



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting **May 10, 2018 (date change)**

Oakhurst Community Center Pavilion

Greeters: Lissa Metzger and Patty Wiens

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

Program: **Jeri Carney - Preparing your Quilt for Professional Quilter**

May Meeting

Happy May to all of our Quilters! The May meeting and workshop have been changed to the second Thursday and Friday (May 10 & 11). Jeri Carney will be our speaker and will give us the scoop on how to get ready to send your quilt to a professional for quilting. We will have a workshop making a Stash and Dash on Friday. The pattern is from byannie.com and available at Bear Paw. You will have homework that needs to be finished by the time of the workshop. Each meeting we are bringing in samples of what can be finished before class. The charge is \$20.00 to pay for the room.

Our annual ice cream social will be in June. Be sure to save your calories so you can enjoy the goodies!

July will be Movie night with Carol Doak's Video which teaches paper piecing. Popcorn and drinks provided.

Cathie Hoover will be with us in August with Quilts and Garments on August 2. Her workshop on August 3 will be Wild and Crazy Quilt. The class will be \$35.00. The pattern is \$9 and \$16 for optional templates. One of the needed supplies is Shirtailor from Pellon. I ordered a bolt of this item. The charge is \$2.00 a yard. If you contact me I can get it to you. Additionally, I have the required templates you may copy.

September will be a visit from the Tool Time lady, Lisa McKissick. Everyone enjoyed her last visit. She has a lot of energy! Her workshop on Friday will be a lot of fun; sample to come soon.

Penni Simily



One of the quilts by Cindy Wiens showing her use of solids at our April meeting



The Community Quilt made for the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary was unveiled by Patty Wiens and Lissa Metzger at the April meeting.

Sierra Mountain Quilters Association April 5, 2018 General Meeting Minutes

President Rhonda Lloyd called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the flag salute.

Rhonda welcomed back members Virginia Corriea and Susan Campbell who had been unable to attend meetings for a while. She also gave a brief update on Donna Henning and requested assistance with a ride for Donna to an upcoming doctor's appointment in Fresno. A thank you note from Oakhurst Healthcare and Wellness was read, in appreciation for cuddle quilts. Rhonda thanked Penni Simily for conducting the February meeting on her behalf, the April birthday ladies for the refreshments, Penni for the table set up and expressed appreciation for the evening's greeters Peggy McKnelly and PJ Grant.

Rhonda recognized PJ Grant for introducing Alexia and Katrina from Yosemite High School and their Days for Girls Programs to SMQA. Many of our members generously donated funds, fabric and other supplies for their Senior Project.

The March meeting having been cancelled due to weather, the February minutes required approval. PJ Grant made a motion to accept the minutes as published in the March newsletter, and Charlotte Hickman seconded the motion. Minutes for February were approved by the membership.

There were no questions or corrections to the Treasurer's reports as printed in the March and April newsletters. The Treasurer's reports were therefore filed for audit as submitted.

Helen Brown reported for Membership: 66 members present and 6 guests. The new directory and new membership cards were available and distributed. Door prize drawing was held. The winners were Vivian Helena Aumond-Capone, Liz Carney and Sue Mellana. The evening's speaker, Cindy Wiens, also donated two raffle items which were won by Kathy Burrow and Bev Spears.

Penni Simily announced the upcoming programs including tonight's presenter, Cindy Wiens, and explained the workshop to be held on April 6th, and the Stash and Dash workshop to be led by Lissa Metzger on May 11th. Lissa showed samples and explained the pre-class work that needs to be done in preparation for the workshop. Both Rhonda and Penni will not be available for the June Ice Cream Social Meeting; so PJ Grant and Sandy Johnson will provide the leadership for this meeting.

Sandy Johnson introduced the Row Quilt pattern for this year's voluntary members' quilt pattern. Instead of producing a block for raffle each month, members can make this quilt for themselves based on the block introduced each month by Sandy.

The Community Quilt made for the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary was unveiled by Patty Wiens and Lissa Metzger to applause and approval by the membership. The Auxiliary will be able to auction this quilt to aid their community efforts.

Betsy Anne Youngholm requested the assistance of the Circles in preparing cuddle quilt kits. She has asked each Circle to devote one of their meetings this year to cutting fabric for the pattern, matching fabrics, choosing backings or packaging cuddle quilt kits. Betsy Anne will contact each Circle coordinator to schedule a time to come to her place in Coarsegold and to establish which step in the process is appropriate to her Circle.

Betsy Anne introduced Teri de la Torre who has volunteered to take over coordination of the Fall Retreat. Teri and Betsy Anne will work together for this year's Fall Retreat, and Teri will be the coordinator for the 2019 Retreat. Members were reminded to sign up and that the Fall Retreat is Monday through Thursday, September 17th through the 20th.

Sally Walker announced that 37 members have signed up for this year's Mystery Quilt. She held a drawing of names from among those who have chosen their colors for the Mystery Quilt. Winners were Kathy Burrow and Margie Williams.

2019 Quilt Show co-chairs Sinta Borland and Jeri Carney announced that the Opportunity Quilt will soon be ready for Jeri to quilt and they plan to show it to the membership at the May meeting. Two positions on the Quilt Show Committee remain vacant: country store and opportunity quilt scheduling. Sinta and Jeri asked members to consider volunteering for these positions. Raffle tickets for the Opportunity Quilt will be available in packs of 30 at the next meeting for SMQA members to purchase and sell.

Rhonda Dewey announced that we have received a donation of Kaufman fabric pieces, a variety of colorful strips and fat eighths. The donor has requested that when we use these fabrics, we send a picture of what we have made with them. This provides a great opportunity to continue to receive more Kaufman fabric donations.

Marilyn Harvey announced the Piecemakers Quilt Show in Mariposa in conjunction with the Butterfly Festival on May 5th. She has also worked with the Mariposa County Fair quilt show committee to expand the categories of quilts to be accepted for that show, including new categories for Novice Quilters, those who have been quilting for up to five years, as distinct from the Experienced Quilter categories. These new categories open an opportunity for more area quilters to submit their quilts for the show in Mariposa over Labor Day Weekend.

The business meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. and was followed by Show and Tell and the evening's lecture and trunk show, "Solids Showcase" by Cindy Wiens

The next SMQA General Meeting is scheduled for May 10th at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Betsy Anne Youngholm, Secretary

May Birthdays

Metzger, Lissa 5/2
 Westfall, Ginnie 5/7
 Millhollon, Kathy 5/11
 Wiens, Patty 5/13
 Risinger, Stephanie 5/18
 Brisendine, Jeanne 5/22
 Ramsey, Helen 5/24
 Armstrong, Irene 5/25
 Hartesveldt, Christine 5/25
 Peters, Mel 5/26



*Please bring a snack to our May meeting.
 We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!*

May Holidays

May 1 May Day
 May 3 National Day of Prayer
 May 5 Cinco de Mayo
 May 6 National Nurses Day
 May 13 Mother's Day
 May 15 Peace Officers Memorial Day
 May 19 Armed Forces Day
 May 28 Memorial Day



Amenities

Cards were sent to:

Sharon Weaver Get Well

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



April New Members

Rhonda Lund

Sharon Sylvester

Christina McBride

*Please welcome our new members.
 Personal information is on our website,
sierramountainquilters.org under Members.*

Treasurer's Report

by Kay Marshall

March 2018

(Checking Account)

Balance Forward (3/1/18)	\$ 10,300.80
Deposits	\$ 602.00
Expenses	\$ 806.50
Bank Balance (3/31/18)	\$ 10,096.30
CD:	\$16,895.14
Savings:	\$18,188.97

Quilting Circles**May 2018****by Marian Romero**

Anything with Fabric meets on the 1st and 3th Thursdays of the month. Next meeting: May 3 and May 17 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Oakhurst Library Community Room. *Note on

June 7 we will meet at Bear Paw from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Contacts: Constance Peterson and Rhonda Dewey

Bits & Pieces meets Wednesday, May 2 at 11:00 a.m. at Patty Vincent's home. Bring salad toppings. Bread=Charlotte, Dessert=Patty S. Usual agenda. Carpoolers meet at Payless Shoes at 10:30.

Footloose meets on Monday, May 7 at the Studio 4:00-6:00 pm. Bring your project and Show & Tell. The second meeting will convene at Betsy Anne's place for Cuddle Quilt Cutting and Kitting, Tuesday, May 22, 2-5 pm. Bring rotary cutters and rulers.

Material Girls will meet on Tuesday, May 8 at 1:00 p.m. at the Bear Paw. We will be working on cuddle quilts from Shirley. Bring Show and Tell.

Sew Crafty Quilters meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month in the clubhouse at Oak Creek Park in Coarsegold. For more information contact Steph Risinger. Happy Spring!

Sew Thrilled will meet Friday, May 11 at Marian's home and Friday, May 25 at Donna's home. Any questions call Linda Pennington.

Thursday Thimbles will be on vacation the month of May...Happy Spring!!

Yo Yo's will be meeting at Vivian's home on May 21. Decisions will be made this month on what mischief we might be up to. Do we paint, dye or just sit down eat and discuss what we could do; all depends on the weather. Maybe the YoYo's will think up a surprise and lunch. Good brain food, something sweet.

*Looking for an adventure in quilting?
Ready to learn new techniques?
Come join us by signing up for one or
more of our offered classes.*

**Mariposa Piece Makers****Outdoor Quilt Show**

*Come enjoy a day of fun in the beautiful
foothills of historic Mariposa, California,
during the
Annual Butterfly Festival!*

Saturday, May 5, 2018

Mariposa Museum and History Center

Quilts will be on display **ONLY** on Saturday, May 5,
from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. For more information call
Charlotte Hickman, 209-742-4934, or Mary Wyly,
209-966-5684.

Rhonda's Ramblings

Fair Weather has found its way to the Sierra Foothills at last! I have been busy outside working in the yard. Unfortunately, with all the past rain, the weeds are up to my knees, and hay fever has hit me pretty hard too.

I loved, loved, loved Cindy Wiens presentation of her 'Solids Showcase' lecture. It gave me a whole new perspective on using solids. I also attended her workshop on Friday and really enjoyed the project. I actually came home and made some more blocks. Easy Peasy!

Show and Tell was very inspiring too. The Community Quilt that Lissa and Patty put together was fantastic. I know it will be a huge success for our local American Legion.

Sandy Johnson introduced a fun 'Row Quilt' pattern, and Sally Walker is moving along with the Mystery Quilt clues. I've been busy auditioning some fabrics from my more than full fabric cupboards, but then again, I just might need to make a stop at Bear Paw for something new.

Thank you for your support and Happy Quilting!

Rhonda Lloyd
SMQA President
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CUDDLE CORNER

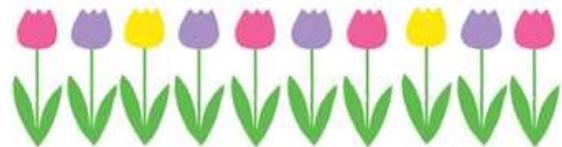
Congratulations to you all. Eighteen cuddle quilts were turned in at the April meeting! They will find a place with some very grateful recipients. The



response from the Circles to the request for assistance with cuddle quilt kit making has been wonderfully positive. Most of the Circles have scheduled a date and time to come out to Betsy Anne's in Coarsegold to cut, match fabric, and/or package kits. If you are not in a Circle but are interested in helping, please let Betsy Anne know.

The next Cuddle Quilt sewing at Bear Paw is scheduled for May 15th at 10:30 a.m.

Betsy Anne Youngholm



FALL RETREAT

Reminder to sign up for the fall retreat at ECCO (Monday, September 17th through Thursday, September 20th). The fall retreat is days only, no overnights. The cost is \$27 per day (one day = \$27; two days = \$54; three days = \$81; four days = \$108).

Teri de la Torre has graciously volunteered to take over coordinating the Fall Retreats. She and Betsy Anne will work together on organizing this one for 2018; then Teri will take over fully for 2019. Please let one of us know if you have any questions.

April Show & Tell



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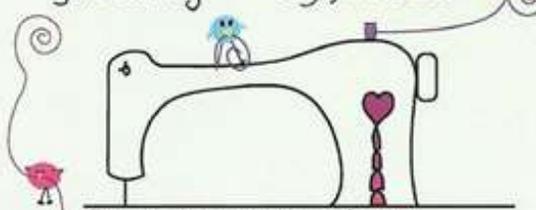
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Deadline is 20th of each month.

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