



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

November 5, 2020 MEETING IS ON ZOOM
Sign in at 5:30 p.m.; Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m.
Presentation by Jenny K. Lyon
“The Beauty of the Imperfect”

November 5 Meeting

Those of you who attended Jenny Lyon’s workshop last year will remember how dynamic she is and how attentive to each individual class participant.

We are excited to welcome her back on the Zoom platform. Jenny 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.



She will show us five beautiful and fun motifs that you can put on your own quilts using your home sewing machine.

You can see more about Jenny on her website quiltskipper.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 November 5th 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. Our December meeting, “Celebrating 12 Months of Quilting”, will be on Zoom, and we have a lecture and a class scheduled in February 2021. We would like everyone to be able take advantage of these virtual offerings.

The December general meeting will include the swearing in of the 2021 Board Members, a vote on the proposed budget for 2021 (see page 7 of this newsletter), the unveiling of the mystery quilts, and show and tell. We will also hold a drawing for the table toppers we would have had on the tables if we were able to meet as a group.

**Sierra Mountain Quilters Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by President Penni Simily. There were 36 members present on Zoom.

Betsy Blum made a motion, seconded by Kathy Millhollen, to accept the minutes as printed in the Newsletter. The motion carried. Wendy Holt presented the Treasurer's Report. There were no additions or corrections so it will be filed for audit.

Betsy Anne introduced our presenter Susan Pelland. Susan showed her applique tools and quilts.

Webmaster: Sally Walker. Betsy Anne made a request for Sally: Sally says keep those completed projects photos coming.

Newsletter: Betsy Anne Youngholm asked members to keep sending quilting hints and tips for the newsletter. The deadline is the 20th of each month.

Cuddle Quilts: Sue Johnson will be at Bear Paw to collect and distribute quilts and kits from 10:00 a.m. to noon on October 6, 2020. There was discussion about quilts for the Creek Fire Victims and all agreed this is a good idea. Sue will handle the details.

Quilt Show: There was discussion about ticket sales for the Opportunity Quilt.

Patty Cramer and Maria Ciccarelli presented the slate for 2021 officers:

President	Penny Simily
1st Vice Presidents	Helen Brown & Laura Gonzalez
2nd Vice Presidents	Patty Cramer & Maria Ciccarelli
Secretary	Margie Williams
Treasurer	Wendy Holt

The November 5, 2020 meeting will present a Trunk Show by Jenny K Lyon with a two-part class on free motion quilting on November 7 and November 13. The next meeting will be held via Zoom. Sign on is at 5:30 p.m. with meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Gonzalez, Secretary

**SMQA GENERAL BUSINESS
MEETING AGENDA
November 5, 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 October 1st
general meeting as published in the November
newsletter

Treasurer's Report for September as published
in the November newsletter

Trunk Show and Presentation by Jenny K. Lyon

Election of Officers
Presentation of Slate and
Nominations from the floor

Presentation of Proposed 2021 Budget

REPORTS

1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
Membership
Webmaster
Newsletter
Cuddle Quilts
Quilt show

Old Business
Opportunity Quilt Raffle Tickets

Show and Tell as time permits

PENNI'S POST

November 2020

Hello Quilters! I hope to see you all at our Zoom meeting and classes this month. Remember we are here to help if you are having problems. I hope to learn how to choose my design and have a plan of what I am going to quilt.

I am getting lots of projects finished and taking virtual classes but can't wait to see everyone in person.

The weather is cooling down and we can look forward to Thanksgiving. We will probably be in a smaller group but still enjoy this year. Hope you are staying safe and are doing well. Blessings to you and your families.

Penni





CUDDLE CORNER

Thank you from Hinds Hospice:

...[I] just wanted to pass along a note regarding one of the quilts you kindly shared with me. I facilitated a memory making activity with a family recently. All the children and grandchildren were there. While everyone participated in putting their handprints on a canvas along with the handprint of the patient, the wife of the patient was inside the house just observing. It was too upsetting for her to participate. She has had multiple losses and is struggling with anticipatory grief. I offered her one of the quilts, which just happened to have the colors that the adult children and grandchildren were using,

When I gave it to her, she embraced it as a child embraces his or her favorite blanket. In a way, she found comfort holding on to it. I explained that it came from volunteers in the community and that the quilts were made with the intention of sharing support to someone in need.

She said. "Tell them that their support has reached me." She cried as she held the quilt.

I wanted to share this and take the opportunity to tell the quilt donors that one of their quilts provided comfort to a woman who is losing her husband of 40 years.

With gratitude, Hinds Hospice Social Worker

On October 6th at Bear Paw, we collected 51 quilts and 24 other items! Thirty quilts were given and gratefully accepted by the Creek Fire Relief group for Madera County. We are planning to bring quilts for the folks who lost their homes on the Shaver side as soon as a contact is established.

As you can see, your contributions to the Cuddle Quilt program are welcomed and appreciated. Kits are available at Bear Paw, so keep sewing! Let me know if you have questions.

Sue Johnson

TREASURER'S REPORT	
Wendy Holt	
September 2020	
<u>Checking Account</u>	
(Balance 8/31/2020)	\$6,597.16
Deposits in September	\$ 432.50
Expenses in September	\$ 300.00
Balance (9/30/2020)	\$6,729.66
Savings:	\$ 26,355.58

AMENITIES	
Linda Miller	
Annie Ossenkoop	Sympathy
Helen Ramsey	Thinking of You
If you know of a member who would appreciate receiving a card, please let Linda know.	

November Birthdays

Shirley Bryant	11/1
Donna Henning	11/7
Kathy Williams	11/9
Charlotte Hickman	11/11
Vivian Aumond-Capone	11/19
Linda Taylor	11/20
Becky Smith	11/21
Ginny Sheffield	11/29

We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!



NOVEMBER VOTE FOR SMQA BOARD

The nominating committee presented a slate of officers to the SMQA Board and this will be voted on at the November 5th general business meeting. Following are the nominations:

President	Penni Simily
1st Vice President	Helen Brown Laura Gonzalez
2 nd Vice President	Maria Ciccarelli Patty Cramer
Secretary	Margie Williams
Treasurer	Wendy Holt

Opportunity is also provided for nominations from the floor.

Thanks to Maria and Patty for their hard work in putting a slate together for our consideration.



NOVEMBER HOLIDAYS

November 1	All Saint's Day Daylight Savings Ends
November 3	Vote
November 7	Book Lover's Day
November 11	Armistice Day Veteran's Day
November 26	Thanksgiving

November's birth flower is the chrysanthemum. Chrysanthemums generally symbolize longevity, fidelity, joy, and optimism

November's birthstone, the topaz, symbolizes love and affection. It is believed to give the wearer increased strength and intellect.

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.

Quilting Circles

Contact: Marian Romero
November 2020

Yoyo's are all well and happy. We are enjoying our zoom contacts. The best part is that we have the ease of having Cathy Reynolds online, who lives in Visalia, also Janet who lives in Idaho. Keeping in touch with Quilters that have moved out of the area is an important part of keeping quilters together. Piece by piece, makes friendship and quilts.

Anything with Fabric is still participating in zoom meetings twice a week. All are welcome.

Bits & Pieces will meet Wednesday, November 4th at 11:00 a.m. Penni is in charge. Bring challenge projects that were to be finished in October!

Hints and Tips from Experience

Kay Marshall says she recently replaced a worn binding. The regular seam ripper worked well on the hand sewn side of the binding. The other tool, a converted mustache trimmer, made short order of removing the machine sewn side of the binding. She notes that she purchased the fancy seam ripper about 7 or 8 years ago at Best of the Valley Quilt Show in Lindsay.



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



VIRTUAL MEETINGS

It has been difficult for us all to adjust to having such limited in-person contact. We miss seeing friends and family, giving and getting hugs, cutting and piecing and having lazy conversations together around a table.

In the meantime, the business of the SMQA continues. We will be voting on the proposed slate of officers at the November meeting and the proposed 2021 budget at the December meeting.

Your voice is important. We recognize that Zoom meetings are a poor substitute for our usual meetings. They are, however, what we have at this point. Our by-laws state that in order to transact business, "the **quorum** for a general business meeting will consist of at least one-third of eligible, voting members." With 105 members, that means we need at least 35 members in virtual attendance at every meeting.

Please remember that our guild is an association of individuals and we need participation by all members to further our goals.

Membership forms are included in this newsletter, so remember to renew your membership and think about introducing the guild to potential members.

Proposed 2021 and Supplemental Budgets

Income	2020	Proposed 2021	Supplemental 2021
Balance in checkbook (plus money from savings account)	\$8,870.00	\$5,230.00	\$8,170.00
Advertising	\$140.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Membership	\$3,000.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00
Quilt Show	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$7,500.00
Christmas Party (dinner ticket sales)	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Workshops	\$2,520.00	\$2,520.00	\$2,520.00
Retreats & Trips - self sustaining			
Shirts & Patches - self sustaining			
Name Badges - self sustaining			
TOTAL INCOME	\$19,530.00	\$15,700.00	\$21,140.00
Expenses			
President	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
First Vice President			
Hospitality	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Programs (hotel, mileage, speaker)	\$4,700.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00
Christmas Party	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Publicity	\$70.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Rent & Set-up/down (regular meetings)	\$1,040.00	\$600.00	\$1,040.00
Workshops (Rent, set-up/take-down, teacher)	\$2,520.00	\$2,520.00	\$2,520.00
Second Vice President			
Amenities	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Cuddle Quilts	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Community Service (other than Cuddle Quilts)	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Historian	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Library	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Treasurer			
Insurance	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Miscellaneous Fees	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Northern California Quilt Council (2 years, due in 2021)	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
P. O. Box Rental	\$60.00	\$90.00	\$90.00
Scholarships, Youth & Young Adult Outreach	\$600.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
Office Supplies	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Storage Units	\$1,550.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00
Tax Preparation	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Membership (Roster Book, Raffles, Cards, Supplies)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Newsletter	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Quilt Show (quilt supplies, raffle tickets)	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$4,500.00
Website	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$19,530.00	\$15,700.00	\$21,140.00
2021 Proposed is COVID19 Restrictions with No Quilt Show			
2021 Supplemental is COVID19 Restrictions lifted with a Quilt Show			

SMQA Quilt Show 2021



It is especially important, if we are not able to have our show next year, to sell the Opportunity Quilt raffle tickets. This is still our major fundraiser.



We all need to do our part in this effort. To date, however, more than three-quarters of our membership (85 people) have either not picked up their tickets or have not turned in money for the tickets they have picked up. Current sales of \$1,734.00 is well below our projected income for this year.

It has been a different environment this year, without the usual venues to show our quilt and make raffle ticket sales. **Please** pick up your tickets and turn in your money.

Sinta has been kind enough to volunteer to have the raffle tickets available at her office in Oakhurst next to Oakhurst Physical Therapy:

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

Sinta's office location is centrally located for most members. If, however, it is difficult for you to pick up your tickets there, Kathy Millhollon will arrange a way to get your tickets to you. You could check with your circle to see if everyone has picked up her tickets and returned her money, and if not, perhaps you can pick up the tickets and distribute them to your circle members. If you are going to Oakhurst, you could check with your quilting neighbors and offer to pick up their tickets for them.

Please contact Kathy if you need help figuring out how to get your raffle tickets.

"Sierra Springtime Quilt Show"

May 15 and 16, 2021

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.



Helen Brown's Mystery Quilt



Marilyn Harvey's Mystery Quilt



Charlotte Hickman's Jellyroll Race quilt, to be donated to Mariposa women's crisis center

Sharon Fitzgerald, EMCSPCA President, presents the Community Quilt to raffle winner Betsy Anne Youngholm



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Sierra Mountain Quilters Association 2021 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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**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

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New Member Support	Chris Hudson
Circles	Marian Romero
Cuddle Quilts	Sue Johnson & Joan Earnest
Historian	
Hospitality	Circles
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Newsletter	Betsy Anne Youngholm
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