



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting **May 2, 2019**

Oakhurst Sierra Senior Center

Greeters: **Bits and Pieces**

Doors open at 5:30, Meeting begins at 6:00

Program: Country Store

Programs and Workshops

YARD SALE! TABLE SALE! SIERRA SENIOR CENTER (behind baseball fields)

\$10/table. With the larger meeting hall, there will be a few more tables. So you can still sign up. Call me ASAP. Here's your chance to move on to new projects and clean out those supplies titled "What was I thinking?" or "Been There, Done That, Have the leftovers to show for it."

GREAT BARGAINS, SALE PRICES: Sale begins at 5:30. Books, patterns, tools, embellishments fabrics, magazines, thread! You might find just what you need.

A helper is needed to set up the room before the meeting. Please call me.

In **June**, the SMQA Board will host the annual Ice Cream Social. Vanilla ice cream, walnuts, crumbled Oreo cookies, sprinkles, and fresh fruit are planned. Please sign up at the Program Table for any further requests.

The **July** program will be demonstrations by members of different methods of paper piecing. Then Friday will be a workshop using some simple paper pieced patterns

Laura J. Fisher, 1st Vice President



Quilt Show Corner

"A Needle Pulling Thread"

This is the last newsletter reminder for the Quilt Show!!!

Let's Sew this up!

- 1) We need SMQA members to remember to pay for their raffle tickets.
- 2) Turn in your ticket stubs and money.
- 3) **VOLUNTEER** for the SHOW. There will be sign-up sheets at the SMQA Guild Meeting, May 2nd. Please fill in the needed slots for white gloves, security, and snacks sales.
- 4) Show up! Invite your friends & family.

Sierra Mountain Quilters Association
General Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Patty Spinelli at 6:00 p.m. She welcomed everyone and recognized April birthdays and anniversaries. She thanked the Sew Thrilled Circle for providing greeters and setting up the food table and thanked the April birthday members for bringing refreshments.

First Vice President Laura Fisher reminded members of the May meeting sales and announced that the May 2nd SMQA general meeting will be held at the Oakhurst Senior Center rather than the Community Center Pavilion.

Second Vice President Joanie Madaus recognized the success of the Cuddle Quilt Program and noted that she and Chris Hudson met with a new member in March. If new members have questions or want to know how to become more involved with any of the Guild's programs, they are reminded to contact Joanie or Chris. The April block of the month is "Spring Fling".

Cuddle Quilt Program Coordinator Sue Johnson reported on distribution of quilts so far this year and read a letter of appreciation from the parent of a child who had received a quilt at Valley Children's Hospital emergency room. She noted this is a reminder of why we are involved in the making and distribution of cuddle quilts.

There were no revisions to the minutes of the March 7th general meeting as published in the April newsletter. Nancy Swanson provided a motion and Steph Risinger seconded the motion to approve the minutes as published. The motion carried unanimously. There were no questions about the Treasurer's Report as published in the March newsletter and the report was filed for audit.

For Membership, Sally Walker announced that there were 59 members present.

Quilt Show Committee Co-Chair Sinta Borland announced that 107 quilts have been submitted for May Quilt Show. Posters are available for members to post in their communities. Members were reminded to sign up to work during the Quilt Show. People are still needed for a variety of one- or two -hour slots.

Teri de la Torre announced the 2019 Fall Retreat to be held September 16-19. Linda Pennington reminded members that the deadline for submissions to the newsletter is the 20th of the month. Linda Miller was acknowledged for her role with amenities and updates were provided about several members. Coarsegold Rodeo Heritage Days has requested someone to demonstrate hand quilting during their Kid's Day. Diane Matthews expressed an interest.

The business meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy Anne Youngholm for Laura Gonzalez, Secretary

May Birthdays

Westfall, Ginnie	5/7
Millhollon, Kathy	5/11
Wiens, Patty	5/13
Risinger, Steph	5/18
Brisendine, Jeanne	5/22
Ramsey, Helen	5/24
Armstrong, Irene	5/25
Hartesveldt, Chris	5/25
Peters, Mel	5/26

We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!
The birthday ladies are requested to bring snacks to share for our May meeting.



Treasurer's Report

By Kay Marshall
 March 2019

Checking Account	
Balance (3-1-19)	\$4,716.62
Deposits in March	+2,069.00
Expenses in March	-1,622.71
Balance (3-28-19)	\$5,162.91

Savings:	\$18,198.06
CD:	\$16,903.52

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Do not reply directly to email messages you receive from sender "SMQA". This email address is used only to send messages and cannot receive messages. Anything you try to send in return to a message from "SMQA" will go into never-never land and will not be read by the person you intended.

May Holidays

May 5	Cinco de Mayo
May 12	Mother's Day
May 18	Armed Forces Day
May 27	Memorial Day



For Sale

I purchased a Tiara quilt machine about a year ago and shortly after broke my right arm. Although the arm has healed, I am no longer able to use the machine. I am asking \$2,000 for it. For more information, please email me at jlldahlin@gmail.com or call me at 559-260-4789
 Thank you, Joyce Dahlin

Amenities

Cards were sent to:

Diane Martin	Thinking of you
Donna Henning	Thinking of you
Sharon Weaver	Get Well
Donna McCall	Thinking of you
Becky Smith	Sympathy

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



Quilting Circles

May 2019

If your circle has a special project to write about or an event open to non-circle members that you'd like to post, please notify Marian Romero. For those of you who are interested in starting or joining a group, please let us know so we can help you. Contacts: Joanie Madaus and Deb Austin.

Anything With Fabric is happy to welcome new members. We meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Oakhurst Public Library's Community Room. Bring your own sewing projects. Also remember to bring scissors, rulers and other sewing supplies you need. We will provide a cutting mat and iron. Everyone is welcome. Contacts: Rhonda Dewey and Constance Peterson.



BLOCK OF THE MONTH

It's the final stretch as we're all getting ready for our big quilt show. To mix up the **Block of the Month** schedule to see if our BOM quilt tops can be finished for the Christmas party, the summer months of June through August will include two months, i.e. June (June and July). That way December's block will be made in September and you'll have a few months to put it all together. Remember, it's never too late to jump in!

January: *Chill Out*

February: *Lovey Dovey*

March: *Easy Breezy*

April: *Spring Fling*

May: *In Memory of...*

President's Notes

Happy Spring Everyone 🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸

REMINDER: We will be having our May 2 Meeting at the SENIOR CENTER! NOT at the Community Center. We will be having our Country Store. If you have quilting items you would like to sell at the Country Store, please contact Laura Fisher to reserve a table.

I enjoyed Fern Royce's presentation. I hope you all did also.

There is excitement in the air as our Quilt Show is almost here!

I am sure everyone is putting the finishing touch on your quilts to have them ready to hang in the show. It is going to be a great show!

I will see you May 2 at the Senior Center,

Patty

CUDDLE CORNER

Another great Cuddle Quilt month, with about 27 quilts turned in & 15 distributed to Ronald McDonald house. We've given out a total of 68 quilts so far this year!



We're SO appreciative of the great attendance at our 3rd Wednesday cuddle quilt sewing day at the library! You guys are awesome! And so are you folks that prefer to do your sewing at home and turn in such great works of art!

Don't forget...for every 5 cuddle quilts you turn in, you get a FREE spool of Aurifil thread (\$14 value!). This helps offset your personal costs while you are so generously giving of your time and talents.

If you have a request for particular size of batting, please let us know so we can have it available for you. Contacts: Sue Johnson and Joan Earnest. Thanks again for all your excellent work!



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

BOARD MEMBERS

President	Patty Spinelli
First Vice President	Laura Fisher
Second Vice President	Deb Austin & Joanie Madaus
Treasurer	Kay Marshall
Secretary	Laura Gonzalez

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

Amenities	Linda Miller
Member Services	Chris Hudson
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