



# Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

**August 5th, 2021, meeting is in the Pavilion  
at the Oakhurst Community Center  
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m.  
Program: Fabric Dyeing**



## August 5th Meeting

We are pleased to have one of our members, Janet Morita, provide a program at our regular evening meeting and a workshop on Ice Dyeing on Friday, August 6th.

Janet's works include collage, fantastic quilts, and a variety art items and wearables using dye and paint techniques.

On August 5th, Janet will talk about her journey with fabric and quilting, with a primary focus on fabric dyeing. The workshop on Friday provides a hands-on experience with ice dyeing. It's fun and results in some interesting and individual fabric colors. For the \$35 workshop fee, Janet will provide fabric and dye for one item! You can purchase more fabric and dye too!!

There are spots open for Janet's workshop, so contact Laura to sign up.

At our September meeting, we will be playing "Strip Poker", so get your strips together!! There is still space in both the October and November classes for Rachel Clark's *Seminole Style Piecing* and John Egbert's *Convergence Quilts*.

## Second Vice Presidents' Report

We are moving the schedule for the positivity challenge, which will be revealed in *November* to reflect the season of Thanksgiving. The Shop Hop is in the planning stages, depending on what happens with the surge of Covid cases.

We are working on the proposed classes for youth and are working on ways to get the word out. If you have an idea, please contact Maria or Patty.

Maria and Patty

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**Sierra Mountain Quilters Association  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
July 8, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Penni Simily at the Oakhurst Community Center, and she led in the flag salute. There were 42 members present, and Zoom was available. Penni welcomed the members, July birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged.

Susan Campbell made a motion, seconded by Patty Cramer, to accept the June 3, 2021, minutes as printed in the Newsletter. The motion carried. The May Treasurer's Report was accepted as published in the June newsletter and filed for audit.

Laura Gonzalez/First Vice-President, announced the following program schedule and availability to sign up for classes: August/ice dyeing with Janet Morita; September/strip poker; October/Seminole piecing with Rachel Clark; November/Grand Convergence Quilt with John Egbert; December/Christmas party; and January 2022/cuddle quilts. They are working on new programs for next year.

Teri De La Torre/Membership, reported on the members and guests that were present; held the raffle drawings; and announced that signups are available for the Fall Retreat to be held September 13-16, 2021, at ECCO; with payment being due at the August meeting.

Maria Ciccarelli/Second Vice-President, promoted the positivity challenge. They are looking at the possibility of a shop hop trip later in the year. Sally Walker/Webmaster and Mystery Quilt – no new information. Patty Cramer provided an update on the distribution of charity items, and she thanked everyone for their contributions – almost 400 items have been distributed. Kits for items are available at Bear Paw Quilts, pillow forms are also available and quilt tops are available for quilting., There is a donated kit with pattern and fabric for a quilt – it was suggested that this might be used for the opportunity quilt. Constance Peterson/Librarian, advised of library books that are available to check out, and of free books.

Old Business: Susan Campbell expressed appreciation for the list of quilting abbreviations that were printed in the newsletter from the trivia game at the last meeting.

New Business: Penni Simily said she sent emails to the heads of the circles asking members to think about taking an officer position. She will have a nominating committee for August. Lynn Gray has agreed to be Historian; Sue Johnson agreed to take over membership; and Constance Peterson has agreed to serve a co-chair of the Quilt Show. Penni noted that we need to be thinking about a quilt pattern for the opportunity quilt. Constance has one that she will forward to Penni. Constance asked those who had agreed to help with the 2021 Quilt Show to let her know if they would be willing to help with the next show. Penni asked for thoughts and prayers for Peggy McNelly as she deals with serious health issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. Show and Tell and the ice cream social was held. The next meeting will be on August 5, 2021.

Respectfully submitted by Margie Williams, Secretary

## SMQA GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

August 5, 2021

Call to order

Welcome

Secretary's report. Minutes from July 8th  
general meeting as published in the August  
newsletter

Treasurer's Report as published in the August  
newsletter

Trunk Show and Presentation by Janet Morita

### Reports

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents

Membership

Webmaster

Newsletter

Cuddle Quilts

Librarian

Quilt Show: Opportunity Quilt

New Business

Nominating Committee

Show and Tell as time permits

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# August

## PENNI'S POST

August 2021

Hello, ladies. I hope all is well in your homes. We have had some very hot days lately and already looking towards fall.

Our year is already half finished. It is time to consider taking an office on the board for SMQA. Remember this is your guild we need to support it, or we won't be able to continue.

We have lots of classes, cuddle quilts, and the Positivity Challenge coming soon. We welcome ideas for new sewing ideas for classes or just to make quilting easier. Hope to see you at the ice dyeing class. What fun playing with ice on a hot day and getting a beautiful piece of fabric. This would be the perfect class for making your fabric for John Egbert's Grand Convergence class. Happy sewing. Hope to see you soon.

Penni

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Wendy Holt

June 2021

### Checking Account

(Balance 5/31/2021)	\$6,769.17
Deposits in June	\$ 00.00
Expenses in June	\$ 122.92
<b>Balance (6/30/2021)</b>	<b>\$6,646.25</b>
Savings:	\$ 26,357.54



## CUDDLE CORNER

Holy Cow, Batman – you guys rock!! We have done a fantastic job with the donated items. To date, we have donated 122 quilts, 171 pillows, 7 wheelchair bags, 2 isolate covers, 3 pillowcases, 133 belly bands, 31 bibs and 14 tissue holders, for a Grand Total of 483 items. Can you believe that???? You all totally rock. Please keep up the enthusiasm and great work.

We are working on getting more kits together and hoping to have many more ready for the August meeting. We hope everyone can make a project or two, everything is so appreciated!! Grab a kit, it makes you feel good!!

We are reaching out to try to find out if the fire victims need us to donate quilts. It's such a tragedy. Hoping each of you stay safe and healthy.

We will try to resume our Cuddle Quilt day in September. We usually meet on the Third Wednesday of the month; we may have to adjust in September so there is no conflict with the Retreat. We would ask that everyone wear a mask to protect everyone.

Please think about taking the Cuddle Quilt position for the next year. If you'd like to learn all about it, there are several months left to learn the ropes, go along on a drop off, check out the stash in storage and enjoy the reward of seeing faces lit up with big smiles. Contact Patty at 831-392-5549, if interested. Perhaps a circle would like to take on this project.

Patty and Maria



Dennis Ciccarelli  
Quality Control

## AMENITIES

Linda Miller

Constance Peterson	Sympathy
Colette Wear	Thinking of You
Randy McNelly	
and family	Sympathy
Lin Crow	Thinking of You

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

## FALL RETREAT

The 2021 Fall Retreat is scheduled for Monday through Thursday, September 13 to 16, 2021.

The cost is \$32.00 per day, which includes lunch. ECCO is requiring a minimum of 15 people and a maximum of 25. As of now, masks are not required if vaccinated, but we will keep an eye on public health guidance as we get closer to September.

Full payment is due by the end of August. You can also mail payment to SMQA at PO Box 1359, Oakhurst, CA 93644. If you are sending a check, please indicate which days of the retreat you plan to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 831-728-2027 or email [dltcteri@aol.com](mailto:dltcteri@aol.com)

Teri De La Torre



### August Birthdays

Kathy Burrow	August 10
Betsy Anne Youngholm	August 15
Carol Herzog	August 24
Mary Brand	August 26
Tara Locks	August 26
Nancy Mason	August 29

*We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!*



## Circle News

**Material Girls** meets on the second Tuesday of August at Bear Paw.

**Bits & Pieces**, will meet in August, same time, same place.

**Sew Thrilled** meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of August.

**Anything With Fabric** meets every Tuesday from 10:00 to 1:00 at the Oakhurst Public Library Community Room. All are welcome. Contact: Ronda Dewey or Constance Peterson

**Sew Crafty Quilters** are meeting the second and fourth Thursdays of each month in the Community Room of the Oakhurst Public Library.

## AUGUST HOLIDAYS

August 1	National Friendship Day
August 7	Purple Heart Day
August 13	Blame Someone Else Day
August 15	Betsy Anne's Birthday**
August 19	World Humanitarian Day
August 21	Senior Citizens Day
August 24	Pluto Demoted Day

\*\* not a holiday, but should be

The August birthstone is Peridot, which is associated with an open heart and promotes mental focus

The August flower, Gladiolus, represents strength of character and imagination



## OUT AND ABOUT

Mariposa Fair is going to be held September 3rd through the 6th, 2021. Entry forms are due by August 7th by 5:00 p.m. Exhibits are open to Mariposa County and Eastern Madera County residents. Exhibits will be accepted on August 20th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. or August 21st from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Entry forms and more information is available online at [Mariposafair.com/fair](http://Mariposafair.com/fair).

### CLOTHING, ACCESSORIES & HOME FURNISHINGS DEPARTMENT 520

#### ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms Accepted through Saturday, August 7, 2021 by 5 PM.
- **NO ENTRY FEES: SWEEPSTAKE AWARDS ONLY**
- Exhibits to fair on Friday, August 20, 2021 between 4-7 PM or Saturday, August 21, 2021, between 1 – 5 PM
- Exhibits picked up, Monday September 6, 2021, 6:30-7:30 PM or Tuesday September 7, 2021, 8-12 NOON

#### RULES AND INFORMATION:

- Limited to residents of Mariposa County and Eastern Madera County (east of Madera Canal).
- Judging will be closed.
- All entries in this division must have been sewn or constructed by the exhibitor and completed within two years of the opening day of 2021 fair. Articles which have been entered in any previous Mariposa County Fair are not eligible.
- Exhibits shall be cleaned and pressed. All knitted or crocheted items shall be blocked. Articles may have been worn or used but soiled items or items showing excessive wear will be disqualified.
- **Picture** is framed with screw eyes and wire, ready to hang. **Wall hanging** is unframed but has a usable hanger
- **DEFINITION OF ENTRY LEVELS:**
  - **Novice/Intermediate:** Exhibitors who have been exhibiting in this division for up to 5 years.
  - **Advanced/Professional:** Exhibitors who have been exhibiting in this division for 6 or more years and professionals.

#### AWARDS:

- Judging: American System of Judging
- Sweepstakes: \$20-15-10

## Peggy McKnelly Celebration of Life



As many of you know, our dear friend Peggy McKnelly passed away recently. Her husband, Randy, wanted her friends at SMQA to know about Peggy's Celebration of Life scheduled on Friday, August 13th at 11:00 a.m. at El Cid. This will be a no host luncheon with El Cid's lunch menu available for anyone interested.

In lieu of flowers, Randy is requesting that any donations be sent to the Eastern Madera County SPCA for the shelter building fund. Please send donations to EMCSPCA, PO Box 1314, Oakhurst, CA 93644.

If you would like your donation to be part of a group of SMQA members' donations, Penni will have an envelope available at the SMQA meeting on August 5th. We will then take these donations to Peggy's Celebration of Life,

Please be sure any checks are made out to the Eastern Madera County SPCA (EMCSPCA).



***As we were saying, there are a lot of choices to make when quilting:***

**Showstopper or Supporting Role?** Take a look at your quilt. Do you want the quilting to add significantly to your quilt's design? Do you want the piecing and fabric to be the focus?

The quilting design you choose can be subtle or dramatic; thread color that either blends or contrasts is another consideration.

**Motif or Not?** Are you making a Christmas quilt? Try a poinsettia design. A wildlife quilt may call for leaves or trees. Or a non-specific design with loops or swirls may be better for your quilt.

**A Little or a Lot?** Looser quilting allows the loft of the batting to remain full or works well with wool batting and has a more casual look. Dense quilting can look more modern and sophisticated. Remember the limits of your batting when deciding how far apart to quilt.

**Soft and Graceful? Sharp and Energetic?**

Quilting designs have their own personality. Check out the curves and the points. Lots of points add energy and excitement to a quilt. A design with plenty of curves has a soft look.

(from blog at tacygray.com)



### LIBRARY CORNER

We have lots of new, great, quilt books donated by Ginnie Westfall. Also, Ginnie donated hundreds of patterns, most brand new. I thought members might be interested in checking out patterns for a month or two.

When checking out an item from the library, please fill out the library card inside the books or patterns and leave it in the basket.

Constance Peterson

### Tips and Hints

*Square up your blocks at the earliest point when assembling a quilt.*

Sounds like a no brainer, right? But sometimes the easiest tips make the biggest difference. If you square up your blocks immediately, you won't run into problems later. Ensure that your blocks are the same size by using your quilting ruler at every point of quilt construction.

(From NationalQuiltersCircle.com)

### Notices

This new section is available for members who have machines or other quilting items for sale. We also occasionally hear from people who are looking for someone to make a quilt for them, and we will announce those requests as well.

This section is not meant to be another Mountain Swap or Craig's List and items will be included at the discretion of the editor.

## July 8th SMQA Meeting

Joan Earnest



Charlotte Hickman



Kathy Millhollon



Lissa Metzger





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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 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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