



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting **August 3, 2017**
 Oakhurst Community Center Pavilion
 Greeters: Nancy Mason & Margie Williams
 Doors open at 5:30; Business meeting at 6:00
 Program: **Patsy Carpenter**



July Meeting



Sharon Weaver enjoying ice cream

Hope everyone enjoyed the ice cream social and strip poker at last month's meeting. It sounded like it from the shouts and laughter!



Joanie Madaus playing strip poker



Upcoming Events:

September brings Lyn Mann for a lecture and workshop "No such thing as an ugly fabric". I have heard she is a great teacher, and we will learn how to use this fabric in a positive way.

In October we will meet a group of ladies from a new circle, Sew Creative, that meets at Oak Creek Mobile Park.

Suggestions are welcome, just contact Penni Simily.

Mariposa Fair Quilt Entry



Entries for quilts and quilted wall hangings for the Mariposa Fair are open to residents of Mariposa County and Eastern Madera County (East of Madera Canal). Entry forms are available at mariposafair.com under *fair* and are due by August 5th. The exhibits are to be turned in on Friday, August 18, 4-7 pm or Saturday, August 19, 1-5 pm. Exhibits are to be picked up on Monday, September 4, 7 pm or Tuesday, September 5, between 8 am to noon. Visitors to the Fair enjoy the exhibits and get to see your handiwork.

August Meeting

It's time for our paper piecing class. We still have a few openings. Be sure to get your pattern and supplies before class on August 4. It will help if you have a small cutting board, small iron and ironing mat. We will also have cutting and ironing stations set up. There will be two certified teachers and lots of learning and fun. Bring your lunch and drinks. Patsy is a teacher for *Quiltworx*.

Sierra Mountain Quilters Association

General Meeting, July 6, 2017

President Chris Hudson called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. at the Oakhurst Community Center, led in the flag salute, and reminded everyone to set their cell phones on vibrate. Toni Morton volunteered to be Sergeant-at-Arms. Chris advised that Trisha Ham passed away this morning, and an email will be sent out when the celebration of life service is set. Chris thanked Betsy Blum and Toni Morton for being greeters and thanked the July birthday ladies for refreshments. Members with July anniversaries were recognized.

By motion of Nancy Swanson, seconded by Chris Hartesveldt, the June 1, 2017, General Meeting minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's report was approved as printed in the newsletter, and the report was filed for audit. Approximately \$12,300 was the net income from the Quilt Show.

Penni Simily/1st Vice President announced that Patsy Carpenter is bringing a second teacher for the paper piecing workshop in August, so signups are being taken for 30 people, five spots are still available. The workshop in September will be "No Such Thing As An Ugly Fabric" by Lyn Mann.

Sandy Johnson/2nd Vice President held the drawing for the red, white and blue friendship star. The August challenge will be jars. She advised of the crumb catchers' project for the veterans.

Jullie Vasquez/Membership advised that 52 members were present, with four guests. The door prize drawing was held, along with a raffle for selling opportunity quilt tickets.

Donna Baxter and Constance Peterson/Quilt Show Co-Chairs thanked everyone for their help with the Quilt Show and stated someone is needed to start on the opportunity quilt for the next show. That person will select three patterns from which the Guild will choose. Let Donna, Constance, or Chris Hudson know if you are interested.

Sally Walker/Mystery Quilt project handed out the next clue. Chris Hudson noted a correction to Vivian Aumond-Capone's presentation at the Oakhurst Library – the date is July 15th. Rhonda Dewey advised of the change in location for the circle's Anything with Fabrics next meeting.

Rhonda Lloyd recognized the high-ticket sellers for the opportunity quilt and those who helped sit with the quilt and sell tickets. Prizes were given and raffles held.

Betsy Anne Youngholm/Cuddle Quilts noted that signups are being taken for the retreat to be held at ECCO on September 18-21, 2017. Cuddle Quilt fabric cutting and kit packaging is scheduled to be held at her place on July 25th.

Chris Hudson advised of information for entering quilts at the Mariposa Fair.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m. with the next General Meeting to be held on August 3, 2017.

Show and tell was held. The ice cream social was held and "strip poker" was played with the 2 ½ inch strips.

Respectfully submitted by Margie Williams, Secretary

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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 a snack to our August meeting.
We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!**

July New Members



Tina Horn
New Member



Joyce Dahlin
Returning Member

Please welcome our new and returning members.
Personal information is on our website,
sierramountainquilters.org under Members.

August Holidays

Aug 7	Purple Heart Day
Aug 19	National Aviation Day
Aug 21	Senior Citizens Day
Aug 26	Women's Equality Day

Please note: Due to privacy issues, this newsletter will no longer publish members' personal information, i.e. address or phone numbers.

Treasurer's Report

by Sharon Cox

June, 2017

(Checking Account)

Balance Forward (6/1/17)	\$17,712.08
Deposits	\$ 902.80
Expenses	\$ 2,152.96
Bank Balance (6/30/17)	\$16,461.92
CD:	\$16,886.63
Savings:	\$18,141.01

Amenities

Cards were sent to:

Steve Ham & Family - Sympathy
Diane Ward - Get Well

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



Quilting Circles

August 2017

by Marian Romero

Anything with Fabric meets Thursday August 17 from 9:00 to 11:55 at the Library's Oakhurst Community Room. All are welcome. Come and join us for a day of sewing and show and tell. Contacts: Constance Peterson or Rhonda Dewey.



Bits & Pieces annual meeting at Mel's in Wilsonia. Bring hiking boots, bedding, and sewing machines and food for a week of fun. Questions, call Nancy.

Footloose August is an exciting month for Footloose. Apart from our regular meeting dates of Mondays, August 7 and August 21, Footloose is headed for the Coast August 8-11 to breath in the ocean air, explore the artsy town of Mendocino, and sew, even if we must stay up all night! Thank you, Chris Hartesveldt, for sharing your home for this adventure.

Material Girls will meet on Tuesday, August 8th at 1:00 pm at the Bear Paw. Bring Show and Tell and something to work on.

Sew Crafty Quilters finished their Wacky Divine Nine quilts and shared the finished tops with the group at the last meeting. We discussed a Christmas wreath class, a group quilting project and soon traveling to the Mennonite Quilt Center in Reedley. The group meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month in the clubhouse at Oak Creek Park in Coarsegold.

Sew Thrilled members will meet the second and fourth Wednesdays. Contact Linda Pennington for information.

Thursday Thimbles will be meeting at Diane Ward's home on August 24.

Yoyo's In July visited Cathy Reynolds in Visalia...what fun. On August 21, we will be at Myra's. Lucky us! Will have a marvelous chef in the kitchen that day... always wondrous food tasting, chatting, ideas, and plans for our get away in October. Hope everyone stays cool! Soon it will be winter!

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Fabrics from Natural Fibers

Linen /'lɪnɪn/ is a textile made from the fibers of the flax plant. Linen is laborious to manufacture, but the fiber is very absorbent. Garments made of linen are valued for their exceptional coolness and freshness in hot weather. Many products are made of linen: aprons, bags, towels (swimming, bath, beach, body and wash towels), napkins, bed linens, tablecloths, runners, chair covers and men's and women's wear.

Textiles in a linen weave texture, even when made of cotton, hemp and other non-flax fibers, are also loosely referred to as "linen". Such fabrics generally also have their own specific names; for example fine cotton yarn in a linen-style weave is called Madapolam.



The collective term "linens" is still often used generically to describe a class of woven or knitted bed, bath, table and kitchen textiles traditionally made of linen. In the past, "linens" also referred to lightweight undergarments such as shirts, chemises, waist-shirts, lingerie (a word also cognate with *linen*) and detachable shirt collars and cuffs. All of which were historically made almost exclusively out of linen. The inner layer of fine composite cloth garments (as for example jackets) was traditionally made of linen, hence the word *lining*.

Linen is known as king of natural fabric. Linen is extensively used for apparel making and home furnishing as well. Linen, being a natural fiber, is considered to be safe for all types of skin. Linen fabric is also suggested for sensitive skin as its natural properties make it resistant to allergies. Linen fabric does not cause problems like irritation, allergic reaction, etc.

The natural fiber of linen makes it strong and durable. Linen is an easy maintainable fabric. No special treatments are required for linen; it can be simply washed by hand. Although linen is used for all kinds of clothing, yet mostly it's used for home furnishing items like table cloths, bedspreads, curtains, etc.

Chris's Comments...

As I write this article, it is the 5th day of the horrific Detweiler fire that is raging near our beautiful Mariposa community. It is difficult for me to think of anything to write about that is more important right now than the safety of our members and others who are being evacuated.

Those of us who have had to evacuate for past fires know the horrible feeling of having to leave our homes and trying to decide what to take and agonizing over what we have to leave behind.

In a recent email it appears some of our members have had to evacuate to other members homes, but all are safe, to the best of my knowledge.

I hope and pray that our heroic firefighters are able to get control over this monster fire soon. We should all be thinking of how we can assist, in any way we are able, to help those community members who have lost their homes and all of their belongings.

Steph Reisinger has as Electric Quilt software add-on that she will give to anyone who is interested. Please call Steph if interested or see her at the August meeting.



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

CUDDLE CORNER

Thank you to all who brought completed cuddle quilts to the July meeting. We have now distributed 90 cuddle quilts so far this year. Keep them coming in; the need and the appreciation from the recipients continues.



We have some beautiful panels, and Laura Fisher has developed a pattern for finishing them. Thank you, Laura! We also still have some donated larger finished quilt tops that need to be quilted and bound. Please volunteer to take one to complete. As always, batting, backing and binding are included in the packet.

Thank you for supporting SMQA's community service.

Betsy Anne Youngholm



Serving ice cream at July meeting



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 September Meeting: Fall Colors Block

Fall colors are the choice for this month. Green, orange, red, brown, etc.

Background color: white/cream/light tan/ecru

Color One: 4 - 3½" squares

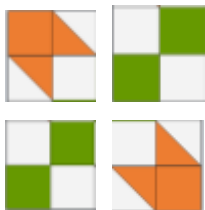
Color Two: 2 - 3½" squares and 2 - 4" squares

Background: 6 - 3½" squares and 2 - 4" squares



Use your favorite method of making half-square triangles (HST). Or.....take one 4" background square and another square of one of your fall colors, also 4" square. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of your background square. Put the two pieces right sides together and sew a ¼" on each side of the line. Cut in half on the drawn line and press towards the background color. Do two of these to make the 4 HST that you need. Square these pieces to 3½".

Following the graphic, sew your pieces into 4 patches, and then sew the 4 patches to form a 12½" x 12½" block. A secondary pattern is formed when you put 4 of the blocks together in the form of a star. Very pretty! Some lucky winner will win them all. I hope whoever does will bring in the finished quilt to one of our meetings to show it off. Good luck!



Fall Retreat

There are still some openings for the fall retreat at ECCO from September 18 through 21. Sign up with Betsy Anne Youngholm at the August meeting or give her a call or email. Cost is \$26 per day, which includes lunch. Along with your UFOs, we usually have a couple of small projects participants are invited to do if they wish. It's a good time with fellow SMQA members, and a good way for new members to get to know some of the other members in a smaller setting than the general meetings.

Betsy Anne Youngholm



Laura Ashley-Spencer dealing for strip poker

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BADGE AT THE NEXT MEETING!**

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President	Chris Hudson
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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.

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