



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting **May 7, 2020**
Oakhurst Community Center Pavilion
Program: Grand Convergence
Hospitality and Greeters: Sew Crafty
 Doors open at 5:30, Meeting begins at 6:00

Stay Well, Stay Home

The APRIL general meeting and workshop are cancelled.

We will reschedule Janet Morita's presentation and workshop for later in the year. Your payment will be returned to you at the next general meeting.

MAY

We hope that our current social distancing status will have changed so that May will bring us a long-awaited trunk show and workshop with Mr. John Egbert. His "Grand Convergence Quilt" will be an enjoyable challenge for us. John has taught at Quilters Paradise and Kiki's and particularly enjoys teaching art quilts and geometric designs.



Grand Convergence is the third in the Ricky Tim's convergence series. We will be creating a wall hanging with converging colors and curves.



JUNE

June brings the 40th Anniversary Celebration of the SMQA.

REMINDER

Remember to participate in our project, "Quilting the Dream", to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Sierra Mountain Quilters Association. You are invited to create an anniversary block wall-hanging.

Your block can be traditional pieced, paper pieced, appliquéd, embellished, or an art quilt. The minimum finished size will be 12x12 inches up to a maximum of 15x15 inches and can be rectangular or square.

We would like to have your completed wall-hanging for our June 4th guild meeting. We also hope to display the "Quilting the Dream" projects at the Oakhurst Library, at other local venues, and at the 2021 Quilt Show.

Questions? Please call or email Joanie Madaus or Deb Austin

**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 Maudus 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 and 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

Quilting Circles

Contact: Marian Romero
April 2020

The Quilt Squad meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. at the Symmetry Salon in YLP. Contact: Maria Ciccarelli

Anything with Fabric meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Oakhurst Library Community Room. At this time the library has requested no more than 10 participants. Call Constance Peterson or Rhonda Dewey to make a reservation to attend.

Sew Crafty Quilters now meets at Bear Paw the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PENNI'S POST

Hello Quilters,
You have no excuses for not getting a few of your UFO's finished. We are self-quarantined and at the same time the world seems to be making sure we stay that way. Almost everything has been cancelled. If we need something, however, the store or restaurant is making it convenient for pick up. Hope you all stay well!
Spring Retreat was enjoyable thanks to Georgia and Betty and all the participants that made the days memorable. Good food, snacks, advice and laughter. Lots of finished quilts, table runners and placemats.
The April meeting and class have been cancelled. In May we will have the Grand Convergence Quilt taught by Mr. John Egbert. He is a great teacher and I hope you enjoy his program and class.

Penni

April Birthdays

Gray, Lynn	4/1
Moore, Peggy	4/1
Platz, Mary	4/3
Cox, Sharon	4/10
Hotovec, Sheila	4/12
Harvey, Georgia	4/14
Gonzalez, Laura	4/16
Walker, Sally	4/18
Fisher, Laura	4/26
Baxter, Donna	4/28
Williams, Margie	4/28
Bauer, Pat	4/30
Lively, Karen	4/30

We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!



The birthday ladies are requested to bring snacks to the meeting.

AMENITIES

Cards were sent to:

Peggy McKnelly	Get Well
Ginnie Westfall	Thinking of you
Rhonda Dewey	Get Well

Correction: last month's Welcome Home was sent to Diane and Dave Martin

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

Treasurer's Report

Wendy Holt
February 2020

Checking Account

(Balance 1-27-2020)	\$10,049.63
Deposits in February	\$ 7,380.00
Expenses in February	\$ 7,284.68
Balance (2-29-20)	\$10,144.95

Savings: \$ 9,384.81
CD: \$16,950.22

SMQA Community Education and Outreach

Quilting has been a part of American living since our country began. Girls and young women practiced perfecting their skills as we have seen through antique quilts in shows and museums. Quilting is becoming a lost art; today's young people may not know how to sew and may not have the opportunity to learn. Our generation was fortunate in that either our mothers and grandmothers sewed and taught us, or we were able to learn in a yearlong class at school. In our area, there is typically not a home economics program in schools that teaches the basics of sewing to young men and women.

That is where you can help promote the art of quilting.

Our outreach goals are:

1. To educate youth on the history of quilts, skills of sewing, fabric, design, and elements of art.
2. To encourage and mentor a student to create her/his own quilt to enter a SMQA sponsored competition which will ultimately be displayed at the 2021 Quilt Show.
3. To help students become eligible for the annual SMQA scholarship.
4. To further the community outreach portion of the SMQA mission to educate the public in general of artistic, handcrafted quilted projects.

Mentors must be able to communicate with students and parents, set up meeting times for sewing lessons, and be committed to a completed project. Having a basic machine for beginners is helpful but the guild may be able to provide one if needed. Bear Paw will graciously provide space in their workroom for tutoring sessions, but you must sign up on their schedule calendar.

Please contact Joanie Madaus with questions and to sign up.



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MYSTERY MAGIC

Remember to pick up your next clue for this year's Mystery Quilt from Sally at the May meeting. There is still time to sign up at the May meeting since we have only just begun.





SMQA Quilt Show 2021

The Quilt Show Committee is pleased to announce the following information for our 2021 Quilt Show:

The dates are: May 15 and 16 2021

The Quilt Show Title is:
“Sierra Springtime Quilt Show”

The Opportunity Quilt is called:

“Rainbow Blooms”

Bev Gulley will be the featured quilter.

The opportunity quilt will be ready for its debut at the next SMQA General Meeting.



CUDDLE CORNER

Hi, all you Cuddle Quilters! I hope you're getting a lot of your projects done while stuck at home! If the power doesn't go out, we've all got plenty to do!

Contact me if you would like the instructions for the small pillowcases. It's the same as the larger ones with different measurements for cutting, etc. I'm not sure if I mentioned our newest recipient agency is the Madera County Fire Department. They have about 20 stations, and each one can use about 10 Cuddle Quilts. Maria's husband is a firefighter and is our contact for this. I love it when the recipients are as appreciative as these folks! Really gives us something to work for!

The next Cuddle Quilt sewing meeting will hopefully be Wednesday, April 15, at the Oakhurst Library from 9 am till 1 pm. We'll keep you informed if this is a go or a cancel.

Stay safe and healthy...see you when this whole thing subsides.

Contact Sue Johnson or Joan Earnest



March SMQA General Meeting



Spring Retreat



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Bear Paw is in hibernation during the "Shelter-In-Place" mandate.

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Things we are doing...

- **Making mask kits to donate**
- **Working on our website, for online purchases**
- **Holding a "Shelter-In-Place" quilt Contest**

More information will be emailed & posted on Facebook

Call us with any questions

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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
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Newsletter	Betsy Anne Youngholm
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