



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting **October 3, 2019**

Oakhurst Community Center

Hospitality and Greeters: **Footloose**

Doors open at 5:30, Meeting begins at 6:00

Program: Veterans' Recognition

Programs and Workshops

OCTOBER

At our October 3rd meeting, we have the honor of recognizing some of the men and women who have served both at home and in harm's way to protect the freedoms we hold so dearly. We acknowledge and honor both the veterans and their families who have given so much to us. While we are grateful every day for our way of life, we want to take this opportunity to appreciate their sacrifice for our freedom and to say thank you for defending our nation. Thank you for your sacrifice, your bravery, and the example you set for us all.



NOVEMBER

The November 7th program presents "Quilting is a Contact Sport" with Jenny K. Lyon. Her free motion quilting workshop, "Fearless Frills and Fills", will be on November 8th. Sign-up sheets and workshop supplies lists are available at the October meeting and on the SMQA website.

NOVEMBER BOARD ELECTIONS

The nominating committee has presented a slate of candidates for the 2020 SMQA Board. Voting will be held at the meeting on November 7th.

President:	Penni Simily
Co-First Vice Presidents:	Helen Brown and Betsy Anne Youngholm
Co-Second Vice Presidents:	Joanie Madaus and Deb Austin
Treasurer:	Wendy Holt
Secretary:	Laura Gonzalez

DECEMBER

The annual Christmas Dinner meeting will be on December 5th in the main hall of the Community Center. Tickets will be for sale at the October and November meetings. Tickets are \$10.00 each and **must** be purchased prior to the December 5th meeting. No tickets will be sold at the door.

SIERRA MOUNTAIN QUILTERS ASSOCIATION**September 5, 2019****General Meeting Minutes**

President Patty Spinelli called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. She welcomed our guests, announced birthdays and anniversaries then led the Flag Salute. She thanked the greeters, refreshment table set up people, and birthday ladies for bringing refreshments. She announced that our presenter is Laurel Anderson and reminded us that the class will be in the large room of the community center.

First Vice President Betsy Anne Youngholm introduced our presenter and outlined the upcoming programs. Second Vice Presidents Joanie Madaus and Deb Austin announced the October block of the month: "It's A Hoot". Cuddle Quilts Chair Sue Johnson announced that she has a new pattern for men's quilts with masculine fabrics. They have nine isolette covers which will be delivered on September 13, 2019. The next meeting for Cuddle Quilts will be September 11, 2019 at the Oakhurst Library.

Secretary Laura Gonzalez asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes as published in the August Newsletter. Nancy Swanson made a motion to accept the minutes as published. Patty Cramer seconded the motion. The motion carried. There were no questions about the Treasurer's Report as published in the newsletter and it was therefore filed for audit.

Membership Chair Helen Brown announced 69 members and four guests present. She also stated that the Christmas Party, to be held on December 5, 2019, catered by the Wild Fig, will have three dinner options: beef, chicken, and vegetarian. Tickets are \$10 and there will be NO tickets sold at the door. No exceptions. Tickets will be available at the October and November meetings. Contact Helen Brown or Trudy Kinsel for more information.

Patty Spinelli announced that the Nominating Committee, Diane Matthews, Laura Gonzalez, and Margie Williams, will be contacting the membership to fill positions on the Board for 2020. She encouraged members to participate by being Board Members. Quilt Show Co-Chairs Sinta Borland and Jeri Carney showed three quilt patterns for those present to vote on for the 2021 opportunity quilt. The flower pattern was selected by majority vote.

Fall Retreat Chair Teri De La Torre announced that she has one spot available due to a cancellation. Members can contact her if interested. Newsletter Chair Betsy Anne Youngholm thanked everyone for their timely submissions for the newsletter. Submissions are due by the 20th of each month. Webmaster Sally Walker announced the Mystery Quilt and that free items were at the back of the room for the taking. Quilt Circle, "Anything With Fabric", announced they will not be meeting on the third Thursday of September due to the fall retreat.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm. The next SMQA General Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 3rd, at 6 pm. Doors open at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Laura Gonzalez, Secretary

October Birthdays

Borland, Sinta	10/1
Peterson, Constance	10/4
Miller, Linda	10/8
Mellana, Susan	10/12
Skowronski, Barbara	10/16
Stokes, Joy	10/17
Grant, PJ	10/20
Blum, Betsy	10/25
Ziebarth, Mary	10/25
Dewey, Rhonda	10/29

We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!

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



OCTOBER HOLIDAYS

October 2	Name Your Car Day
October 5	Do Something Nice Day
October 8	National Fluffernutter Day
October 12	Columbus Day
	Indigenous Peoples Day
October 24	United Nations Day
October 26	Coarsegold Tarantula Festival
October 28	National Chocolate Day

Quilting Circles

Contact: Marian Romero
October 2019

Yoyos

The October meeting will be at Kathy's home. We are all planning on healing more each day; so we can get back to quilting, a long list of to-dos; and want to-dos.

Anything with Fabric

All are welcome to join our circle at any time! We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 9 am to 1 pm at the Oakhurst Library Community Room. Please bring your own sewing supplies and project on which to work. Contact: Rhonda Dewey and Constance Peterson

Sew Crafty Quilters

We will meet on Oct 10 and Nov 14 (our last meeting of this year.) There will be no meeting on Oct 23rd.

Hospitality and Greeters

For 2020, we are again asking the Circles to choose a monthly meeting to serve as greeters and set up the refreshments table. If your circle has not already scheduled a month with Marian, please contact her so we can plan for the remainder of the year.

Treasurer's Report

Kay Marshall
August 2019

Checking Account

(Balance 8-1-19)	\$7,343.51
Deposits in August	+2,597.00
Expenses in August	-1,772.78
Balance (8-31-19)	\$8,167.73

Savings: \$18,201.57

CD: \$16,928.88

President's Notes

Greetings from Patty. Well summer is over, and fall is here! I hope you are enjoying the cooler weather.

We will be honoring some of the Mountain Veterans at our next meeting. Please come and help us show our respect.

The Christmas Dinner tickets will go on sale at our October and November meetings. The tickets are \$10.00, and you **MUST** have a ticket to attend the dinner. There will be no tickets sold at the door. Our committee has been working hard to make sure you have a nice evening.

A big thanks to the Nominating Committee for getting a full slate of Officers.

See you at the October meeting.

Patty

Amenities

Cards were sent to:

Patty Spinelli Sympathy

Contact **Linda Miller** if you know a member who would appreciate us thinking of them.



CUDDLE CORNER

Thank you all for turning in 44 items at the September meeting. Unbelievable! We distributed wheelchair bags, cuddle quilts and the isolette covers to Valley Children's Hospital this month, and they were SO well received. A few of us got a tour of the NICU and rehab areas. Everyone we talked to expressed their appreciation for our donations, including a parent who spoke up in agreement. We're doing good things, ladies. We should all feel so good about what we're doing for the community!

We're still promoting making up more Manly Man Quilts. We have added the VA residential facility to our list of recipients, and since it is primarily men there, we are preparing for our initial distribution to them. We hope to have enough quilts to give them by the end of October. We still need wheelchair bags. Currently most of our wheelchair bags are needed for children and men. We're going to do more isolette covers in the near future, but still need time to prep for those. Meanwhile, if you're interested in making an isolette cover, see me so I can get a kit to you when they are ready.

Keep up the great work!

Contact Sue Johnson or Joan Earnest



FALL RETREAT



SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING





Sierra Mountain Quilters Association 2020 Membership Form

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

Membership: *(Please circle one)*

Individual Membership: \$25

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

BOARD MEMBERS

President	Patty Spinelli
First Vice President	Betsy Anne Youngholm
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Treasurer	Kay Marshall
Secretary	Laura Gonzalez

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
Deadline is 20th of each month.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Amenities	Linda Miller
Member Services	Chris Hudson
Circles	Marian Romero
Cuddle Quilts	Sue Johnson & Joan Earnest
Historian	Lynn Gray
Hospitality	Circles
Librarian	Patty Wiens
Membership	Helen Brown
Newsletter	Betsy Anne Youngholm
Parliamentarian	Linda Pennington
Quilt Show Chairs	Sinta Borland & Jeri Carney
Webmaster	Sally Walker