



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

**September 9th, 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: Game Night**



September 9th Meeting

Janet Morita's Ice Dyeing Trunk Show and workshop was a big hit!! Lots of beautiful quilts were shown and lots of beautiful fabrics were dyed! A fun time was had by all!!! Thank you, Janet, for a great show and workshop! A special thank you to my husband, Peter, for all his help with the workshop. If you borrowed any items from Janet, please return them at the September meeting.

September 9th is "Strip Poker". Please bring 22 strips, 2.5" by 43" to play!

Sign up for upcoming programs:

On October 7th and 8th, we have a trunk Show and Workshop by Rachel Clark on Seminole Style Piecing.

On November 4th and 5th, we have scheduled a Trunk Show & Workshop by John Egbert on the Convergence Quilt.

URGENT: CALLING ALL MEMBERS TO STEP UP NOW

The strength of any group is in its members. We are asking members now to volunteer for a Board position in 2022. A new year calls for new SMQA Board members. There are a variety of both elected and appointed offices, and we need our members to step up and volunteer. Without a Board, there is no Sierra Mountain Quilters Association.

Our By-Laws restrict elected members to two, 1-year, consecutive terms in the same office. Elections are held annually in November, swearing in ceremony is held in December, and offices are assumed in January.

The Board meets monthly and has the responsibility to ensure the financial integrity of the SMQA, and to further the objectives of the organization, through policies and actions. The elected offices are President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Other voting members of the Board, appointed by the President and approved by the membership, are Membership, Newsletter, Quilt Show Committee Chair, Webmaster, and Parliamentarian.

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Calling All Members (continued)

We encourage you to talk with current and past Board members and review the position responsibilities as described in our By-Laws and Policies and Procedures. These are available on our website in the Member Page, Important Documents. There are no pre-qualifications for any position except that of the President; for this office the nominee must have served at least one year as a member of the SMQA Board at some time.

Elective positions looking for nominees are:

President

First Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Maria Ciccarelli has volunteered to be the nominee for another year as Second Vice President.

Appointed positions looking for volunteers are:

Newsletter

Parliamentarian

Cuddle Quilts

We have kept to our mission over the past wretched year. Now the association needs members to step up to move us through 2022. Duties for the elected and appointed positions are outlined in the newsletter on page 7.

Unfortunately, the Oakhurst Community Center does not have a reliable connection to Wi-Fi to support our efforts to continue to offer Zoom as an alternative to meeting in person.

**Penni's Posts**

September 2021

Hello, Quilters! Hope you all are staying safe. It has been so warm (HOT) that it is easy to stay inside.

Remember we have the Fall Retreat this month, it makes it easy to get a project finished. I like that I can bring my supplies on the first day and don't have to pack it out until the last day. You will also have time to visit and get ideas from fellow quilters.

The block project for something positive you experienced or remember from 2020 will be due in November.

We are happy we are meeting in person, but we are also trying to keep everyone safe. I am still looking for volunteers to run for office. We are not getting a good response. Just be aware: if we don't have a board, where will our guild be next year? If you travel, maybe two people could arrange to share jobs. For appointed positions, I would like to thank:

Sue Johnson for taking Membership,
Lynn Gray for remaining as Historian,
Sally Walker for continuing as Web Master,
Linda Miller for staying with Amenities,
Chris Hudson for keeping New Member Services,
and Constance Peterson for continuing as Librarian.

Constance has also volunteered to Chair our next Quilt Show. Constance has a group already working on our 2023 Opportunity quilt.

Stay well and we will meet and play strip poker this month.

Penni

**Sierra Mountain Quilters Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by President Penni Simily at the Oakhurst Community Center. Janet Morita led in the flag salute. There were 32 members present and 2 guests. Penni welcomed the members, and August birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged. Penni Simily announced that a memorial luncheon is planned for Peggy McKnelly at El Cid's, and donations are being taken for the EMCSPCA.

Patty Cramer noted a correction to the minutes that the kit making day is changed and not the date for accepting charity donations. Nancy Swanson made a motion, seconded by Laura Gonzales, to accept the July 8, 2021, minutes as printed in the Newsletter. The motion carried. The June Treasurer's Report was accepted as published in the August newsletter and filed for audit.

Laura Gonzalez, First Vice President, announced the 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; January 2022/cuddle quilts; and February 2022/quilted folding chairs with Chris Hudson.

Maria Ciccarelli, Second Vice President, promoted the positivity challenge. Due date is changed to November and information will be on the website. They are working on developing the mentoring program for youth and young adults for 2022. The shop hop has been tabled to 2022. Betsy Anne Youngholm, Newsletter, stated there is a new section for people looking for someone to make a quilt, and for advertising machines for sale. Sally Walker, Webmaster, encouraged members to use the Guild's website. Patty Cramer, Second Vice President, showed a new cuddle quilt pattern that is fat quarter friendly. She hopes that we will have lots of heart pillows to donate for October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and she encouraged members to take kits to complete. Over 483 charity items have been donated. Constance Peterson noted that Joan Earnest and Rhonda Dewey are making the quilt from the kit that was donated.

Constance Peterson, Librarian and Quilt Show, encouraged members to check books out from the library and noted that she will bring patterns to the next meeting for check out. She presented four options the Quilt Show Committee selected for the opportunity quilt. Voting was held later in the meeting.

Penni Simily stated Marian Romero, Circles, is calling the Circles to get volunteers for the hospitality table. She said that Becky Smith brought vintage items that are free for the taking. She asked members to let her know if they are interested in being on the nominating committee, several Board member positions need to be filled for 2022. Teri De La Torre, Membership, reported on the members and guests that were present; held the door prize raffle drawings; and announced that signups are available for the Fall Retreat, September 13-16, 2021, at ECCO; four more signups are needed to hold the retreat. Name badges are available to order for \$6.00.

Laura Gonzalez introduced Janet Morita. Janet gave a trunk show on her quilting journey and ice dyeing. Patty Cramer held a prize drawing from names of members who have turned in charity items.

Recess at 6:54 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:04 p.m. Voting for the opportunity quilt was held. Show and tell was held. Constance Peterson announced the vote results for the opportunity quilt; the quilt design that was a compilation of three quilts representing the mountains was selected.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The next meeting will be on September 9, 2021. **(Note the date change because of Labor Day.)**

Respectfully submitted by Margie Williams, Secretary

**SMQA GENERAL BUSINESS
MEETING AGENDA
September 9, 2021**

Call to order

Welcome

Discussion: Need for volunteers for a variety of positions

Secretary's report. Minutes from August 5th general meeting as published in the September newsletter

Treasurer's Report as published in the September newsletter

Reports

1st Vice President

2nd Vice Presidents

Membership

Webmaster

Newsletter

Cuddle Quilts

Librarian

Quilt Show: Opportunity Quilt

New Business

Show and Tell as time permits

Strip Poker for those who wish to stay and play

In order to protect ourselves and others, masks are required for attendance at the September meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Wendy Holt

July 31, 2021

Checking Account

(Balance 6/30/2021) \$6,646.25

Deposits in July \$ 137.00

Expenses in July \$ 530.00

Balance (7/31/2021) \$6,253.25

Savings: \$ 26,357.76



CUDDLE CORNER

You all continue to amaze with your unwavering commitment to the Cuddle Quilt program. Giving a little bit of yourself to help someone less fortunate shows great caring from all of you. There are kits for the new quilt at Bear Paw and we have some tops needing quilting. They are a little larger, but if you might be interested, please email Patty at otterpc@aol.com or call her at 831-392-549.

If you are interested in taking over the Cuddle Quilt Program, please contact Patty at 831-392-5549. She will walk you through, show you the ropes and wish you well. Again, thank you to each of you who have donated items, it is greatly appreciated.

Please stay healthy and safe – we need all our quilters!!!

Patty Cramer & Maria Ciccarelli

AMENITIES

Linda Miller

Nancy Hyde
Ginnie Westfall

Sympathy
Thinking of You

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

Circle News

Bits & Pieces, will meet in September, same time, same place.

Sew Thrilled meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of September.

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.

Thursday Thimbles continue to meet.

Volunteer for Hospitality

We are asking for volunteers to set up the refreshment table next year at our SMQA monthly meetings. Please contact Marian Romero if you are able to help at the 2022 meetings in
January,
May,
August,
or September.



September Birthdays

Marilyn Harvey	September 8
Laura Ashley-Spencer	September 10
Sharon Sylvester	September 11
Donna McCall	September 12
Patsy Pfankuchen	September 18
Jennifer Schwabe	September 20

We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!



SEPTEMBER HOLIDAYS

September 6	Labor Day
September 11	Patriot Day
September 17	Constitution Day
September 19	Talk Like a Pirate Day
September 22	Fall Equinox
September 27	National Chocolate Milk Day

September birthstone is Sapphire. This stone is said to purify the mind, increase faith and motivation, and access clarity, vision, and wisdom.

The September flower, the Aster, represents faith, love, achievement, and wisdom.

OUT AND ABOUT



Constance Peterson, 2023 Quilt Show Chair, displays the pattern for the 2023 Opportunity Quilt

LIBRARY CORNER

At the meeting this month, the library will have patterns and books for you to purchase. We have had a number of them donated to SMQA and our library cannot accommodate them.

Each book or pattern will be available for \$2.00 each, so bring plenty of one-dollar bills!

Constance Peterson

Notices

For sale:

PFAFF Creative Vision Embroidery Machine.
Lots of extras \$2,000.00

Brother Quatro Embroidery Machine (Disney)
\$2,000.00

Located in Coarsegold. Contact Penni Simily
559-579-8319



DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OPEN 2022 ELECTED SMQA BOARD MEMBERS

PRESIDENT

- (a) Presides at general, board, and special committee meetings.
- (b) Appoints board members at large and will be an ex-officio member of those committees, except the Nominating Committee.
- (c) Casts the deciding vote in case of a tie at all meetings.
- (d) Signs checks.
- (e) Submits annual report to the Board.
- (f) Appoints quilt show chair(s).
- (g) Appoints retreat chair(s).

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

- (a) Assumes the duties of the President in the absence or inability of the President.
- (b) Oversees the following functions: Programs, Workshops, Publicity, Hospitality
- (c) Submits annual report to the Board.

RECORDING/CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

- (a) Keeps true and accurate records of all proceedings of the Board and Association meetings.
- (b) Maintains the official correspondence of the Association.
- (c) Receives and keeps the annual reports of board members in a permanent file. (d) Signs checks.

TREASURER

- (a) Is responsible for all securities, inventory/properties, financial books, and appoints the scholarship committee.
- (b) Collects, deposits, and disburses all funds of the Association.
- (c) Keeps full and accurate accounts of the receipts and disbursements of the Association, presents a monthly report to the Board, and submits a monthly report to the newsletter editor to be published in newsletter.
- (d) Countersigns all checks and/or other documents requiring Treasurer's signature as directed in Article VII, Section 4(a).
- (e) Serves as ex-officio member of every committee charged with the receiving or paying of monies in

connection with the affairs of the Association and receives and preserves monthly reports from all such committees.

- (f) Renews licenses, permits, insurance, etc. for the Association. (g) Submits a full financial report to the auditing committee. (Article VII, Section 5(c)).
- h) Responsible for having annual taxes (IRS/State) prepared and submitted. Section 5. Duties of Appointed Board Members

VOTING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT

NEWSLETTER

- (a) Receives all newsletter articles.
- (b) Emails, prints, and mails the newsletters.
- (c) Submits the newsletter to the Webmaster.
- (d) Coordinates advertisement listings and billings with treasurer.
- (e) May send email blasts to the membership at the direction of the President

PARLIAMENTARIAN

- (a) The incoming President will appoint a parliamentarian. The parliamentarian will reference Roberts Rules of Order as guidance.
- (b) The Parliamentarian will keep a current copy of the By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and Roberts Rules of Order available at every meeting.
- (c) The Parliamentarian's role during a meeting is advisory and consultative, as parliamentary law gives to the chair alone the power to rule on questions of order or to answer parliamentary inquires.
- (d) The Parliamentarian, for SMQA, participates the same as any voting board member of the organization.

Non-Voting Appointed Position:

Cuddle Quilts is a position appointed by the Second Vice President. There is a lot of flexibility in how the program is run, depending on the individual in the position. The primary responsibility is distributing fabrics to general membership to construct quilts that are given to various charities. This community effort is part of what maintains our non-profit status.

SMQA AUGUST MEETING

Janet Morita's shows her collage during her presentation on August 5th



Ice Dyeing Workshop



Judy Andes



Sally Walker

Kay Marshall



Kathy Millhollon



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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
Deadline is 20th of each month.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Amenities	Linda Miller
New Member Support	Chris Hudson
Circles	Marian Romero
Cuddle Quilts	Patty Cramer & Maria Ciccarelli
Historian	Lynn Gray
Hospitality	Circles
Librarian	Constance Peterson
Membership	Teri De La Torre
Newsletter	Betsy Anne Youngholm
Parliamentarian	Linda Pennington
Quilt Show Chairs	Sinta Borland & Jeri Carney
Webmaster	Sally Walker