



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting **August 4, 2016**

Oakhurst Community Center Pavilion

Doors open at 5:30; Business meeting at 6:00

Greeters: Carol Gaither & Helen Ramsey

Program: **Lisa McKissick "The Tool Time Girl"**

August Meeting THE TOOL TIME GIRL

Speaker and Workshop

August will be hot and sultry but The Pavilion will be air conditioned and comfortable when Lisa McKissick shares her skills with the Quick Curve Ruler to make the pattern Metro Twist. Come join your friends with a day of sewing and learning August 5th. Check out our website: sierramountainquilters.org for pictures and more information.

Class fee is \$35, pattern \$10 and \$25 to buy the ruler from Lisa at the class or from Bear Paw.

Time: 9am to 3pm in The Pavilion. The Pavilion doors will open at 8:30 a.m.

Lunch: Bring \$7.50 for lunch if you want a Raley's sandwich and drink delivered. *Betsy*

Looking Ahead...

September 1: Florence McConnell from Manteca, CA Lecture and Trunk Show: "Quilt Making; A Tour Through Time 1830-1930"

October 6: Diane Mathews from Sacramento formerly of Oakhurst. Lecture with Trunk Show: "String Quilts"

October 7: Workshop: String Quilts. Materials list and information to come but you can sign up now with Amy or Betsy for just \$35.

Fall Retreat

There are still a few openings for either partial or full attendance at the fall retreat at ECCO, September

19th through the 22nd. Your registration and full payment would be appreciated at the August meeting and must be received by September 1st. We always have fun and even manage to be productive!

See Betsy Anne Youngholm on

August 4th to register and pay, or call her at 559-536-6532 if you have any questions.



Yum! Great Toppings at our July Ice Cream Social

Sierra Mountain Quilters Association

General Meeting, July 7, 2016

President Chris Hudson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Oakhurst Community Center. Chris welcomed everyone and led the flag salute. Chris thanked the greeters Toni Morton and Sue Collins. Chris wished a Happy Birthday to those who have a July birthday and thanked them for bringing refreshments for the meeting. She also recognized Constance Peterson on the birth of her granddaughter; and Chris Hartesveldt, Susan Campbell, and Margie Williams on milestone wedding anniversaries. Kathleen Williams on celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary this month.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

The General Meeting Minutes for June 2, 2016, were approved.

Reports:

- Betsy Blum, 1st Vice President, stated she is looking for a volunteer for refreshment hostess for the August meeting – Chris Hartesveldt offered to be hostess. Betsy advised that the lecture will be on tools and the workshop will be “Metro Twist” using the quick curve ruler. Spaces are still available for the workshop. Strips from the “strip poker” game tonight can be used for the October “String Quilt” workshop with Diane Matthews. Spaces are available for this workshop. Diane Matthews provided input on the various sizes of strips that can be used. The ice cream social will be held after the meeting.
- Trudy Kinsel, 2nd Vice President, held the drawing for the red/white/blue mini quilt challenge and noted that www.sergedesigns.com is also holding a challenge with this theme. The challenge for August is curves.
- Betsy Anne Youngholm, Cuddle Quilt Chair, noted that ten cuddle quilts were turned in tonight and thanked the members. She advised of a drawing for gift certificates that will be held for those members who turn in cuddle quilts. Betsy Anne announced that there is still room to attend the fall retreat. Cuddle Quilt sewing sessions will be held at Bear Paw on July 19 and August 16. She took five cuddle quilts to the Sheriff’s Office and she showed a new pattern with kits that are available. Virginia Corriea donated completed tops and those kits are also available.
- The Treasurer’s report for June 2016 was approved as printed in the Newsletter and filed for audit.
- Jullie Vasquez, Membership, noted that 51 members were present, along with two visitors and two new members. The door prize drawing was held.
- Chris Hudson advised of an email she received from Rhonda Dewey stating we have been selected to attend the Road to California 2017. Volunteers will be solicited to white glove on January 20th.
- Sally Walker showed the next step for the mystery quilt and advised that a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate will be held at the Christmas Party for finished quilt tops.
- Sally Walker, Webmaster, and Betsy Blum gave an overview of the new website.
- Linda Pennington for Jean Richter, Librarian, advised of the donation of new novels to the library.

New Business:

- Sue Collins advised of the availability of donated quilting books for the members.
- Linda Taylor announced that Bear Paw is holding a sale on Saturday.
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m., followed by show and tell, the ice cream social, and a game of strip poker.

The next meeting is August 4, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by Margie Williams, Secretary

August Birthdays

Cummings, Rosita	8/2
Burrow, Kathy	8/10
Scholl, Helen	8/12
Stoltenberg, Rhoda	8/13
Youngholm, Betsy Anne	8/15
Baker, Sammie	8/18
Brand, Mary	8/26
Mason, Nancy	8/29

*Please bring birthday snacks for sharing to our August meeting
We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!*

August Holidays

- Aug 4 US Coast Guard Birthday
- Aug 7 Purple Heart Day
- Aug 19 National Aviation Day
- Aug 21 Senior Citizen's Day
- Aug 26 Women's Equality Day

August is one of 7 months with 31 days. August started out as the sixth month on the Roman calendar, but in 753 BC August became the 8th month when January and February were added to the calendar.

For Sale

Alto's Quilt Cut 2 New. Never been used; was opened for inspection only. \$250 OBO cash. Contact Toni43177@gmail.com

Elna 624 DSE Serger. Like New condition only \$100. Dianne Archibald 209 742-4882

New Members

Burrow, Kathy
53316 Hidden Meadow Road
Oakhurst, CA 93644
Home: 559-642-3262
Cell: 559-760-0906
Katsmountain@gmail.com
DOB: 8/10

Please add this new member to your directory.

Do you recognize these new members?



Kathy Burrow



Lynette Stanford

Amenities

Cards were sent to:
Mary Wyly
Nancy Hyde
Colette Wear
Patty Vincent

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

Many thanks to Oakhurst Giftworks for the lovely flowers provided for the snack table at our monthly meetings



Quilting Circles

August 2016

by Marian



Bits & Pieces Bits and Pieces will be enjoying sewing in the Sierras with Mel.

Footloose meets Mondays, August 8th and 22nd at Chris's studio, 4-6 pm. Bring your show and tell. Plan to work on your current project.

Material Girls meets on Saturday August 6th at Rhonda Lloyd's home for our annual pot luck salad reunion luncheon. Arrive at 11:00 for lots of talk, show and tell and of course eating. RSVP to Rhonda.

Sew Thrilled members will meet August 10th at Sheila's and August 24th at Marian's. Contact Linda Pennington for information.

Sunday Scrappers will meet the third Sunday, August 21st, at Betsy Anne Youngholm's place in Coarsegold. Time 10:00 am to noon-ish. We're a newly formed group looking for new members. Betsy Anne has a wonderful sewing studio that can accept lots of activity. Please join us. Call Betsy Anne for directions.

Thursday Thimbles will meet August 25 at Diane Ward's home.

Tuesday Strippers will meet at Myra Algot's home on August 9th.

Wildflowers meet the second Wednesday of each month at the YLP Clubhouse. We begin anytime after 10:30. Plenty of room, tables, outlets so bring your machines and projects. The Blue Heron serves a great buffet lunch for \$10.00 or bring your own lunch. Contact Sandy at 683-6309.

YoYo's On a cool August 15th YoYo's are touring down to Cathy Reynolds for a day of splashing, munching, and chatter.

Treasurer's Report

by Sharon Cox

June, 2016

(Checking Account)

Balance Forward (5/31/16)	\$ 9,754.41
Deposits	\$ 294.00
Expenses	\$ 952.55
 Bank Balance (6/27/16)	 \$ 9,095.86
CD:	\$18,131.94
Savings:	\$16,869.78

August Birthstone

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

The August birthstone, **peridot**, symbolizes strength. It is sometimes called the evening emerald for its light green color. It was once believed that the green peridot crystals found in volcanic ashes were the tears of the volcano goddess, Pele. When set in gold, this gem was said to protect the wearer from nightmares.



Monthly Mini-Quilt Challenge

Trudy Kinsel

A random drawing will be held each month for quilts brought in.

August- Curves

September- Animals

October- Trees

November- Table Runner (Can be longer than 36")

December- Have a Holly Jolly Christmas

The mini-quilt should be no larger than 36" on any side.

Mini-Quilts for July



2016 Quilt Shows

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| Aug 27-28 Harvest on the Delta | \$10 |
| Delta Quilters Guild
Brentwood Community Center
Brentwood, CA | |
| Sep 1-3 San Diego Quilt Show | \$10 |
| San Diego Convention Center Hall F | |
| Sep 16-17 Quilts & Thread Show | \$10 |
| Sierra Quilt Guild of Tuolumne County
Mother Lode Fairgrounds
Sonora, CA | |
| Oct 1-2 Golden Threads Quilt Show | \$6 |
| Mother Lode Quilters' Guild
Historic Downtown Auditorium and
Community Center
Sutter Creek, CA | |

Cuddle Corner

Thanks to those who brought completed cuddle quilts to the July meeting. We were able to give five each to Oakhurst Healthcare and Wellness Centre and the Country Rose Guest Home. With those deliveries, we have donated 50 cuddle quilts so far this year. I look forward to making another trip to both Valley Children's and Mariposa Crisis Services after you all turn in your completed cuddle quilts at the August meeting! Remember, the more quilts you turn in the greater the chance to win a \$25 gift certificate for your Bear Paw shopping.

Cuddle quilt cutting and sewing continues monthly at Bear Paw with the next session on Tuesday, August 16th. We will not meet in September because of the fall retreat but will meet again on Tuesday, October 18th. Hope to see you there on one of those Tuesdays. Call Betsy Anne Youngholm at 559-536-6532 with any questions.

Betsy Anne Youngholm

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Chris's Comments...

Sizzling Summer!! Hopefully everyone is enjoying this triple-digit, hot summer days! Personally, I prefer much cooler weather, so I spend a lot of time anywhere there is air conditioning. I know many of you are traveling during the summer months, so enjoy, be safe and be sure and let us know of any out-of-town quilt shops you may have checked out along the way.

I can't believe it is already that time of the year for me to appoint a Nominating Committee, to fill Board positions for 2017. I'll be announcing the members of that Committee at our August general meeting. Please consider "stepping up" should you be asked to serve on next year's Board.

Speaking of our August meeting, I'm definitely looking forward to our guest speaker, Lisa McKissick's "Tool Time Girl" lecture at our meeting on the 4th, as well as her class, "Metro Twist", on the 5th. I believe there are still openings, if you'd like to attend.



Timeline of American Quilt History

Quilting in early America was far different than it is now. Over the years methods changed from piecing and quilting being done by hand to the use of the sewing machine and finally to the use of modern sewing and quilting machines. Listed below is a timeline of major trends in quilting in our country since 1750.

- Whole Cloth...1750-1850
- Chintz Appliqué...1775-1865
- Pieced Patchwork...1780-present

- Establishment of US Textile Mills...1813-1840
- Baltimore Album Style...1840-1900
- Friendship Blocks...1840-1900s
- Early Sewing Machines...1845-1855
- Published Patterns...1855-present
- Civil War Quilting...1861-1865
- Charm Quilts...1870-1950
- Crazy Quilts...1880-1910
- Establishment of Quilt Guilds...1920-1970
- Feed sacks...1925-1940
- Rotary Cutters...1979-present

<http://www.womenfolk.com/historyofquilts/articles.htm>



Yay...we have been selected to show our Opportunity Quilt at the Road to California Quilter's Conference & Showcase. The Quilt Show is held at the Ontario Convention Center from January 19th – 22nd, 2017. They have offered us space to show the SMQA Opportunity Quilt and sell tickets on Friday, January 20.

We will be asking for volunteers to take the quilt to the Show on Friday to sell tickets. Also, In order to show our quilt, we are obligated to provide at least 20 hours white-glove docents for the show. Docent responsibilities can be spread out over the duration of the Show.

We will have additional information from the Road to California committee sometime in September. Please start thinking about offering your time to either sit with the quilt or work docent duties. It's always a FABULICIOUS show with awesome quilts....and of course....awesome vendors!

Thanks, PJ & Rhonda

July Show & Tell





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

BOARD MEMBERS

President	Chris Hudson
First Vice President	Betsy Blum
Second Vice President	Trudy Kinsel
Treasurer	Sharon Cox
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	Betsy Anne Youngholm
Historian	Donna Pike-Baxter
Hospitality	
Librarian	Jean Richter
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Newsletter	Linda Pennington
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