



# Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting *To Be Determined*

## Stay Well, Stay Home

**The June 2020 general business meeting and ice cream social are cancelled.**

We will not be celebrating the SMQA 40th Anniversary in June of this year. Luckily, we can also call 2021 our 40th Anniversary year, as the SMQA By-Laws indicate that the association was officially founded in 1981.



Our state health guidance says to not meet in large groups through at least the end of May. In the meantime, we can continue to make masks for those who need them and maybe find a little time for our own projects.

## Workshop and Speaker Survey

Thanks to everyone who completed the survey. The proposed workshops most chosen by our members were:

*Quilting with Rulers*  
*Landscape Quilts*  
*Borders and Bindings*  
*Thread Painting*  
*Free Motion Quilting*

A second tier of choice of workshops indicated members also would like to learn Quilt as You Go, Fabric Collage, Bargello, Hand Embroidery, and One Block Wonder. There were also requests for Free Sew/UFO time.

Additionally, the PIQF bus trip with the Mariposa Guild was a big hit last year, and we would love to see that happen again.

As we are still in unsettled times regarding travel, the July "Meet the Teachers" forum sponsored by the Northern California Quilt Council (NCQC) has been cancelled. However, now that we have your preferences, we can begin to look at scheduling trunk shows and workshops for 2021.



**CUDDLE CORNER**

We hope you are finding lots of UFO’s to work on. Also hoping some of them are Cuddle Quilts!

Meanwhile, we have had a few people drop off quilts and pillowcases and pick up batting and labels. There have been no distributions since March, but I am sure we will make up for lost time later in the year. Let us know if there is anything you need, and we will see what we can do.

Stay safe and keep on sewing!  
Sue Johnson

**PENNI'S POST**

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are getting lots of projects finished. It is funny how I always wish for time to finish my UFO’s and now that I have the time, I am starting new things and adding to the unfinished projects. Do not get me wrong; I have finished some things and made many masks. I am waiting for the day we can meet again. We will not be pushing the end because we need to stay safe. Thank you to all the quilters for the masks, and thanks to all the workers who have made it possible for us to get through this pandemic.

Stay safe, Penni

**June Birthdays**

Algots, Myra	6/2
Wyly, Mary	6/5
Corriea, Virginia	6/7
Carney, Jeri	6/15
Burton, Linda	6/16
Fisher, Betty	6/18
Dahlin, Joyce	6/20
Lucas, Teri	6/26
Holt, Wendy	6/26
Romero, Marian	6/29

*We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!*



**FALL RETREAT**

Where: ECCO  
When: September 14-17, 2020  
Cost: \$32.00 per day includes lunch  
How: email me at [dltcteri@aol.com](mailto:dltcteri@aol.com) to sign up

Mail check to  
SMQA  
P.O. Box 1359  
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Each participant will have their own table (no sharing), and you can also bring a small worktable. We will be in the chapel with plenty of room to spread out.

Thanks so much, Teri

*Of course, all is subject to change based on health advisories at the time.*

## SMQA PROJECTS

Along with your own or your Circle projects, several ongoing activities involving SMQA members are:

### The Mystery Quilt

#### MYSTERY MAGIC

When we started this Mystery Quilt, we could have never guessed that we would still be practicing social distancing in June. But we are now working on Step 6. There are two different places online used to distribute the clues: a secret Facebook page and a group google email. Please let me know if you would like to join us. It is still not too late to join in the fun.\*

Sally



\*Sally is having too much fun, making bunting out of her string piecing.

### Quilting the Dream Blocks

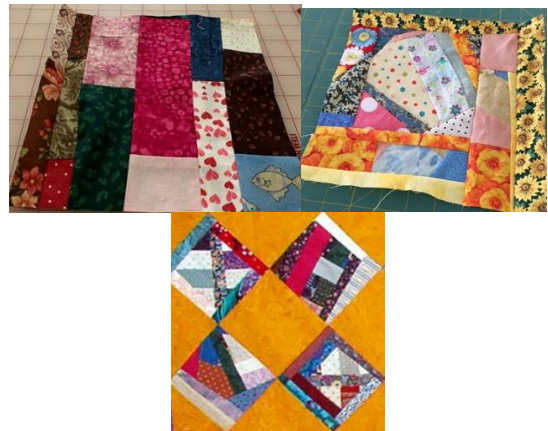
Although we may be celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Sierra Mountain Quilters Association later than planned, the anniversary block wall-hanging project continues. Your block can be traditional pieced, paper pieced, appliquéd, embellished, or an art quilt. The minimum finished size will be 12x12 inches up to a maximum of 15x15 inches and can be rectangular or square.

We plan to display the “Quilting the Dream” projects next year at the Oakhurst Library, at other local venues, and at the 2021 Quilt Show.

**Questions?** Please call or email Joanie Madaus or Deb Austin

### Scrap/String Blocks from Mask Materials

We know the scraps from your mask making efforts are still somewhere in your sewing area. If each of us makes one or two 6-and-1/2-inch or 8-and-1/2-inch blocks from those scraps (to finish at 6 and 8 inches respectively), we will have enough to put together for one or more community quilts.



These quilts would then be given to a community group or facility for them to raffle off. The mask making effort showed our coming together to support our community, our first responders, our friends, and our family members. The blocks will be both a good use of scraps and representative of an unprecedented time in our lives.

Call or email Joanie Madaus or Deb Austin with questions.





### SMQA Scholarship Awards

On May 11, 2020, SMQA Scholarships were awarded to two Yosemite High School seniors. Alexiz Robertson and Gabriella Lazarcheff will each receive a \$300.00 SMQA Scholarship toward their college education. Alexiz plans to attend Green River Community College in Washington. Gabriella is in the process of choosing among four California schools and one Nevada university.

Please join us in congratulating and celebrating their milestone and continuing journey. Charlotte Hickman gets our appreciation and gratitude for shepherding this process by connecting to all the high schools to ensure any student meeting the guild's requirements is considered and brought forward for this scholarship opportunity.

Also, appreciation goes to the members of the Board who were able to join the Zoom meeting to review and discuss how best to award the scholarship in a way that allowed both ladies to receive benefit.

Wendy Holt

### JUNE HOLIDAYS

June 6	D-Day Anniversary
June 13	National Sewing Machine Day
June 14	Flag Day
June 20	Summer Solstice
June 21	Father's Day
June 28	National Tapioca Day

June has two birthstones, pearl and the moonstone.

The June birth month flower is the rose, which represents love, beauty, honor, faith, and devotion.

### Treasurer's Report

Wendy Holt  
 April 2020

<b><u>Checking Account</u></b>	
(Balance 3-31-2020)	\$8,957.07
Deposits in March	\$ .00
Expenses in March	\$ 503.92
<b>Balance (4-30-2020)</b>	<b>\$ 8,453.15</b>
<b>Savings:</b>	<b>\$ 9,385.01</b>
<b>CD:</b>	<b>\$16,950.22</b>



## MASK DISTRIBUTION

SMQA collected and distributed more than 800 masks between April 1st and May 1st. This is an amazing achievement and a testament to the Sierra Mountain Quilters Association's commitment to our community. Among the recipients of our masks are:

- Oakhurst Healthcare and Wellness
- Sierra Ambulance
- Valley Children's Hospital
- Hinds Hospice
- Roseville Kaiser
- Suburban Propane
- Kaiser Fresno ICU
- Our local veterinary offices
- Our local grocery stores' staff

This is in addition to what our members and friends are doing individually. There have been at least another 300 masks distributed directly by our members to places such as Kaiser Fresno, Fresno Community Health, Madera Community Hospital, Community Medical Center in Madera, Red Cross staff, YLP and North Fork Fire Departments, and the CHP. And even that number does not begin to take into account the donations to family, friends, neighbors, church families, and relatives in other areas of the state and the country.



It is so rewarding to see our association take action to help our community with this incredible response.

Our friends and colleagues in Mariposa have also been busy. The Piece Makers have been busy distributing masks to Mariposa County Employees and the John C. Fremont Hospital, among other recipients. At last report, they had donated more than 200 masks in their community.



## SMQA Quilt Show 2021

The dates are: May 15 and 16, 2021

The Quilt Show Title is:

**"Sierra Springtime Quilt Show"**

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

**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**

**You are all in our thought** 



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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](mailto:betsy@youngholm.com)  
Deadline is 20th of each month.

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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