



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting **October 4, 2018**
 Oakhurst Community Center Pavilion
 Greeters: Sue Collins & Laura Gonzalez
 Doors open at **5:15**; Business meeting at 6:00
 Program: **Free Motion Quilting Demos**



October Meeting

Hello Quilters! I hope you are enjoying the cooler weather.

We had a great visit with Lisa McKissick. I'm looking forward to seeing many finished quilts from Lisa's class in Show and Tell.

In October we will have members showing us how to do free motion quilting. I have asked members for assistance with the demos. Hopefully, this will give basic quilting knowledge for the February program when Jenny Lyons, the "Quilt Skipper," will be with us to add to our free motion quilting education.

In November Clair Witherspoon will be at our meeting with a trunk show and a "Scraps Strategies" workshop the following day. Cost is \$35.00. A sample was shown at last month's meeting.

December is our annual Christmas Party; Marc from Wild Fig will be catering. We will have installation of officers, mystery quilt reveal, row quilts and Show and Tell. Pick up your \$15 ticket at the October and November meetings. Please bring exact cash or check.

In January we will be making Cuddle Quilts. It is a great time to sew and visit with old and new friends.

Jenny Lyons, the "Quilt Skipper" will be with us in February to give us pointers on free motion quilting.

Penni Simily

It Takes a Whole Guild to Make a Quilt Show Happen!

The quilt show committee is busy preparing for our quilt show this coming May. At the beginning of this year, you will begin to see sign-up sheets for the various roles needed to make our quilt show a success. For new members, some of these positions may seem a bit mysterious, perhaps the following will help:

White Gloving. This role involves a 2-hour shift of wearing white gloves (provided) and walking throughout the show to help visitors view the quilts. If they want to see the back of the quilt, the "white glover" will turn the quilt back. This prevents grubby hands from touching the quilt. White glovers may also answer questions regarding quilting (if they know the answer).

Security. This may sound ominous, but in actuality it mainly involves sitting at one of the entrances to prevent visitors from entering without a ticket or entering with food. Generally, the shifts are about 2-3 hours and can be performed by SMQA members or their husbands or boyfriends.

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Sierra Mountain Quilters Association
September 6, 2018
General Meeting Minutes

President Rhonda Lloyd called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the flag salute. She expressed appreciation for the evening's greeters, Sinta Borland and Nancy Swanson, and recognized Sharon Weaver for the refreshment table set up. Rhonda thanked the September birthday ladies for the refreshments and reminded the June and July birthday ladies to bring cookies to the December meeting.

Nancy Swanson made a motion to accept the August General Meeting Minutes as published in the newsletter and Sharon Weaver seconded the motion. Minutes for August were approved by the membership. There were no questions or corrections to the Treasurer's report as printed in the September newsletter. The Treasurer's report was therefore filed for audit as submitted.

Rhonda Lloyd announced that volunteers will be needed for the audit committee. An annual audit is performed each year in the fall.

Helen Brown reported for Membership, noting that two guests were present, and Door Prize drawing was held.

Betsy Anne Youngholm reported that the Cuddle Quilt Program has more small cuts of fabric than we are able to store. Therefore, we will have a "Fabric Frenzy Among Friends" at the next general meeting. Doors will open early. Each member will be given a plastic bag to fill with this excess fabric. For the Fall Retreat, Betsy Anne suggested that new members and those who have not attended a retreat before stop by at ECCO in September to visit and see what we do at retreats.

First Vice President Penni Simily announced the upcoming programs, with Lisa McKissick as our September presenter and her "Boomerang" workshop on Friday. In October, SMQA will provide free motion quilting demonstrations by SMQA members. November will feature Claire Witherspoon as a presenter with a "Scrap Strategies" workshop the next day.

For Second Vice President Sandy Johnson, Lissa Metzger introduced the next row of blocks for the Row Quilt pattern and reminded members that the patterns and directions are on the SMQA website.

Sally Walker distributed the final clue for this year's Mystery Quilt.

Rhonda Lloyd announced that the Nominating Committee for next year's Board has developed a proposed slate of officers for 2019. The slate will be presented to the membership at the October General Meeting, with voting in November.

For the 2019 Quilt Show Committee, Sinta Borland announced that the Opportunity Quilt won First Prize at the Mariposa Fair quilt show. We were reminded that we need several white gloves at the PIQF in October as well as volunteers to sit with the quilt. Volunteers were also requested to sign up to sit with the Opportunity Quilt and sell raffle tickets over the next few months.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. and was followed by show-and-tell, refreshments, and the evening's presentation.

The next SMQA General Meeting is scheduled for October 4th at 6:00 p.m. Doors will open at 5:15 p.m. to accommodate the Fabric Frenzy Among Friends.

Respectfully submitted, Betsy Anne Youngholm, Secretary

October Birthdays

Borland, Sinta	10/1
Atwood, Carol	10/4
Peterson, Constance	10/4
Stull, Sharon K.	10/6
Miller, Linda	10/8
Skowronski, Barbara	10/16
Grant, PJ	10/20
Blum, Betsy	10/25
Ziebarth, Mary	10/25
Dewey, Rhonda	10/29

***We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!
Please bring snacks to share for the October meeting.***



New Member

No new members in September

Please welcome our new members.

*Personal information is on our website,
sierramountainquilters.org under Members.*

Treasurer's Report

by Kay Marshall

August 2018

(Checking Account)

Balance Forward (8/1/18)	\$ 6,713.85
Deposits	\$ 288.00
Expenses	\$ 12.90
 Bank Balance (8/31/18)	 \$ 6,988.95
CD:	\$16,903.52
Savings:	\$18,192.78

Amenities

Cards were sent to:

Shirley Bryant	Thinking of You
Rhonda Dewey	Thinking of You
Sheila Hotovec	Thinking of You

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



2019 Slate of Officers

President: Patty Spinelli

First Vice President: Laura Fisher & Betsy Anne Youngholm (shared position)

Second Vice President: Joan Madaus & Deb Austin (shared position)

Secretary: Laura Gonzalez

Treasurer: Kay Marshall

An Amendment to the Policies and Procedures was approved by the Board to allow for the shared positions with one vote allowed per position.

October Holidays

Oct 8	Indigenous People's Day
Oct 9	Leif Erikson Day
Oct 13	Navy Birthday
Oct 15	White Cane Safety Day
Oct 16	Boss's Day
Oct 31	Halloween

Quilting Circles

October 2018

by Marian Romero



Anything with Fabric Meetings are on the First and Third Thursday of the month. Next meeting: October 4th and 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the

Oakhurst Library Community Room. New members are always welcome. Contacts: Constance Peterson and Rhonda Dewey.

Bits & Pieces meeting will be held October 3rd. Plan A is closed. Plan B will be at Mary's. Bring your favorite finger food. Car poolers meet at Payless shoes at 10:30 a.m.

Footloose meets Monday, October 8th and Tuesday October 23rd, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Studio. Bring a project to work on and something for Show & Tell.

Material Girls will meet on Tuesday, October 9th at 1:00 p.m. at the Bear Paw. If things change you will be notified.

Sew Crafty Quilters. will meet Thursday October 11th in the clubhouse at Oak Creek Park. This will be our final sewing meeting of the year.

Sew Thrilled will meet Fridays October 12th at Jean's home and October 26th at Linda's home. Any questions call Linda Pennington.

Thursday Thimbles will be on their own for a quilt shop hop the 24th thru the 27th of October.

YoYo's. will meet at Nancy Hyde's home on October 22nd, starting at 10:00 a.m. We will commiserate about missing out on our annual Cayucos event this year, first time in a long while as we have had to cancel. We love Cayucos! We will find lots to talk about this month as we have been away from each other for way, way too long!

CUDDLE CORNER

We have delivered 126 cuddle quilts so far this year! We have kits that are ready for quilting, so after you have your demonstrations in free motion quilting

this month, remember to take a kit to practice with. Cuddle Quilts are the best way to get some experience with quilting before you dive in to quilting one of your own quilts.



A reminder that Betsy Anne will not be coordinating the Cuddle Quilt Program after this year. It is a great opportunity for a team of members or for a Circle. Please step up and volunteer for this very worthy effort.

Betsy Anne Youngholm

Cuddle Corner Fabric Frenzy



Doors open at 5:15 p.m. for Fabric Frenzy with Friends. As announced at last month's General Meeting, the Cuddle Quilt Program has too many smaller cuts of fabric to fit in our storage unit. Pick up a plastic storage bag at the door and fill it. Lots of different blocks, sizes, colors and materials to choose from.

So, be polite with friends, but take it all away. Remember that the November workshop is "Scrap Strategies".

Betsy Anne Youngholm

Rhonda's Ramblings

WHEW...finally winding down from our Long Hot Summer months! Fall is officially here. Cooler mornings and cooler nights are welcome visitors to our home.

Lisa McKissick's Trunk Show was fabulous. The many tricks and tools she showcased were inspiring. I picked up a couple of items myself including the Super Sidekick Ruler for her Boomerang workshop. Lisa's experience and enthusiasm were infectious! I want to thank Penni for setting up all the wonderful speakers and workshops we have enjoyed this year.

The Nominating Committee was quite successful in obtaining nominees for the upcoming year. We are pleased to announce the proposed list of Officers: President - Patty Spinelli; 1st Vice President - Laura Fisher and Betsy Anne Youngholm; 2nd Vice President - Joanie Madaus and Deb Austin; Treasurer - Kay Marshall; and Secretary - Laura Gonzalez.

The Nominating Committee has two volunteers to serve as co-chairs for the 1st Vice President and two volunteers to serve as co-chairs for the 2nd Vice President. The shared responsibilities for both positions will benefit the overall support for members. Per the Policies and Procedures, *"There shall not be less than three, or more than nine, voting board members to conduct business"*. To meet the requirements of the policy, the shared positions will only be allowed one vote per position.

Enough for business. The holidays are just around the corner and I'm sure everyone is busy planning and finishing holiday projects. I hope you are enjoying the cooler weather. I'll see you in November.

Thank you for your support and Happy Quilting!

Rhonda Lloyd, SMQA President
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Quilt Show

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Front Entry. Working at the front entry table involves selling entry tickets, providing programs, and welcoming visitors. Shifts are 2-3 hours.

Set-Up/Take Down. Setting up the show requires help collecting the quilts and helping to hang them. Usually, we get some tall men with ladders to hang the quilts, but they need runners to pick up the quilts and bring them over to the racks. This is an active job, requiring walking to and fro. Taking down the quilts is the opposite. As the date for the show nears, the coordinator for this will be asking for the assistance of men as well as SMQA members.

Raffle Baskets. As Sinta presented at one of the meetings, Quilt Circles and SMQA members are asked to collect items for raffle baskets. Sinta artfully packages these items into inviting baskets. Bids on raffle baskets provides a great deal of money for the guild which help us get wonderful speakers and contribute to charitable causes.

Kitchen. Betsy Anne will be asking for help with coordinating and setting up the lunch and snack items for the show. It is unlikely to involve cooking or baking as we will probably have a vendor again this year.

Hope this helps a bit. Besides the fact that it is fun to be involved, taking on a role with the quilt show allows you free entry. This is our Guild's BIG event. A job exists for every member. Please join in with the fun!

Contributed by Diane Martin

September Show & Tell



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BADGE AT THE NEXT MEETING!**

BOARD MEMBERS

President	Rhonda Lloyd
First Vice President	Penni Simily
Second Vice President	Sandy Johnson
Treasurer	Kay Marshall
Secretary	Betsy Anne Youngholm

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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