



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting **September 1, 2016**
 Oakhurst Community Center Pavilion
 Doors open at 5:30; Business meeting at 6:00
 Greeters: Nancy Swanson & Bev Williams
 Program: **Florence McConnell "A Tour through Time 1830-1930"**

September Meeting

September 1: Florence McConnell from Manteca, CA

Lecture and Trunk Show: Quilt making – A Tour through Time – 1830 to 1930. A trunk show of antique quilt collection illustrating changes in quilt styles and fabric production during this 100 year period.



Floral Wreath Quilt, dated 1862 from Ohio

Florence McConnell started making quilts in the early 1980's and soon became most interested in the study of antique quilts, fabrics, and the lives of early quilt makers. During the past years she focused on making reproduction quilts,

expanding her collection of antique quilts, and researching various quilt related topics. Several photos of her reproduction quilts have been published and traveled on exhibit. Florence is an active member of the American Quilt Study Group and the Sacramento Quilt Study Group.

Looking Ahead...

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.

November 3: Studio Art Quilt Association. A narrated trunk show of contemporary art quilts.

December 1: The annual Holiday event is in planning stages. Keep checking here for updates!



Sierra Mountain Quilters Association

General Meeting, August 4, 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 noted that Lisa McKissick and her mother, Sharon, would be introduced for the program. Chris thanked greeters, Helen Ramsey and Carolin Gaither. She noted that another greeter is needed for September; Nancy Swanson volunteered. Chris wished a Happy Birthday to those with an August birthday and thanked them for bringing refreshments for the meeting. She also recognized Gift Works for the refreshment table setting. The following were recognized for their wedding anniversaries: Diane Ward, Laura Fisher, Rhonda Dewey, and a guest. Trudy Kinsel was recognized on the birth of her granddaughter. Sharon Cox's granddaughter, Hannah, was visiting from Santa Barbara.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

The General Meeting Minutes for July 7, 2016, were approved with a correction to reflect Rhonda Lloyd versus Rhonda Dewey for the Road to California, by motion of Nancy Swanson and seconded by Toni Morton.

Reports:

- Betsy Blum, 1st Vice President, noted that quilting information and supply lists for the workshops can be found on the website: sierramountainquilters.org. Spaces are still available for the "Metro Twist" workshop using the quick curve ruler on Friday. Florence McConnell will give September lecture – she collects and curates historic quilts. The "String Quilt" workshop is scheduled for October with Diane Matthews, and spaces are available for the workshop. The Studio Art Guild will make a presentation at the November meeting.
- Trudy Kinsel, 2nd Vice President, held the drawing for the curves mini quilt challenge. The challenge for September is animals and for October is trees.
- Betsy Anne Youngholm, Cuddle Quilt Chair, noted that about 370 yards of donated fabric was received and she thanked those that helped with the measuring. She received more cuddle quilts and noted that kits are available. The next cuddle quilt sewing session will be held at Bear Paw on August 16th at 10:30 a.m. She noted that ten cuddle quilts were distributed last month, making a total of 50 this year. She read a thank you note from Valley Children's Hospital for the cuddle quilts. She advised that spaces are still available for the Fall Retreat and asked that members sign up tonight.
- The Treasurer's report for July was approved as printed in the Newsletter and filed for audit.
- Jullie Vasquez, Membership, noted that 61 people were present, six visitors, and one new member. The door prize drawing was held.
- Laura Ashley Spencer advised that \$1,998 in raffle tickets for the opportunity quilt have been received. Rhonda Lloyd advised that the opportunity quilt was accepted for the Road to California 2017. Volunteers will be solicited to white glove on January 20th, to sell tickets and transport the quilt to and from the show. She noted that the quilt is currently on display at Quilters' Paradise.
- Sally Walker showed the next step for the mystery quilt and passed out clues.
- Jean Richter, Librarian, advised that new books are available in the library. She also announced that she has a long-arm machine available.

New Business:

Chris Hudson advised that the nominating committee for the 2017 Board has been selected and for members to contact the committee if they are interested in a position. The nominating committee is Diane Martin, Chair, Pat Pfankuchen, and Donna Baxter. She noted that information is in the by-laws about the positions and in the newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m., followed by show and tell, and refreshments. Colette Wear announced that fair entries are due on Friday for the Mariposa Fair. Betsy Blum introduced Lisa McKissick and her mother, Sharon. Lisa gave a presentation on quilting tools.

The next meeting is September 1, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by Margie Williams, Secretary

September Birthdays

Harkless, Miriam	9/1
Harvey, Marilyn	9/8
Helm, Patricia	9/9
Ashley-Spencer, Laura	9/10
McCall, Donna	9/12
Dunn, Shirley	9/13
Hoyt, Marge	9/13
Pfankuchen, Patsy	9/18
Steskal, Joan	9/27
Whitley, Mary	9/27
Cochran, Peggy	9/28

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

New Members

Johnson, Sue
39079 Road 425B
Oakhurst, CA 93644
Cell: 559-760-5661
roygbiv@nctv.com
DOB: 3/20

Holt, Wendy
39302 Moonray Lane
Oakhurst, CA 93644
Home: 559-641-6065
Cell: 818-813-0797
DOB: 6/26

Please add these new members to your directory.

September Holidays

- Sep 5 Labor Day
- Sep 9 California Admission Day
- Sep 11 Patriot Day
- Sep 11 National Grandparents Day
- Sep 16 Constitution Day & Citizenship Day
- Sep 16 National POW/MIA Recognition Day
- Sep 22 September Equinox

Meet our new members



Sue Johnson & Wendy Holt

That moment when you realize you ran out of bobbin thread and have been sewing nothing.



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Amenities

A Card was sent to:

Dick Peters
(Mel's husband)

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

Quilting Circles

September 2016

by Marian Romero

Bits & Pieces Patty Spinelli will host our September meeting at 11:00 on September 7. Penni will bring bread. Carpoolers meet 10:30 at Payless Shoes. Don't forget brown and turquoise squares.

Footloose meets Mondays, September 12 and 26, at Chris's Studio 4-6 pm. September meetings were adjusted due to the Labor Day Holiday. We will work on pumpkin table runners using the Quick Curve ruler; continue planning the quilt show raffle basket, and share progress on our quilt projects.

Material Girls will meet on Tuesday, September 13, at 1:00 pm at the Bear Paw.

Sew Thrilled members will meet September 14, at Kay's and September 28, at Donna's home. Contact Linda Pennington for information.

Sunday Scrappers No report

Thursday Thimbles will meet at Lupe Thompson's home on September 22.

Tuesday Strippers will meet on September 13 at Julie Draska's home.

Wildflowers will meet at Patty Wiens home at 9:30 on September 14. Patty has plenty of room to set up your machines. Bring a lunch and we will discuss where the group is headed. Patty's address is 42735 Ranger Circle Drive, YLP. Phone: 641-6395. Hope to see you there.

YoYo's will be gathering at Nancy's home September 19, to plan our annual trip to Cayucas. Our October meeting will be at the beach flying kites.

Treasurer's Report

by Sharon Cox

July, 2016

(Checking Account)

Balance Forward (6/31/16)	\$ 9,095.86
Deposits	\$ 948.00
Expenses	\$ 1,212.91
Bank Balance (7/31/16)	\$ 8,830.95
CD:	\$18,132.71
Savings:	\$16,869.78

September Birthstone

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

The September birthstone, **sapphire**, was once thought to guard against evil and poisoning. It was believed that a venomous snake would die if placed in a vessel made of sapphire. Traditionally, a favorite stone of priests and kings, the sapphire symbolizes purity and wisdom.



Monthly Mini-Quilt Challenge

Trudy Kinsel

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

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.



September Trivia:

September is the 9th month of the year and marks the beginning of autumn in the Northern hemisphere and the start of spring in the Southern hemisphere.

The name September comes from the Latin septem for seven, since this was the seventh month of the Roman calendar. The month was named during a time when the calendar year began with March, which is why its name no longer corresponds with its placement in the Julian and Gregorian calendars.



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

Cuddle Corner

Many thanks to those of you who brought completed cuddle quilts to the August meeting, and to those of you who took kits or tops to finish, and to those of you who have dropped off quilts directly to me. With the quilts that have been turned in, we were able to give another five quilts to Oakhurst Healthcare and Wellness (along with five wheelchair bags), 10 quilts to Bass Lake Victim Services (as well as two tote bags), and 12 quilts to the Valley Children's Hospital Child Life Program. That brings our total distribution to 77 so far this year. Keep them coming: there are many folks out there who appreciate our efforts and our spirit of giving.



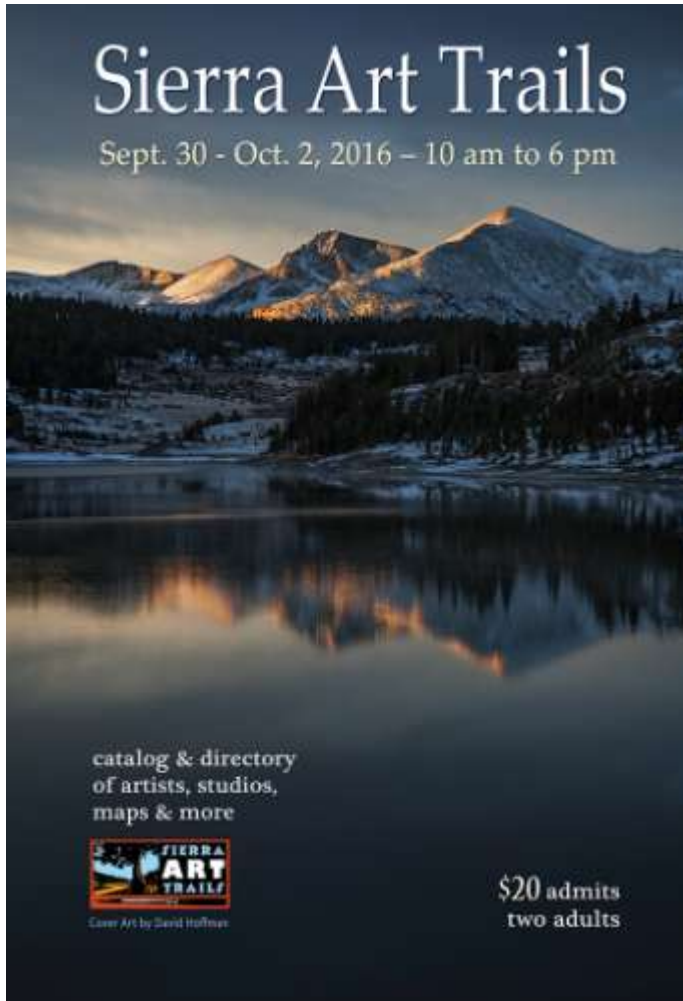
Remember the Cuddle Quilt Challenge ends at the October meeting. Bring those completed quilts to the September meeting and pick up another one to complete and turn in at the October meeting. Don't miss your chance at a \$25.00 gift certificate for Bear Paw.

Another of Bear Paw's regular customers, not a member of SMQA, was good enough to donate some beautiful flannel for cuddle quilt backing. We thank Donna Henning for continuing to talk to folks about our cuddle quilt program and to representatives of the organizations that receive the quilts.

The schedule for the third Tuesday of the month Cuddle Quilt sewing at Bear Paw has ended. Fall Retreat and my trip away conflict with September and October. And we all know how busy it is in November and December. I hope we can pick it up again after the first of the year.

Any questions about the cuddle quilt program? Call Betsy Anne Youngholm at 536-6532 or talk to her at a meeting.

Betsy Anne Youngholm



Catalogs purchased from Laura Fisher include an invitation for social and lite supper on Saturday evening.

Did you know???

- The Atlantic Ocean is saltier than the Pacific Ocean.
- Oak trees do not produce acorns until they are fifty years of age or older.
- Spiders have transparent blood.
- Agoraphobia is the fear of open space.
- Animals that lay eggs don't have belly buttons.
- Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

Buggy Quilts



Do you make wall hangings or art quilts that are not washed? Worried about critters attacking your creation because you used spray starch? Thanks to Vivian Helena we now have an answer to this question.

Vivian wanted to know if bugs are attracted to the ingredients in spray starch so she contacted June Tailor Company (makers of spray starch) and Best Press Company. Neither product has ingredients that encourage any bug eating of our art fabric items.

Conclusion: It's safe to use *June Tailor* or *Best Press Spray Starch* on art quilts. Check with the manufacturer if using other brands. Results of using homemade spray starch may encourage buggy quilts.



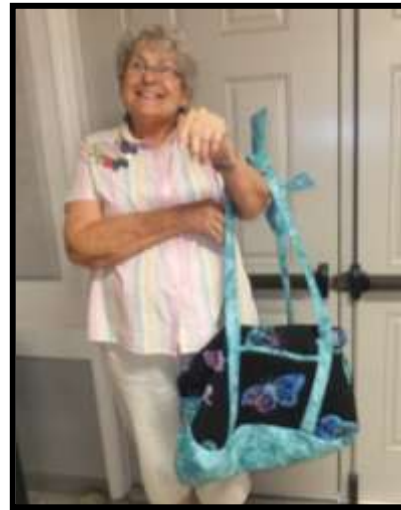
Penni's Zig Zag Quilt

Chris's Comments...

Summer is winding down and personally I'm looking forward to fall and the cooler weather!

Hopefully everyone had a pleasant summer; although I know for a few of you summer is not yet over, as you are still traveling/vacationing. I find it difficult to believe it is already, 'that time of year' when we need to get going on those items we plan to make and give as gifts in December! I'm sure some of you have probably already started;...unfortunately I don't happen to be one that has.

For those of you participating in our 2016 Mystery Quilt, there are only three months left until we show our finished quilt tops at our Christmas dinner party. Hopefully you are keeping up with the clues Sally Walker has been providing each month. This year our dinner will be held in the main building of the Community Center. There will be plenty of room for everyone to get a good look at the Mystery quilt tops and definitely a lot less noise. More detailed information about our dinner will be forthcoming. Just a reminder, our Nominating Committee is currently looking for those of you, who may be interested in one of our elected positions. Please contact them if you are interested, or consider a position, should they contact you. They are: Diane Martin, Chairperson, Pat Pfankuchen, and Donna Baxter.



Pat's new tote bag

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Chris



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2016 Quilt Shows

Aug 27-28 On the Delta Quilt Show

Brentwood Community Center
35 Oak Street
Brentwood, CA

Sep 1-3 San Diego Quilt Show \$10

San Diego Convention Center Hall F

Sep 3 Labor Day 2016 Quilt Show \$8

Busy Bears Quilt Guild
Big Bear Middle School
Big Bear Lake, CA

Sep 3-4 Quilting Around the Mountain 2016

Mount Shasta High School Gymnasium
710 Everitt Memorial Hwy
Mt. Shasta, CA

Sep 10-11 Arts & Flowers Quilt Show \$7

Lompoc Quilters Etc.
Anderson Recreation Center
Lompoc, CA

Sep 16-17 Quilts & Thread Show \$10

Sierra Quilt Guild of Tuolumne County
Mother Lode Fairgrounds
Sonora, CA

Sep 17-18 Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow \$10

Simi Valley Quilt Guild Biennial Show
Rancho Santa Susana Community Park
Simi Valley, CA

Sep 17-18 Harvest of Colors Quilt Show \$10

Coastal Quilters Guild
Earl Warren Showgrounds
Santa Barbara, CA

Sep 17-18 Peninsula Quilter's Quilt Show

The Onetta Harris Community Center
100 Terminal Avenue
Menlo Park, CA

Sep 24-25 Harvest Quilt & Fiber Arts Show

South Valley Quilt Association
Morgan Hill Community Center
Morgan Hill, CA

Sep 24-25 Napa Valley Quilter's Quilt Show

Napa Valley Expo
575 Third Street
Napa, CA

Oct 1-2 Golden Threads Quilt Show \$6

Mother Lode Quilters' Guild
Historic Downtown Auditorium
Sutter Creek, CA

Oct 1 The 18th Annual Old Town Temecula

Outdoor Quilt Show Free

Valley of the Mist Quilters Guild
Old Town Theater and Civic Center
Conference Center
Temecula, CA

Oct 1-2 The 15th Annual Falling Leaves Quilt

Show Lake County Fair Grounds

401 Martin Street
Lakeport, CA

Oct 1-2 Beauty on the River Quilt Show

Oroville Piecemakers Quilt Guild
Municipal Auditorium
1200 Myers Street
Oroville, CA

Oct 7-8 The Tillamook Quilt & Fiber Festival \$5

Tillamook County Quilt Guild
Tillamook County Fairgrounds
Tillamook, OR

Nov 4-5 Regal Threads Quilt Show

Tokay Stitch n Quilt Guild Biennial Show
First Baptist Church
267 N Mills Ave
Lodi, CA

For detailed information including complete address go to the calendar page at www.ncqc.net



August 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
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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

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