



Sierra Mountain Quilters Association Newsletter

AUGUST 3, 2023

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m.
Program: Jeanette Walton "Inspiration" Trunk Show



Co-Presidents' Report

Buon giorno from Florence! I am really enjoying our time here in spite of the heat. So far, I haven't seen any fabric that I can't live without (or any fabric, for that matter). However, I might be tempted by an embroidery pattern I saw in a window. Mostly, I am inspired by the tile work I see everywhere we go. Do you look at things differently as a quilter? Have you tried to start with the shape of something old to create something new? Have you created a landscape from a picture instead of a pattern? Maybe we could put together a display of "adapted" designs for our next quilt show? What do you think?

Bev

It's another sizzling summer. You all have your methods to cope with the heat. My favorite is to seek any body of water whether it be a lake or a swimming pool. I've recently enjoyed some water aerobics at the YHS pool. This year I have flipped on the AC as we have new solar panels so my sewing loft is now comfortable. Do whatever you have to do to beat the heat, but I hope to see you at our August meeting where the air will be on.

Betsy

2023 PROGRAM AND WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Aug. 3rd Jeanette Walton "Inspiration" Trunk Show
Aug. 4th Starbaby Quilt Workshop
Sept. 7th Betsy Blum Trunk Show
Oct. 5th Sandra Mollon Trunk Show
Oct. 6th Thread Painting Workshop
Nov. 2nd PJ Grant Veterans Program
Dec. 7th Annual Winter Dinner
and Installation of Officers

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joan Earnest
June 30, 2023

Checking Account

Balance 6/01.2023	\$9,612.69
Credits in June	1,451.16
Debits in June	518.57

Ending Balance	\$10,545.28
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SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$19,376.25
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SMQA GENERAL BUSINESS**August 3, 2023****Call to Order**

Flag Salute

Welcome

Reports**Secretary's Report** - Minutes from June 1 meeting**1st Vice Presidents** – Sally Walker & Lynn Gray**2nd Vice President** – Jeri Carney**Treasurer's Report** – Joan Ernest**Membership** - Sue Johnson**Newsletter** – Charlotte Hickman**Webmaster** – Sally Walker**Cuddle Quilts** – Tricia Lacey**Quilt Show** – Constance Peterson**New Business****Show and Tell****Program:** Jeanette Walton "Inspiration" Trunk**Get involved with SMQA**

As SMQA looks forward to 2024 we need members to volunteer to fill several vacating board positions. The process is for a nominating committee (so far, no volunteers for the nominating committee, we need 3 people) to solicit names of interested members. The names are submitted to the entire guild in October, election in November and installation in December.

Open positions are President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. There are several board approved positions that are also open for 2024. Presently Cuddle Quilts is looking for an apprentice who will ultimately take on the position and Newsletter is looking for a replacement, too.

Being on the Board or any position is fun and interesting especially when you share a job as Bev and I have done. Get involved, get to know more of the women in the guild and create those forever friendships. Contact Bev, myself or any Board member about your desire to be on our nominating committee or to be a board member. Betsy B

1st Vice Presidents Message

What a good time to stay inside and work on our UFOs! I actually finished one yesterday and it felt so good! It's not too late to join the guild's [UFO Challenge](#). Thank, Betsy Anne for this fun challenge.

Speaking of fun, what a good time we had creating purses together for the [Sew Powerful](#) Purse project. Our goal is to donate 100 purses by our December year end meeting. We sent 47 purses with regional director Torey Elwell when she was here for our event and we have a tote with at least a dozen more that were collected. It was such a successful event, we'd like to host another purse workshop this fall. Stay tuned for details.

We have a few openings left for the August Star Baby workshop with Quiltworx certified instructor Jeanette Walton, and we are now taking sign-ups for the October Thread Painting Workshop with the well-known lecturer and instructor, Sandra Mollon. Links to both workshops can be found on our website [program page](#), or you can sign up in person at our next guild meeting.

Lynn and I have been putting our heads together coming up with exciting lectures and workshops for next year. Without giving too much away...don't give away those old neck ties, prom dresses or anything else in your giveaway pile that might be silk. It's hard to tell between rayon, polyester and silk, but don't worry...you'll also learn a technique to differentiate between the fibers. This will be a small project, so you don't need to go overboard if you happen upon silks between now and next year's workshop.

Some things will remain a mystery until next year, but trust us...it's going to be fun! In the meantime, stay cool and quilt on!

Sally and Lynn

**Sierra Mountain Quilters Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes, July 6, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by president, Betsy Blum, at the Oakhurst Community Center followed by the flag salute. Betsy thanked Anything with Fabric for decorating the refreshment table and greeting. She welcomed the guest speaker, Torey Elwell, from The Sew Powerful Purse Project. July birthdays and anniversaries were recognized.

Nancy Swanson made a motion, Charlotte Hickman seconded, to accept the June 1, 2023, minutes as printed in the newsletter. The motion carried.

The treasurer's report as published in the newsletter will be filed for audit.

First Vice Presidents, Lynn Gray and Sally Walker, discussed the purse making workshop on Friday. Sign-ups for the Starbaby paper piecing workshop in August are filling up. In September, there will be a surprise guest speaker and trunk show. October brings a trunk show by Sandra Mollon and a thread painting workshop. In November we will honor veterans. And we will finish the year with a luncheon on Dec. 7.

Betsy Anne Youngholm explained the UFO Project. Each participant must complete six projects. They should bring their forms and first three finished projects to the September meeting for the first reveal. The second reveal will be in December.

Sue Johnson, Membership, announced we have 91 members. There were 32 members and 2 visitors present. A new roster was emailed to the membership.

Drawing winners were Tricia Lacey, Lynn Gray, and Carolin Gaither.

Newsletter, Charlotte Hickman, asked everyone to let her know if you did not receive the newsletter. Sally, website, said she will help Charlotte.

Cuddle Quilts, Tricia Lacey and Rhonda Dewey, reported they made 82 pillowcase kits on the last work day. They will visit Oakhurst Health Care with pillow cases, wheelchair bags, and cuddle quilts. The next work day will be on July 27, at Bearpaw from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Bring your sewing machine and sew

Fall Retreat, Ku'ulei Arredondo, announced the retreat will be Sept. 11-14.

Betsy announced the new Quilt Show chair will be Maria Ciccarelli.

New Business

Betsy reported we need a nominating committee of three people to solicit nominees for president, secretary, and treasurer. These positions will be presented to the membership in October. In addition, we need a new newsletter editor and a trainee to work with Tricia on Cuddle Quilts to take over in 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m. followed by show and tell and a presentation by Torey Elwell.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Morita, secretary.

UFO Challenge 2023

There is still time to join the Challenge and get six of those unfinished quilting projects completed this year. The form is on the [SMQA website](#) or you can pick one up at the August meeting. Betsy Anne will be there to take your \$6.00 promise entry fee. You may think you don't have six UFOs, but open a box or cupboard or drawer and I bet you'll find at least six projects in a less than completed state. The promise fee will be used for prizes awarded by drawing names from the pool of people who have completed the Challenge.

Bring your form and first three finished projects to the September meeting for the first reveal. The second reveal will be in December.

Laurie Sengo's 3rd Annual RV Quilters Retreat in Lodi, Northern California.

This from Laura Donahue, an avid quilter/RV-er.

Laurie Sengo's 3rd Annual RV Quilters Retreat will be held in Lodi, Northern California, August 24-27. Come join Laurie for a fun 3 days of sewing. She will have an Optional project for you or you may work on your own projects. The cost is \$250 which includes your table in the rec room and your RV site for three days & nights. RV sites are 50' pull throughs with full hookups. There is a full kitchen in the rec room. There will be about 15 table spaces available.

Hosted by Laurie Sengo of fb groups: RV Quilters and RV Quilters Official Retreats

Payments to Laurie can be made by check or PayPal.

Laurie Sengo 530-219-2318

lauriesengo@yahoo.com

PO Box 956, Winters, CA 95694

Contact Laura Donahue for more information.

YES, THE FALL RETREAT IS HAPPENING!



September 11th – 14th, 2023

8:30 am - 5:00 pm

ECCO – Episcopal Conference Center
Oakhurst, 43803 CA-41, Oakhurst, CA
93644

Cost \$37 per day includes lunch.

2 days \$74; 3 days \$111; 4 days \$148.00

Sign-ups will be at the August meeting, online, or call/text Ku'ulei Arredondo 661-317-6514.

We need 15 members each day to include lunch.

If unable to get 15 members, the price will be reduced and lunch will not be included



CUDDLE CORNER

Tricia Lacey

Rhonda and I delivered 25 cuddle quilts, 25 pillowcases, 20 wheelchair bags, and 5 heart pillows to Oakhurst Healthcare this month. They were very grateful for them. The pillowcases we gave them last fall were saved for the Christmas season and given out to the residents to brighten their rooms.

This summer we are sewing cuddle quilt kits at the library. I will have cuddle quilts, pillowcases, and wheelchair bag kits to choose from. If you have a cuddle quilt you have started and need to finish, bring it to the library and sew with us. All you need is your sewing machine and necessary tools. The next cuddle quilt workday is August 23, then September 20 at the library from 9 to 1 pm. We would love to see you there.

If you have questions, please call us.

Tricia Lacey (530) 680-3741

Rhonda Dewey (559) 760-3401



Oakhurst Healthcare very grateful for the quilts, wheelchair bags, and pillows.

Scholarship Thank You Note

Dear Sierra Mountain Quilters Association,
I am eternally grateful for your generous scholarship. Thank you for choosing me and contributing to our community.

Sincerely,
Lara Holladay



CIRCLE NEWS



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.

The Oakhurst Machine Embroidery Circle is welcoming new members. The group meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 10 am at Bear Paw. **If interested in joining the group contact Ruthi Connor for more information.**

Fabric Collage meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at Bear Paw from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. **We welcome new members and will help anyone who wants to learn about fabric collage.** Contact Janet Morita at 559-760-5018 or at janet@rjmorita.com with any questions.

Circle Hostesses and Greeters for 2023

January	Peter and Laura Gonzalez
February	Material Girls
March	Oakhurst Machine Embroidery
April	Sew Thrilled
May	Fabric Collage
June	Open
July	Anything with Fabric
August	Open
September	Bits and Pieces
October	Open
November	Footloose

Lupe Thompson Fabric Sale Support the Scholarship Fund!

We have completed sorting Lupe Thompson's fabric and will be offering yards, half yards, and fat quarters at the SMQA August meeting at great prices. Bring your dollars or checks for a super bargain. All money received goes into the SMQA Scholarship Fund.

Thanks for your support!
Thursday Thimbles Circle

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Welcome our new members!



Mary Stalter

Shirley Savarino



Star Baby Workshop - August 4, 2023**Jeanette Walton****Paper Pieced Star Baby Quilt Workshop**

The 40" x 40" Starbaby quilt is just the right size for a baby quilt or wall hanging. It includes foundation papers to make two small lone stars. It is a perfect introductory pattern for learning basic paper piecing techniques.

Click [here](#) to purchase the pattern from Jeanette at a guild discount of 15% plus free first class shipping. Click [here](#) to sign up and pay for the workshop online.

Jeanette held a Zoom Pre-class meeting which was recorded. She demonstrated how to cut out papers and discussed fabric choices. If you need a refresher on how to prep for class, check out the recording. Even if you are just thinking about taking the class, you can access the recorded zoom meeting by clicking the link below.

[Zoom meeting link.](#)

Remaining Tentative Meeting Dates for 2023

Board Meetings	General Meetings
8/28	9/7
9/25	10/5
10/23	11/2
11/27	12/7
12/18	1/4/24

September Trunk Show
It's no longer a mystery!

September 7th, 2023 at 6 pm - Guild Meeting and Trunk Show with our own Betsy Blum, one of our founding SMQA members and current SMQA Co-President. After conferring with her busy travel schedule our own Besty has agreed to show us her quilts. If you've seen her award winning quilts, you know we are in for a treat!



November 2023 Veterans Appreciation
SMQA meeting and presentation of "Quilts of Valor"

Our meeting for November is set to honor and present quilts to past and present men and women Veterans of the United States armed forces. Several individuals and the sewing circles have been making patriotic quilts lap size and larger for them. For those making quilts please consider making a pillow case. This will protect the quilt and perhaps be used as a pillowcase!

For our recipients this will be a show of appreciation for the time, commitment and sacrifices they endured while supporting and defending our great country. It's possible that we will honor those from World War II to the present day. It is never too late to say "Thank you for your service"

During September I will be asking for a final count of quilts. If there are quilts not specifically dedicated to someone, those additional quilts will go to Veterans recommended by the Oakhurst Marine Corp Unit. It's not too late to make a quilt and or nominate someone you know!

Thank you for your participation. Please call me if you have questions or comments.

PJ Grant

559-676-5433

AMENITIES

Linda Miller

Charlotte Hickman	Thinking of You
Diane and Tony Ward	Thinking of You
Pat Bauer	Hello
Mary Wylly	Hello
Bev Williams	Thinking of You

Major Quilt Shows

Are you thinking about attending a really big quilt show? Here are a few to consider:

Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza - Sept 14-17, 2023 (Oaks, PA)

Pacific International Quilt Festival - Oct 12-15, 2023 (Santa Clara, CA)

Houston International Quilt Festival - Nov 2-5, 2023 (Houston, TX)

Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival - Feb 29-Mar 3, 2024 (Hampton, VA)

Quiltfest Greenville - April 18-20, 2024 (Greenville, SC)

AQS QuiltWeek - April 24-27, 2024 (Paducah, KY)

You can get further information, and info about additional shows, by Googling some approximation of the name and location.



Kathy Burrow	8/10
Peter Gonzalez	8/10
Betsy Anne Youngholm	8/15
Maria Ciccarelli	8/26

***We wish you all a very
Happy Birthday!***

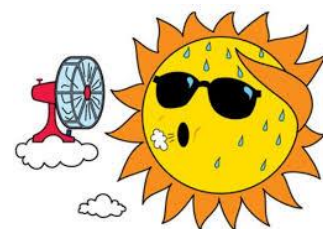


We are asking members to bring snacks on their birthday month and one other month of their choosing, and if they are not able to bring on their birthday month then choose a 2nd month that works. Sally Walker will send out monthly email reminders.

Monthly Refreshments

The following people
signed up for
refreshments for
the August Meeting.

Betsy Anne Youngholm
Peter Gonzalez
Jaydene Johnson
Charlotte Hickman
Tina Horn
Wendy Holt
Deborah Austin
Linda Miller
Mary Ziebarth



July Meeting Show and Tell



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sewists,
lots of
purses!**



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to receive the 10% discount.



Sierra Mountain Quilters Association 2023 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

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

BOARD MEMBERS

Co-Presidents	Betsy Blum and Bev Gulley
1st Vice Presidents	Sally Walker and Lynn Gray
2nd Vice President	Jeri Carney
Treasurer	Joan Earnest
Secretary	Janet Morita

*Board Meetings are held at 1:00 p.m. on the fourth
Monday of each month.*

Send Newsletter submissions to
cthickman@yahoo.com
Deadline is 20th of each month.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

New Member Support	Rhonda Dewey
Amenities	Linda Miller
Circles	Mel Peters
Cuddle Quilts	Tricia Lacey
Historian	Open position
Webmaster	Sally Walker
Parliamentarian	Laura Donahue
Membership	Sue Johnson
Newsletter	Charlotte Hickman
Quilt Show Chair	Constance Peterson