



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

**December 2nd, 2021, meeting is in the Main Hall
at the Oakhurst Community Center
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m.
Program: Winter Wonderland**

December 2nd Meeting



December 2nd is our "Winter Wonderland" annual dinner. We will have our installation of new board members, a vote on the 2022 budget, mystery quilt 2021 reveal, and lots of fun and prizes.

Laura Gonzalez
First Vice President

In order to protect ourselves and others, masks are required for attendance at the December meeting except while eating at your table

TREASURER'S REPORT

Wendy Holt
October 31, 2021

Checking Account

(Balance 9/30/2021)	\$3,366.62
Deposits in October	\$ 455.24
Expenses in October	\$ 614.00

Balance (10/31/2021)	\$3,207.86
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Savings:	\$ 26,358.42
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TIPS AND HINTS

If you want to create a personalized message on a quilt block, write on the square with washable ink, place the square in an embroidery hoop, sew the lines, then include the piece in the quilt. This is a quick way to add a really special touch.



Penni's Post

December 2021

Happy December!

I hope all is well with all of you quilters and your families. It is a busy time of year with everyone running around trying to get everything finished. Try to sit back and enjoy the season for a while and make some happy memories.

We have lots of great programs coming in 2022. A new Board to make it another great year for quilters in the mountains. We will be getting ready for our 2023 quilt show and in need of volunteers to make it a success.

This is my last post so I will be in the audience in December with a big smile. It has been a good experience and I am glad I could do the job.

Thank you to all of you who have helped me these last two years.

LIBRARY CORNER

Remember that the January meeting will be your last chance to purchase patterns and books. Following this sale, any remaining items will be donated to other community organizations.

Each book or pattern will be available for \$1.00 each, so bring plenty of one-dollar bills!

Constance Peterson



December Birthdays

Rhonda Lloyd	12/4
Shirley Flynn	12/4
Joan Earnest	12/12
Diane Martin	12/13
Deb Austin	12/15
Helen Brown	12/18
Diane Ward	12/18
Penni Simily	12/19
Susan Geringer	12/23
Janet Morita	12/26

We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!



SECOND VICE PRESIDENTS' REPORT

We want to thank everyone for trusting us with this position this year. It has been an interesting journey. Thanks to all of you who participated in the Positivity Challenge; it was fun to see each other's perspectives. Next year should bring more fun opportunities.

Have a wonderful New Year and keep on quilting!!

Maria & Patty

**Sierra Mountain Quilters Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Penni Simily at the Oakhurst Community Center. Margie Williams led in the flag salute. Penni welcomed the members, and November birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged. Nancy Swanson made a motion, seconded by Mel Peters, to accept the October 7, 2021, minutes as printed in the newsletter. The motion carried. The September Treasurer's Report was accepted as published in the October newsletter and filed for audit.

Penni Simily presented the slate of officers for 2022: Co-Presidents/Betsy Blum and Bev Gulley; Co-First Vice-Presidents/Laura and Peter Gonzalez; Second Vice-President/Maria Ciccarelli; Treasurer/Joan Earnest; and Secretary/Janet Morita. Penni asked if there were any nominations from the floor, and none were presented. Nancy Swanson made a motion, seconded by Charlotte Hickman, to approve the slate of officers. The motion carried. Appointed Officers are: Membership/Sue Johnson; Newsletter/Charlotte Hickman; and Quilt Show/Constance Peterson. Committee Chairs are: Member Services/Chris Hudson; Amenities/Linda Miller; Historian/Lynn Gray; Webmaster/Sally Walker; Parliamentary/Laura Donohue; Circles/Mel Peters; and Cuddle Quilts/Chris Hudson.

The proposed 2022 budget is printed in the newsletter and will be voted on at the December general meeting.

Laura Gonzalez/First Vice President, announced that with increasing costs for teachers and rents, costs will be increased for workshops as necessary. She reviewed the schedule for 2022. Laura said the Winter Wonderland dinner tickets are available at a cost of \$20, and that we need to purchase in advance and meet a minimum for the caterer. Maria Ciccarelli/Second Vice President, said the positivity challenge blocks are displayed and members will be able to vote during the refreshment break. It was announced that Joe (formerly Joe's Sew and Vacuum) is servicing sewing machines and sharpening scissors at Bear Paw Quilts. Teri De La Torre/Membership, announced that 45 members signed in, plus two guests. The door prize raffle drawings were held.

Patty Cramer/Second Vice President, read a thank you from the NICU at Valley Children's Hospital for the belly bands. She said over 175 cuddle quilts, 215 heart pillows, and 194 belly bands (plus 32 brought in this evening) have been donated to charity. She thanked Chris Hudson for taking over the cuddle quilt program.

Constance Peterson/Librarian and Quilt Show, said the library books are available for \$2 each, and what is not sold will be donated. She will put a list of quilt show positions in the newsletter and is seeking volunteers.

Penni Simily asked for volunteers for hospitality for January, May, and August, 2022. Currently individually wrapped refreshments are being served. Betsy Anne Youngholm said Peggy McNelly's husband contacted her and he advised they are selling sewing machines and a Koala table. Chris Hudson showed the quilted chairs for the February 2022, class.

Laura Gonzalez introduced John Egbert. John presented his trunk show.

Refreshment break and voting on the positivity challenge blocks. Show and tell was held. Penni thanked Footloose Circle for the hospitality table. Patty Cramer announced the winners of the positivity block challenge and prizes were awarded.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting will be on December 2, 2021.

Respectfully submitted by Margie Williams, Secretary

SMQA GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

December 2, 2021

Call to order

Welcome

Secretary's report. Minutes from November 4th general meeting as published in the December newsletter

Treasurer's Report as published in the December newsletter

Vote on Proposed 2022 Budget

Dinner, Dessert and Coffee

Prizes

Installation of 2022 Officers

Mystery Quilt Reveal

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AMENITIES

Linda Miller

Lin Crow

Get Well

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

Notices

JOE IS BACK and working out of Bear Paw.

Joe's Sewing Machine Repair is back to help us with all our sewing machine and sharpening needs. (No vacuum repairs, however.) You can call Joe at 559-580-1732 to schedule an appointment with him, or you can leave your machine at Bear Paw for him to look at. As usual, his expertise is in great demand already.

Circle News

Anything With Fabric will now be meeting from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Oakhurst Public Library Community Room every Tuesday. All are welcome. Contact: Ronda Dewey or Constance Peterson

Out and About

ROAD2CA
January 19-22, 2022
Ontario Convention Center

FOR SALE

Machines formerly owned by
Peggy McKnelly

Pfaff Creative Vision Sewing and Embroidery
Machine \$1,500 (with roller carrier)

Bernina Artista 180 \$1,500 (with roller carrier)

Singer Serger Professional Overlock Sewing
Machine #14T968DC \$ 500

Koala Outback Sewing Table \$1,500



CUDDLE CORNER



Patty delivers quilts to Hinds Hospice

2021 has been a whirlwind of a year. Every time we delivered quilts, pillowcases, bibs, wheelchair bags, heart pillows, belly bands and isolette covers it was so greatly appreciated.

Here is a list of the recipients in 2021:

Fresno Social Services, St. Agnes Medical Group, Mountain Crisis, Helping Hands, Hinds Hospice, Terry's House, Children's Hospital, St. Jude's, Oakhurst Healthcare, Helping One Woman (HOW). Some of the previous recipients had declined any donations this year because of COVID so Terry's House, St. Agnes Medical Group, St. Jude's and HOW were all new recipients this year.

We distributed 169 quilts, 26 pillowcases, 212 heart pillows, 37 baby bibs, 29 wheelchair bags and 252 belly bands for a total of 728 items. You all rock. There may be a few stragglers out there, but that number is totally awesome. Seven hundred and twenty-eight smiles on faces!!

Have a wonderful New Year, and may 2022 be filled with lots of Cuddle Quilts.

Patty & Maria



DECEMBER HOLIDAYS

December 4	National Cookie Day
December 7	Pearl Harbor Day
December 13	St. Lucia Day
December 21	Winter Solstice
December 25	Christmas Day
December 31	New Year's Eve

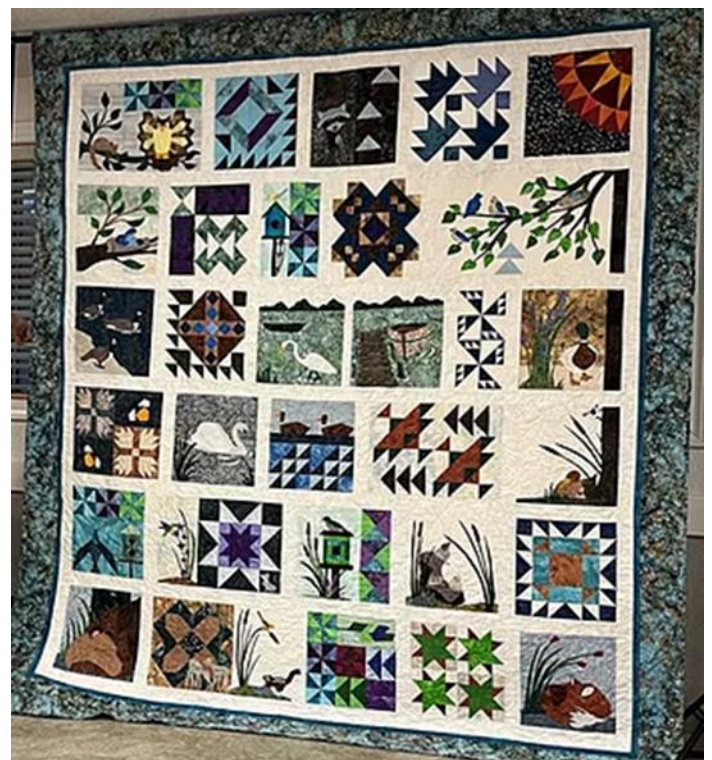
The December birthstone is the Turquoise, symbolizing success and thought to keep the wearer invisible to evil spirits.

The December flower, the Narcissus, symbolizes prosperity, clarity, and inspiration.

QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE

At our January meeting, Quilt Show Committee Chair Constance Peterson will discuss in detail the volunteer positions we need filled in order to make the 2023 Quilt Show a success.

Without the show in 2021, we will have to make up for a major fundraising loss. Please volunteer to work on the quilt show



2023 Opportunity Quilt



SMQA PROPOSED BUDGET 2022

INCOME	2021 Budget	2021 Actuals	Proposed 2022
Balance in checkbook (plus money from Savings Account)	\$5,230.00	\$5,002.20	\$10,200.00
Advertising	\$200.00	\$255.00	\$255.00
Membership	\$2,750.00	\$2,530.00	\$2,500.00
Quilt Show	\$5,000.00	\$2,319.00	\$3,000.00
Workshops	\$2,520.00	\$1,015.00	\$5,600.00
Christmas Party - Self-Sustaining	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Retreats & Trips - Self-Sustaining	\$0.00	\$1,716.00	\$0.00
Name Badges - Self Sustaining	\$0.00	\$36.00	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$15,700.00	\$12,873.20	\$21,555.00
EXPENSES			
President	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
First Vice President			
Hospitality	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Programs (hotel, mileage, speaker)	\$3,000.00	\$984.77	\$5,000.00
Christmas Party - Self-Sustaining	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Publicity	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$70.00
Rent, Set-up/down (regular meetings)	\$600.00	\$349.90	\$1,260.00
Workshops (Rent, Set-up/down, Teacher)	\$2,520.00	\$831.00	\$5,600.00
Second Vice President			
Amenities	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Cuddle Quilts	\$2,000.00	\$545.89	\$2,000.00
Community Service (other than Cuddle Quilts)	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Historian	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Library	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Treasurer			
Insurance	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Miscellaneous Fees	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Northern California Quilt Council (2 years, due 2023)	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
P. O. Box Rental	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$110.00
Scholarships, Youth & Young Adult Outreach	\$800.00	\$600.00	\$800.00
Office Supplies	\$100.00	\$11.00	\$100.00
Storage Units	\$1,750.00	\$1,824.80	\$2,000.00
Tax Preparation	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$175.00
Membership (Roster Book, Raffles, Cards, Supplies)	\$1,000.00	\$194.36	\$1,000.00
Newsletter	\$300.00	\$62.92	\$300.00
Quilt Show (quilt supplies, raffle tickets)	\$1,500.00	\$475.03	\$1,500.00
Website	\$250.00	\$59.88	\$250.00
Retreats & Trips - Self-Sustaining	\$0.00	\$1,716.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$15,700.00	\$6,629.55	\$21,555.00



Sierra Mountain Quilters Association 2022 Membership Form

Your membership dues support the many functions of SMQA, including: meetings, speakers, workshops, newsletter, website, quilting free sews, Biennial Quilt Show, and fellowship.

Membership: *(Please circle one)*

Individual Membership: \$25

Family: \$35

Please Print Clearly

NAME: _____

Day of Birth: *(Month/Day)* _____

ADDRESS:

Street Address _____

Mailing Address *(if different from above)*: _____

City _____

ZIP Code _____

PHONE: *(please ** preferred number)*

Home _____ Work _____

Mobile/Cell _____

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Email: Newsletters are delivered via email. If you don't have an email address and can't access our website at www.sierramountainquilters.org to view the newsletter and you are unable to have a friend print a copy for you, it can be mailed to you.

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

Membership Chair Use Only:

Date Paid: _____ Check number _____ Amount: _____



Positivity



Sally Walker



Rhonda Dewey

John Egbert Convergence



Grand Convergence Workshop

John and Penni



Joan Earnest



Marilyn Harvey



Sandy Eigenman



Charlotte Hickman



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Oakhurst, CA 93644

**New Christmas
Fabrics Too!**

559-683-7397

The advertisement is set against a background of colorful autumn leaves and quilt patterns. It features a central photograph of a quilt shop interior with various quilts displayed. The text is arranged in a clear, eye-catching layout with bold fonts for the main title and phone number.



Sierra Mountain Quilters Association

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

BOARD MEMBERS

President	Penni Simily
First Vice Presidents	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.*

Send Newsletter submissions to
betsy@youngholm.com
Deadline is 20th of each month.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Amenities	Linda Miller
New Member Support	Chris Hudson
Circles	Marian Romero
Cuddle Quilts	Patty Cramer & Maria Ciccarelli
Historian	Lynn Gray
Hospitality	Circles
Librarian	Constance Peterson
Membership	Teri De La Torre
Newsletter	Betsy Anne Youngholm
Parliamentarian	Linda Pennington
Quilt Show Chair	Constance Peterson
Webmaster	Sally Walker