



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Presidents Message

Well, it is August again and it looks like we will be having several more weeks of 100+ degree temperatures. That means I will be staying indoors and catching up on a lot of sewing. I just finished two small quilts for Christmas, yes I'm already thinking about Christmas and you should too. Sharon Lawin will be kicking off the Christmas Table Runner Challenge at the next meeting and anyone wanting to participate will be able to purchase a fat quarter and join the fun. We will also be having a guest speaker and trunk show, our own Diane Matthews will return and tell us the story about her Disappearing Nine Patch quilts. Susan Campbell will be introducing a new block exchange; Chris Hudson will be handing out the next steps for the mystery quilt and don't forget to finish your autumn 12" x 12" mini quilts before the September meeting. There are plenty of

projects to keep everyone busy for the next few months.

I hope you are having a wonderful summer, staying cool, sewing up a storm and will join us for the August meeting!

We also want to thank Suzi Parron for a wonderful presentation about Barn Quilts.

Kathy Millhollon



Program:

August 7 *The Disappearing Nine Patch*
with Diane Mathews - A Trunk show

Friday workshop, sign up now with Pat
Pfankuchen

Greeters - Sheila Hotovec and Sharon Cox

Setup/Takedown -Chris Hudson, Caroline
Gaither, Helen Ramsey and
Susan Campbell

August 7, 2014

Meeting Schedule

Pavilion at the Oakhurst Community Center

Doors open at 5:30

Business Meeting @ 6pm

Refreshments provided by
August birthday ladies!

**Sierra Mountain Quilters Association
General Meeting, July 10, 2014**

President Kathy Millhollon called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at the Oakhurst Community Center in Oakhurst, California. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and then led the flag salute. Kathy introduced two new members and guests. Kathy recognized those having birthdays and anniversaries for the month. She thanked the greeters and the set-up committee. She also asked for volunteers for the set up committee and for greeters for future meetings.

Old Business/Reports:

- The minutes for the July 10, 2014 meeting were approved
- The Treasurer's report was accepted/filed for audit.
- 1st Vice President Pat Pfankuchen reported on up-coming events;
 - On August 8, 2014, Diane Mathews will give a workshop on the Disappearing Nine Patch.
 - September is still in the planning.
 - November will be portraits by Charlotte Rogers
 - December will be the Christmas party
- Linda Pennington asked for small quilts and pillows, and mattresses for the cradles that the Wood Workers Association are making. She handed out instructions.
- Lin Crow talked about the fall retreat. It will be held September 8 - 11, 2014 at ECCO.
- Sharon Lawin showed the fabric chosen for the Christmas Table Runner for December.

New Business/Announcements

- Mystery Quilt clues for July were given out.
- Reminder that the Fall Seasonal Mini Quilt will be due at the September meeting.
- Kathy sadly reported that Bebe Hausmann passed away on Monday, July 7, 2014.
- Sally Walker had sign-up sheets for upcoming events to sell tickets for the SMQA Opportunity Quilt.
- Jean Richter held the raffle for the members and guest in attendance for the evenings meeting. She also announced that there were 45 members at the meeting. (2 new members and 4 guests)

Meeting Adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Followed by Show and Tell, Refreshments
And the program: Suzi Parron –Barn Quilts

Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Helen Ramsey

Treasurer's Report

July 17, 2014

Bank Balance: \$ 10,918.36

NO change to CD \$ 16,835. or
Savings \$ 11,616

Another Use for Scraps

The San Joaquin Fine Woodworkers Association is in full swing creating wood toys for their annual Christmas donations. One of the items in progress is a darling cradle which is given with a mattress, pillow, quilt and rag doll. The woodworkers are requesting quilt guilds make these items to be added to the cradle.

So, Ladies, get out those scraps or left over blocks you've been saving and start sewing! These are quick and easy to create. Please bring your finished items to our monthly meeting. Linda Pennington will collect the completed items and pass them on to the Woodworkers.

All fabrics must be washable

Finished sizes:

Cradle Quilt: 16" to 18" square

Cradle Pillow: 4" x 5-1/2"

Cradle Mattress: 5-1/2" x 16"

You may make the quilt pillow case style or with a binding.

The mattress and pillow can be made from muslin and stuffed with polyester stuffing or batting.

submitted by Linda Pennington

Cuddle Quilt Report

submitted by Judy Andes

Thanks to Jullie Vasquez for the work of doing labels for our cuddle quilts. Recently, we donated 10 quilts to the Women's Crisis Center in Mariposa and 15 quilts to the Oakhurst Wellness Center in July.

The ladies of **Bits & Pieces** will be enjoying their annual August retreat at Wilsonia.

The **Footloose Group** will meet from 4 to 6 pm on August 11th and 25th. Location not yet firmed up. Footloose ladies watch your email for updates.

Saturday, August 23rd will be the **Material Girls** annual Saturday afternoon salad luncheon meeting. They will meet at 11:30 am at Rhonda's home for a wonderful lunch and fun time.

The **Sew Thrilled** members will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of August at various member's homes. For details, contact Linda Pennington.

Kay Marshall will host the **Thursday Thimbles** on August 28th. Please RSVP if you cannot attend.

The **Tuesday Strippers** will meet on August 12th at Joan Steskal's home.

August 18th will find the **YoYo's** at Peggy's home. Always into mischief...but, sworn not to tell...oh, well, planning a get away!

Quilt Shows

Harvest of Colors - a members' showcase quilt show

www.coastalquilters.org

September 20-21

10 to 5pm

**Earl Warren Showgrounds
Santa Barbara CA**

Featuring Route 66 Quilts

Recommended Quilt Site

Lori Holt has a great book out called "Quilty Fun" it has her Bee Bonnet Row along quilt. Check it out. The web site for the the quilt I made is "[Quilty Fun Sew Along and Blog Tour – Fat Quarter Shop's Jolly Jabber](#)". Click under the apple picture on PDF (and all other pictures) and a clip board comes up with instructions on the quilt I made.

Also, go to Lori's blog at <http://beeinmybonnetco.blogspot.com>

Submitted by Dianne Archibald - SMQA Member

Membership and Opportunity Quilt Tickets

Jean Richter will be greeting you and taking care of your membership needs in August. Kay Marshall will be in charge of collecting money and distributing additional raffle tickets. I will be away at our cabin in the higher mountains (Elev. 6800'.) Happy Summer to all!

Mel Peters

Future SMQA Programs

August 7 & 8 *The Disappearing Nine Patch* with Diane Mathews - Trunk show & Friday workshop, sign up now with Pat Pfankuchen.

September 4 TBA

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!

NEW MEMBERS

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Please make our new members feel welcome at our meetings.

August Birthdays

Anneliese Krader *Aug 3*
Rhonda Stoltenberg *Aug 13*
Kassy Ferguson *Aug 18*
Sammie Baker *Aug 18*
Mary Brand *Aug 26*
Nancy Mason *Aug 29*

Don't forget to bring birthday snacks to our August 7 meeting. And we wish you all a Happy Birthday.



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Amenities

Tillie Helmer

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

August 25, 2014 @ 1pm

Yosemite Bank Community Room



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DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR NAME
TAG TO THE AUGUST 7TH MEETING!

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