



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

May 6, 2021 MEETING IS ON ZOOM
Sign in at 5:30 p.m.; Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m.
Program: How Should I Quilt That?



May 6th Meeting

Two of our members have been asked to talk about how to choose a quilting design for your quilt depending on your quilt block pattern. For our May meeting we have our own talented quilters Dianne Matthews and Mary Brand that will do a presentation, "Why we quilt the way we do".

Mary Brand has been teaching many of us how to quilt using rulers; Diane Matthews does long-arm free motion quilting. Both will share their ideas on choosing a quilting design for your quilt.

For the general meeting, you will receive an invitation by email from SMQA which includes instructions on how to sign into the meeting. Remember that the sign in information is for the May 6th meeting only, and you can begin signing in at 5:30 p.m.

SMQA Donna Henning Memorial Scholarship Winner

Every year Sierra Mountain Quilters Association sets aside a scholarship for a deserving high school senior to promote sewing creativity and unique designs in wearable and quilting arts. This year we were fortunate to have four applicants, from Mariposa County HS, from Yosemite HS and from Glacier/Endeavor Charter HS.

The applicant chosen to receive the \$600.00 award is Jacqueline Ford, a student at Glacier/Endeavor Charter High School. Jacqueline plans to attend Fresno City College to receive an Associate Degree in business and art, and then transfer to Fresno State to pursue a bachelor's degree in fashion and design. Quoting from her application narrative, Jacqueline stated:

"When I graduate, I plan to either start my own business selling art, jewelry, and clothing; become an apprentice to a jeweler and then eventually start my own business; or go into fashion design and work for a fashion company. In order to become a successful artist who can make and sell her own goods, I need to know both art and business to be successful. I have seen many adults in my life work at a job they're dispassionate about, and I want to be passionate about what I work for."

Congratulations to Jacqueline Ford. Perhaps we will see her designs in stores someday.

**Sierra Mountain Quilters Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Penni Simily. There were 28 members present on Zoom. Penni welcomed the members and new members: Faith Moore, Sandy Eigenman and Jenny Schwabe.

Charlotte Hickman made a motion, seconded by Laura Gonzalez, to accept the March 4, 2021, minutes as printed in the Newsletter. The motion carried. The February Treasurer's Report was accepted as published in the April newsletter and filed for audit.

Laura Gonzalez, First Vice President, announced that Rachel Clark will give a presentation on Seminole piecing in October; John Egbert will do a workshop on the Grand Convergence quilt in November; and a scavenger hunt will be held tonight. Patty Cramer and Maria Ciccarelli, Second Vice Presidents, promoted the positivity challenge: a 16-inch block or smaller depicting something positive from 2020, and due in August.

Teri De La Torre, Membership reported that membership cards are available at Bear Paw Quilts and that ECCO may allow the fall retreat scheduled for September 13-16, 2021. Raffle drawings were held. There are 90 paid members currently. Betsy Anne Youngholm said the membership book will not be printed this year; a spreadsheet will be emailed with returning members and any changes, and with new members, to go with the 2020 book. Sally Walker, Webmaster and Mystery Quilt, said the password will be changed to the website and an email will be sent. She also asked that if members want to change their photograph on the roster to please send her the new one. The Mystery Quilt information is on the website and members are encouraged to participate, at no cost.

Patty Cramer, Second Vice President, provided an update on the distribution of charity quilts and heart pillows. She advised of a new project for belly bands for premature babies. They will work on putting together more kits and she thanked those who have assisted. A drawing was held from the names of those who have turned in charity items.

Maria Ciccarelli announced that Bear Paw will hold a sew along in October for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Kathy Millhollon commented on the status of ticket sales for the opportunity quilt and encouraged members to continue with selling tickets.

Wendy Holt, Treasurer, thanked Charlotte Hickman for working with the schools on the Donna Henning Memorial Scholarship program. Charlotte reviewed the applications that were received and noted the Board selected Jacqueline Ford.

Show and Tell was held, and the scavenger hunt was held.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m. The next meeting will be held via Zoom on May 6, 2021. Sign on is at 5:30 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Margie Williams, Secretary

SMQA GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

May 6, 2021

Sign in to Zoom 5:30 p.m.

Call to order 6:00 p.m.

Call to order

Welcome

Secretary's report. Minutes from April 1st general meeting as published in the May newsletter

Treasurer's Report as published in the May newsletter

REPORTS

1st Vice President

2nd Vice president

Membership

Webmaster

Newsletter

Cuddle Quilts

Opportunity Quilt Raffle Tickets

New Business

Introduction of Program: Quilting Design

Show and Tell as time permits



PENNI'S POST

May 2021

Hello Quilters. I hope you are enjoying the wildflowers blooming and everything green. Spring has sprung.

I want to express special thanks to Charlotte Hickman and Wendy Holt for their work with our Donna Henning Scholarship Award. Charlotte makes sure that all the local high schools are aware of our scholarship and the application requirements. She and Wendy review the submissions and forward those that meet the requirements to the Board. We appreciate the time and effort they apply to bringing qualified applicants to our attention.

Remember our Sew and Chat on Tuesday at 1:00 pm. It has been a small group, but we are sewing and chatting. If you would like to join us let me know and I will send you an invitation.

The mystery quilt is coming along and is quite interesting. I can't wait for the next clue. I have never done a totally scrappy quilt before, so I am excited to see what magic happens.

The 2nd Vice Presidents have a challenge for us: a Positivity Block reflecting something positive from 2020. It is nice to be able to look at some of the positives instead of all the negatives.

Signs are favorable for our area to open up soon. I can't wait to see you all in person. Stay safe!

Penni



CUDDLE CORNER

To date, we have donated two hundred twenty-five items to our selected agencies. Mountain Rescue, Fresno Social Services, Terry’s House, Hinds Hospice, Cancer Center and Heart Institute, St Agnes Foundation, and Valley Children’s have all received your beautiful items. Thank you to each of you who have participated.



We are making more “Belly Band” kits. We are hoping to have one hundred completed bands to turn in in May. The kits are at Bear Paw. We have also made more Cuddle Quilt kits from panels we have found in storage. So easy; you might add a small border and you might not. If you haven’t had a chance to get a kit, now is a great time.

We are researching the hygiene bags for children and also considering making a small bag for the homeless with some items inside. Stay tuned.

Happy Piecing!!

Maria and Patty

2021 Mystery Quilt

I hope you are finding the 2021 Mystery Quilt to be a quick and easy stash buster. I think you'll be delighted with the results.

By adding two columns and one row to mine, I've made it bed-sized! Yes, I'm jumping ahead; you still have work to do! Enjoy this next step. Before you know it, you'll be piecing this beauty together!

Click [here](#) for a quick link to our Mystery Quilt clue for May.

Feel free to call me with any questions.

Sally Walker

TREASURER’S REPORT

Wendy Holt
March 2021

Checking Account

(Balance 2/28/2021)	\$5,070.31
Deposits in March	\$ 330.00
Expenses in March	\$ 74.36

Balance (3/31/2021) \$5,325.95

Savings: \$ 26,356.88



Hello fellow SMQA members:

There WILL BE A GRAND PRIZE OF A \$50 gift certificate to Western Sierra Nursery to the guild member who sells the most raffle tickets!!!

Only two weeks to go before the drawing on May 16th. Opportunity Quilt Raffle Tickets are still available to sell. Please help us provide funds for future guild programs! The Opportunity Quilt is on display at Bear Paw Quilts & More.

If you have not picked up your tickets, we encourage you to call and make arrangements to pick them up OR you can call and send in a check to pay for them and we will be happy to write your name on your ticket stubs to be entered into the drawing!!

Call Sinta Borland 559-287-2397 or Jeri Carney 559-760-5125.



MAY HOLIDAYS

- May 1 May Day
- May 5 Cinco De Mayo
- May 9 Mother's Day
- May 11 Eat What You Want Day
- May 15 Armed Forces Day
- May 20 National Rescue Dog Day
- May 31 Memorial Day

Emerald is the birthstone for May; the emerald represents loyalty and integrity.

May's flower is the Lily of the Valley, a symbol of luck, happiness, and humility.

Vivian reminds us of our past support for veterans with our quilts and wants us to be aware of this event to acknowledge Armed Forces Day.



**Join Us For A Day
In The Park**

Armed Forces Day
May 15, 2021
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Ahwahnee Regional Park
Veterans' Memorial
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AMENITIES

Linda Miller

Helen Brown	Sympathy
Lynn Gray	Sympathy

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

Looking Forward (or back)

The “Baptist Fan” quilting design was named because it was used for quilting bees in the basement of churches. The sweeping fans were quickly quilted because they were easy to quilt when sitting around a quilt frame. They also follow the natural movement of your arm; each person did the section in front of them, then the quilt was rolled, and a new section appeared.

This design was also known as “elbow quilting” because the size of the fan was the reach between your elbow and your fingers. A free form fan design is easy to mark and to quilt, either by machine or by hand.

Quilting Circles

Contact: Marian Romero

May 2021

Yoyo’s notes that there are some plusses to being cozy at home and saying hi from a comfy chair. We see the quilts made by our long-distance YoYo family and our local ones with Zoom. Fun seeing what everyone else is doing. Enjoy each moment.

Material Girls have been meeting for the past few months and are now planning a gathering in June with a picnic lunch on the patio with present and past Material Girls. We have been working on the guild heart pillows and finish a few each month at our gatherings.

Bits & Pieces will meet in May, same time, same place. Mel will bring a project for us. Happy times!

Sew Thrilled will meet in May. We will be working on a new project Linda has for us. WHEEEEE !

Anything with Fabric is still having zoom meetings on Monday and Thursday. Rhonda Dewey and Constance Peterson are our leaders, and they can help you if you wish to join our fun, friendly circle.

Request

A friend of Linda Miller is looking for someone to make a wall hanging or lap quilt from men’s neckties. If you are interested, please contact Gael at 683-4502.

May Birthdays

Lissa Metzger	May 2
Barbara Messner	May 4
Ginnie Westfall	May 7
Annie Ossenkoop	May 11
Debbie Beighey	May 12
Patty Wiens	May 13
Steph Risinger	May 18
Helen Ramsey	May 24
Mel Peters	May 26

We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!



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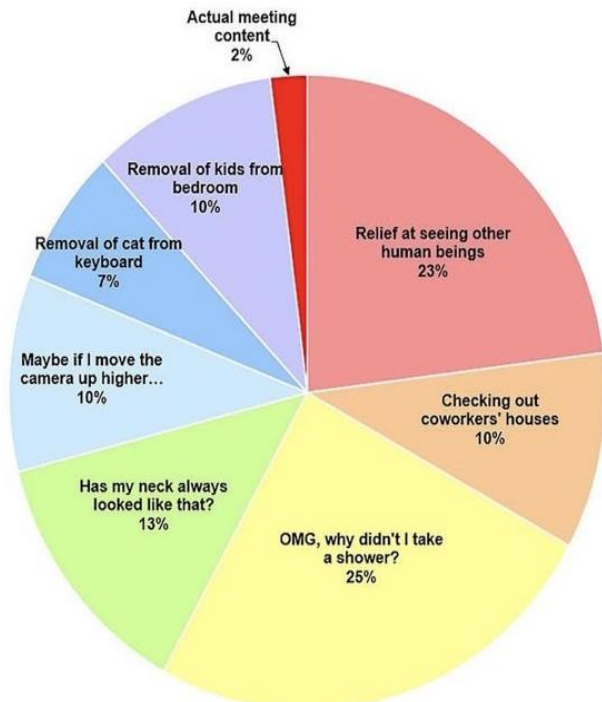
Road to California presents Road@Home, May 21 to 23, 2021. Information about this virtual conference can be accessed at roadtocalifornia.com

The Reno Quilt Show will be live and in person, June 10 to 12, 2021. Information is available at <https://www.quiltshowreno.com>

The Vermont Quilt Show is online in June. Information can be found at <https://www.vqf.org/home/>



**(Compliments of Nancy Mason)
Diagram of Zoom Meeting Attention Span**



Quilt by Mel Peters for a friend



Penni Simily's Elvira Quilt by Gudrun



DONATION SHOUT OUT goes to Sierra Mountain Quilters Association!!! They donated 5 Quilts and 3 sets of pillow cases!!!!

These wonderful community members have been making quilts around the clock and have continuously donated to our safe house. Blankets are one of the most left items when someone flees from Domestic Violence. We appreciate your generous hearts and love that goes into each quilt.



Betsy Anne's Garden Party using Dora Cary's Heat Wave Pattern



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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 Laura Gonzalez
Second Vice Presidents	Patty Cramer and Maria Ciccarelli
Treasurer	Wendy Holt
Secretary	Margie Williams

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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