



# Sierra Mountain Quilters Association Newsletter

**August 7, 2025**

Doors open at 5:30 P.M. Meeting begins at 6:00 pm.

**Host Greeters:** Mary Platz, Jeanne Brisendine and Maria Ciccarelli

**Program:** Janet Morita Hidden Gem Trunk Show

Friday Workshop: Fabric Dying in a New Way

All quilts and pillow cases for LA Fire Victims are due at the Guild Meeting

## **President's Message**

**Sue Johnson**

### **The Quilter's Summer Confession**

by Al & SJ

It's summer now, the skies are blue,  
The flowers bloom, the breezes, too.  
But while the world basks in the light,  
I'm stitching stars well into night.

With thread in my hair and pins on my socks,  
I've stitched through heat and Netflix docs.  
My spouse just grins as I sneak in more,  
Hiding new bundles behind the door.

I've quilted ducks, I've quilted cats,  
I've even quilted a quilt of hats.  
I stitch with love and caffeine too—  
(And sometimes wine... don't tell my crew.)

A quilt's not just for warmth or bed,  
It holds the words we've never said.  
A summer breeze, a loved one's smile—  
It captures moments all the while.

For fabric speaks in colors bold,  
In whispered stories, soft and old.  
So, while the world spins fast and free,  
I quilt the love I wish to see.

**August 7 , 2025,  
General Meeting Agenda**

**Call to Order/Flag Salute**

**Welcome - Thanks you, Birthdays and  
Anniversaries**

**Reports:**

**Secretary - Janet Morita**

**1st Vice Presidents - Joan Earnest**

**2nd Vice President: Bev Gulley**

**Treasurer's Report - Lisa Kernaghan**

**Membership / Fall Retreat: - Ku'u lei  
Arredondo**

**Newsletter - Kathy Burrow**

**Webmaster - Sally Walker**

**Cuddle Quilts -Tricia Lacey & Sandy  
Johnson**

**Monthly block raffle: Lissa Metzger &  
Sandy Johnson**

**Adjourn meeting**

**Show and Tell**

**Snack Time**

**Program:**

**Hidden Gem - Janet Morita**

## **Sierra Mountain Quilters Association General Meeting Minutes, July 10, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by president, Sue Johnson, at the Oakhurst Community Center followed by the flag salute. Sue thanked Footloose for decorating the refreshment table and greeting. She, then, recognized July birthdays and anniversaries. Sue took a moment to explain her black eyes. Then she announced the need for a nominating committee to seek a new president and treasurer for next year. She reported quilts for L.A. Fire Relief will be collected in August. Laura Gonzalez made a motion, Bev Gulley seconded, to accept the June 5, 2025, general meeting minutes. The motion carried.

First Vice President, Joan Earnest, announced in August, Janet Morita will present a trunk show and then teach a new type dye class the following day. In September, Denis Ciccarelli will teach a self-defense class. Lynn Gray and Joanie Madaus will teach a padded folding chair class the following day. In October, Cindy Young will present a trunk show. The next day, Nani Johnson will teach a Retreat Bag class. In November, Kim Brownell will present a "Wacky Doodle Quilter" trunk show. Dec. 4 will be the Winter Luncheon at Bee's Bakery.

Second Vice President, Bev Gulley, reported the Summer Sewing Program will be July 15-17. 10 children will attend. She showed an example of what the children will make with 5" squares.

Treasurer, Lisa Kernaghan, sent a report. The board voted to roll over the CD for another year. The treasurer's report as published in the newsletter will be filed for audit.

Membership, Laura Gonzalez for Ku'ulei Arredondo, announced we currently have 95 members. 40 members and 1 visitor are present tonight. Drawing winners were Carolin Gaither, Lissa Metzger, Jeanne Brisendine, Marilyn Harvey, Sue Johnson, Faith Moore, Roxie Burrow, and Sally Walker. Our guest speaker, Cindy Thompson, donated some of the prizes.

Fall Retreat, Laura Gonzalez for Ku'ulei Arredondo, announced It will be Sept 22-25. Participants can pay with cash, check, or online. The cost is \$42 a day which includes lunch. 16 people are signed up so far.

Newsletter, Kathy Burrow, nothing to report.

Webmaster, Sally Walker, reported Diane Martin has eggs to sell @ \$5 a dozen.

Cuddle Quilts, Tricia Lacey, announced Hines Hospice received quilts. The next work day will be Aug 20.

Quilt Show, Maria Ciccarelli, reported it's only 22 more months until the next quilt show. The first meeting will be in August. There are open chair positions if anyone is interested. She is in the process of choosing patterns for the opportunity quilt.

Monthly Block Raffle, Lissa Metzger, and Sandy Johnson held a drawing for the monthly blocks. The winner was Sue Johnson. The August block will be red, white, and blue.

Sally Walker and Margie Williamson made cuddle quilts for the cuddle quilt contest so, they both won. There will be a drawing in December for the members who make the most cuddle quilts. The August theme is nautical.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m. followed by show and tell, snacks, and a presentation by Cindy Thompson.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Morita, secretary.

## 1st Vice Presidents' Message

Joan Earnest

Well, some of us really got wacky with our Wacky Faces workshop. We had a really fun time. I'm still adjusting mine but others have finished them, and they are fantastic! We have lots of workshops coming up, in fact, one each month for the next three months. I think I overdid it this year. Next year I will try to space things out a little better. Our upcoming ice dying class with Janet will be relaxing and stress free as I don't think anyone can do anything wrong. We will be outside in the heat, but we'll be finished by noontime. Join us if you can, it's not too late! Padded folding chairs and the Retreat Bag are upcoming. Then that's it for the workshops this year. Whew!



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents' Message

For the fourth year in a row we participated in the Oakhurst Library's Summer Reading Program with the Kid Sewing Days. We taught middle school kids how to make mini quilts over three high energy days. The kids were so proud of their projects and they amazed us with how quickly they were able to pick up the skills necessary to make a quilt. Is it really that easy?

Joan Earnest and Bev Gulley



### TREASURER'S REPORT

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June 30, 2025

### CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance 6/1/25 \$13,405.12

Credits in June \$746.68

Debits in June \$997.30

**ENDING BALANCE \$13,154.50  
(6/30/2025)**

### SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance 6/1/25 \$9,398.64

Credits in June \$0.77

**ENDING BALANCE \$9,399.41  
(6/30/2025)**

### CD ACCOUNT

Balance 6/1/25 \$10,174.93

Total Accrued Interest \$150.90

**AVAILABLE BALANCE \$10,174.93  
(6/30/25)**

### 2025 Program Schedule

August 7 – Hidden Gem - Janet Morita

August 8 – Fabric Dying in a New Way

September 4 – Self Defense Presentation  
Denis Ciccarelli

September 5 – Workshop padded folding  
chair Lynn G. and Joanie M.

October 2 (Daytime) Hidden Gems – Cindy  
Young

October 3 Workshop Bag Class Nani  
Johnson

November 6 (Daytime) Kim Brownell  
The Wacky-Doodle Quilter

December 4 (Daytime) Annual Winter  
Luncheon







## CIRCLE INFORMATION

### ANYTHING WITH FABRIC

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

#### Circle:

The Oakhurst Machine Embroidery Circle will have its usual 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup>. The meeting is held at 10:00 AM at Bear Paw Quilt Store. The month of July featured A small basket as a project for the month with an embroidered picture off your choosing on the inside. All are welcome to come. Bring a "sew and tell" if you remember. We would love to increase our membership.

### Mindful Stitchers

The Mindful Stitchers focus on letting go of daily distractions, focus on our stitching, taking time to enjoy each step of our quilting journey as we share and learn with each other. We meet Thursdays from 10:30-12:30 at our local quilt shop, Yosemite Quilt Co. and Longarm, near our homes in Yosemite Lakes Park.

## Circle Hostesses and Greeters for 2025

August	Mary Platz, Jeanne Brisendine and Maria Ciccarelli
September	Bits and Pieces
October	Anything with Fabric
November	Footloose

## Membership

### Membership:

Our membership has continued to grow! We currently have 95 members, including 3 Junior members. A membership roster was sent last month. Please review the website to verify all your information is updated and that an Emergency Contact has been added.

I would like to "Thank" The members that have donated wonderful door Prizes. It's fun to get a surprise gift

Ku'ulei Arredondo

## Fall Retreat

September 22-25

### Camp Echo

The Fall Retreat is filling up "Before signing up on line, please contact Ku'ulei at (661) 317-6514 to verify that there is space available "

## Ammenties

A thinking of you card was sent to Laura Fisher. After the passing of her husband a second sympathy card was also sent to Laura. A thinking of you card was also sent to Linda Miller.



## Birthdays of the Month



Peter Gonzalez	8/10
Kathy Burrow	8/10
Betsy Ann Youngholm	8/15
Peggy Myers	8/30

Members are asked to bring snacks to guild meetings twice a year—once for their birthday month and once in another month of their choice. If you're unable to bring snacks on your birthday month, please select a different month instead. To sign up see Joan E. at our next meeting or click [here](#).

### August Refreshment Signups

Maria Ciccarelli  
Sue Johnson  
Caroline Gaither  
Rhonda Hoyd  
Kay Marshall  
Betsy Blum



### Cuddle Quilt Corner Sandy Johnson

A slow month for July cuddle quilts. Eight bags to Kases for Kids.

There is no CQ Workday in July as it would conflict with the Kids Sewing in the Library. Next workday will be August 20 in the library community room. Time is 9-1pm. You can drop in anytime.

As you know we are collecting for the fire victims. So far we this month we have 31 quilts and 51 pillow cases. Please think about making something for this worthy cause.

This month's cuddle quilt challenge was "nautical ". Perhaps boats, fish or lighthouses. Find a fishy fabric and start sewing. Remember all pillow cases and quilts for LA Fire Victims are due at the upcoming guild meeting in August.



Get ready to explore a fun and creative fabric dyeing technique you'll love! Whether you're new to fabric dyeing or looking to expand your skills, Janet will guide us step-by-step through the process.

**Date:** Friday, August 8, 2025

**Location:** Oakhurst Community Center Patio

**Time:** Set-up at 8:30 AM | Workshop starts at 9:00 AM

**Class Fee:**

- **Members:** \$35 (cash/check) | \$37 (credit card)
- **Non-members:** \$45 (cash/check) | \$47.50 (credit card)

**Payment Options:**

- **Mail checks to:**  
SMQA  
PO Box 1359  
Oakhurst, CA 93644  
(Checks payable to SMQA)
- **Bring payment to the next guild meeting**
- **Or sign up and pay online:** [Click here to register!](#)



**Spots are limited — sign up early and come join the fun!**

**Finally Here: Padded Folding Chair Workshop!**

The long-awaited Padded Folding Chair Workshop is full! However, one spot *may* open up. If you'd like to be added to the waiting list, please contact Joan E.

Led by Lynn G. and Joanie M., this special class honors the late Chris Hudson, who originally designed and planned it. Friday, Sept 5, 2025 | 9 AM–3 PM Oakhurst Community Center Pavilion





## Workshop: Rolled Up Retreat Bag

Click link to purchase pattern or to read more details - [Sewing Pattern by Harley B](#)

**Instructor:** Nani Johnson

**Date:** Friday, October 3, 2025

**Time:** 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM (Set-up begins at 8:30 AM)

**Location:** Oakhurst Community Center Pavilion

Join us for a fun and functional workshop where you'll create the Rolled Up Retreat Bag—a stylish and handy organizer perfect for travel or quilting retreats!

Note: There will be homework before the class so the bag can be completed in a day.

**Class Fee:**

- SMQA Members: \$35 (cash/check) | \$37 (credit card)
- Non-members: \$45 (cash/check) | \$47.50 (credit card)

**Payment Options:**

- Pay online here: [Sign Up & Pay Online](#)
- Credit card payments can be made in person at guild meetings or online using the link above.
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### Show off your quilting Creations

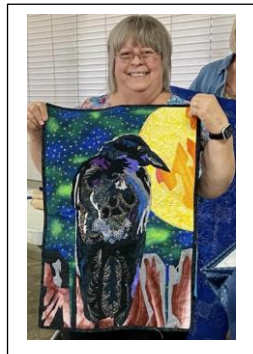
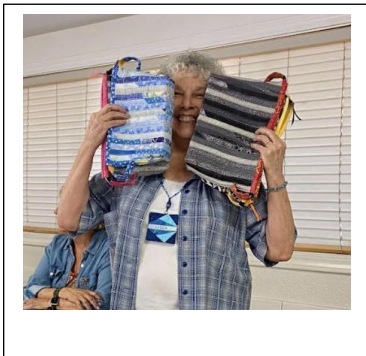
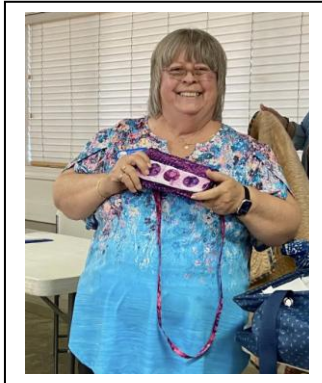
Here is a chance to show off your quilting creations over Labor Day weekend! All residents of Mariposa and EASTERN Madera County are eligible to enter the Mariposa County Fair! Entries are FREE! Quilts DO NOT need sleeves! There are LOTS of categories and two different levels of expertise, so there are lots of ribbons to be won! Plus, Mariposa Piece Makers 'quilt show' will be at the fair too! The Mariposa Piece Makers Quilt Show will be in different buildings from the quilts entered in the Fair Competition, so there will be plenty of quilts to see in addition to everything else happening at the fair over Labor Day weekend. If you have any questions, please contact the Mariposa County Fair Office at 209-966-2432 or Marilyn Harvey 209-581-8313. Please hit Ctrl+click below. Or you can go the Fair website, [FAIR | Mariposa County Fairgrounds And Exposition Center](#) and scroll down to Still Exhibits and use those links to get to the same information. The PAPERWORK is due August 2 by 5 PM, and you may email it to the fair office. The quilts themselves are due at the fair on August 15 or 16.

[SKM C360i25051215432](#) – Rules and Categories

[SKM C360i25051215420](#) – Entry forms



## *July Show and Tell*







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The advertisement is set against a background of colorful quilted patterns. On the left, a cartoon teddy bear holds a blue banner that reads 'NEW FABRICS WEEKLY'. In the center, a green starburst contains the text 'FABRIC NOTIONS CLASSES'. To the right, a photograph shows a display of quilting materials, including fabric bolts, a sewing machine, and finished quilted items. At the bottom, a Facebook logo and the phone number '559-683-7397' are prominently displayed, along with the address '40761 Highway 41—Suite 7, Oakhurst, CA'.



## Sierra Mountain Quilters Association

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

### BOARD MEMBERS

President	Sue Johnson
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents	Joan Earnest
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents	Bev Gulley
Treasurer	Lisa Kernaghan
Secretary	Janet Morita

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

[katsmountain@gmail.com](mailto:katsmountain@gmail.com)

**Deadline for submissions is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month**

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

New Member Support	Ku'ulei Arredondo
Amenities	Linda Miller
Circles	Mel Peters
Cuddle Quilts	Tricia Lacey
Historian	Laura Donahue
Webmaster	Sally Walker
Parliamentarian	Rebecca Brannon
Membership	Ku'ulei Arredondo
Newsletter	Kathy Burrow
Quilt Show Chair	Maria Ciccarelli