



# Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting **August 1, 2019**

**Oakhurst Community Center**

Greeters: **Carolyn Gaither and Helen Ramsey**

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

Program: **Dora Cary presents "My Path to Fearless Quilting"**

## Programs and Workshops

### AUGUST

We are pleased to have Dora Cary present "My Path to Fearless Quilting" on August 1st. On her website, [orangedotquilts.com](http://orangedotquilts.com), she says she loves quilting for the creativity and freedom of expression it offers. She will share some of her quilts as well as her favorite quilting techniques and tools.

The Friday workshop, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, is "Make It Modern". Dora will discuss what makes a quilt modern and show us how to create a modern quilt inspired by a traditional pattern. She will also share her No Basting quilting technique. The cost for the workshop is \$35 for members, plus \$10 each for patterns.

### SEPTEMBER

The speaker at the September meeting is Laurel Anderson presenting "The Search for Perfect Applique" The workshop on September 6th is "Wild Roses Applique." More information and sign-up will be available at August meeting.



## FALL RETREAT at ECCO

September 16 to 19, 2019

The Fall Retreat is now almost full. There are a couple of one-or-two-day spots available. \$29.00 per day includes lunch. Contact Teri De la Torre if you want to get one of these last spots for our annual Fall fun days of sewing.

**Sierra Mountain Quilters Association****July 11, 2019****General Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Betsy Anne Youngholm at 6 p.m. Betsy Anne welcomed our members and guests. She expressed appreciation to the greeters and refreshment table set up as well as the birthday ladies who provided the refreshments. She also welcomed members of the Heart of California Quilt Guild from Madera who brought an opportunity quilt and sold tickets. Betsy Anne led the Flag Salute and announced the program on August 1<sup>st</sup>: presenter Dora Cary, with a "Make it Modern" class on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Introductions of the new Bear Paw owners, Karen and Maria, were made. Karen and Maria shared their plans for Bear Paw and left questionnaires for the membership to fill out. They welcome feedback about what we would like to see happen with the shop. They plan a grand opening on August 3, 2019.

Second Vice President Joanie Madaus read a letter requesting a community quilt for the EMCSPCA and asked for volunteers. Lissa Metzger and Patty Wiens volunteered.

Sue Johnson announced that the next Cuddle Quilts session has been moved to July 31, 2019 due to conflicts with the library reading program. She shared that 50 items, 19 of which were quilts, were turned in last month. She showed an isolette cover made at Valley Children's Hospital's request. Since these are both time consuming and expensive to make, they will be making six for now. Sue is looking for volunteers; fabric and instructions will be provided.

Nancy Swanson made a motion, seconded by Sharon Weaver, to accept the June minutes as printed in the newsletter. The motion carried. There were no changes to the June Treasurer's report so it will be filed for audit.

Membership Chair, Helen Brown, reported there are 57 members and four guests present. Door prize drawings were held. Quilt Show Chair, Jeri Carney, reported that she and Sinta are still collecting and reviewing the Quilt Show Committee books. They will bring in pictures of proposed Opportunity Quilt patterns for the membership to vote on. They plan to schedule a committee meeting sometime after the first of the year.

Rhonda Lloyd gave a report on Donna stating that she is still very frail but is very happy the shop has been sold and Donna sent thanks to everyone for all that has been done for her. She loves the book that was made for her. Teri De La Torre reported that 22 people are signed up for the Fall Retreat, but there are a few spots for one or two days. The retreat is September 16-19, 2019. Charlotte Hickman reported that there are still five seats for the PIQF show on October 19, 2019. Cost is \$65.

Free sew will be from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Following show and tell, there will be paper piecing demonstrations by Vivian Capone, Laura Fisher and Diane Matthews.

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

Respectfully submitted, Laura Gonzalez, Secretary.

### August Birthdays

Burrow, Kathy	8/10
Youngholm, Betsy Anne	8/15
Baker, Sammie	8/18
Williams, Michelle	8/19
Brand, Mary	8/26
Mason, Nancy	8/29

*We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!*

*The birthday ladies are requested to bring snacks to the meeting.*



### Quilting Circles

*August 2019*

*Contact: Marian Romero*

#### Anything with Fabric

All are welcome to join our circle at anytime! For those who wish to “check us out”, here is information you will need. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at the Oakhurst Library Community Room from 9 am to 1 pm. Please bring your own sewing supplies and project to work on. Contact: Rhonda Dewy and Constance Peterson

#### Yoyo’s

We are scheduled to meet August 19th at Myra Algots. Due to health issues, we were not able to meet in July. Really hoping all goes well and everyone will be feeling wonderful in August. Stay healthy everyone!

#### Treasurer’s Report

By Kay Marshall

June 2019

#### Checking Account

(Balance 6-1-19)	\$9,729.33
Deposits in June	+ 326.00
Expenses in June	- 702.20

**Balance (6-30-19) \$9,353.13**

**Savings: \$18,200.33**

**CD: \$16,928.88**

On August 14, 1945, Japan surrendered, ending World War II.

### Amenities

*Cards were sent to:*

Toodie Brendle	Sympathy
Linda Miller	Thinking of you
Pat Bauer	Thinking of you
Nancy Hyde	Thinking of you

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

### AROUND AND ABOUT

Los Banos Quilt Show, September 7 & 8.  
Sponsored by the Los Banos Arts Council

Harvest Hop, September 12-14. Info available at [quiltersharvesthop.net](http://quiltersharvesthop.net)

Kings River Quilt Show, September 20 & 21

PIQF, Santa Clara Convention Center, October 17-20, 2019

## BLOCK OF THE MONTH

The *Block of the Month* schedule announces the phrases for the next two months

October        It's a Hoot!  
November      Thank You

Contact Joanie Madaus or Deb Austin with any questions.

## President's Notes

Hello Everyone,

Can you believe it is August? 2019 is just flying by!!! I would like to THANK the Board for doing the July meeting. It has been a rough couple of months for our family, and the Board stepped in and took over. I so appreciate all of them. I heard the July meeting went well.

Dora Cary will be our guest presenter and teacher. If you have not signed up for the class, you still have time at the August meeting.

We are all thankful that we have two great businesswomen who bought Bear Paw. Please remember to fill out your questionnaires. If you bring them to the meeting, I will make sure they get to Karen and Maria.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the August meeting.

*Patty*

## It's a Mystery!

The 2019 Mystery is a beginner friendly block and creates a dazzling quilt with more than 14 lay-out options! Or you can just make a table runner. After you find out just how quick and easy these blocks go together, you are going to want to make all 48 blocks to finish a 55' x 74" quilt. Clues are distributed at each meeting. Contact Sally Walker with any questions.



## CUDDLE CORNER

You all have been sewing so much that we're running out of kits! What a good problem to have!

We're also ready to move forward on the Isolette Covers for the NICU at Valley Children's Hospital. We will have kits & instructions ready for these at our August 1st guild meeting. We only need a few volunteers to take on this project as right now we can only make 6. Please see me or Joan Earnest if you'd like to sew one of these. Should be fun and different!

Thanks again for all the contributions to the Cuddle Quilt program. I'm overwhelmed by your generosity & talent!

Next Cuddle Quilt sewing is August 21st at the Oakhurst Community Library. Contact Sue Johnson or Joan Earnest



On August 26, 1920, the U.S. Congress passed the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote.

**JULY SMQA MEETING PHOTOS**



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3	National Mustard Day
9	Book Lover's Day
10	Lazy Day
17	National Thriftshop Day
21	Senior Citizens Day
27	Just Because Day
31	National Trail Mix Day



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 Nov 15-16

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

### BOARD MEMBERS

President	Patty Spinelli
First Vice President	Betsy Anne Youngholm
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 [betsy@youngholm.com](mailto:betsy@youngholm.com)  
Deadline is 20th of each month.

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Amenities	Linda Miller
Member Services	Chris Hudson
Circles	Marian Romero
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Historian	Lynn Gray
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