Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

We'll be announcing the results at the Ice Cream Social. We have three teams that are competing for the **Gold prize of $125 gift certificate for Bear Paw Quilt Shop.** They are:

The Misfits
Virginia Corriea
Sharon Cox
Penni Simili
Rhoda Stoltenberg
Mel Peters

The Crazy Mountain Girls
Kathy Millhollon
Patty Spinelli
'
Jullie Vasquez
Chris Hudson
Carolin Gaither

The Jean Team
Jean Richter
Sharon Lawin
Donna Baxter
Mary Roseling
Linda Pennington

Cuddle Quilt Olympics - who will win?
Teams: bring your finished quilts to the May meeting for the final count. Each team should pick some quilts to display so everyone can appreciate their creations. Also, please return any bins as they belong to the Guild or a Guild member.

May 1, 2014

Meeting Schedule

Pavilion at the Oakhurst Community Center

Doors open at 5:30

Business Meeting @ 6pm

Show and Tell

Program:

Ice Cream Social

Bring and share your favorite ice cream topping.

Greeters: Patty Wiens & Lissa Metzger

Setup/Takedown are: Sharon Lawin, Shelia Hotovec, Chris Hudson and Lynn Gray.

Sierra Mountain Quilters Association
General Meeting, April 3, 2014

President Kathy Millhollon called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm at the Oakhurst Community Center in Oakhurst, California. Kathy welcomed everyone to the meeting and led the Flag Salute. Kathy welcomed new and returning members. Kathy thanked all those who had birthdays in April for bringing refreshments for the meeting. She also thanked the greeters and the set-up committee for volunteering.

Old Business:

- The minutes for the March 6, 2014 meeting were approved
- The treasurer's Report for March 2014 was accepted/filed for audit.
- 1st Vice President Pat Pfankuchen reported that the Cuddle Quilts, made for the Cuddle Quilt Olympics, prize would be awarded at the May Ice Cream Social. Pat reported that there was one place left for the American Jane Workshop. She filled the opening.
- Virginia Corriea, Quilt Show, thanked Diane Martin for the beautiful article in the SMQA Newsletter. Virginia also thanked Betsy Blum for the wonderful Newsletter. She also reported that the post cards of the Opportunity Quilt are ordered.

New Business/Announcements:

- Chris Hudson, Mystery Quilt said she would be passing out the next step for the Quilt.
- Judy Andes said she would talk more about the Cuddle Quilts and show the Show Ball pattern at the Cuddle Quilt activity after the General Meeting.
- Sally Walker said that there were sign ups to display and sell tickets for the Opportunity Quilt.
- Kathy said the Opportunity Quilt would be on display at the Oakhurst Community Center Expo on May 3. There also would be a BBQ which will cost $5. The time is 9am to 1pm. It's being held for all non-profits in the area.
- Kathy said La Sierra Guild will be holding a Cinco de Mayo luncheon with lots of raffle baskets. It will be May 2 and cost for tickets is $15.00.
- Kathy also reminded everyone that the Summer Mini Quilt will be due at the June meeting.
- Joyce Granger told everyone about a Painted Quilt Art Class given by Pat Blain on June 4 & 5 in Coarsegold. She had sign ups and information about the class.
- Mel Peters held the attendance raffle.
- Lin Crow shared information about the fall retreat which will be September 8 – 11, 2014 at ECCO.
- Scholarship committee members Charlotte Hickman and Betsy Blum selected the SMQA Scholarship recipient.
  Charlotte said that Paige Peterson from Yosemite High School will be rewarded with a $300 Scholarship at the High Schools rewards night. P.J. Grant volunteered to present the scholarship the night of May 5, 2014.
- Virginia passed out Shop-hop Flyers and Mel Peters told the group about a rag time festival at Fresno Flats on April 11-13.

The Meeting was Adjourned at 6:25 pm followed by
Show& Tell
Refreshments
Program- Cuddle Quilts

Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Helen Ramsey

April 21, 2014

(Checking account)

Balance Forward (3/18/14)	$ 9,042.85
Income	$ 1,213.00
Expenses	$ 878.98
Bank Balance (3/18/14):	$ 9,376.87
CD	$ 16,835.
Savings	$ 11,616.

Future SMQA Programs

May 1 Ice Cream Social; bring a toping to share. Who will win the Cuddle Quilt Olympics? $125 Bear Paw certificate will be awarded.

June 5 & 6 *American Jane* returns with Sandy Klop, Trunk show and Friday workshop - *The Perennial Star*.

July 10 Barn Quilts - Suzi Parron

August 7 & 8 *The Disappearing Nine Patch with* Diane Mathews - Trunk show & Friday workshop.

September 4 & 5 Long Cabin with Janet Houts.

October 2 TBA

November 5 & 6 *Creative Self-Portraits* with Charlotte Rogers with workshop on Friday.

December 4 Christmas Party

Keep the programs coming by signing up for our workshops!

Quilting Circles by Sharon Lawin

Bits & Pieces will meet on Wednesday, May 7th at 11 a.m. at Patty Vincent's home. There will be the usual agenda, plus Charlotte will be doing a demo on piping. Bring your handwork. Carpoolers meet at Payless Shoes at 10:30 a.m.
(Dessert: Patty S).

The **Footloose** ladies will meet at Mountain Home School on May 5th and 19th. They will discuss the next group project and the Community Quilt. As always, bring "show and tell".

Sinta will be the hostess of the next **Material Girls** gathering. They will make a camera wrist holder. More info will be forthcoming. Club members meet at Sierra Telephone.

Sew Thrilled members will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of May, at 9:30 a.m. at various member's homes. They will be welcoming two new members at the next meeting. For further details, contact Linda Pennington.

The **Thursday Thimble's** plans for May are still developing.

The **Tuesday Strippers** will meet May 13th at Diane Browder's home.

Looks like **YoYo's** might have two meetings in May; Kathy and Vivian's. Due to jury duty, Kathy was having "fun" in Madera instead of the April meeting. But, the **YoYo's** plans can always change and be adjusted. Playing with fabric is number one on their list. Paint? Talk? Sew? Talk? Not sure what they will be doing, but fun is on the list!!

Presidents Message by Kathy Millhollon

Well Easter is over and it is time to resume getting all those cuddle quilts made before our May 2nd meeting. My sewing machine has been humming along and I will not be surprised to see several hundred quilts at our next meeting! Come to the ice cream social and see which group wins the grand prize for making the most quilts!

The first annual Oakhurst Community Expo is scheduled for Saturday May 3. There are 29 non-profit organizations participating and the Sierra Mountain Quilters will be displaying our Opportunity Quilt. We hope to sell many tickets for a chance to win this amazing quilt. Remember it is important for all members to take the quilt out and sell tickets at events you may be attending. It is our way to earn funds to enable us to have trunk shows, classes and guest speakers. Please help Sally Walker fill the schedule to show this beautiful quilt.

Have you started sewing your Mystery quilt? Chris Hudson will be handing out the third step at our May meeting. Also you should be working on your Summer Seasonal mini quilt (12" x 12") which will be shown at our meeting in June. Keep those machines busy……I just love to see the results. We have such talented quilters in these mountains!

A Quilters To Do List

I recently stumbled across a list of the top *100 things a Quilter Should Do*. Seriously, a bucket list for quilters. It is from a Quiltmaker blog post by Diane Harris. So, I was reading:

1. Visit a quilt shop. (Hello, we are quilters! No one needs to tell us this one)
2. Make a Nine Patch. (Yep)
3. Make a Log Cabin. (Been there, done that)
4. Label a quilt. (Always a good idea)
5. Figure yardage for a quilt. (See number one! This better get more interesting)
6. Learn about warp and weft. (Now, here is a good suggestion!)
7. Use a rotary cutter. (Thank God for rotary cutters, but they have been around awhile)

And so it went, some ideas were fresh and new, most were ho-hum. Until I reached number 31! I could not believe my eyes:

31. Sell raffle tickets on a quilt.

There it is fellow quilters, in black and white! I can make that item on the quilter's bucket list come true! The next time you see clipboards being passed around for Opportunity Quilt ticket sales at various locations, realize it is your opportunity to cross one more thing off your "Quilter's to do" list.

Contact me at 559 683-5316 or sallyjwalker@gmail.com and I will sign you up. You can thank me later.

Our 2015 Raffle Quilt : "Colonial Cockscomb"

See article in our April newsletter if you missed it.

American Jane - Sandy Klop workshop
June 6, 2014
Sign up now with Pat Pfankuchen.
Two spaces left!
$30 Member
$35 Non-Member

FALL RETREAT - Spaces Available!

The SMQA Fall Retreat will be held on September 8 - 11 this year. There are a few openings left for both full time and day use members. At the meeting on June 5 I will start collecting $100.00 deposits for full time retreaters and ½ of the total due for day campers. These fees will secure your reservation.

The cost this year will be:

Double room - $270.00
Quad room - $252.00
Day use - $34.00 for the 1st day (includes lunch)
$24.00 each additional day (includes lunch)
Day use - $51.00 for the 1st day (includes lunch & dinner)
$41.00 each additional day (lunch & dinner)
Dinner guests - $17.00

Schedule of payments:

By June – deposits of $100.00 (full time) Half of total amount due for day campers
By July - $80.00 for double rooms
$71.00 for quad rooms
Balance due for day campers
By Aug. - $80.00 for double rooms
$71.00 for quad rooms

If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 642-2673

Lin Crow

Team Jean

Looking confident for a Cuddle Quilt win.

The Crazy Mountain Girls

This feisty group on the left also looks ready for a “Cuddle” win!

Show and Tell: Toni Morton (top right) and Jeri Carney, a long arm quilter (bottom).

Mariposa Piece Makers

Outdoor Quilt Show

May 3, 2014

Mariposa Piece Makers is having their 2014 Outdoor Quilt Show during the annual Butterfly Festival May 3rd. http://mariposapiecemakers.com/2012_Quilt_Show.html

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Picking Daisy's - SLO

Modern Quilt Art Event

May 30, 31, June 1, 2014

http://sewslo.com

Renewing Member

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Don't forget to update your 2014 Directory - Submitted by Mel Peters

Amenities

A card was sent to

Diane Browder

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

Lissa Metzger	May 2
Ginnie Westfall	May 7
Kathy Millhollon	May 11
Patty Wiens	May 13
Tillie Helmer	May 19
Helen Ramsey	May 24
Chris Hartesveldt	May 25
Tara Locks	May 26
Mel Peters	May 26

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June 28, 2014, join Angie Steveson, Lunch Box Quilts founder for a great time of embroidery, appliqué, and quilting! Don't miss this special weekend event! Class Fee of $99 includes: Trunk Show Friday Night from 5:30 to 7:30pm.
Hands-On Lunch Box Quilts Class Saturday June 28 from 10:00 to 5:30pm.
New Class Alert! Learn Innovative Techniques, beginning sewing, quilting, machine embroidery, home decor, and garments.

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More April Show and Tell

Clockwise: PJ Grant, Diane Martin, California Sesquicentennial Quilt (see more info below), and Chris Hudson.

Sunday, May 18th 12 – 5 pm

California Heritage Quilt Project Presents

Sesquicentennial Quilt: A California Legacy

Appraisals: Treasured Family Quilts

- Celebrate the completion of the Sesquicentennial Quilt Exhibit. See the Quilt, the new interactive programming, and meet the Quilt's designers and appliqué and quilt artists.
- Learn about your treasured family quilts:
  Quilt appraisals by AQS-certified quilt appraisers Dawn Licker and Violet Vaughnes
  $10 per quilt. Oral appraisal only. Hours: 12 - 4:30 pm
  100% proceeds will benefit the Sesquicentennial Quilt Program.

2 pm Special Sesquicentennial Quilt Recognition and Celebration Program

The California Museum

1020 O Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
916-653-7524

Free admission to The California Museum Sunday, May 18 only

Sponsored by California Heritage Quilt Project (CHQP)

Sundays:
Free street and meter parking and Free 10th & O surface lot parking

About the Sesquicentennial Quilt

CHQP was asked by the California Sesquicentennial Commission to create a special quilt to celebrate the 150th anniversary of statehood and reflect the state's 58 counties through pictorial images. Helen Powell of CHQP enlisted award-winning artists Ellen Heck and Zena Thorpe to create a quilt that was "big and beautiful". Under their direction 67 appliqué artists from throughout California created vignettes of California's diverse geography, business, culture, and history. After 15 months, the quilt top was ready for more than 150 select expert quilters who hand quilted over the course of 8 months and 2000 hours. Finished, the Sesquicentennial Quilt is 10' x 10'. It toured California for two years and was seen by an estimated 4 million people. It is now on permanent exhibit at The California Museum and has been designated one of the museum's Signature Exhibits.

Contact us: californiaheritagequiltproject@gmail.com or Helen Powell @ 916-482-5220

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DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR NAME TAG TO THE MAY 1 MEETING!

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