



Sierra Mountain Quilters Association Newsletter

AUGUST 4, 2022 GENERAL MEETING

Hospitality and Greeters: Bev and Friends

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

General Meeting: Heidi from AVS Trunk Show



Co-Presidents' Corner

SMQA members are very generous with their time and sewing skills. At the August meeting we will be presenting a Community Quilt to benefit the Mariposa Crisis Center. Annually we have given quilts to local organizations to raffle for their own benefit. Through our Cuddle Quilt program, we have made and donated hundreds of useful items to organizations throughout our area. Most recently members gave sewing lessons to youngsters at the library. I'm so proud to be a member of such a giving group and I want to acknowledge each one of you who has ever been on the board, worked on our Quilt Show, white gloved, or helped make or sat with our Opportunity Quilt at a venue-and that means all of you. Thank you!
Betsy.

Betsy said it all! But here are a few words from me anyway.

As I write this, I'm sitting in a cafe in Split, Croatia on the last day of our cruise vacation. It's been great, but at the same time I am looking forward to getting home and back to normal. I have some stuff to sew for Children's Hospital already laid out on my cutting table.

Hope to see you all at the August meeting! In deference to the latest Covid variant, please consider wearing a mask.

Bev

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joan Earnest

July 31, 2022

Checking Account

(Balance 6/01/2022)	\$9,419.83
Credits in June	338.00
Debits in June	600.57

Ending Balance **\$9,157.26**
(06/30/2022)

SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE

\$19,359.87

Hostesses and Greeters for 2022

January – Open
February – Material Girls
March – Sew Crafty
April – Sew Thrilled
May – Fabric Collage
June – Guild Officers
July – Anything with Fabric
August – Bev and Friends
September – Bits and Pieces
October – Thursday Thimbles
November – Footloose
December – Christmas Party

**SMQA GENERAL BUSINESS
MEETING AGENDA**

August 4, 2022

Call to Order

Flag Salute

Welcome

Thanks to Hospitality and Greeters:

Bev and Friends

Reports**Secretary's Report** - Minutes from July 7 meeting**1st Vice Presidents** – Laura and Peter Gonzalez**2nd Vice Presidents** – Maria Ciccarelli**Treasurer's Report** – Joan Earnest**Membership** - Sue Johnson**Webmaster** –Sally Walker**Cuddle Quilts** – Tricia Lacey**Fall Retreat** – Teri De la Torre**Quilt Show** –Constance Peterson**New Business****Show and Tell****Heidi from AVS Trunk Show****FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The July meeting was so much fun! Lots of goodies bought and sold!! The good news is \$1156.50 was raised for Donna's scholarship!! Thank you to all who attended and supported such a great cause!

On August 4th we have Authorized Sew & Vac doing a trunk show and September 1st and 2nd we have Linda Schmidt presenting and teaching a landscape class. If you haven't signed up, please do so now or at the August meeting. It's important that we have people committed to taking the classes so we are self-sustaining. Hope y'all are having a great summer. See you in August.

Laura and Peter

SIGN UP FOR LANDSCAPE WORKSHOP

Sign-up for the September Landscape Workshop [here](#). This link can also be found on our SMQA [programs page](#). The class size is limited to the first 20 who sign up, anyone who signs up after class is full will be put on a waiting list.

REVISED WORKSHOP SCHEDULEAugust 4th - Heidi from AVS Trunk ShowSept. 1st & 2nd - Linda Schmidt

"Miniature Landscape"

Oct. 6th & 7th - Karen Bolan

"Curves and Transparencies"

Nov. 3rd – Bev Gulley

"String Star"

Dec. 1st - Christmas Party

**Sierra Mountain Quilters Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes
July 7, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by president, Betsy Blum, at the Oakhurst Community Center. The flag salute followed. She then welcomed Mar Douglas from the Mother Lode Quilters Guild in Sutter Creek who was displaying their Opportunity Quilt and selling raffle tickets.

Nancy Swanson made a motion, seconded by Wendy Holt, to accept the minutes from the May 5, 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. Betsy mentioned that a receipt is required for reimbursement from the treasurer, Joan Earnest.

First Vice President, Laura Gonzalez, announced the sign-up is available for the Linda Schmidt class in September. The classes for next year are all arranged. And we can now pay for classes online.

Membership, Sue Johnson, reported we have 35 members and 2 guests in attendance. Corrections to the directory have been emailed to the members. Door prize winners were Cindy Young, Becky Smith, and Lissa Metzger.

Newsletter, Charlotte Hickman, asked members to send any information for the newsletter to her by the 15th of July.

Cuddle Quilts, Tricia Lacey, announced a work day on July 20th from 9:00 -1:00 at the library.

Terri De La Torre, Fall Retreat Chair, announced there will be a sign-up available soon. The dates are Sept 12-15. The cost is \$34/day which includes lunch.

Constance Peterson, Quilt Show Chair, announced we need venues and volunteers to sell tickets for the opportunity quilt. Wendy Holt volunteered to take over the job.

Betsy introduced Mar Douglas who announced the Mother Lode Quilters Association quilt show will be held on Oct. 1-2 in Sutter Creek.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. followed by Show and Tell and the sale.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Morita, secretary



CUDDLE CORNER

Tricia Lacey

We had 8 cuddle quilts and 12 pillowcases turned in at the last Guild meeting. Thank you for all your hard work. I will be sending 30 to 40 pillowcases to Cases for Smiles soon.

There are plenty of kits for quilts, pillowcases, wheelchair bags, and belly bands available at Bear Paw. They are all easy to make.

The next cuddle quilt workday at the library, is August 17 from 9 am to 1 pm. We will be making kits for isolate covers for the NICU at Valley Children's Hospital. I also have cuddle quilts, pillowcases, and belly bands that you can sew. Bring a cutting mat and rotary cutter or a sewing machine. I'd love to have your help.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

AMENITIES

Linda Miller

Chris Hudson
Linn Crow
Mel Peters
Mary Wyly
Colette Wear
Patty Spinelli

Thinking of You
Thinking of You
Thinking of You
Thinking of You
Will Miss You
Thinking of You

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



OPPORTUNITY QUILT UPDATE

Kay Marshall
Quilt Ticket Chairman

Thanks to those who are continuing to sell tickets for our Opportunity Quilt. We currently have made \$1,506.00 on the quilt. Postcards with a photo of our beautiful quilt are now available at Bear Paw or at our monthly meetings.

We really need to increase the sales. Sadly, we only sold \$120 in July, so please consider taking the quilt to show and sell tickets. If you know a place where you can set up the quilt and sell tickets, call Maria Ciccarelli (559-760-3980) who has the calendar for showing the Opportunity Quilt. When you bring the quilt back to Bear Paw be sure to call me at 559-683-4917 so I can pick up the ticket stubs, money, and give credit to those who sold tickets.

We still have several people who have not picked up their original tickets. If you have a friend who does not come to our monthly meetings, please pick up their tickets for them, or ask a friend to pick up your tickets.

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

CIRCLE NEWS

Anything With Fabric meets 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Oakhurst Public Library every Monday. All are welcome. Contact: Ronda Dewey or Constance Peterson

Sew Crafty Quilters is open to new and current members. We meet at Oakhurst Library Community Room the 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 1 – 4 p.m. Contact Teri De La Torre, 831-728-2027.

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

SIERRA MOUNTAIN QUILTER MENTOR PROGRAM

The Sierra Mountain Quilter Mentor Program this month successfully taught 10-13-year-old tweens to sew a pillowcase with French seams. As part of the Summer Reading Program, the Oakhurst Branch Library through Madera County, provided activities free of cost to children of Madera County.

Twelve Guild members volunteered for three days- 1 1/2 hours each, to mentor 16 students. The kids were surprised, proud and felt a sense of accomplishment.

THANK YOU so much ladies for answering the call to provide a skill and perhaps planting the seed for the love of sewing! Teri De La Torre



*Future quilters in
the making!!*





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 _____

Check box if this is a new email address or a corrected address (refer to our directory).

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: _____



Save The Date

Fall Retreat

September 12-15, 2022

9:00- 5:00 pm daily

Sign-ups for the Fall Retreat are due at the August meeting. Teri De La Torre will be taking registrations for the Retreat, the cost of which is \$34.00 per day and includes lunch. If unable to be at the August meeting, members can also mail their checks to SMQA, PO Box 1359, Oakhurst, CA 93644, ATTN Fall Retreat.

More information about the Spring Retreat will be coming soon.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

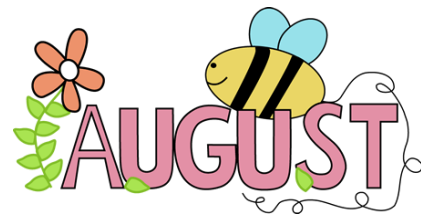


Kathy Burrow	8/10
Peter Gonzalez	8/10
Betsy Anne Youngholm	8/15
Mary Brand	8/26
Maria Ciccarelli	8/26

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



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



It's HOT outside! Stay Cool...

August 1:	Ice Cream Sandwich Day
August 4:	White Wine Day
August 8:	Frozen Custard Day
August 12:	Kool-Aid Day AND National Sewing Machine Day
August 14:	Creamsicle Day
August 19:	Soft Ice Cream Day
August 20:	Lemonade Day
August 25:	Banana Split Day
August 26:	Cherry Popsicle Day

AUGUST FLOWER

The August birth flowers are the gladiolus and poppy. The gladiolus is sometimes referred to as the sword lily because of its long, skinny shape. The bold bloom can be found in an assortment of colors including red, pink, orange, yellow, purple and white and it's a symbol of strength of character, remembrance and sincerity.

The poppy is known for its bright red color. It is worn on Armistice Day in countries like the United Kingdom, Canada and France, as a symbol of remembrance for those that lost their lives in World War I. The poppy also symbolizes imagination.

QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE

Constance Peterson

Gateway to Yosemite Quilt Show**May 19 -21, 2023**

I want to thank Wendy Holt for volunteering for another Chair position. Wendy had already volunteered as the Quilt Analyst. Now she has also volunteered to be the Opportunity Quilt Scheduler. Thank you so much, Wendy. Please help Wendy by volunteering to sell tickets or perform white glove duties at a show.

We now have an opening for kitchen chair for the quilt show. If you are willing to chair this committee, please let me know.

As a member of SMQA we are required to sell \$20.00 of raffle tickets. If you have not picked up your raffle tickets, please contact Kay Marshall or Tara Locks. Thanks *Constance*

QUILT SHOW RAFFLE BASKETS

Patty Cramer and Laura Gonzalez

We wanted to share information regarding the Raffle Baskets for the Quilt Show. Yes, it's a tad early, but everyone gets busy.

We are in need of empty baskets which we could fill with raffle items. In the past each Circle provided items for baskets, but it is not mandatory to do so. However, if any Circle would like to make and donate one, it would be greatly appreciated. We would need these baskets by March 1, 2023.

If you would just like to donate items, we would be happy to convert them to a basket. We just wanted everyone to know what we need.

In advance, we appreciate anything donated and all of your support. You may contact Patty Cramer (831-392-5549) or Laura Gonzalez (559-676-0205) with questions.

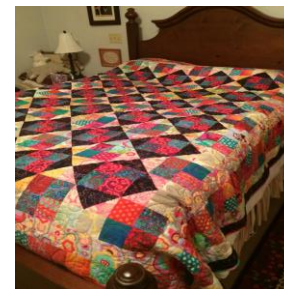
We are excited to have lots of goodies for the show,

Laura & Patty

2022 MYSTERY QUILT

The final clue and reveal were last month. What do you think? Are you happy with your fabric choices and the design? I first made this as a mystery quilt at the Pine Needles Retreat in 2014. I was very excited to finally cut into fat quarter bundles of fabric I'd been hoarding...err um...saving for the perfect project. Kaffe Fassett brights and Amy Butler pastels seemed the perfect match when I read the fabric requirements. After adding another row of blocks and extra borders to make it queen size, my quilt was completed by the 2017 SMQA quilt show.

The advantage of being in charge of the SMQA mystery quilt is choosing the pattern. This was a quilt I'd made before and I had fabric that would make up into a delightful quilt



for my youngest granddaughter, so why not make it the 2022 mystery quilt, right? I'd always wanted to make a plaidish looking quilt, so the 2021 mystery quilt was Plaidish, I'd made Doug Leko's Mysterious quilt once already and knew the members would like all the layout options, so that was our mystery quilt another year. I could go on and on...Now it's time for someone else to have the pleasure of choosing the pattern and leading the membership in another mystery quilt. If you are interested in this very fun job, please contact our SMQA presidents.

You'll have to wait until the December reveal! I can't wait to see all of yours!

Sally



July 7 Meeting Highlights



Joan shows her lovely Dresden plate quilt.



Wendy's embroidered flowers quilt.

Tara's Logger's Jam quilt.



Mother Lode Quilt Guild's Opportunity Quilt.



Margie's colorful Dresden plate small quilt.



A very happy Kay with Opportunity Quilt ticket stubs she received.



Co-president Betsy manages a very busy meeting.

PRICES REDUCED AGAIN!!

Sewing furniture formerly owned by Peggy McKnelly. If interested contact Randy McKnelly at 559-760-2455 and/or email at randymcknelly@gmail.com

Koala Outback Sewing Table
was \$1500 **NOW \$1,000**



This has been for sale for a long time and is a **really good price** for a really well-made product. Someone should buy it!!
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NEW ITEM FOR SALE



Bernina 1300DC Overlocker/Serger \$550
Includes extra accessories, lots of thread, both Serger & decorative. Excellent condition.

Gayle Farmer 559-760-0980. Coarsegold



Summer Vacation Ahead!

As summer arrives many of us are excited to finally be traveling for the first time in many months. Some are looking forward to spending time with family or visiting some exotic location. As we travel, remember to observe all safety procedures to stay healthy and well. And don't forget the sunblock!

Happy summer everyone!

**Please keep in mind that
courtesy and respect
matter.**

When a speaker is speaking to the group, whether as a board member, guest presenter, or someone showing a quilt during show and tell, please refrain from talking so everyone in attendance can hear. Thank you.

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The advertisement features a colorful quilted background. A green starburst graphic 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 the store interior with shelves of fabric and quilts is on the right.



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 fonts, with the business name in a script font and contact information in a sans-serif font.



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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

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