



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting **May 4, 2017**
 Oakhurst Community Center Pavilion
 Greeters: Sue Johnson & Sharon Weaver
 Doors open at 5:30; Business meeting at 6:00
 Program: **Cuddle Quilt Recipients**

May Meeting

Cuddle Quilt Recipient Agencies

The May 4th meeting program will be presentations by representatives from three of our cuddle quilt recipient agencies. We are pleased to welcome Sharon Reeves, Activities Director, from Oakhurst Healthcare and Wellness; Sharon Barker from Bass Lake Victim Services; and Angela Bisel, Volunteer Coordinator, and Jill McCathary, Community Outreach Liaison, from Hinds Hospice.

They will tell us a little about their respective agencies, their clients, and how our cuddle quilts are used by their clients. With the energy and creativity you all put into our Cuddle Quilt program, It will be interesting to hear something about who our quilts actually go to and how much they are appreciated by these individuals.

See you on the 4th.

Betsy Anne Youngholm

12" x 12" Challenge - A Stitch In Time

If you are participating in our Quilt Show Challenge, be sure to bring your completed entry to the May meeting!!!

Upcoming Events:

The quilt show is almost here! We are all busy finishing our quilts. In May Betsy

Anne will have a program from the organizations that receive our cuddle quilts.

Our June meeting will be a trunk show with Cindy Wiens. She has a blog: A Colorful Life.

In July calories don't count at the annual Ice Cream Social.

August will bring Patsy Carpenter, a certified Judy Niemeyer instructor. Patsy will do a trunk show and Mini Stars table runner class. The cost for class will be \$40 and you will need to purchase a pattern. Sign up soon! There is a lot of interest in this class.

Lyn Mann will be here in September with "There is no such thing as ugly material." More on this next month.

Penni Simily



Sierra Mountain Quilters Association

General Meeting, April 6, 2017

President Chris Hudson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Oakhurst Community Center, and led in the flag salute. She thanked Joanie Madaus and Deb Austin for being greeters, the April birthday ladies for refreshments, and Sharon Weaver for setting up the table for refreshments. Members with April anniversaries were recognized. Chris thanked Linda Pennington for the newsletter – twelve pages, Sally Walker for the website, and Chris Hartesveldt for the use of her backyard for the opportunity quilt photos.

Chris Hudson asked for a volunteer to be Sergeant-at-Arms. Wendy Holt volunteered. Chris reminded everyone to silence their cell phones and to not have side conversations.

By motion of Toni Morton, seconded by Pat Pfankuchen, the March 2, 2017, General Meeting minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's report was approved as printed in the newsletter and the report was filed for audit.

- Penni Simily/1st Vice President thanked everyone for purchasing fabric that was donated by JoAnn Waters; announced that cuddle quilt recipients will give a presentation on their programs at the May meeting; Cindy Wiens will do a trunk show in June, the ice cream social will be held in July, and Patsy Carpenter will do a paper piecing workshop in August.
- Sandy Johnson/2nd Vice President announced that 37 squares were received for the 12 ½ inch rail fence block and the drawing was held for the blocks. Sandy explained the block for the May meeting, nine-patch flower applique.
- Betsy Anne Youngholm/Cuddle Quilts announced that recipients of the cuddle quilts will give presentations on their programs at the May meeting. A sewing workshop on cuddle quilts will be held on April 18th at Bear Paw.
- Jean Richter/Library – no report.
- Marian Romero/Circles asked that the circle reports be concise for the newsletter.
- Jullie Vasquez/Membership advised that 71 people were present, including a new member, and she asked the guests to sign in. The door prize drawing was held.
- Committee reports were given for the Quilt Show: Donna Baxter and Constance Peterson/Quilt Show Co-Chairs advised that Kathy Millhollon is retaking pictures of members that are entering quilts. Laura Ashley-Spencer noted that \$5,026 has been received in total raffle ticket sales to date. Rhonda Lloyd and PJ Grant commented on upcoming opportunities to show the quilt and sell tickets. Charlotte Hickman provided information on the country store, asked that those who plan to sell items to contact her so she can update the sellers list, and asked for signups to help. Peggy McKnelly for Nancy Swanson is looking for members to sign up to white glove. Helen Ramsey is taking signups for security at the entrance and exit doors. Patti Spinelli asked for help with set-up and take down, and showed an example of a "stitch in time" for the mini 12 x 12-inch challenge – these will be collected at the May meeting. Linda Pennington noted the entry form is available on the Guild's website and that more entries are needed. Rhonda Dewey and Rhonda Lloyd provided information on the delivery and pickup of entries and requirements for a four-inch sleeve. Kathy Millhollon is retaking the pictures for members that are entering the Quilt Show. Diane Martin asked members to help distribute note cards about the Quilt Show to quilt shops in various regions of the State, and to help distribute posters advertising the Show. Betsy Anne Youngholm is taking signups for the food booth. Bev Williams is taking signups for the entrance table.
- Sally Walker/Mystery Quilt project handed out the second clue and noted that three patterns are still available. She also reminded everyone that the Quilt Show entry form is on the website.
- Betsy Blum announced that the second free sew day will be held on April 7th.
- Chris Hudson read a thank you letter from the San Joaquin Woodworkers for the donations from the Guild, and asking for 12-15 inch fully dressed dolls. She read an email from Sharon Stull – she is scheduled for hip replacement surgery on Friday. She read a thank you card from Donna Henning – she is scheduled for surgery on April 13th. Rhonda Lloyd noted that she is creating a "team Donna" list for people who are willing to help with transportation. Jullie Vasquez thanked the ladies that are taking care of the shop in Donna's absence.
- Show and tell was continued to the next meeting.
- Glenda Butterfield shared a quilt that was signed by original members of the Guild, and noted that she started the group in 1983 with Judy Crawford.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m. with the next General Meeting to be held on May 4, 2017.

Program: Charlotte Hickman led the group with sewing tissue, cord and card holders for the country store.

Respectfully submitted by Margie Williams, Secretary

May Birthdays

Metzger, Lissa	5/2
Talley, Karen	5/6
Westfall, Ginnie	5/7
Millhollon, Kathy	5/11
Young, Cindy	5/12
Wiens, Patty	5/13
Risinger, Stephanie	5/18
Helmer, Tillie	5/19
Brisendine, Jeanne	5/22
Ramsey, Helen	5/24
Armstrong, Irene	5/25
Hartesveldt, Christine	5/25
Peters, Mary-Louise (Mel)	5/26

**Please bring a snack to our May meeting
We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!**

May Holidays

- May 1 Law Day
- May 4 National Day of Prayer Day
- May 5 Cinco de Mayo
- May 6 Nat'l Nurses Day
- May 14 Mother's Day
- May 20 Armed Forces Day
- May 29 Memorial Day

Amenities

Cards were sent to:
 Joyce Dahlin - Get Well
 Ginnie Westfall - Get Well
 Tricia Ham - Thinking of You
 Sharon Stull - Thinking of You
 Donna Henning - Thinking of You
 Dick & Mel Peters - Thank You!

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

New Member

Hovey, Sandi
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 Coarsegold, CA 93614
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wwholt@mac.com



Please make this addition to your directory.

Treasurer's Report

by Sharon Cox
 March, 2017

(Checking Account)

Due to a math error the expenses for the February Report should have been \$651.97, making the balance for the February Report \$11,731.86

Balance Forward (2/28/17)	\$11,731.86
Deposits	\$ 1,504.00
Expenses	\$ 5,646.06
 Bank Balance (3/31/17)	 \$ 7,589.80
CD:	\$16,878.26
Savings:	\$18,138.74



Quilting Circles

May 2017

by Marian Romero



Anything with Fabric: No meeting during May. Contact Rhonda Dewey or Constance Peterson for information.

Bits & Pieces meets Wednesday, May 3, 11 a.m. at Patty Vincent's home. Bring salad toppings. Bread-

Mel, dessert-Linda. Carpoolers: Payless Shoes at 10:30. Bring your own projects to finish for the quilt show.

Footloose meets at Chris's Studio on Monday, May 8 and Monday May 22.

Material Girls will meet on Tuesday May 9 at 1:00 at The Bear Paw. PJ will be our hostess, bring show and tell.

Sew Crafty Quilters No information available.

Sew Thrilled members will once in May on Wednesday May 24 at Linda's home. Contact Linda Pennington for information.

Sunday Scrappers meet on the second Friday of the month and the fourth Sunday of the month, May 12th and May 28th, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. We meet at Betsy Anne Youngholm's place in Coarsegold. Call Betsy Anne at 536-6532 with questions or for directions.

Thursday Thimbles No information available.

YoYo's will be at Kathy's in May. Always lots to talk about with discussion of project for June at Vivian's house. Plus a wonderful luncheon.



May Birthstone

The wearing of birthstones is thought to bring good luck and good health. Astrologers long ago attributed supernatural powers to certain gemstones.

The May Birthstone, **emerald**, was one of Cleopatra's favorite gems. It has long been associated with fertility, rebirth, and love. Ancient



Romans went so far as to dedicate this stone to Venus, the goddess of love and beauty. Today, it is thought that emeralds signify wisdom, growth, and patience.

SMQA Quilt Show

A Stitch in Time

Sat. May 20, 2017 10-5

Sun. May 21, 2017 10-4



Get out the word!! Hang posters and tell folks about our show!!!

SMQA Logo Shirts

We will be taking orders for SMQA T-shirts, sweatshirts, polo and V-neck shirts at our May and June meetings. Many colors and sizes are available.

See Sheila Hotovic at the May meeting for ordering.

Chris's Comments...

Well Ladies, this is the month!!!! Only 20 days to go!!! I believe there are still positions that need to be filled. We'll find out more at our May general meeting. Those of you not able to attend our meeting on May 4, that have not already signed up for one or more things, please contact Donna Baxter or Constance Peterson, and let them know you are available to help. They'll put you in touch with the Committee Chairperson that has openings.

There were many of us that waited until the last minute to complete our quilt entry forms (myself included), however we did end up getting a sufficient number of entries for our show. Thank you again, to Sally Walker, for that great online form!! As Sinta Borland says, it was "Easy Peasy."

Just a few last minute reminders ladies:

For everyone who entered one or more quilts, please remember, there is a specific 'window' of time, 5/15 - 5/17, that we have to deliver our quilts to Rhonda Dewey's home. All quilts must be complete, with label and 4" sleeve.

Those of you that have items for the Country Store, please remember to price and tag them; even those that are donating 100% of the sale to SMQA. Charlotte Hickman has blue 'inventory' forms that you'll need to complete for those items.

I believe several of you have signed up to bring an entry for the 12 x 12 Challenge - "A Stitch In Time." Don't forget, they are due at the May 4th meeting. They also require a label...no sleeve.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of your wonderful quilts at our show!! I will, along with many of you, be glad when this is all over, however we now need someone to 'step up' to Chairing/Co-chairing, our show for 2019! Yes, planning for that show starts immediately after this one. Please don't shoot the messenger!

On a different note, at our May meeting, we are fortunate to have Agency Representatives attending, from a few of the organizations that receive our Cuddle Quilts. I hope to see you all there!



CUDDLE CORNER

First, many thanks to our members for their enthusiasm and energy in taking kits and returning completed cuddle quilts. As of the May meeting, we will have distributed 50 cuddle quilts.



We are pleased that representatives from Oakhurst Healthcare and Wellness, Hinds Hospice, and Bass Lake Victim Services will be providing the program at our May 4th meeting. They will tell us about their clients and how our cuddle quilts are used by these clients. Please remember to bring your completed cuddle quilts to the meeting and be prepared to take a kit home with you.

There will be no cuddle quilt sewing at Bear Paw in May due to the Quilt Show that following weekend. The next scheduled Bear Paw cuddle quilt sewing will be June 20th at 10:30 a.m. Call Betsy Anne at 536-6532 with any questions about cuddle quilts.



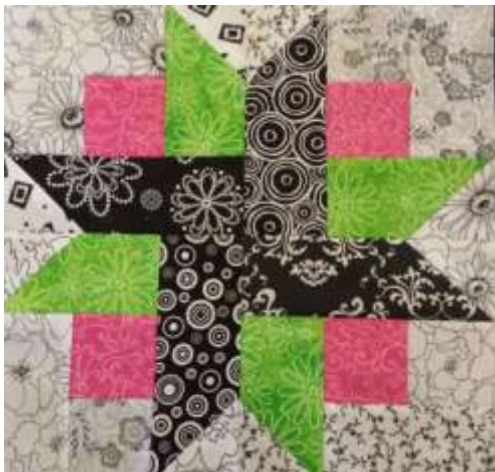
Thank you Oakhurst Giftworks for the lovely flowers provided for the snack table at our meetings.

Block of the Month

Each month a different block will be presented at the SMQA meeting along with instructions. You can participate each month or just occasionally. Bring your completed block(s) to the next meeting and you will get a raffle ticket for each block you turn in. When all are turned in there will be a drawing and the winner gets ALL the blocks. You could get 10 or 20 or maybe even 40! They are yours to do with as you choose. Just remember to bring back your completed project so we can see what you did with them.

Block for May: See instructions for May's block on page 9. The block is 12-1/2" x 12-1/2"

Sample:



Featherweight Machines

Are you interested in a Featherweight class and workshop on taking care of your machine?

Please notify Penni Simily

Show and Tell

Those of you in attendance at the April general meeting know we had many Quilt Show related issues to cover, which extended into the time Charlotte Hickman had requested to work on sewing items for the Country Store. I made the decision to cancel Show and Tell that evening, as we had already cut into the time Charlotte had hoped to have for her projects.

I appreciate all of the time Charlotte put into working up instructions and examples for the sewing session, and I truly apologize for the lack of time that was allotted to her effort. Charlotte and I talked and she will be updating the Quilt Show binder for the Country Store, to note that it is better to have this type of activity (sewing for the Country Store) early in the year, to avoid all of the necessary Quilt Show discussions as we get closer to the show date.

With that in mind, I'm hoping those of you that brought something for Show and Tell at that meeting, will bring the items back to our May meeting. I'd especially like to ask those ladies that attended the Mandala Class with Sheila Collins bring their finished projects, so we may show them as a group.

Thanks, and I appreciate your understanding.

Chris Hudson

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June 2017 BOM Instructions

Green 2.5"x2.5" (4)

Red: 2.5" x 4.5" (4)

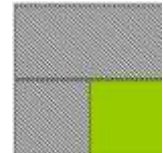
White & Black: 2.5" x 4.5" (4) and 2.5" x 2.5" (12)

Black & White: 2.5" x 6.5" (4)

1. Sew the green square (2.5"x2.5") and the white & black square (2.5"x2.5") together. Press either by opening up the seam or pressing towards the green.



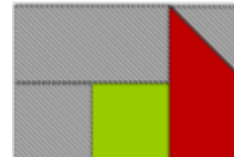
2. Arrange and sew (1) 2.5" x 4.5" white & black rectangle to the long side of the white & black/green combination. Make a total of 4. Press.



3. Place the white & black 2.5"x2.5" on top of the red 2.5"x4.5" right sides together at the top of the red piece. Draw a diagonal line from the **upper left corner** to the **lower right corner** of the white & black square. Sew on this line and trim excess fabric 1/4" from the sewing line. Repeat for the remaining 3 blocks. Press.



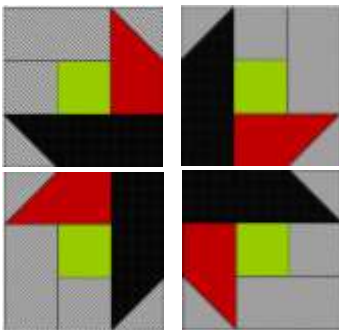
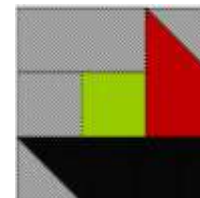
4. Sew the red/white & black block to the green/white & black block.



5. Place (1) 2.5" white & black square on top of the 2.5"x6.5" black & white rectangle right sides together. Draw a diagonal line from the **upper right corner** to the **lower left corner** of the white & black square. Sew on this line and trim excess fabric 1/4" from the sewing line. Repeat for the remaining 3 blocks. Press.



6. Arrange and sew the white & black/black & white rectangles to the already sewn units. Press.



7. Arrange the blocks and sew together to complete the 12.5" x 12.5" block.

8. In place of the red and green pieces, you can substitute any bright colors: Orange, turquoise, aqua, etc. You get the idea.

9. Come to the June meeting to see if you'll win all the completed blocks!

10. Have fun!!

April Sewing Meeting



Glenda Butterfield, SMQA Charter Member



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Send Newsletter submissions to lpenni@sti.net
Deadline is 20th of each month.

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