



Sierra Mountain Quilters Association Newsletter

October 2, 2025

Doors open at 12:30 P.M Meeting begins at 1:00 P.M

Host Greeters: Anything with Fabric

Program: Hidden Gems – Cindy Young

Friday Workshop: Retreat Bags with Nani Johnson

President's Message Sue Johnson

Happy October, everyone! I hope you're enjoying these cooler days and maybe sneaking in some extra sewing time. Fall always feels like the perfect season to dig into projects and start thinking about holiday gifts (or finally finishing those UFOs!). And remember—fabric bought in October doesn't count as stash; it counts as "early Christmas shopping." 😊

I'm so thankful for the energy and creativity you bring to the guild. Whether it's sharing ideas, showing your quilts, or pitching in on community projects, you make this group such a fun and supportive place.

Can't wait to see what you're working on this month!

Sue Johnson

October 2, 2025 - General Meeting Agenda

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call to Order/Flag Salute

Welcome - Thanks you's, Birthdays & Anniversaries

Reports:

President - Sue Johnson - Announce Board
Nominations for 2026

Secretary - Janet Morita

1st Vice Presidents - Joan Earnest

2nd Vice President - Bev Gulley

Treasurer's Report - Lisa Kernaghan

Membership / Fall Retreat - Ku'ulei Arredondo

Newsletter - Kathy Burrow

Webmaster - Sally Walker

Quilt Show - Maria Ciccarelli

Cuddle Quilts - Tricia Lacey & Sharon Sylvester

Monthly block raffle - Sandy Johnson & Lissa

Metzger

Adjourn Meeting

Show and Tell

Snacks

Program:

Hidden Gems: Trunk Show by Cindy Young

Sierra Mountain Quilters Association
General Meeting Minutes, September 4, 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 the greeters and table decorators and then recognized August birthdays and anniversaries. Sue announced the February 2026, meeting will be moved to February 12, and starting next month all meetings will begin at 1:00 p.m. Penni Simily made a motion, Laura Gonzalez seconded, to accept the August 7, 2025, general meeting minutes. The motion carried.

First Vice Presidents, Joan Earnest and Sally Walker, announced Lynn Gray and Joanie Madaus will teach a padded folding chair class tomorrow. 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 on the document review committee. The results will be reported to the board at the September meeting.

Treasurer, Lisa Kernaghan, had no report. The treasurer’s report will be filed for audit.

Membership, Lynn Gray for Ku’ulei Arredondo, reported there are 38 members attending with 2 guests. Currently we have 99 members.

Fall Retreat, Lynn Gray for Ku’ulei Arredondo, announced the retreat is full. Drawing winners were Lisa Kernaghan, Bev Gulley, and Patty Weins.

Newsletter, Kathy Burrow, had no report.

Webmaster, Sally Walker, reported for Kathy Burrow. Kathy apologizes for late deliveries of the newsletter. She has been ill.

Cuddle Quilts, Tricia Lacey, announced 151 items went to fire relief in L.A. The next Cuddle Quilt workdays will be Sept. 17, to cut juvenile quilt kits and Oct. 15, to cut regular cuddle quilts. Cuddle Quilt days are held at the Oakhurst Library community room beginning at 9:00 a.m. There will be no Cuddle Quilt workdays in November and December. Tricia is asking for volunteers to join the committee. She would like to retire. Next year workdays will occur as needed.

Quilt Show, Maria Ciccarelli, reported the 2027 quilt show will be titled “Sierra Quilted Treasures”. Kathy Millhollon will be the featured quilter. The dates will be May 15-16, 2027, with setup on Friday, May 14. The next quilt show meeting will be Friday, Sept. 26, at 2:00 p.m. Members are asked to vote for one of three quilt patterns for the opportunity quilt tonight.

Monthly Block Raffle, Lissa Metzger, and Sandy Johnson, reported the November cuddle quilt theme will be juvenile quilts. Due to lack of participation, there was no monthly block raffle.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m. followed by show and tell, snacks, and a presentation by Denis Ciccarelli.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Morita, secretary.

Proposed Board for 2026

President Wendy Holt
 First VP Joan Earnest & Sue Johnson
 Second VP Sue Walker
 Treasurer Diana Conoway
 Secretary Janet Morita

Committees

Amenities Linda Miller
 Circles (not filled)
 Cuddle Quilts Tricia Lacey
 Historian Peggy Myers
 Membership Ku'ulei Arredondo
 New Members Ku'ulei Arredondo
 Newsletter Kathy Burrow
 Parliamentarian Rebecca Brannon
 Quilt Show Maria Ciccarelli
 Webmaster Sally Walker
 Spring Retreat Laura Gonzalez
 Fall Retreat Ku'ulei Arredondo

1st Vice Presidents' Message**Joan Earnest**

We had a great meeting last month with Denis Cicarelli giving us pointers on self-defense ideas that we can use. He opened my eyes to simple things that can help protect us. But my prized carabiner has yet to be used! Lynn and Joanie did a great job with us getting out padded folding chairs put together. They are adorable and I think nearly everyone have theirs finished by now. In October we have our own hidden gem Cindy Young preparing to do a fabulous trunk show. I can't wait to see what she's got! Then comes the Retreat Bag Class that sisters Nani and Ku'ulei will be running. It's an adorable bag that will be so useful. There is lots of excitement about making this great organizer. So lots of fun is coming in the future!!!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lisa Kernaghan
August 31, 2025

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance 8/1/25 \$12,037.73
 Credits in August \$3,198.38
 Debits in August \$512.99
 ENDING BALANCE \$14,723.12
 (8/31/2025)

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance 8/1/25 \$9,400.21
 Credits in August \$0.80
 ENDING BALANCE \$9,401.01
 (8/31/2025)

CD ACCOUNT

Balance 9/1/25 \$10,350.01
 Total Accrued Interest \$19.68
 AVAILABLE BALANCE \$10,350.01
 (9/1/25)

2025 Program Schedule

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

Amenities

Nothing was reported for the month of September

Circle Hostesses and Greeters for 2025

September	Bits and Pieces
October	Anything with Fabric
November	Footloose



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.

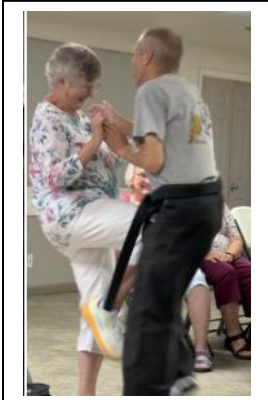
OAKHURST MACHINE EMBROIDERY

Circle:

The Oakhurst Machine Embroidery Circle will be **changing** the date of this meeting to Monday September 29, 2025, with same time, same place. This is to not interfere with the Quilt Retreat the 4th Monday of Sep. Penni Simily will be showing how to put a zipper in the back of a pillow.

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 the second & fourth Thursdays of each month from 10:30- 12:30 at various locations. Please call Rebecca Brannon 760-415-7212 for meeting information.



Membership

Please Welcome our new member, Kirsten Millhollon. It is a pleasure to welcome you to Sierra Mountain Quilters.

For our September meeting we had 38 members, 1 new member, and 1 guest Judi Garner.

A correction: As of September, we currently have 98 members including our newest member, Kirsten Millhollon.

Winners for the wonderful gifts, that were generously donated, Lisa Kernaghan, Bev Gulley, and Patty Wiens.

I was unable to attend the Sept. meeting, and I would like to Thank Lynn Grey for covering membership. Browsing on Facebook it looks like it was a very informative meeting and there was some great information provided by Denis Ciccarelli on Self Defense. Love those pictures. I also enjoyed the Show and Tell pictures.

Fall Retreat

September 22-25 Camp Echo

I would like to Thank everyone who attended the Fall Retreat. I had such a nice time with everyone. I hope that you had a wonderful time and started new projects, finished projects, maybe even have ideas for future projects.

Until next time.....

Ku'ulei



Arredondo, Ku'u'lei	10/16
Millhollon, Kirsten	10/16
Blum, Betsy	10/25
Borland, Sinta	10/01
Dewey, Rhonda	10/29
Grant, PJ	10/20
Miller, Linda	10/08
Ziebarth, Mary	10/25

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](#).

October Refreshment Signups

Linda Miller
Jeanne Brisendine
Mary Platz
Rhonda Dewey



Cuddle Quilt Corner

Sandy Johnson

*October glows on every cheek,
 October shines in every eye,
 While up the hill and down the dale
 Her crimson banners fly.*
 —Elaine Goodale Eastman (1863–1953)

Donations since last report (8/14):

Donations to Valley Children's Hospital - 6 cuddle quilts, 6 pillowcases, 5 wheelchair bags

Last cuddle quilt workday for the year. October 15 9 to 1 at the library community room. We will be cutting out/ putting together quilt

Sandy Johnson



Workshop: Rolled Up Retreat Bag

At the present time this class is full.

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.

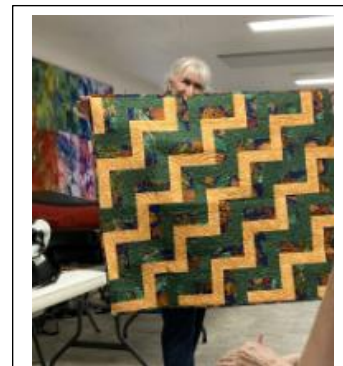
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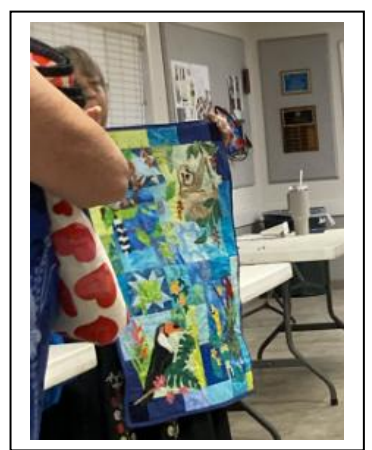
- SMQA Members: \$35 (cash/check) | \$37 (credit card)
- Non-members: \$45 (cash/check) | \$47.50 (credit card)

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.
- Mail checks to:
SMQA PO Box 1359 Oakhurst, CA 93644
- Bring payment to the next guild meeting. (Make checks payable to SMQA)

September Show and Tell





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

BOARD MEMBERS

President	Sue Johnson
1 st Vice President	Joan Earnest
2 nd Vice President	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

Deadline for submissions is the 20th 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