Worthy

### Upcoming Events:

Patsy Carpenter will be our presenter in August. She is a certified Judy Niemeyer instructor.

She will have a trunk show at our meeting and a workshop the next day. We will be making mini stars table runner. Patsy is bringing an additional teacher to accommodate more students.

September will bring Lyn Mann from San Juan Capistrano. Her program will be 'Head for the Border.' The workshop will be "No Such Thing As An Ugly Fabric." The workshop will be 9 'til 3; cost is \$35.00.

Be sure to be at the Community Room of the Oakhurst Public Library from 10:30 am to noon on July 14 for a presentation by member Vivian Helena Amond-Capone.

The free program will present a Show and Tell about her quilts and art quilts, relating a bit about each one. Vivian will also tell about fabric dyeing followed by a discussion on the fun of fabric postcards. Additionally, Vivian will discuss techniques and the variety of quilting ideas that are available on the web. Questions and discussion will be encouraged.

<http://vivianhelena-creates.blogspot.com/>

[www.vivianhelena.com](http://www.vivianhelena.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/vivianhelena.aumondcapone>

**Sierra Mountain Quilters Association**

General Meeting, June 1, 2017

President Chris Hudson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Oakhurst Community Center, and led in the flag salute. Wendy Holt volunteered to be Sergeant-at-Arms. Chris thanked greeters Mary Platz and Steph Risinger and thanked the June birthday ladies for refreshments. Members with June anniversaries were recognized. Chris welcomed our guest Cindy Wiens and her husband, Mark.

By motion of Nancy Swanson, seconded by Shirley Flynn, the May 4, 2017, General Meeting minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's report was approved as printed in the newsletter and the report was filed for audit. Penni Simily/1<sup>st</sup> Vice President announced that Cindy Wiens will do a trunk show after the meeting on what gives her ideas for quilting. The ice cream social will be held in July with strip poker – bring 25 – 2 ½ inch strips, the paper piecing workshop in August by Patsy Carpenter is full, the workshop in September will be “No Such Thing As An Ugly Fabric” by Lyn Mann.

Sandy Johnson/2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President announced that 16 squares were received for the 12½ inch black and white contrast with bright colors blocks and the drawing was held. The block for the July meeting is red, white and blue friendship star.

Jullie Vasquez/Membership advised that 53 members were present with one guest. The door prize drawing was held.

Betsy Anne Youngholm/Cuddle Quilts noted that some of the refreshments are from the Quilt Show. She noted that 75 cuddle quilts have been distributed. Cuddle Quilt sewing is scheduled at Bear Paw on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. She is taking signups for the fall retreat scheduled for September 18 – 21, 2018, at ECCO – days only.

Constance Peterson/Quilt Show Co-Chair thanked everyone for their help with the Quilt Show. She announced that the Anything with Fabric circle is meeting at Bear Paw. Charlotte Hickman announced that 529 items sold at the country store, with a profit of \$2,403.38 for the Guild. She thanked everyone for their assistance, with special thanks to Toni Morton and Mary Brand for their extra help. Chris Hudson thanked everyone for their help with the Quilt Show.

Chris Hudson for Sally Walker/Mystery Quilt project handed out the next clue. Chris noted that information is available on the Central Coast Shop Hop for June 2 – 4, 2017.

Patti Spinelli and Kathy Millhollon thanked those who participated in the mini quilt challenge, “A Stitch in Time” at the Quilt Show, noted that all of the entries received votes, presented awards and returned the entries.

Show and tell was held. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. with the next General Meeting to be held on July 6, 2017.

Penni Simily introduced Cindy Wiens and her husband, Mark, who assisted with the trunk show – a PowerPoint and presentation of quilts and the ideas that inspire her.

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, cookies, brownies, etc. suitable for serving with ice cream to our July meeting*

### New Members

No new members in June, 2017



Please note: due to privacy issues, this newsletter will no longer publish member's personal information, i.e. address or phone numbers.

### Treasurer's Report

by Sharon Cox  
May, 2017

(Checking Account)

Balance Forward (5/1/17)	\$ 9,437.73
Deposits	\$12,623.53
Expenses	\$ 4,349.12
Bank Balance (5/31/17)	\$17,712.14
CD:	\$16,878.26
Savings:	\$18,140.26

### July Holidays

July 4	Independence Day
July 23	Parents' Day
July 27	Nat'l Korean War Veteran's Armistice Day

### Amenities

Cards were sent to:

Barbara Cozby - Sympathy  
Sue Graham - Sympathy  
Carol Atwood - Thinking of You  
Tricia Ham - Thinking of You

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



## Quilting Circles

July 2017

by Marian Romero



**Anything with Fabric** meets the third Thursday of the month, July 20 at the library, 9:00 to noon. Bring your show and tell and what you are working on. Contact: Rhonda Dewey or Constance Peterson.

**Bits & Pieces** meets Wed., July 5, 11 a.m. at Margie Williams' home. (She will send directions.) Bring salad toppings. Bread, Colette: dessert, Patty V. Carpoolers meet at Payless Shoes at 10:30 a.m. Handwork, show & tell.

**Footloose** meets on Mondays 4-6 pm at Chris's Studio. Our meeting dates in July are the 10 and 24. We'll sew, share our ideas and projects and above all have fun.

**Material Girls** will meet on Tuesday, July 11 at 1:00 pm at the Bear Paw. We will be working on the material Dianne gave us and there will be a couple sewing machines.

**Sew Crafty Quilters** will be working on the Wacky Divine Nine quilt taught by Mary Platz. We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in the clubhouse at Oak Creek Park in Coarsegold

**Sew Thrilled** members will meet Wednesday July 12 at Donna's home and Wednesday July 26 at Marian's home. Contact Linda Pennington for information.

**Thursday Thimbles** will be meeting July 27 at Betty Fish's home at 9:30 am.



**Yoyo's** will meet July 17 at Cathy Reynolds' home in Visalia. We might even take a splash in the pool!!

## Fabrics from Natural Fibers

**Cotton Fabric:** Cotton is a soft, fluffy staple fiber that grows in a boll, or protective case, around the seeds of cotton plants of the genus *Gossypium* in the family of Malvaceae. The fiber is almost pure cellulose. Under natural conditions, the cotton bolls will tend to increase the dispersal of the seeds.



The fabric which is believed to be most soothing and safe is cotton fabric. Immense use of cotton fabric for infants, dresses or beddings is a live testimony of its softness and skin-friendliness. Cotton fabric has a distinctive feature that it adjusts easily with climatic requirements; that is why it is called all-season fabric. In summer season cotton fabric keeps the body cool and absorbs the sweat easily whereas it gives a warm feel if worn in winter season.



## For Sale

Bernina 1005 includes cover, foot pedal and some accessories. \$600 contact Sue Graham at [oakhurstgiftworks@gmail.com](mailto:oakhurstgiftworks@gmail.com)

## Chris's Comments...

I don't know about you, but this HOT, HOT weather is a bit too much for me! I've had enough and I'm seriously looking forward to fall and winter!!!

Speaking of looking forward, it is time for me to appoint our Quilt Show Chairperson(s) for our show in 2019! Yes, already! We need to get work started on our Opportunity Quilt. It is also time for me to appoint a Nominating Committee to gather names for our 2018 Ballot of Officers. Please, seriously consider "stepping up" when approached.

From time to time we all need to take an active part in our organization to keep it "fresh."

This month we'll be having our Ice Cream Social to thank everyone that put in so much time and work, to make our Quilt Show a great success in 2017! "It takes a village" and there is no exception when it comes to our Quilt Show!! To those of you who took an active role to help make our show a great success, Thank you!!

We have busy months ahead!



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

## CUDDLE CORNER

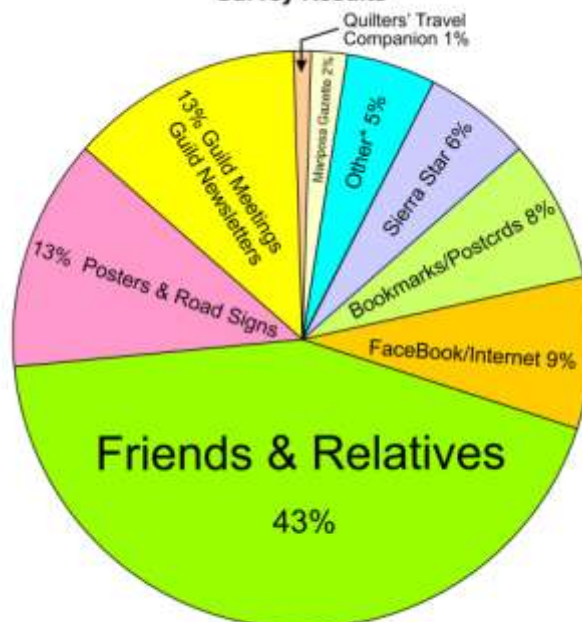
Instead of sewing at Bear Paw in July, we will be making cuddle quilt kits at Betsy Anne Youngholm's place in Coarsegold. Please sign up to join us on Tuesday, July 25th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Coffee, a snack, etc. and the company of friends. Who could ask for more? Please come over to cut and package kits. We will be working on this year's pattern as well as a new and interesting one designed by Laura Fisher to use for some of our beautiful donated fabric. Oh, and yes, the craft house has air conditioning.



Betsy Anne Youngholm

## Quilt Show Survey Results

"How Did You Hear About Our Show?"  
Survey Results



*Results from those who responded to the survey on the first day of the Quilt Show.*  
\* Other includes: current SMQA member, Quilt Shop Hop, Garage Sale, Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sale Location



## 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! They 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 August Meeting: Jar Quilt Block**

Background: Use a light tan/beige/cream

2 – 2.5" x 12.5"

2 – 8.5" x 1.5"

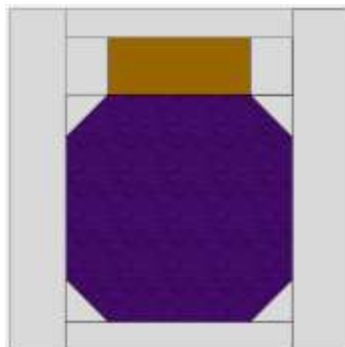
2 – 2" x 2.5"

4 – 2" x 2"

Lid: 1 – 2.5" x 5.5"

Jar: 1 – 8.5" x 8.5"

For the "jar" fabric, I used fruit and vegetables.



Draw a diagonal line on the back of each 2" square from corner to corner. Place the squares on the corners of the 8½" square. Sew slightly to the right of the line. Flip corner pieces and press. Cut the underneath fabrics, leaving a ¼" seam allowance. Take the "lid" fabric and sew the 2" x 2½" pieces on both sides of it. Press. Sew to the "jar" fabric piece. Take the 8½" x 1½" pieces of background and sew to the top and bottom of the jar/lid piece. Press. Take the remaining 2½" x 12½" pieces and sew to the sides of the jar/lid and press. Be sure it measures 12½" squares. Bring to the August SMQA meeting and maybe you'll be the winner of all the squares. Good luck!



## Fall Retreat

Remember to sign up for the Fall Retreat at ECCO, September 18 - 21, 2017. The cost is \$26 per day, which includes lunch. The schedule goes from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. Bring your machine and whatever projects you are working on. It's always a good opportunity to make some progress on a UFO or two. Lots of good advice is available; whether requested or unsolicited. August is the last chance to sign up and pay, since ECCO requires our signed contract no later than September 6th. Look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions, contact Betsy Anne Youngholm at a Guild meeting or by calling.

Betsy Anne Youngholm



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## June Meeting Show & Tell





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

### BOARD MEMBERS

President	Chris Hudson
First Vice President	Penny 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](mailto: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	Jean Richter
Membership	Jullie Vasquez & Helen Brown
Newsletter	Linda Pennington
Parliamentarian	Linda Pennington
Quilt Show Chair	Constance Peterson & Donna Baxter
Webmaster	Sally Walker