



Sierra Mountain Quilters Association Newsletter

DECEMBER 1, 2022

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m.
Annual December Dinner



Co-Presidents' Corner

In November, I was honored to present a Trunk Show where I displayed a bunch of my work and spoke about my development as a quilter. Thanks to all of you who attended for your attention, encouragement, and support. It was quite an experience to haul out all of my quilts, decide which ones to bring to the meeting, and to see some of my older projects which had been buried for years under newer work. I was reminded of the debt I owe to the quilter artists who taught the classes and wrote the books and magazine articles that inspired me; not to mention the sometimes anonymous makers of older quilts that I have at times tried to emulate. I hope that seeing my quilts – some of which were a lot more of a challenge to me than others – may have inspired some of you to try something a bit outside of your comfort zone. That might be a new technique or style, or it might be trying for a higher level of accuracy and detail in your current work.

I know that we have a full slate of great programs scheduled for next year. But I also know that sometimes problems occur that cause postponements and even cancellations. I encourage our members to consider presenting a program, whether as a fill-in or as a long-planned event. It's really very rewarding! And make your willingness known to our 1st Vice President so that she's got some alternatives.

Bev

My sewing machine is unplugged and covered. I will miss the quiet pleasure it gives me but I am traveling. When you read this I will be in Cambodia looking at and maybe buying beautiful silk and cotton textiles. I will visit untold number of temples including, the famous Angkor Wat, and enjoying new cuisine. It's wonderful to be traveling again. I wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends and a fun filled SMQA holiday dinner.

Betsy

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joan Earnest
October 31, 2022

Checking Account

Balance 10/01/2022	\$9,787.53
Credits in October	1,251.41
Debits in October	2,806.01

<u>Ending Balance</u> (10/31/2022)	\$8,232.93
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SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE

\$19,363.41

**SMQA GENERAL BUSINESS
December 1, 2022**

Call to Order
Flag Salute

**Voting on the 2023 Officers
Installation of 2023 Officers**

Dec. 1st Annual Winter Dinner

Nominations for 2023 Board Members

In November we failed to vote on the officers who will be leading our Guild in 2023. We will vote on these nominees at the December Dinner meeting.

The nominees for board members are:

Co-presidents: Bev Gulley & Betsy Blum

First VPs - Sally Walker & Lynn Gray

Second VP: Jeri Carney

Treasurer: Joan Earnest

Secretary : Janet Morita

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy Holidays to you all. The end of the year is almost here- my how time flies! It has been a lot of fun and work being First Vice Presidents the last couple years. I hope you all have enjoyed our functions. We are looking forward to having more time to work on our own projects. Bev Gulley's String Star Workshop was a huge success! I received more compliments on her class and teaching skills than I have heard about any other teacher! It's a beautiful quilt and she is a masterful teacher. Thank you, Bev, for all your hard work! Thank you to all our members for your support this past two years. Peter and I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Party. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Laura and Peter

2023 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Jan. 6th Cuddle Quilts Sew Night

Feb. 3rd & 4th Wendy Holt Footstool Workshop

March 2nd TBD

April 7th Karen Brow-Meier - Color Osmosis

April 8th Newly Hatched Baby Quilt Workshop

May 4th Colleen Pelfrey Life Without a Border

May 5th Taking Out the Dye Workshop

June 2nd Ice Cream Social

July 6th TBD

Aug. 3rd Jeanette Walton "Inspiration" Trunk Show

Aug. 4th Starbaby Quilt Workshop

Sept. 7th TBD

Oct. 5th Sandra Mollon. Trunk Show

Oct. 6th Thread Painting Workshop

Nov. 3rd PJ Grant Veterans Program

Dec. 7th Annual Winter Dinner

Square Terminal

The Square Terminal is up and running! At our last meeting, several of you used it to sign up for our upcoming Annual Winter Dinner. A number of you have used our online feature to sign up and pay for classes. No more writing checks or counting out cash! Hopefully many of you will use our new online features in 2023. To sign up for a workshop go to the [Programs Page](#) on our website.

Sally



**Sierra Mountain Quilters Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes – Nov. 3, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by president, Betsy Blum, at the Oakhurst Community Center followed by the flag salute. Betsy thanked Footloose for greeting and decorating the refreshment table. Becky Smith, Charlotte Hickman, and Linda Fazendin were recognized for having birthdays in November.

Nancy Swanson made a motion, Lynn Gray seconded, to accept the minutes from the Oct. 6, 2022, general meeting as printed in the newsletter. The motion was approved.

The treasurer's report, as printed in the newsletter, will be filed for audit. Joan passed out copies of the proposed 2023 budget. It will be voted on at the January general meeting.

First Vice President, Peter Gonzalez, announced sign-ups are available for the winter dinner and for Bev's class.

Webmaster, Sally Walker, reported we can sign-up online for the dinner.

Second Vice President, Maria Ciccarelli, sent a report. There is one Trash-to-Treasure box still available.

Membership, Sue Johnson, announced we're holding at 102 members and tonight we have one guest, Jim Gulley. She will collect 2023 membership dues in January. Door prize winners: Betsy Blum, Charlotte Hickman, and Joan Earnest.

Newsletter, Charlotte Hickman, reported in December the deadline for the newsletter will be the 15th.

Cuddle Quilts, Tricia Lacey, sent a report. She will have a Cuddle Quilt workshop on Nov 16, from 10:00-2:00. Bring a lunch.

Spring Retreat, Laura Donahue, announced it will be on April 12-15. The ECCO contract is signed.

Quilt Show, Constance Peterson, sent a report. She still needs a Program chair. Betsy reported \$164 earned from raffle sales at the Tarantula Festival.

Tara Lock has raffle tickets for sale for the North Fork t-shirt quilt.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m. followed by Show and Tell and a program by Bev Gulley.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Morita, secretary

SMQA 2023 PROPOSED BUDGET			
INCOME	2022 Budget	2022 Actuals	Proposed 2023
Balance in Checkbook (plus money from Savings Account)	\$10,200.00	\$7,000.00	\$10,505.00
Advertising	\$255.00	\$185.00	\$185.00
Membership	\$2,500.00	\$2,460.00	\$2,500.00
Quilt Show	\$3,000.00	\$2,320.00	\$5,000.00
Workshops	\$5,600.00	\$2,011.36	\$5,600.00
Christmas Party - Self-Sustaining	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$0.00
Retreats & Trips - Self-Sustaining	\$0.00	\$5,217.00	\$0.00
Name Badges - Self-Sustaining	\$0.00	\$59.00	\$0.00
Scholarship	\$0.00	\$1,403.00	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$21,555.00	\$21,405.36	\$23,790.00
EXPENSES			
President	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
First Vice President			
Hospitality	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Programs (hotel, mileage, speaker)	\$5,000.00	\$2,773.86	\$5,000.00
Christmas Party - Self-Sustaining	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Publicity	\$70.00	\$58.08	\$175.00
Rent - Set-up/down (regular meetings)	\$1,260.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Workshops - Rent, Set-up/down, Teacher	\$5,600.00	\$2,633.27	\$5,600.00
Second Vice President			
Amenities	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Cuddle Quilts	\$2,000.00	\$829.98	\$2,000.00
Community Service (other than Cuddle Quilts)	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Historian	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Treasurer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Square Terminal	\$0.00	\$386.62	\$0.00
Insurance	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Miscellaneous Fees	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$50.00
Northern California Quilt Council (every 2 years, due)	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
P.O.Box Rental	\$110.00	\$138.00	\$150.00
Scholarships, Youth & Adult Outreach	\$800.00	\$600.00	\$1,200.00
Office Supplies	\$100.00	\$92.41	\$100.00
Storage Units	\$2,000.00	\$1,614.80	\$2,000.00
Tax Preparation	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00
Membership (Roster Book, Raffle, Cards, Supplies)	\$1,000.00	\$876.36	\$1,000.00
Name Badges - Self-Sustaining	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
Newsletter	\$300.00	\$235.06	\$500.00
Quilt Show (quilt supplies, raffle tickets)	\$1,500.00	\$540.73	\$3,000.00
Website	\$250.00	\$152.55	\$200.00
Retreats & Trips - Self-sustaining	\$0.00	\$5,229.00	\$300.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$21,555.00	\$18,420.72	\$23,790.00



CUDDLE CORNER

Tricia Lacey

What are cuddle quilts and why do we make them? Cuddle quilts provide comfort to a wide variety of people at many different organizations. Cuddle quilts are usually about 39" X 45". We also make isolette covers, pillowcases, wheelchair bags, heart pillows, bibs, and belly bands. Each item is greatly appreciated by the recipients. Its pretty much our only effort to help our community and maintain our non-profit charitable organization status.

Thanks to all the ladies that helped with the Cuddle Quilt workday. We cut out about 80 pillowcases and a dozen heart pillows. There was also a lot of fun and laughter. Our next workday will not be until Wednesday, January 18, 2023. We will not be having a workday in December due to all our busy schedules this time of the year.



Kits are available at Bear Paw and at our monthly meetings. Stop by and pick up some. I am continuing to use the reward cards. Make sure you have your card stamped when you turn in a project. Each cuddle quilt earns a stamp. However, it takes 6 pillowcases, heart pillows, or wheelchair bags for each stamp. Once you have 5 stamps, you get a free spool of Aurifil thread or an Endurance Rotary cutter blade.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Tricia Lacey
530 680-3741



OPPORTUNITY QUILT UPDATE

Kay Marshall
Quilt Ticket Chairman

SMQA members have now sold \$3,038 in tickets for our opportunity quilt, meeting our 2022 budgeted income for the Quilt Show. Congratulations everyone. Special thanks to the ladies who worked at the Tarantula Festival (\$164) and the Ladies of the Lake Boutique (\$261). Please note that I (Kay Marshall) will only accept from INDIVIDUALS whole packets of stubs (30) with the accompanying money. I am trying to track 10,000 tickets and accepting a few stubs or a few dollars at a time is just too difficult. Thanks for your understanding. Keep up the great sales.

**DON'T FORGET TO SELL
YOUR OPPORTUNITY QUILT
TICKETS!**



CIRCLE NEWS

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 is a new circle which meets the 2nd & 4th Fridays at Bear Paw, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (2nd Fri. only in Feb. & Mar.) We are open & welcome new members. We will help anyone who wants to learn about fabric collage. Contact: Janet Morita, 559-760-5018, janet@morita.com.



FEATURED QUILTING CIRCLE OAKHURST MACHINE EMBROIDERY CIRCLE

Oakhurst Machine Embroidery Circle (OMEC) is glad to be welcomed into SMQA as a “circle.” The group was started in the dawn of time (any time before the COVID struck) as a sewing group hosted by Ruthi Conner in her home. At the group’s beginnings, the ladies sewed and learned from each other such intricacies as bound buttonholes and blind hems by machine but mostly gathered to sew and chat. It morphed into a group interested in Machine Embroidery as the availability of the technology for home sewing machines evolved.

In 2009, the group moved to Bear Paw Quilts & More. The first machine embroidery project was greeting cards. Though the group continues to focus on machine embroidery, the unwieldiness of the massive machines and their embroidery units make it difficult to have projects where the members can all use their machines. So, we have evolved again to have demonstrations at the meeting, and sew projects that can be embroidered at home. The meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month at 10:00 AM. at Bear Paw Quilts & More.

Our last project was an iron caddy that folds out into a small pad for ironing at your machine when taking your iron to classes. In November’s meeting, Ruthi will be demonstrating making a hanging holder for the stabilizers used in machine embroidery with the types of stabilizers embroidered on each pocket. All are welcome.



Oakhurst Machine Embroidery Circle members are left to right Diane Ward, Penni Simily, Lissa Metzger, Maria Ciccarelli, Ruthi Connor, and Kate Mackey. Not pictured: Laura Gonzalez

Circle Hostesses and Greeters for 2023

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

Tarantula Festival

The Opportunity Quilt was displayed at the Tarantula Festival held in Oakhurst over the Halloween weekend. People used the booth as a pass through between the aisles which gave Bev the opportunity to engage them in conversation as they did so. There were a lot of ticket stubs in the bucket at the end of the day the day!



Nancy Hyde's "Bali Bag" was featured in the January 2007 edition of QUILT Magazine. And we are just now hearing about this?! A belated congratulations, Nancy!



Tentative Meeting Dates for 2023

Board Meetings	General Meetings
12/19/22	1/5
1/23	2/2
2/20	3/2
3/27	4/6
4/24	5/4
5/22	6/1
6/26	7/6
7/24	8/3
8/28	9/7
9/25	10/5
10/23	11/2
11/27	12/7
12/18	1/4/24

AMENITIES

Linda Miller

Colette Wear	Thinking of You
Margie Williams	Sympathy
Charlotte Hickman	Thinking of You
Pat Bauer	Get Well Soon
Laura Gonzalez	Thinking of You

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



Congratulations to Laura Donahue who won the quilt donated by SMQA for the Women's Crisis Center fund raiser.



Save The Date

Spring Retreat
April 12-15, 2023
9:00- 5:00 pm daily

The Spring Retreat is a daytime only retreat and costs \$37 a day. Payments will be required starting in January, but you can call either Laura Gonzalez or Laura Donahue, who are hosting the event, for more information and to reserve a place on the list. Some Mariposa ladies are planning to get rooms in Oakhurst in order to stay overnight and avoid having to drive back and forth each day. Laura Gonzalez will be happy to connect anyone interested in sharing a room. We really need to support this retreat. We must have a minimum of 15 people to continue having this retreat at ECCO

Birthdays of the Month

Deborah Austin	12/15
Helen Brown	12/18
Joan Earnest	12/14
Shirley Flynn	12/4
Susan Geringer	12/23
Roberta Kight	12/28
Rhonda Lloyd	12/4
Janet Morita	12/26
Penni Simily	12/19
Diane Ward	12/18

We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!



The birthday ladies are requested to bring individually wrapped snacks to the meeting.



December Holidays

Dec. 1	Christmas Lights Day
Dec. 3	Make a Gift Day
Dec. 4	Santa's List Day
Dec. 7	National Joy Day
Dec. 9	Christmas Card Day
Dec. 12	Gingerbread House Day
Dec. 14	Roast Chestnuts Day
Dec. 17	National Ugly Sweater Day
Dec. 20	Go Caroling Day
Dec. 26	National Candy Cane Day

December Birth Flowers: Narcissus and Holly

December's birth flowers are the narcissus and holly. The narcissus is symbolic of good wishes, hope and wealth. Narcissus is actually a genus of flowers, and daffodil is the common name for any of the plants that fall into this genus. Narcissus flowers are known for their trumpet-like center. Holly is a convenient birth plant for December, since it is so popular around the holidays. It symbolizes protection and defense. Instead of a traditional bouquet, gift a wreath to help the recipient celebrate their birthday all month long!

November 3 Meeting Highlights



Bev's example
of one of her
Hawaiian quilts.



A sample of one
of Bev's favorite
blocks, Storm at
Sea.



Janet and Laura busy
working on their String
Quilts.



A red white and blue
mini quilt.



Workshop participants left to right,
Rhonda D., Joan E., Bev G., Janet M.,
Rhonda L., Margie W., Laura D..



Bev's celtic knot mini
quilt.

Show and Tell



Members were greeted at the door by Deb Austin, Lisa Kernaghan, and Joanie Madaus.



Footloose Circle hosted the meeting and decorated the treat table.



Footloose Circle displayed their row quilts.



Sally's art from a photo.



Joan's completed Curves and Transparency quilt.



Joanie's mystery quilt – finally completed!



Peggy's bright and cheery orange and red diagonal quilt.

Services from our Advertisers



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MONDAY - SATURDAY
10AM - 5PM

FABRIC NOTIONS CLASSES

NEW FABRICS WEEKLY

559-683-7397

40761 Highway 41—Suite 7, Oakhurst, CA

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The advertisement features a colorful quilted background. A green starburst contains the text 'FABRIC NOTIONS CLASSES'. A blue banner with a white border says 'NEW FABRICS WEEKLY'. A cartoon bear is on the left. A photo of a quilt shop interior is on the right. A Facebook logo is in the center.



A Thread Above Quilt Studio
Longarm Quilting Services
Jeri Carney ~~~ 559.760.5125



athreadabove@gmail.com
www.athreadabovestudio.com

The advertisement has a light green background. It features a stylized illustration of a sewing machine with a heart on the side and a thread spool. The text is in a mix of bold and regular fonts.



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

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 _____

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

Membership Chair Use Only:

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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	Laura and Peter Gonzalez
2nd Vice President	Maria Ciccarelli
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	Open position
Amenities	Linda Miller
Circles	Mel Peters
Cuddle Quilts	Tricia Lacey
Historian	Lynn Gray
Webmaster	Sally Walker
Parliamentarian	Laura Donahue
Membership	Sue Johnson
Newsletter	Charlotte Hickman
Quilt Show Chair	Constance Peterson