



# Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting **April 4, 2019**

Oakhurst Community Center Pavilion

Greeters: **Sew Thrilled Circle**

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

**Presenter: Fern Royce**

## Programs and Workshops

At the March meeting, Lynn Gray, Rhonda Dewey & Loretta Pesetski kept us in stitches with their stories of life at home, work and social life.

On April 4<sup>th</sup>, the presenter will be Fern Royce with "How I Found the Liberated Pathway." The April 5<sup>th</sup> workshop is String Quilts. Please see Fern's website at [www.fernroycequilting.com](http://www.fernroycequilting.com) for inspiration.

Remember the May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting will have a Spring Cleaning Sale. You can participate in Spring Cleaning by renting a table for yourself or group for \$10. Sale will start at 5:30 p.m. I plan to look at other tables, so my table will be on the honor system with a jar for payment. Bring plenty of small bills/change.

And 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.

Please note that the John Egbert trunk show and workshop have been cancelled and will be rescheduled next year.

Laura Fisher, First Vice President



**Quilt Show Corner**

**"A Needle Pulling Thread"**

## Attention Vintage or Antique Quilt Owners!

Our quilt show in May will include a "bed turning" of antique, vintage, or unusual quilts. If you have any of these that you would like to be displayed, please contact me now. Several people had expressed an interest and I apologize for not making notes of all the names. If you know a history of the quilt because it is a family heirloom that is great. If you acquired the item at a yard sale or thrift store not to worry, there are reference books I have access to that will help determine the age by fabrics and block designs.

The bed turning will be on both days of the show at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. I look forward to this opportunity to show off your quilts!

Thank you,

PJ Grant

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## Sierra Mountain Quilters Association

March 7, 2019

### General Meeting Minutes

First Vice President Laura Fisher called the meeting to order at 6pm and led the flag salute. She expressed appreciation to the Sew Crafty Sewing Circle and the March birthday ladies for hospitality and refreshments. March birthdays and anniversaries were announced. She asked the quilt circles who have not signed up for hospitality to please do so.

Vice President Laura Fisher announced that the April program will be "How I found the Liberated Pathway" by Fern Royce and the workshop will be String Quilts. May is "Spring Cleaning" where members can buy a table for \$10 and sell our quilt supplies we no longer need. Sale will start at 5:30. There will not be a store at the Quilt Show. June is the Ice Cream Social and a workshop "Panel Paper Piecing" There was discussion about classes and minimum amount of participants necessary to hold the classes. Laura Fisher encouraged early sign up. Laura also announced that members can now sign up for the Fall Retreat September 16 to 19 at ECCO.

**Announcements:** There is an opening for a helper to the First Vice-President. Laura Ashley-Spencer noted we need to sell more tickets for the Opportunity Quilt. Sue Johnson discussed Cuddle Quilts patterns and the new incentive program for completing quilts. Quilt Show: The dead line for submitting a quilt for the show is April 1<sup>st</sup>. Linda Pennington announced that information and sign-ups are on-line. Great job Linda Pennington and Sally Walker on the entry forms. There was discussion about the requirements for the entries. Sinta Boreland and Jeri Carny discussed some of the jobs that need to be filled for the quilt show. Chris Hudson announced the Best of Valley Show April 5 to 7 and Fresno Quilt and Craft show the April 25 to 27 where we will show our Opportunity Quilt. Quilt Circles: Anything With Fabric and Sew Crafty are open. Chris Hudson and Joanie Madaus will be hosting a New Member Support event at the Cool Bean on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10 a.m.

Nancy Swanson made a motion to accept the January General Meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter. Mel Peters seconded the motion. Motion carried. There were no questions or corrections regarding the Treasurer's Report as printed in the January newsletter. The Treasurer's report was therefore filed for audit as submitted. Helen Brown reported that we had 47 members present. Door prize drawings were held.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. The next SMQA General Meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 4th at 6:00 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Laura Gonzalez, Secretary

**April Birthdays**

Gray, Lynn	4/1
Platz, Mary	4/3
Cox, Sharon	4/10
Hotovec, Sheila	4/12
Harvey, Georgia	4/14
Effle, Shawna	4/16
Gonzalez, Laura	4/16
Walker, Sally	4/18
Fisher, Laura	4/26
Baxter, Donna	4/28
Williams, Margie	4/28
Bauer, Pat	4/30

*We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!*

*The birthday ladies are requested to bring snacks to share for our April meeting.*



**Treasurer's Report**

By Kay Marshall  
February 2019  
Checking Account

Balance (2-1-19)	\$4,644.73
Deposits in February	5,123.75
Expenses in February	-5,051.86

**Balance (2-28-19) \$4,716.62**

**Savings : \$18,197.29**  
**CD: \$16,903.52**



**Amenities**

*Cards were sent to:*

Lin Crow	Sympathy
John Harkless	Sympathy
Charlotte Hickman	Sympathy
Dave Martin (Diane)	Thinking of you
Mel Peters	Get Well

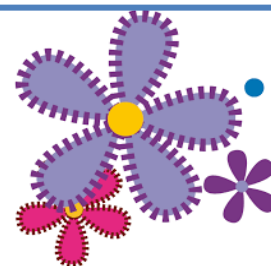
Contact **Linda** if you know a member who would appreciate us thinking of them.

**HELP WANTED**

There is an opening for a helper to the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President. At this time, it will involve some housekeeping chores of unlocking doors, getting equipment from storage and setting it up for meetings and workshops. Contact Laura Fisher

**April Holidays**

April 1	April Fool's Day
April 1	International Tatting Day
April 9	National Library Workers' Day
April 12	Grilled Cheese Day
April 20	First Day of Passover
April 21	Easter Sunday
April 26	Arbor Day



## Quilting Circles

*April 2019*

The newsletter will no longer carry the list of monthly circle meetings as many of the current circles are closed to new members due to space constraints. 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. Otherwise, the circle members will be in touch with the members of their respective circles about dates and times of their own meetings.

For those of you who are interested in starting or joining a group, please let us know so we can help you. Circles are an excellent mentoring support group for sewing hints, color or design feedback, encouragement to start or finish projects, individual or community group projects, making new friends, and generally having fun. Contacts: Joanie Madaus and Deb Austin.

At this time the *Anything With Fabric* circle is happy to welcome new members. They 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.



## President's Notes

Hello from your traveling President. I am looking forward to the April meeting. Winter will be over and Spring will be here. The wildflowers are starting to bloom and the hills are so green. I love this time of year.

I would like to thank Laura for standing in for me and running the meeting in March. Fern Royce will be speaking at the April meeting. I am looking forward to all of your Show 'n' Tells.

Also, please be thinking about what job you would like to do at the Quilt Show. See all of you April 4th.

Patty

## CUDDLE CORNER

Wow! We're getting off to a great start! Since the beginning of the year, we've received around 50 quilts from our guild members! Think of all the people you are keeping warm!! We are so grateful for your generosity of time and skills. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

We've made several deliveries to very enthusiastic recipients. We've given 10 quilts and 23 wheelchair bags to Oakhurst Healthcare, 12 quilts to Valley Children's, 15 quilts to Hinds Hospice and five afghans to Helping Hands. Not bad, ladies! We've also renewed our involvement with Victim's Services & will be making a distribution to them shortly.



Don't forget the CQ Sewing Meeting the 3rd Wednesday of each month. In April, that will be on the 17th. We meet at Oakhurst Library from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Come and sew, make kits, or just drop by to say hi and pick up a kit to do at home! And don't forget: 5 cuddle quilts = a spool of Aurifil thread! Thanks again for all your excellent work!



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 **Mennonite Quilt Center**

**BIG PRE INVENTORY SALE**  
 MARCH 23 - 29

**GUILD DAY SECOND SATURDAY**

**T-Shirt Quilt Class**  
 April 2 & 16  
 Kathleen Heinrichs

**\*\*Learn to Sew\*\***  
 Thursdays in May  
 Judi Ratzlaff

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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](mailto:lpenni@sti.net)  
Deadline is 20th of each month.

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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