



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

AUGUST 6, 2020 MEETING IS ON ZOOM

Sign in at 5:30 p.m.; Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m.

Workshops for remainder of 2020 are cancelled

AUGUST

Meetings and Workshops

Who is Zooming? We are!

Our grand experiment kicks off on Thursday, August 6th, at 5:30 p.m. You will receive an invitation email from Wendy which includes instructions on how to sign into the meeting.

For those among us who are still learning how to use this application, remember that the sign in information is for the August 6th meeting only, and you can begin signing in at 5:30 p.m.

We are still paying attention to local, state, and national health guidance, which continues to recommend we stay at home and practice physical distancing. We have also been in communication with the Oakhurst Community Center and are waiting to hear when they will open again.

Because we are still in stay-at-home mode for the foreseeable future, the Board has cancelled the remaining two workshops for this year.

There will be no workshop on August 7th or October 2nd. We have processed the return of payments to those of you who signed up for these workshops. If you have not received your refund or made other arrangements to void your payment, please contact Helen Brown.

The Board is reviewing the general meeting schedule on a month to month basis, but from the looks of things now, we expect to be meeting on Zoom for at least the next few months. We will be reviewing and discussing this approach to meetings.

The September General Business Meeting is also scheduled to be on Zoom.

We hope you are wearing your masks and staying well.



**Community Quilt Presented to
EMCSPCA President Sharon Fitzgerald
on July 14th
by Lissa Metzger and Patty Wiens**



Whew! Now that was definitely a work of heart for the both of us. Patty loves dogs and Lissa adores cats. We both worked so hard on the Eastern Madera County SPCA community quilt. We both have embroidery machines and enjoy making quilts, so we each did a number of embroidered blocks of dogs and cats to begin with. Then the borders were put on the blocks and we chose a background. That was fun! Going shopping for fabric! This was all before Covid-19 reared its ugly head, thankfully; otherwise it would be a different story.

Next, we tried to figure out a layout for the quilt. That was a lot harder than we thought. We put the blocks on Patty's flannel board and cut the sections that would attach them all together. We were both thankful when that was done. Next to decide on a quilter. Well, that was a no-brainer: Jeri Carney to the rescue.

We decided it needed something in the center of the quilt, and Patty came up with a fun phrase: *Paws Furever*. How cute is that! We are both sad that we cannot do a show and tell at a guild meeting, but you can see it here in the newsletter and on the SMQA website.

**SMQA GENERAL BUSINESS
MEETING AGENDA**

August 6, 2020

Sign in to Zoom 5:30 p.m.
Call to order 6:00 p.m.

Minutes from March 5 general meeting as re-published in August newsletter. Corrections? Motion and Second. All in favor/opposed.

Treasurer's Report as printed in the August newsletter. Questions? File for audit.

REPORTS

1st Vice Presidents: Betsy Anne and Helen

2nd Vice Presidents: Joanie and Deb
Community Quilt

Membership and Attendance: Teri

Policies and Procedures and By-Laws update:
Betsy Anne

Quilt Show: Sinta and Jeri

Fall Retreat: Teri

Web Master: Sally

Historian

Cuddle Quilts: Sue and Joan. Bear Paw Delivery
on August 11

Old Business

Thank you to volunteers for short zoom training

New Business

Nominating Committee: Patty Cramer
Patty will need two volunteers to help her on
this Committee

Show and Tell

PENNI'S POST

August 2020

Happy August. I hope you are planning to attend our first virtual meeting on August 6th. I would like to thank all the ladies that tried to get you ready for the meeting by offering a short zoom meeting and a few tips for using the app.

I also want to thank Patty Wiens and Lissa Metzger for making the Community Quilt. It is an original pattern, and they put a lot of time into this project. Be sure to get tickets for this beautiful quilt as all proceeds will benefit EMCSPCA.

The nominating committee is being formed; so, start thinking of how you can help and volunteer for a position.

Opportunity Quilt tickets need to be sold, and we can't use our usual venues. So please sell an extra book or so. You can pick up tickets from Sinta Borland. (See page 6 for Sinta's contact information.)

I hope you are dealing with the Covid 19 pandemic safely.

I miss seeing you all.

Penni



CUDDLE CORNER

Hi Cuddle Quilters!

It's been a slow year for pick up and distribution, but I'm sure there are finished Cuddle Quilts piling up in your sewing rooms. So, let's have a day where we can connect and get some of these turned in!

I've signed up at Bear Paw for Tuesday, August 11th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. I'll be there to collect quilts, provide name tags, stamp your incentive cards, and give out spools of thread to those with full cards! *Remember, you must wear your mask.* Let's get those quilts from your house and out to those who are in need!

We also have Cuddle Quilt kits available at Bear Paw all the time. Just swing by and pick one up! Thanks to all of you for donating such beautiful quilts!

Sue Johnson

August Birthdays

Burrow, Kathy	8/10
Youngholm, Betsy Anne	8/15
Williams, Michelle	8/16
Baker, Sammie	8/18
Brand, Mary	8/26
Mason, Nancy	8/29

We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!



virtual meetings **are** a little wierd...



VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Until we have direction on when it will be safe to resume in-person group gatherings, Zoom has become the “go to” app for many of us.

Helen, Penni, and Betsy Anne participated in the Northern California Quilt Council sponsored Meet the Teachers and learned which teachers are offering virtual trunk shows and workshops. We are looking forward to a similar Zoom meeting presented by the Global Quilt Connection to introduce additional teachers who are available for on-line presentations and classes.

We may be experiencing that way of distance learning in the near future.

FALL RETREAT IS CANCELLED
For September 2020

Based on current health advisories, ECCO is not open to group gatherings.

We look forward to having our usual Fall Retreat in September 2021.

MYSTERY MAGIC

Hi, Mystery Quilters; hopefully by now you are well on your way to completing your mystery quilt. I can't wait to see the wonderful parade of completed tops.

If for some reason you have not received all the clues, even though you signed up for this mystery quilt, or upon seeing the final quilt, you want to jump in now and start, please contact me. Either way, we will get you all the steps to make this fun and fast Spinning Pie Plates Quilt.

Sally Walker



Designers' Quilt



Sally's Quilt

Quilting Circles

Contact: Marian Romero
 August 2020

Anything with Fabric are meeting twice a week on Zoom to sew together. It's a good way to stay in touch with each other while members are physically distancing.

Yoyo's are keeping in touch thru Zoom and showing projects that are being completed. Looking forward to the Zoom SMQA meeting. Hope it all comes off amazingly. Sending happy thoughts.

Material Girls met in July. Past members Sharley Meredith and Kassy Ferguson joined us.

By-Laws and Policies and Procedures Changes are Published on SMQA Website

The By-Laws Committee, with members Betsy Anne Youngholm, Wendy Holt, Chris Hudson, and Linda Pennington, along with President Penni Simily as an ex-officio member of the committee, conducted their review between February and June.

Proposed revisions to the By-Laws and Policies and Procedures were submitted to the Board for their review on June 22nd. At the July 27, 2020 Board meeting, the Board approved the revised Policies and Procedures, and these will be presented to the general membership by posting on the website.

The proposed By-Laws will also be posted on the website. Please review these proposed By-Laws prior to the September 3rd general business meeting. Discussion and a vote by the membership to approve the revised By-Laws will be on the September general meeting agenda. So please have questions and comments ready by then. In the meantime, of course, you can always contact one of the committee members.



AUGUST HOLIDAYS

August 2	National Friendship Day
August 8	Middle Children's Day
August 15	Relaxation Day
August 19	National Aviation Day
August 26	Women's Equality Day

The August birthstone is peridot.
The August birth month flowers are poppy (symbolizing peace and loyalty) and gladiolus (symbolizing strength and integrity).

AMENITIES Card was sent to:

Diane Matthews Get Well

Contact Linda Miller if you know of someone
who would appreciate a card.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Wendy Holt
June 2020

Checking Account

(Balance 5/31/2020)	\$8,168.87
Deposits in June	\$ 00.00
Expenses in June	\$ 418.35
Balance (6/30/2020)	\$7,750.52

Savings:	\$26,354.92
CD:	\$ 00.00*

*matured CD transferred to savings



BIAS TAPE QUILT DESIGN SUGGESTION
from Vivian Helena

When I started to declutter (an ongoing project), I wondered about all the bias tape I had collected over the years. Some of it belonged to my mother and might be 50 years old.

I decided to just sew it on white squares to make a table runner. The other day, I saw instructions for a table runner that cut fabric squares and fit in the strips, pressed, and had a similar look. Except with the one I made, you don't have to cut the backing square and fit in the strip. Just lay it on top and stitch it down.

Depending on the colors you want to use for the bias tape, any color or white, cream, etc., would make a good background. It's easy, quick, and lovely. I used leftovers, but you could put more effort into a plan: maybe sunshine yellow on a green background. This would be nice for a picnic table. You might find bias tape at the Thrift stores.

Hope everyone is having a great summer.

Vivian

Do you have favorite tools or quilting tips or hints you would like to share with other SMQA members? Please send them to Betsy Anne so she can share them through the newsletter.



SMQA Quilt Show 2021
May 15 and 16, 2021

“Sierra Springtime Quilt Show”

Postcards picturing the Opportunity Quilt will soon be distributed, so you can show friends and family (strangers too if you want) our wonderful quilt. This will help you sell RAFFLE tickets.

Remember your raffle tickets can be picked up at Sinta Borland's office, Live Oak Associates, 39930 Sierra Way, Ste B, in Oakhurst. We already have members picking up their 4th or 5th batch of tickets. This quilt is very appealing to all generations!! So up-sell those tickets.

Also, a reminder that the Quilt Show Committee Zoom meeting is scheduled for August 12th at 12:30 p.m.

Thank you from your Quilt Show Chairs.

Sinta and Jeri



**Sierra Mountain Quilters Association
General Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by President Penni Simily at 6:03 pm. Penni led the flag salute. She thanked the greeters and hostesses from Foot Loose circle and the birthday ladies for bringing desserts.

Nancy Swanson made a motion, seconded by Virginia Corriea, to accept the minutes of the February General Meeting as published in the newsletter. The motion carried. There were no changes or corrections to the treasurer's report, and it was filed for audit as submitted.

First Vice President, Betsy Anne Youngholm, announced the next several programs and workshops and noted there is one spot left for the Grand Convergence class in May.

Second Vice President, Joanie Madaus, announced that we have created an Education and Outreach program to involve the youth in our community. She asked for volunteers to help with this program. There was discussion about how and who to reach out to such as 4H, Girl Scouts, homeschoolers, and others.

Membership Chair, Teri De La Torre, announced that we had 56 members attending and one visitor. We currently have 107 members. Door prizes were awarded.

Sally Walker announced that she has the first clue for the Mystery Quilt. She also announced that she needs to get pictures of new members for the website and explained what is private and public on the site.

Quilt Show Chair Jeri Carney gave an update on the show planning. There are still committee positions available, and we were reminded that it requires the efforts of all members to have a good show. She asked for volunteers to take these open positions.

Betsy Anne Youngholm explained that we are a 501 C 4 organization, a social welfare organization, and as such, donations to SMQA are not tax deductible. Each Board Member gave a brief synopsis of their position responsibilities in relation to the SMQA mission so that members would have an idea how the Board functions and what they could expect to do if they decide to volunteer for Board positions in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Gonzalez, Secretary



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For the safety of our employees, teachers & customers, We are canceling August classes.

AUGUST 1st will be our 1 year anniversary owning the shop.

We will be drawing for prizes from all the loyalty cards we collected throughout the year!!

More information will be emailed & posted on Facebook

Call us with any question: 



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

BOARD MEMBERS

President	Penni Simily
First Vice Presidents	Helen Brown and Betsy Anne Youngholm
Second Vice Presidents	Deb Austin and Joanie Madaus
Treasurer	Wendy Holt
Secretary	Laura Gonzalez

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
betsy@youngholm.com
Deadline is 20th of each month.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Amenities	Linda Miller
New Member Support	Chris Hudson
Circles	Marian Romero
Cuddle Quilts	Sue Johnson & Joan Earnest
Historian	Lynn Gray
Hospitality	Circles
Librarian	Patty Wiens
Membership	Teri De La Torre
Newsletter	Betsy Anne Youngholm
Parliamentarian	Linda Pennington
Quilt Show Chairs	Sinta Borland & Jeri Carney
Webmaster	Sally Walker