



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting **December 5, 2019**

Oakhurst Community Center Main Building

Desserts: June and December Birthday Ladies

Doors open at 5:30, Dinner begins at 6:00

Programs and Workshops

TICKET CORRECTION: Christmas Dinner is on **THURSDAY**, December 5th.

DECEMBER

Thursday, December 5th brings our annual Christmas dinner meeting. The program for the evening includes installation of the 2020 SMQA Board Members; viewing of the quilt interpretations of the phrases for the Block of the Month; Lynn Gray's slideshow illustrating the year 2019 in pictures; and the 2019 Mystery Quilt reveal. Once again, the Wild Fig Restaurant will be catering the dinner. June and December birthday ladies are requested to bring a dessert. And don't forget Toys for Tots.



DECEMBER HOLIDAYS

December 3	Giving Tuesday
December 7	Pearl Harbor Day
December 21	Winter Solstice
December 25	Christmas Day
December 27	National Fruitcake Day
December 31	New Year's Eve

JANUARY

The January 9th meeting program will be Cuddle Quilt sewing. We thank the members who have volunteered to bring their sewing machines and appreciate everyone's help in pinning, ironing and trimming. We still need a few more people to bring sewing machines. Please contact Sue Johnson if you can bring a machine. We hope you will have several quilt tops completed and will take one home to finish with quilting and binding. And, of course, there are kits already made up and ready to go home with you. There will be no show and tell at the January meeting so we can get right to the sewing.

FEBRUARY

The meeting on February 6th will feature a game night: a word game and strip poker, so start putting aside your 2-1/2 inch strips.

The workshop on February 7th will be the byAnnie "A Place for Everything" bag taught by Penni Simily. You will have an opportunity to get clarification from Penni Simily on preparing for the workshop at the meeting. Bear Paw will have the byAnnie pattern and supplies available.

SIERRA MOUNTAIN QUILTERS ASSOCIATION
November 7, 2019
General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Patty Spinelli followed by the flag salute. Guests were welcomed and November birthdays and anniversaries were announced. Our greeters and refreshment table set up ladies were also thanked. November birthday ladies were thanked for providing refreshments.

First Vice President Betsy Anne Youngholm announced that the meeting in January will not be on January 2nd but on January 9th due to the holiday. Second Vice Presidents Joanie Madaus and Deb Austin discussed the block of the month and encouraged those who participated to bring their completed quilt tops to the Christmas Party. Sally Walker also asked that all who made the mystery quilt this year bring them to the party. Cuddle Quilts chair Sue Johnson announced that we have given a total of 189 quilts, 102 wheelchair bags, 56 pillowcases and 12 isolette covers.

Nancy Swanson made a motion, seconded by Lupe Thompson to accept the minutes as published in the October Newsletter. The motion carried. Secretary Laura Gonzalez read thank you cards received from Valley Children's Hospital, Hinds Hospice and two Quilt of Valor recipients. There were no questions or corrections to the Treasurer's Report published in the October newsletter. The Treasurer's report was therefore filed for audit.

Membership chair Helen Brown reported that we have 71 members present and 5 guests. Door prizes were given. Helen is now accepting dues for 2020. Checks will not be cashed until after January 1, 2020. Helen announced that tonight is the last night to get tickets for the Christmas dinner. The Christmas dinner is on Thursday, December 5th, at our usual meeting time.

Nancy Swanson made a motion, seconded by Margie Williams to accept the entire slate of officers for the board. The motion passed and the 2020 elected officers are:

Penni Simily - President

Vice Presidents - Betsy Anne Youngholm and Helen Brown

Second Vice Presidents: Joanie Madaus and Deb Austin

Secretary - Laura Gonzalez

Treasurer - Wendy Holt

Charlotte Hickman shared that the bus trip to PIQF was a success and thanked the guild for their support. Patty Wiens announced that she had tickets for a quilt raffle for Yosemite Lakes Parks Church. Betsy Bloom announced the Princess Quilting Cruise to Alaska in August 2020. Rhonda Lloyd gave an update on Donna. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm. The next meeting will be on Thursday, December 5th.

Respectfully submitted, Laura Gonzalez, Secretary

December Birthdays

Flynn, Shirley A.	12/4
Lloyd, Rhonda	12/4
Earnest, Joan	12/12
Martin, Diane	12/13
Austin Deborah	12/15
Brown, Helen	12/18
Ward, Diane	12/18
Simily, Penni	12/19
Reynolds, Cathy	12/20
Geringer, Susan	12/23
Kight, Roberta	12/28

We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!

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



DECEMBER

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

If you have not yet done so, remember to complete the 2020 membership form attached to this newsletter and bring the completed form and a check to one of the next meetings. Membership is annual and a new form must be completed each year. Membership dues must be paid by the February general meeting in order to be included in the 2020 roster.

Quilting Circles

Contact: Marian Romero
December 2019

Anything with Fabric All are welcome to our circle. We meet on the first and third Thursday of the month at the Oakhurst Library community room from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday December 5th. No circle on December 19th. Contacts: Rhonda Dewey and Constance Peterson

Hospitality and Greeters

For 2020, we are again asking the Circles to choose a monthly meeting to serve as greeters and set up the refreshments table. If your circle has not already scheduled a month with Marian, please contact her so we can plan for the remainder of the next year.

Treasurer's Report

Kay Marshall
October 2019

Checking Account	
(Balance 10-1-19)	\$4,927.97
Deposits in October	+0.00
Expenses in October	-470.00
Balance (10-31-19)	\$4,457.97
Savings: \$18,202.23	
CD: \$16,928.88	

President's Notes

Hello Everyone,

This will be my last note in the newsletter as President. I want to thank all my Board for the wonderful job they did this year. They were always there to make sure you had the very best meetings and presenters. Each and every one of them were willing to step up when a problem arose.

I would also like to thank all of you, the Guild members. It was a pleasure to be your President. Congratulations to the new Board. I know you will have an awesome year!!!

I am excited for our Christmas dinner. I can't wait to see what the committee has planned. Please remember to bring a new, unwrapped toy for "Toys for Tots". All the toys stay in the Mountain area.

Signing off, *Patty*

AMENITIES

Cards were sent to:

Susan Campbell	Birthday
Donna Henning	Birthday
Tillie Helmer's Family	Sympathy

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



CUDDLE CORNER

It's been a great year with over 350 items distributed to very appreciative recipients. Thanks to all of you for your generosity of time, talent & caring.

Things will remain the same next year with Joan Earnest & myself as co-chairs. We'll continue the same incentive program: turn in five quilts and receive a spool of Aurifil thread.

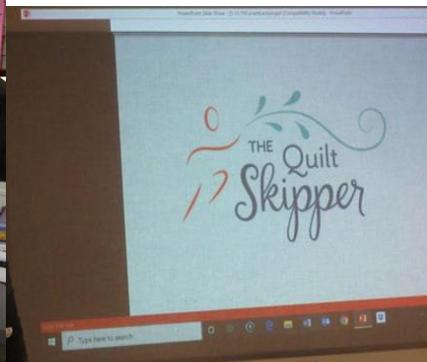
We're looking forward to a fun night of sewing at our January SMQA meeting! We still need a few more volunteers to bring their sewing machines, so please contact me!

Contact Sue Johnson or Joan Earnest



Thanks to our Linda Miller who won a one-week stay at a BIG house at Bass Lake, **Bits & Piece** had a marvelous retreat.

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING AND WORKSHOP





Sierra Mountain Quilters Association

2020 Membership Form

Your membership dues support the many functions of SMQA including: meetings, speakers, workshops, newsletter, website, quilting retreats, circles, Biennial Quilt Show and fellowship.

Membership: *(Please circle one)*

Individual Membership: \$25

Family: \$35

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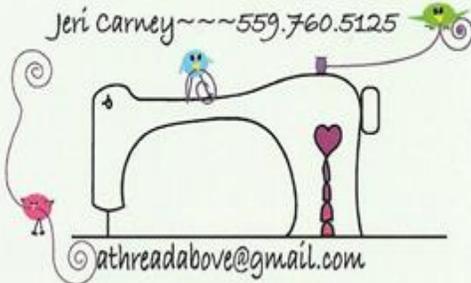
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**HOLLY JOLLY
CHRISTMAS BLAST**

December 6 & 7

9 am to 6 pm

Food, fun, games, prizes

All discounted fabric now \$4 per yard, buy the bolt and save 10% more!

Wear your ugliest sweater to be entered for our Grand Prize drawing

35% off all Christmas
15% entire store
(some exclusions may apply)



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

BOARD MEMBERS

President	Patty Spinelli
First Vice President	Betsy Anne Youngholm
Second Vice President	Deb Austin & Joanie Madaus
Treasurer	Kay Marshall
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
Member Services	Chris Hudson
Circles	Marian Romero
Cuddle Quilts	Sue Johnson & Joan Earnest
Historian	Lynn Gray
Hospitality	Circles
Librarian	Patty Wiens
Membership	Helen Brown
Newsletter	Betsy Anne Youngholm
Parliamentarian	Linda Pennington
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