



# Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

## OCTOBER 1, 2020 MEETING IS ON ZOOM

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

Presentation by Sue Pelland

**"If you can rotary cut, you can applique!"**

## October 1st Meeting

For those of us who have been pining for some applique guidance, Sue Pelland has the answer.

Sue says if you can rotary cut, you can applique. She has designed a series of rulers (templates) that rotary cut applique shapes up to 12 at a time. This makes fusible, machine stitched applique faster and easier than ever. Her trunk show features her applique quilts made with Rotary Cut Applique techniques. We will see first-hand how each of the shapes is cut, fused, and stitched as Sue demonstrates from her own sewing room. She provides a front row seat with three camera angles: one for the trunk show, one close-up on her cutting table, and one at the sewing machine.

Take a look at her website to see her classes, products, and videos at [suepellanddesigns.com](http://suepellanddesigns.com).



You will receive an invitation by email from Betsy Anne which includes instructions on how to sign into the meeting. Remember that the sign in information is for the October 1st meeting only, and you can begin signing in at 5:30 p.m.

We encourage you to try Zoom because we are still in stay-at-home mode for the foreseeable future. We have a lecture and a class scheduled in November of this year and also in February 2021. We would like everyone to be able take advantage of these virtual offerings.

Jenny Lyon (Quiltskipper.com) will be presenting her "The Beauty of the Imperfect" trunk show on November 5th, and a two-part workshop "Yes You CAN Free Motion Quilt". The workshop will take place over two days, November 7th, and November 13th, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Remember to email Betsy Anne at [betsy@youngholm.com](mailto:betsy@youngholm.com) if you want to participate in the workshop sessions.

**Sierra Mountain Quilters Association  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
September 3, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by Penni Simily at 6:01 pm. There were 34 members in virtual attendance.

Rhonda Lloyd made a motion, seconded by Charlene Hickman, to approve the August minutes as printed in the September newsletter. The motion carried.

There were no questions or corrections to the August Treasurer's Report; it will be filed for audit.

Betsy Anne Youngholm called for discussion on the By-Laws as published on the SMQA website. A motion was made by Rhonda Lloyd, seconded by Lisa Kernaghan, to accept the By-Laws. The motion carried. Betsy Anne noted that the revised Policies and Procedures are also published on the website.

The general meeting was suspended for a trunk show and presentation by Heather Kojan.

When the general meeting resumed at 7:00 p.m., Teri De La Torre reported that we have no new members. She will set a date for members to pick up membership booklets and stickers to update information. Three prizes were awarded.

Sue Johnson reported that she will be at Bear Paw to pick up finished quilts. She will be there September 8, 2020 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Sally Walker reminded everyone that member updates are on the website. Please send her pictures for our virtual show and tell.

Maria Ciccarelli announced that Bear Paw is getting new merchandise, including batiks. A sale may be coming soon.

Please pick up your opportunity quilt tickets and get them sold.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Gonzalez, Secretary

## SMQA GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

October 1, 2020

Sign in to Zoom 5:30 p.m.

Call to order 6:00 p.m.

Call to order

Welcome

Secretary's report. Minutes from September 3<sup>rd</sup>  
general meeting as published in the October  
newsletter

*Trunk Show and Presentation by Sue Pelland*

### REPORTS

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

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Cuddle Quilts

Quilt show

Old Business

Opportunity Quilt Raffle Tickets

New Business

Nominating Committee

Nominations from the members

Show and Tell as time permits



## PENNI'S POST

October 2020

Hello Quilters! I am hoping by the time you read this our sky will be clear again.

Our program chairs have been busy lining up some interesting virtual lectures and classes. We would like to encourage you to start Zooming and to help you get onto the Zoom platform. If you need some help, just ask and we will set up practice sessions. It is nice to be able to hear and see more with Zoom. Also, you don't have to take your machine and supplies anywhere; you just sew in the comfort of your sewing room. Please make time to join in the fun.

Remember to pick up your opportunity quilt raffle tickets from Sinta. If you need help picking them up, I will be happy to get them to you. We also are having pick up for membership booklets, as well as cuddle quilt drop off and kit pick up, at Bear Paw. Thanks to Maria and Karen for helping with these projects and also to Teri and Sue for their leadership.

Let's get those UFOs finished so we can get new things started. We got a lot of ideas from Heather in our Zoom lecture. Quilt on ladies!

Penni



## CUDDLE CORNER

Hi Cuddle Quilters!

Well, we had to cancel the Cuddle Quilt drop-off day in September because of the fire. I hope everyone is safe and that we all get through this one unscathed. The next scheduled drop off will be on Tuesday, October 6. It will always be the Tuesday after the Guild meeting. I'll be at Bear Paw from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon to collect quilts, stamp your card, and give out thread when you've hit 5 donated quilts.

We'd like to collect as many quilts as possible, as our plan is to present them to victims of the Creek Fire in Madera County. Our inventory right now is low due to previous distributions. Please try to make at least one Cuddle Quilt to turn in on Oct. 6! We always have free kits available at Bear Paw, and there are still tops made by Virginia Corriea waiting there to be completed as well.

If you know anyone who lost their home in the fire, please contact either Betsy Anne or me. We're exploring avenues to reach out to those folks. I know we're all tired of quarantine and smoke, but at least it gives us an excuse to stay home and sew! Hope to see you at the next drop off day. I'll have copies of the pattern for the star ornaments (see picture below) available for anyone interested. Hang in there!

Sue Johnson



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



## VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Please become familiar with Zoom so everyone can participate in trunk show presentations and workshops.

We are busy scheduling virtual presentations and workshops for the remainder of this year and for 2021. A *huge* thank you to **Wendy Holt** for shepherding us into this virtual world by hosting our Zoom platform.

Practice will get us where we need to be. If you have Zoom questions, contact a Board member, and we will try to assist.

### THANKS FROM EMCSPCA

Thank you to the SMQA for the lovely quilt you donated for our Eastern Madera County SPCA raffle. I had the pleasure to call one of our own, Betsy Anne Youngholm, with the news that she had won the quilt and she was extremely excited. We are so pleased that a member of our SPCA and, of course, a member of the quilt guild, was the winner.

Our total income from the quilt raffle was \$2,681. Thank you to the two artists and to the quilt guild for this wonderful donation.

Sincerely,  
Nancy L. Swanson  
EMCSPCA and SMQA

AMENITIES  
Linda Miller

Wendy Holt	Thinking of You
Helen Ramsey	Thinking of You
Donna Henning	Thinking of You
Kathy Millhollon	Thinking of You
Cathy Reynolds	Thinking of You

If you know of a member who would appreciate receiving a card, please let Linda know.



**October Birthdays**

Sinta Borland	10/1
Constance Peterson	10/4
Linda Miller	10/8
Susan Mellana	10/13
Barbara Skowronski	10/16
PJ Grant	10/20
Betsy Blum	10/25
Mary Ziebarth	10/25
Rhonda Dewey	10/29

***We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!***



**OCTOBER HOLIDAYS**

October 2	World Smile Day
October 5	World Teachers' Day
October 12	Columbus Day
	Indigenous Peoples Day
October 14	National Dessert Day
October 26	National Pumpkin Day
October 31	Halloween

October's flower is the marigold, representing optimism and prosperity.

October's birthstone is the opal, said to mean hope and purity. It is believed to have healing and restoring qualities.

### Quilting Circles

Contact: Marian Romero  
October 2020

**Yoyo's** are zooming and enjoying finishing projects. Hoping that everyone is safe from the fires.

## SMQA Scholarship Opportunities

The SMQA offers several kinds of scholarships to both non-members and members.

Non-members may apply for a **Community Scholarship** for projects on which they are working. Recipients are asked to give a talk or presentation to the guild about the awarded project. Examples of the benefit of a Community Scholarship include the students from Reedley who were learning to sew and quilt, and the young women from Yosemite High School who were working on their Days for Girls senior project. Both groups received assistance from the Guild in various forms. The Community Scholarship formalizes this relationship with members of the community who are not members of the SMQA. The application form for this scholarship can be found on the SMQA website.

Perhaps better known is our **Student Scholarship**. High school students may apply for this college scholarship. They must be involved in visual or other creative arts to qualify. These Student Scholarships are publicized at all the local high schools, and application forms and requirements are available from the schools' guidance counselors.

Two types of member scholarships are available. **Workshop Scholarships** for guild sponsored workshops may be awarded based on financial need. Members may apply to the Treasurer or the President for this scholarship to attend a guild sponsored workshop. The guild pays the fee on behalf of the workshop scholarship recipient. Applications for this scholarship are confidential. The application form can be found on the SMQA website.

**Member Teacher/Presenter Scholarships** may be awarded to help defray the cost in whole or in part of attending an outside class or workshop. Recipients of this scholarship are to arrange with the Workshop Chair (1st Vice President) to teach a class or give a program presentation to the membership based on the class or workshop which they attended with scholarship funds. Usual class or program fees apply to the member-teacher's class or workshop, and these fees replenish the member teacher/presenter scholarship fund. The application form for this scholarship can be found on the SMQA website.



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

## Hints and Tips from Experience

We all like to save and use up scraps. Even scraps of batting. But beware the odd, old batting you aren't even sure where you got it!

One of our members noted that she had pieced some batting for a quilt, and when the quilt was washed, the batting seeped through the top of the quilt. Not an experience I've had, but now I wonder if anyone else has. After all that time piecing a quilt top and quilting the quilt, it was fit for a dog bed (not a bad thing if that's what you are going for).

Her words to the wise are (1) always know what type of batting you are using, and (2) use quality batting every time.

## Project Organizing Tips

During her presentation on September 3rd, Heather Kojan suggested using the following project planning pages:

PatchworkPosse.com has downloadable and printable, inexpensive, charts and calendars.

Brownbirddesigns.com has number of downloadable organizing suggestions.

Pixelstopatchwork.com has free printable planning pages.

Also, APQ (All People Quilt.com) has an assortment of free tips for a variety of quilting functions.

## IN OUR TOOLBOX

The tool we love to hate: the seam ripper. Designed for breaking or undoing sewn stitches, many of us also know the process as "un-sewing". Seam rippers were probably invented in the late 1800s. Although there is no firm agreement on when the seam ripper was first used, one of the earliest patents was in 1883 for a similar tool, a thimble that had the addition of a small knife. Other patent applications date to 1898 (for a tool designed specifically for ripping seams) and to 1903.

If you find yourself without one, there are suggested alternatives to using a seam ripper: sharp tiny scissors or thread snippers (watch out for the fabric on either side of the stitching), a razor blade or one-sided razor blade (ouch) or cuticle trimmers (watch out for the cutting angle).

With the variety of seam rippers currently available, why risk fingers and fabric with other sharp objects. You can order an electric seam ripper (\$16.38 on Amazon) or a pack of 8 with plastic handles for \$6.00, or you can spend \$40.00 or more for brass or hand turned wood. Etsy shows a number of seam ripper necklaces; so you will never be without.





## SMQA Quilt Show 2021

May 15 and 16, 2021

### “Sierra Springtime Quilt Show”

We continue to hold the dates reserved with the Oakhurst Community Center for the 2021 Quilt Show, and in January we will review the status of the show. We hope we will be able to have the show, but we will be able to make a more informed decision after the first of the year.

In the meantime, and especially important if we are not able to have our show, please continue to sell the Opportunity Quilt raffle tickets. This is still our major fundraiser.



Raffle tickets are available from Sinta Borland, who conveniently works in Oakhurst next to Oakhurst Physical Therapy.

39930 Sierra Way  
Oakhurst CA 93644  
Her office (Live Oak Associates) phone number is 559-642-4880.

Thank you from your Quilt Show Chairs.

Sinta and Jeri

## Revised By-Laws and Policies and Procedures Are Available on SMQA Website

The *By-Laws*, as presented by the By-Laws Committee, were passed at the September 3, 2020, general business meeting.

*Revised Policies and Procedures* were approved by the SMQA Board on July 27, 2020.

Both of these documents are posted on the SMQA website under the important documents tab on the Member Page.

### **OPPORTUNITY QUILT**

#### **“BLOOMING RAINBOW”**





Virginia Corriea's "Trick or Treat, Smell My Feet"



Lissa Metzger's "Halloween is coming"



Linda Pennington's 2018 Mystery Quilt



Charlotte Hickman's "Sweet Lavender"



By Deb Austin for Sierra Pines Church "Love Covers" Youth Ministry



Kathy Millhollon's "Mountain Magic", workshop taught by Linda Ballard

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

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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.*

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