



# Sierra Mountain Quilters Association Newsletter

**December 4, 2025**

**Doors open at 1:30 P.M Meeting begins at 2:00 P.M.**

**Host Greeters: SMQA Board**

**Program: Christmas Luncheon**

## **President's Message**

**Sue Johnson**

My final president's message! Believe it or not, I've really enjoyed having this position for these last 2 years. It's helped me overcome my fear of speaking in front of people, and it felt good to contribute to this awesome group of quilters! Thank you for putting up with all my blunders. You'd think by now I'd remember that you need someone to make a motion before you take a vote! But there was just good will from all of you. I truly appreciate this group and am so happy to be part of it!

We've been through a lot these last couple of years. Most notably the huge budget cuts that made every department rethink their spending. We had a wonderful quilt show that turned out to be an amazing fund raiser and put us in a more comfortable position for our new budget. And we have pulled ourselves out of the Covid slump back to 100 members! Good work, everybody!

The new incoming board will be great! Wendy at the helm! What a perfect situation! I think the board is well rounded, some with experience already, and some very qualified newcomers. I want to thank each of them for stepping forward to fill these positions. Without people willing to jump in, we wouldn't exist as a guild.

Thanks again for all your love and support. It's been my absolute pleasure.

## **December 4, 2025 - General Meeting Agenda**

Doors open at 1:30 pm.

Business meeting begins at 2:00 pm. After lunch the program will begin.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Call to Order/Flag Salute

Welcome - Thanks you's, Birthdays & Anniversaries

Reports:

President - Sue Johnson - New historian, Peggy Myers, taking pictures if interested

Secretary - Janet Morita - vote to accept last month's minutes

1st Vice Presidents - Joan Earnest - upcoming events

Treasurer's Report - Lisa Kernaghan - File report for audit, Vote on 2026 budget

Membership - Ku'ulei Arredondo, End of year numbers, Time to re-enroll

Cuddle Quilts - Annual prize for most quilts turned in will be announced in January

Adjourn Meeting

**Program:**

**Installation of new officers**

**Regular Show and Tell**

**Mystery Quilts**

**Raffle**

Sierra Mountain Quilters Association  
General Meeting Minutes, November 6, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. by president, Sue Johnson, at the Oakhurst Community Center followed by the flag salute. Sue thanked Footloose for greeting and decorating and then recognized November birthdays and anniversaries.

Reports:

Laura Donahue made a motion, Charlotte Hickman seconded, to accept the new slate of officers on the board for 2026. The motion carried.

Bev Gulley reported changes to the By-Laws and Policies and Procedures are completed. Charlotte Hickman made a motion, Nancy Swanson seconded, to accept the changes to the By-laws and Policies and Procedures. The motion

carried. Bev thanked Sandy Eigenman, Rebecca Brannon and Sharon Sylvester for their work on the committee. **Secretary**, Janet Morita Nancy Swanson made a motion, Bev Gulley seconded, to accept the October 2, 2025, general meeting minutes. The motion carried.

**First Vice President**, Joan Earnest, announced. Dec. 4, will be the Winter Luncheon at Bee's Bakery at 2:00 p.m. The menu will be mini chicken croissant sandwiches, soups, pasta, and dessert. Those members who finished the 2025 mystery quilts and quilt tops should bring them to hang in the dining area. Joan passed around a sign-up to bring snacks in January. The program in January will be Game Day; in February, we will have a Hidden Gem; and in March, it will be a Cuddle Quilt work day.

**Second Vice President**, Bev Gulley, no report.

**Treasurer**, Lisa Kernaghan, reported we will vote on the proposed 2026 budget at the December general meeting. The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

**Membership**, Ku'ulei Arredondo, reported there are 43 members attending and 2 guests. Currently we have 100 members. Drawing winners were Laura Ashley-Spencer and Kathy Millhollon.

**Newsletter**, Kathy Burrow, announced she is asking for help with advertising for the newsletter. She has the needed forms. Her church is providing Christmas for 49 people in Mendota and she is asking for quilt donations. They will be collected at the December meeting.

**Webmaster**, Sally Walker, no report

**Cuddle Quilts**, Sharon Sylvester for Tricia Lacey, announced we currently have about 30 quilts for the people in Mendota. Cuddle quilt items were sent to Terry's House and Hinds Lifecare. The next Cuddle Quilt work day will be in 2026.

**Quilt Show**, Maria Ciccarelli, reported we have 19 more months until the quilt show. She still needs someone for vendors and quilt scheduling.

**Monthly Block Raffle**, Margie Williams for Sandy Johnson, announced Laura Donahue won the monthly quilt block raffle.

A news blast will come out about Toys for Tots donations at the December meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m. followed by show and tell, snacks, and a presentation by Kim Brownell.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Morita, secretary.

**2025 Program Schedule**

December 4 (Daytime) Annual Winter Luncheon

**2026 Program Schedule**

Jan 8: Game Day

Feb 5: Hidden Treasures Bits and Pieces Circle

March 5 Cuddle Quilt Workshop

**Circle Hostesses and Greeters for 2025**

December SMQA Board

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Lisa Kernaghan**  
**October 31, 2025**

**CHECKING ACCOUNT**

Balance 10/1/25 \$12,023.03

Credits in October \$537.35

Debits in October \$1,043.45

**ENDING BALANCE \$11,516.93**  
(10/31/2025)

**SAVINGS ACCOUNT**

Balance 10/1/25 \$9,401.78

Credits in October \$6.14

**ENDING BALANCE \$9,407.25**  
(10/31/2025)

**CD ACCOUNT**

Balance 10/1/25 \$10,350.01

**AVAILABLE BALANCE \$10,350.01**  
(10/31/25)

**1st Vice Presidents' Message**

**Joan Earnest**

In November we had an entertaining presentation from the Wacky Doodle Quilter, Kim Brownell. And that's it for this year's regular programs. But we have our Winter Luncheon coming early in December on the 4th at Bee's Bakery. The event will begin at 2 pm but the gates will open at 1:30 pm. We will be out on the heated patio to give us plenty of breathing space this year. I know that Tina and Elizabeth and their crew will feed us very well. We will be having Show and Tell as usual. And the Mystery quilts will be decorating the walls. But most importantly the officers for next year will be installed by our favorite installer, Teri De la Torre!! It's bound to be a fun time for all. Then in 2026 we will start the year off with our Bunko Game Day. So, lots of fun times are coming up!



**Amenities**

A card was sent to Diane Ward who is recovering from Hip Surgery

**CIRCLE INFORMATION**

**Both of the following circles are open to everyone**

**ANYTHING WITH FABRIC**

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.

**Mindful Stitchers**

The Mindful Stitchers focus on letting go of daily distractions, focus on our stitching, taking time to enjoy each step of our quilting journey as we share and learn with each other. We meet the second & fourth Thursdays of each month from 10:30- 12:30 at various locations. Please call Rebecca Brannon 760-415-7212 for meeting information.

**Spring Retreat dates April 13-16, 2026 more information to come next month! Contact Laura with any questions , 559 676-0205.**

**Membership**

Ku'ulei Arredondo

We are 100 members strong. There will be a drawing for members during our Winter Luncheon, be sure to sign in and wear your name tag.

January is coming, we will be taking Membership Renewals at meeting. Renewal applications can be printed from our website or members can renew their membership on-line.



Rhonda Lloyd	12/04
Joan Earnest	12/14
Deborah Austin	12/15
Helen Brown	12/18
Diane Ward	12/18
Penni Simili	12/19
Sue Walker	12/26
Janet Morita	12/26
Roberta Knight	12/28

Members are asked to bring snacks to guild meetings twice a year—once for their birthday month and once in another month of their choice. If you're unable to bring snacks on your birthday month, please select a different month instead. To sign up see Joan E. at our next meeting or click [here](#).

**December Refreshment Signups**

**Christmas Luncheon**



**Cuddle Quilt Corner**  
Sandy Johnson

“Peering from some high window at the gold of November sunset and feeling that if day has to become night, this is a beautiful way”. E. E. Cummings.

November is the Thankful month, and we all have many reasons to give thanks. The wonderful rain to feed our plants, our family and friends, and the knowledge that our donations help others.

A bit of a change from the normal report. This month all the donated quilts went to the Mendoza farm workers. This was arranged by Kathy.

No more workdays until February and hopefully the weather will cooperate.

Tricia still needs a volunteer to assist with cuddle quilts. The lovely volunteer will need to coordinate with Tricia on the types of kits they will be making and pick up fabric from the storage unit. Helpers are always needed on workdays as well.

*Sandy Johnson*

**From CHP volunteers via Bev Gulley**

Our annual Be A Santa to A Senior is up and running. This year we have almost 100 seniors.

We are looking for non-slip socks, board games, decks of cards, card games, dominoes, books, adult coloring books, puzzle books, pens, pencils, highlighters, stuffed animals, personal care items, blankets, bath items and more.

We will be delivering to Oakhurst Board & Care, Majestic Mountain Care Center and JCF Long Term Care.

Drop off locations are located at CHP Oakhurst, CHP Mariposa, Tractor Supply, CVS, Bee’s Bakery, Starbucks, Ace Hardware, Sierra Mercantile, Pony Express, and Mimaw’s Cabin in Coarsegold,

All donations will need to be in the drop off locations by December 17, as we will be delivering all goods on December 22, 2025.

Thank you for supporting our local seniors!!!!

Merry Christmas!!!

**QUILT SHOW 2027 – UPDATE**

We still have a couple of committees to fill in for the 2027 Quilt Show.

The positions are *Opportunity Quilt Scheduling* and *Vendors*. Volunteer with a buddy and make the load lighter.

Please remember, we currently have 100 members, and this is our only fundraiser. The fundraiser is to pay for most of the activities we have, and community work our guild does. If you are new to the guild, this is a great opportunity to get to know some of the members better.

Come join the fun and help at the same time!

Thank you – Maria Ciccarelli

Current Quilt Show Committee Chairs

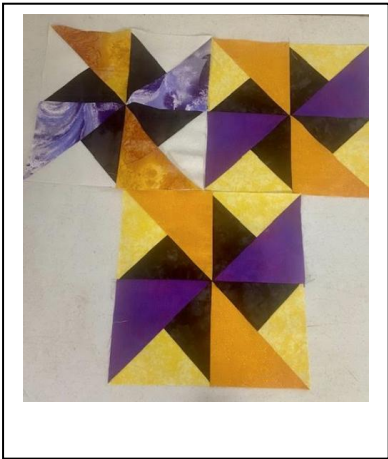
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| Chairperson Maria Ciccarelli     | Entrance Table Sandy Johnson       |
| Feature Quilter Kathy Millhollon | Food Coordinator Janet Morita      |
| Opportunity Quilt Wendy Holt     | <b>Opportunity Scheduling OPEN</b> |
| Programs Maria Ciccarelli        | Publicity Betsy Blum               |
| Quilt Analyst Linda Pennington   | Quilt Collector Rhonda Dewey       |
| Quilt Collector Tricia Lacey     | Quilt Hanger Helen Brown           |
| Quilt Info & Photos Lynn Gray    | Raffle Baskets Sinta Borland       |
| Security Diane Martin            | Signs Ku’ulei Arredondo            |
| Ticket Sales Maria Ciccarelli    | Treasurer Lisa Kernaghan           |
| <b>Vendors OPEN</b>              | Voting/Ribbons Helen Brown         |
| White Gloves Wendy Holt          |                                    |



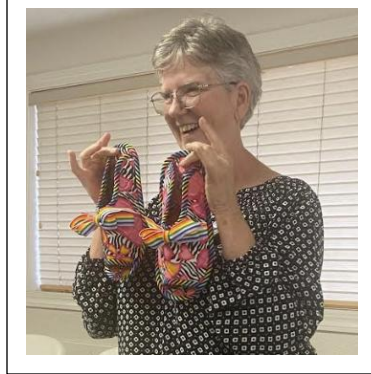
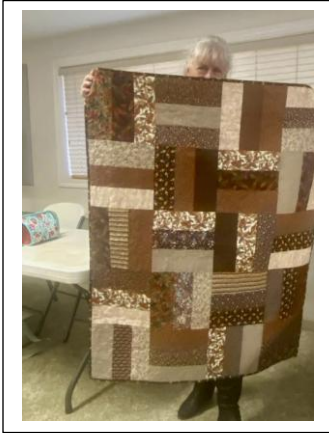
Calling all members. We are still needing volunteers for the Opportunity Quilt. We would love to see all members participate. Wendy will be prepping the fabrics and giving personalized instructions. No need to square up the units that are completed. We will also need volunteers for removing the papers, binding, making the label, etc.

**Opportunity Quilt Volunteers**

# November Show and Tell







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

**BOARD MEMBERS**

President	Sue Johnson
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Joan Earnest
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Bev Gulley
Treasurer	Lisa Kernaghan
Secretary	Janet Morita

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

New Member Support	Ku'ulei Arredondo
Amenities	Linda Miller
Circles	Mel Peters
Cuddle Quilts	Tricia Lacey
Historian	Laura Donahue
Webmaster	Sally Walker
Parliamentarian	Rebecca Brannon
Membership	Ku'ulei Arredondo
Newsletter	Kathy Burrow
Quilt Show Chair	Maria Ciccarelli

*Board meetings are held at 1:00 pm on the fourth Monday of each month. Send Newsletter submissions to:*

[katsmountain@gmail.com](mailto:katsmountain@gmail.com)

**Deadline for submissions is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month**