



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting **October 1, 2015**

Oakhurst Community Center Pavilion

Doors open at 5:30

Business meeting at 6:00 followed by Show & Tell

Program: Guest Speaker Linda Ballard

October Program

Linda Ballard, our guest speaker this month, is a popular teacher with a lot to share and energy galore.

At the October meeting Linda Ballard will introduce us to a game made for quilters: "Strip Poker!" You'll be playing a short version of the original card game using strips of fabric as your 'chips.' The fun part of this game is that everyone goes home a winner!

To play, bring to the meeting: 27 strips 2-1/2" x 42" (selvage to selvage) of 100% cotton fabrics. Only have 10 strips? Bring them to join the game and have fun!

If you have any quilts made using strips, please bring them for show and tell. It will be fun to see all the different patterns.



If you are enrolled in the class to be held on October 2, precut your fabric for Magic Mountain. The instructions are for a 4-block wall hanging or a 9-block quilt. Handouts are available from Betsy or Amy.

Linda will be selling her patterns for \$12 each.

Special Note:

Linda is highly sensitive to any fragrances including cologne, lotions, talcum, pets, etc.



To make our guest comfortable we request that you **please refrain from using any fragrances** the day of the meeting as well as Linda's class, if attending.



November Program

The Traveling Quilters—Virginia and Mel

These two travel bugs will entertain us with tales of their trips to the southeast, mid-west (U.S.) and Costa Rica. Don't miss it!

December Program

Our December meeting will be held at El Cid Restaurant. There will be installation of officers, mystery quilt reveal as well as show and tell. Check future newsletters for more information.

Sierra Mountain Quilters Association

General Meeting, September 3, 2015

President Kathy Millhollon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Oakhurst Community Center. Kathy welcomed everyone and led the flag salute. Kathy wished a Happy Birthday to those who have a September birthday and thanked the birthday girls for bringing refreshments. Kathy also thanked the greeters Pat Bauer and Colette Wear and welcomed guests noting one new member. The Minutes for August 6, 2015, were approved as written in the Newsletter by motion of Toni Morton and seconded by Nancy Swanson. The Treasurer's report was approved and filed for audit.

Old Business:

Kathy Millhollon noted that the By-Laws and the Policies and Procedures are available on the website. Kathy Millhollon urged that anyone who is interested in the available elected positions to contact the Nominating Committee: Virginia Corriea, Sharon Cox or Chris Hudson.

New Business:

Betsy Blum, 1st Vice President, advised that Linda Ballard will present the workshop on October 2nd on Magic Mountain, a floating star block in a mountain motif, with a card game made for quilters called "strip poker" scheduled for the October 1st guild meeting. Due to allergies of our guest, these two meetings need to be fragrance free.

Patty Spinelli invited the members that made 12" x 12" mini quilts with a theme based on a poem or book to present their creations.

Lin Crow and Nancy Swanson volunteered for the audit committee to review and audit the Treasurer's records before the end of the year

The new caretakers for the Community Center agreed to handle the setup and take down for our meetings. Kathy Millhollon advised applications are being accepted for a community quilt which is made every other year for a non-profit group.

Announcements:

Kathy Millhollon advised that Tillie Helmer had a heart attack, and Barbara Mattice just received word that her son was diagnosed with cancer.

Lin Crow reported on the SMQA Fall Retreat scheduled for September 21 - 24th at ECCO.

Linda Miller, Amenities, asked that if there are any requests for cards while she is on vacation, that they be referred to Kathy Millhollon.

Donna Baxter advised of the "Big Sister" program for those who need someone to answer a quilting question or lend a helping hand. Donna also stated that she has a collection of dolls and Barbie dolls available for sale from a family member that passed away.

Jean Richter noted that Sharon Lawin is moving away and donated quilting books that will be available for the guild members during the refreshment break.

Marian Romero has volunteered to help with the "Circles" for Sharon Lawin. She will be sending out an email to make sure the contact information is correct and asked that each of the "Circle" groups respond.

Trudy Kinsel held the raffle ticket drawing. Show and Tell was held, including a presentation of approximately thirty cuddle quilts that were made by the Wednesday Wildflower Circle Group.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m. followed by: refreshments and a presentation on "Everything you wanted to know about SMQA, but were afraid to ask".

Respectfully submitted by Margie Williams, Secretary

New Members

POWELL, Nina
 31511 Ridgewood Way
 North Fork, CA 93643
 Home: 877-8787
 Work: 642-4088
 Cell: 760-9976
 Email: astillness@yahoo.com
 DOB: 3/14

Please add this new member to your Directory and make her feel welcome at our meetings.



October Holidays

Oct 12	Columbus Day
Oct 16	Boss's Day
Oct 17	Sweetest Day
Oct 31	Halloween

Greeters for 2015

October	Sammie Baker Susan Campbell
November	Judy Andes Sally Walker
December	Georgia Harvey Betty Fish

2015 SMQA Meeting Dates

October 1
 November 5
 December 3

October Birthdays

Borland, Sinta	10/1
Peterson, Constance	10/4
Stull, Sharon K.	10/6
Dimoree, Melanie	10/16
Miller, Linda	10/8
Skowronski, Barbara	10/16
Grant, P J	10/20
Blum, Betsy	10/25
Ziebarth, Mary	10/25
Dewey, Rhonda	10/29
Craig, Sharon	10/30
Underwood, Tamara	10/31

**Please bring birthday snacks to our
 October 1 meeting
 We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!**

Amenities

Tillie Helmer
 Barbara Mattice

Contact **Linda Miller** if you know a member who would appreciate us thinking of them. 683-6007

Quilting Circles

by Marian Romero

October, 2015

BITS & PIECES meets Wednesday, October 7, 11:30 a.m. at Colette's home. Bring salad toppings, (Bread - Charlotte, dessert - Mel). Bring handwork and ideas for our next group project. Carpoolers meet at Payless Shoes in Oakhurst at 11 a.m.

The **FOOTLOOSE** members will meet on October 5th and 19th at Chris' place, 4 – 6 p.m.

We'll be working on our current group project. If you have any questions please give Chris a call. As always, if you have projects to share bring them along!

MATERIAL GIRLS will meet on Tuesday, October 13 at Bear Paw at 1:00 p.m.. Please bring ideas towards our new project.

SEW THRILLED members will meet on Wednesday, October 14th and 28th. For information call Linda Pennington.

The **THURSDAY THIMBLES** will be meeting at Helen Ramsey's home about 9:30 a.m. on October 22nd. Let's talk holiday plans.

The **TUESDAY STRIPPERS** will meet on October 13th at Barbara Skowronski's home.

WEDNESDAY WILDFLOWERS members will meet at the YLP clubhouse on October 14th. If you were doing a block for Rhonda, please be sure to bring it. We will discuss our Christmas party as well as cuddle quilts. Bring your lunch or you can eat in the Blue

Heron. Come any time after 9:30. Call Sandy at 683-6309 if you have any questions.

YOYO'S are running out of town in October, all the way to the beach for fun and laughter. Maybe even some quilting or knitting!

Big/Little Sisters

Are you new to SMQA? If so, perhaps you need someone to answer quilting questions and lend a helping hand.

How about a Big Sister?

Contact Donna Baxter at 559 658-5933 or konaglen@sti.net



2015 Quilt Shows

Oct 3 - 4

Ladies of the Lake Quilt Guild
Featured Quilter: Judy Sisernos
Lakeport, CA

Kathy's Korner

Our nominating committee, Virginia Corriea, Sharon Cox and Chris Hudson, has been hard at work looking for nominees for the 2016 elected board positions. I am pleased to announce the proposed list of nominees:

President	Chris Hudson
1 st Vice President	Betsy Blum
2 nd Vice President	Trudy Kinsel
Secretary	Margie Williams
Treasurer	Sharon Cox

We will be voting to accept the proposed slate of nominees at our November meeting and installation will be at our December Christmas Party.

Thank you to the nominating committee for all their hard work and congratulations to everyone willing to serve as an officer on our next board. I am looking forward to a great 2016 and can't wait to see the new ideas, board members and schedule of activities.

Many thanks also to Nancy Swanson and Lin Crow for volunteering to perform the annual audit. It is important for each and every member to participate, volunteer and contribute to the success of our guild.

There are many activities and tasks that make our guild successful. Support from our guild members is essential and is greatly appreciated.

12x12 Quilt Challenge

Create a 12" x 12" quilt showing your idea of Christmas. Or, if you prefer, you may just make something using the color red. These will be shown at the December meeting.

I hope everyone will participate. Have fun!

Patty Spinelli

Boo!



Treasurer's Report

by H. Ramsey

September, 2015

(Checking Account)

Balance Forward (7/31/15)	\$21,505.47
Income	\$ 275.00
Expenses	\$ 2,463.53
Bank Balance (8/31/15)	\$19,316.94
CD:	\$16,858.16
Savings:	\$11,624.42

October Birth Flower

October's birth flower is the **pumpkin bloom**.



Just kidding--it's actually the **marigold**. Marigolds are often given as a sign of warm or fierce, undying love, or as a way of saying that you're

content with being the recipient. The other October flower is **cosmo**, a symbol of order, peace and serenity.

Spring Retreat will be held March 3 through March 6, 2016 held at ECCO. Georgia Harvey and Betty Fish will be our leaders for Spring retreats.

TIPS

Make sure you always use only cotton thread when stitching older fabrics because synthetic threads (even cotton-covered polyester) are likely to damage or cut the fabric.



Member submissions will be published. Please send your tips to lpenni@sti.net.

September 2015 Meeting



Nina won!



Patty showing Storybook mini-quilts



Wildflowers Circle





Sierra Fiber Arts
 7462 N Fresno Street
 Fresno, Ca 93720
 (Fresno Street at Alluvial)
 559-432-8900
sierrafiberarts.com

Complete the learner's class's (\$50) and rent the Longarm Machine for \$15 per hour and quilt your own quilt.

Your Local Bernina, Melco and Tin Lizzie Longarm Dealer, Hours 10:00 to 6:00pm M-F, 10:00 to 5:00 Saturday, Closed Sunday

Do you need any Quilter's thread, Machine Embroidery, Decorative, Serger or Longarm thread? We also have a selection of yarns, inks, paints and other fiber arts items. **Check our selection!** **New Class Alert!** Learn Innovative Techniques, Beginning Sewing, Quilting, Machine Embroidery, Home Decor, and Garments. Test drive a new Bernina today! We offer lifetime lessons on your new machine. We are your local community store and we are here to help you.



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TAG AT THE NEXT MEETING!**

BOARD MEMBERS

President	Kathy Millhollon
First Vice President	Betsy Blum
Second Vice President	Patty Spinelli
Treasurer	Helen Ramsey
Secretary	Margie Williams

*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
Big/Little Sisters	Donna Pike-Baxter
Circles	Marian Romero
Cuddle Quilts	Judy Andes & Lissa Metzger
Historian	Donna Pike-Baxter
Hospitality	Footloose Circle
Librarian	Jean Richter
Membership	Mel Peters
Newsletter	Linda Pennington
Parliamentarian	Jullie Vasquez
Quilt Show Chair	Virginia Corriea & Sharon Cox
Webmaster	Sally Walker