



Sierra Mountain Quilters Association Newsletter

FEBRUARY 6, 2025

Doors open at 12:30 pm. Meeting begins at 1:00 pm.

Host Greeters: Lissa Metzger and Sandy Johnson

Program: Pamela Alexander Trunk Show

February 6, 2025 General Meeting Agenda



President's Message

Well, it sure feels like winter lately...cold cold nights, brisk & chilly days. Makes me want to stay inside in my jammies all day!

Perfect weather for quilting. Turn that thermostat up to 72 degrees, or throw another log on the fire. All cozy beside your sewing machine. Nothing makes me more content! Have you figured out which of your quilts are going in the quilt show? I've been debating this with myself lately. I can't wait to see what everyone is submitting! With all the talent in this guild, it's going to be a great show! And finally, someone once said: "Quilting: Keeps my hands busy, my mind calm, my heart happy and my family warm!"

Call to Order
Flag Salute

Welcome - Birthdays & Anniversaries

Reports:

Secretary - Janet Morita
1st Vice Presidents - Joan Earnest
2nd Vice President: Bev Gulley
Treasurer's Report - Lisa Kernaghan
Audit Committee Report
Membership - Ku'ulei Arredondo
Newsletter - Kathy Burrow
Webmaster - Sally Walker
Cuddle Quilts – Tricia Lacey
Quilt Show - Maria Ciccarelli
Spring Retreat - Laura Gonzalez

Monthly block raffle: Sandy Johnson & Lissa Metzger

Mystery Quilt - Sinta Borland
Adjourn meeting

Show and Tell

Program:

Pamela Alexander -
Slideshow of quilts she's quilted

Sierra Mountain Quilters Association General Meeting Minutes, January 9, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by 1st vice-president, Joan Earnest (for Sue Johnson), at the Oakhurst Community Center followed by the Flag salute.

Joan welcomed everyone and thanked the greeters and table decorators. She, then, recognized January birthdays and anniversaries.

Laura Gonzalez made a motion, Nancy Swanson seconded, to change the October general meeting to daytime. The motion passed.

Nancy Swanson made a motion, Penni Simily seconded, to accept the December 5, 2024, minutes as printed in the newsletter. The motion carried.

Joan Earnest, 1st vice-president, announced we need greeters and table decorators for February and August. Lissa Metzger and Sandy Johnson volunteered for February and Jeannie Brisendine, Mary Platz, and Maria Ciccarelli took August. At the February meeting, Pamela Alexander will present a trunk show and teach a Bohemian wall hanging class the next day. The program at the March meeting will be Cuddle Quilts. In April, there will be a trunk show by some of our members (Hidden Gems). The following day, Sue Johnson will teach a rope basket class. In May, Pat Robertson will present a trunk show. In June, there will be an ice cream social.

Bev Gulley, second vice-president, asked for a moment of silence for Jimmy Carter. She thanked everyone for donations of 5-inch squares for the summer program and is willing to receive more. She was asked by the Oakhurst Visitors Center for donations of small items like wall hangings for a raffle.

Lisa Kernaghan, Treasurer, the treasurer's report as published in the newsletter will be led for audit.

Ku'u'lei Arredondo, Membership, announced we now have 33 members. Membership cards will be ready next month. She is looking for donations for drawings. Carol Van Kopp won the drawing today. We have Two new members today, Sue Walker and Mary Gaston.

Kathy Burrow, Newsletter, had nothing to report.

Cuddle Quilts - Sandy Johnson (for Tricia Lacey) reported the next Cuddle Quilt Days will be Jan.15, and Feb.19, at the library from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 4 cuddle quilts and 21 bibs were donated to Helping Hands. Sandy is planning a Cuddle Quilt challenge. For those members who make a holiday themed cuddle quilt (red, white and pink for Valentines Day, greens for St. Patrick's, etc.) there will be a drawing. And there will be a drawing at the end of the year for those who make the most cuddle quilts.

Maria Ciccarelli, Quilt Show chair, announced we have four more months until the quilt show. She asked members to talk to Sally Walker if they have taken the Opportunity quilt to another guild. More than \$5,000 has been collected so far. There will be a quilt show meeting at 2:00 p.m. tomorrow. Bear Paw classes coming up include a decolorant day, a Laura Heine day, rope bowls with Sue Johnson, and a Judy Niemeyer class and a footstool class with Wendy Holt.

Laura Gonzalez, Spring Retreat, reported there are two daytime spots available and overnight spots are available also. A massage therapist will be there.

Sinta Borland, Mystery Quilt, reported people who have signed up will be emailed the next set of directions.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m. followed by Show and Tell, snacks and Bunco. Respectfully submitted by Janet Morita, secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lisa Kernaghan December 31, 2024

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance 12/1/24 \$2,528.96

Credits in December \$1,002.02

Debits in December \$842.76

ENDING BALANCE \$2,688.22

(12/31/2024)

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance 12/1/24 \$9,393.95

Credits in December \$0.80

ENDING BALANCE \$9,394.75

(12/31/2024)

CD ACCOUNT

Balance 12/31/24 \$10,000.00

Total Accrued Interest \$132.15

AVAILABLE BALANCE \$10,000.00

(12/31/24)

1st Vice Presidents' Message

Joan Earnest

Who would have thought it possible? Quilter's love Bunco!!

We had a terrific game day at our January guild meeting. It was so much fun to have the opportunity to meet lots of members that we haven't ever spoken to in such a fun and nonthreatening way! Should the opportunity to play again come up, we may have another game day! I am working diligently trying to fill our calendar with interesting speakers or trunk shows for the rest of the year. We have many members willing to instruct us in new projects at our workshops. If you would like to do a trunk show or a partial trunk show, please let me know. I'm looking for volunteers and I know we all have beautiful things stored away that we've made. I do have funds to hire one more speaker and am looking for recommendations for who that person might be. We can't afford expensive or someone from far away as money is tight this year. Any help you can give me would just make my day!

**2025 Program Schedule**

February 6 - (Daytime) Pamela Alexander
Slideshow of her quilts

February 7 - Bohemian Quilt As You Go Wall
Hanging

March 6 - (Daytime) Cuddle Quilts

April 3 - Hidden Gems - Sue Johnson

April 4 - Sue's Rope Bowl Workshop

May 1 - Pat Robertson Trunk Show

Kings River Quilt Guild Festival Featured
Artist

May 16 - May 18 - Quilt Show

June 5 - Ice Cream Social

July 10 - Guild Meeting TBD

August 7 - Guild Meeting TBD

September 4 - Guild Meeting TBD

September 5 - Lynn & Joanie Workshop on
The Padded Folding Chair

October 2 - (Daytime) Guild Meeting TBD

November 6 - (Daytime) Guild Meeting TBD

December 4 - (Daytime) Annual Winter
Luncheon

2nd Vice President Message

Joan Earnest in behalf of the guild delivered a quilt to Fresno Flats and it was accepted by Kathy Zingrich. A lap quilt, a small wall quilt, and 15 quilted hearts were also donated to the Oakhurst Visitor's Bureau to be used as gifts at their Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.

Quilt Tickets

Sell Tickets, Support the Quilt Show

Time is flying, and with our May 2025 Quilt Show just around the corner, it's important that we maximize ticket sales for our opportunity quilt, *Solstice Swirl*. This stunning quilt is the centerpiece of our biggest fundraiser, helping ensure that we meet our budget and the success of our guild.

We encourage every member to think outside the box! Let's take *Solstice Swirl* to craft fairs, other quilt guilds, and quilt retreats sponsored by different groups. These venues are fantastic opportunities to share our quilt with a wider audience and increase ticket sales.

A heartfelt thank-you goes out to those who have already taken the quilt to various venues. Your efforts make a real difference!

Let's work together to spread the word about *Solstice Swirl* and sell as many tickets as possible. With just a few months left, it's time to get creative and help make our May show a huge success!

QUILT SHOW 2025 – UPDATE

Time is flying and the Mountain Magic Quilt Show is just around the corner. The Quilt Show Committee met on Friday, 1/10 and buttoned down some important dates to share.

Online Quilt Entries will be open from April 1 – April 25

Quilt Collecting Days are Monday, May 12 & Tuesday, May 13 from 10am-1pm at Bear Paw

- See Quilt Requirements Page in this newsletter & on our website

Quilt Pick-Up (After Show) is Monday, May 19 from 10am-1pm at Bear Paw

And of course... QUILT SHOW DATES ARE SATURDAY, MAY 17 & SUNDAY, MAY 18.

There will be plenty of opportunities to help put this show on. We will need as many members for assignments as possible to make it a fun event for everyone. Different Committee chairs will be asking for volunteers in the next few SMQA meetings. Please help us put on the biggest fundraising we have for our guild.

Thank you & happy quilting!

**Maria Ciccarelli
Chairperson**

QUILT SHOW 2025

QUILT COLLECTIONS DAYS

Monday, May 12th 10am-1pm

Tuesday, May 13th 10am-1pm

Location: Bear Paw

REQUIREMENTS:

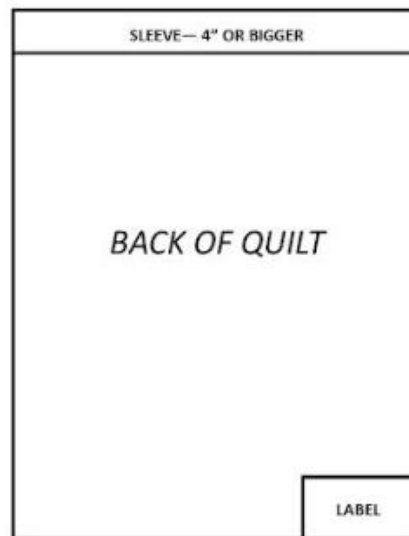
Quilt **MUST** have a sleeve opening of 4" or bigger

Quilt **MUST** have a label on the bottom **RIGHT** side of **BACK** of quilt (See diagram below)

Label **MUST**, at least, have the quilt name and your name

Label **MAY** be temporary (pinned on, on paper, etc...)

**MAXIMUM OF
3 QUILTS
PER MEMBER**



OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

Online Quilt Entry will be open from April 1st to April 25th

Quilt Pick-Up (After Show) will be on Monday, May 19th from 10am-1pm at Bear Paw



CIRCLE INFORMATION

ANYTHING WITH FABRIC meets 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Oakhurst Public Library every Monday. **All are welcome.** Contact: Sue Johnson or Joan Ernest.

OAKHURST MACHINE EMBROIDERY & SCAN-N-CUT GROUP is **welcoming new members.** The group meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 10 am at Bear Paw. We alternate months between the Oakhurst Machine Embroidery and the Scan-N-Cut groups. Please let Maria Ciccarelli know if you would like to join either group. The more the merrier! Since most people are in both groups, emails will be sent to everyone in the groups.

Bits and Pieces: Bits and Pieces celebrated their 25th anniversary. All members were present including 3 original members; Nancy Hyde, Mel Peters and Pally Vincent. Honorary members Pat Bauer and Mary Wyly were unable to attend. Bits and Pieces is a very active Circle with challenge projects, charity quilts, opportunity quilts for the Guild, and Quilts of Valor for the Guild presentations, just to name a few.

Bits and Pieces



Footloose Members are also busy at work on various projects

Circle Hostesses and Greeters for 2025

January	Laura and Peter Gonzalez
February	Lissa Metzger and Sandy Johnson
March	Oakhurst Machine Embroidery
April	Sew Thrilled
May	Anything with Fabric
June	SMQA Board
July	Footloose
August	Mary Platz, Jeanne Brisendine and Maria Ciccarelli
September	Bits and Pieces
October	Anything with Fabric
November	Footloose

Membership Application and Dues

It's that time again, a new year and a new membership application! Here are some of the ways to join or renew your SMQA membership:

- 1) Copy and print the form in this newsletter then bring it to the next meeting or put it in the mail along with your payment.
- 2) Fill out a form provided for you at the next meeting, then pay in cash, check or with a credit card.
- 3) Click [here](#) to fill out the form and pay online.

Membership News

Welcome our new members, **Sue Walker and Mary Rohrig-Gatson!** Introduce yourself to these lovely ladies and get to know Sue and Mary. Let's make them feel welcome to our guild.

Mary Rohrig-Gatson



Sue Walker



SMQA Spring Quilt Retreat

Have you planned your projects?
April 22 -25th 2025!!

There are still two openings for two one day time slots on
Tuesday and Wednesday.

Daytime only \$44 per day includes lunch

To Reserve one of those days or to be added to a wait list for

Days only please contact

Laura Gonzalez 559-676-0205

Spring Retreat Host



Mark your Calendar Fall Retreat

The Fall Retreat is set for Monday
Sept. 8th – Thursday Sept. 11th.

Sign-ups and details will be in June 2025.



Loretta Pesetski	02/09
Teri De La Torre	02/10
Jean Richter	02/22
Tracy Swan	02/25
Brenda Lilly Willoughby	02/22
Jean Westberg,	02/22



Members are asked to bring Snacks on their birthday month and one other month of their choosing. If you can't bring snacks on your birthday month please select a second month of your choosing.

February Refreshment List

Heather Patterson
Linda Miller
Rhonda Dewey
Charlotte Hickman
Shirley Savarine
Sandy E Jenson



Cuddler Quilt Corner
Sandy Johnson

Happy New Year Cuddle Quilters

Excellent start to 2025! Fifty, yes, that's right 50 pillowcases went to Ryan's Cases for Smiles.

Our next workday is February 19th. We need plenty of ladies to come and help. You can sew or Cut to make more kits. The workdays are in the library community room, 9:00 am to 1:00pm

However, drop in any time that is convenient for you. Bring your machine or scissors. Even better bring a friend. Remember, there are rewards for finished quilts as well as attending workdays. If you make a quilt using predominately red and/or pink, bring it to our February meeting for a surprise. You will also want to see what item goes into Sandy's Surprise Bag to be given away at the end of the year. See you soon



FOR SALE

Crown jewel long arm with Grace frame, 12 feet. Can be smaller if needed, 5 feet, 7 feet, 10 feet or 12 feet, depending on your needs. Includes brand new bobbin winder, Software if you don't want to do free motion. All tools, all manuals and pre-wound bobbins for this machine., some King Tut thread included as well as the roll of warm and white batting. \$3000. For more information contact Lissa Metzger, (home) 559-641-6515 or (cell) 559- 760-1609



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

Membership: *(Circle one)* Individual: \$25; Family: \$35; Half Year: \$12.50

Date: _____

Please Print Clearly

NAME: _____

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Note: Please mail your check to SMQA, P.O. Box 1359, Oakhurst, CA 93644

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Date Paid: _____ Check number _____ Credit Card: _____ Cash _____ Amount: _____



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

BOARD MEMBERS

President	Sue Johnson
1 st Vice Presidents	Joan Earnest
2 nd Vice Presidents	Bev Gulley
Treasurer	Lisa Kernaghan
Secretaries	Janet Morita

Board meetings are held at 1:00 pm on the fourth Monday of each month. Send Newsletter submissions to:

katsmountain@gmail.com

Deadline for submissions is the 20th of each month

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

New Member Support	Ku'u lei Arredondo
Amenities	Linda Miller
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Cuddle Quilts	Tricia Lacey
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Webmaster	Sally Walker
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Membership	Ku'u lei Arredondo
Newsletter	Kathy Burrow
Quilt Show Chair	Maria Ciccarelli