Sierra Mountain Quilters Association Newsletter

November 5, 2026
Doors open at 12:30 P.M Meeting begins at 1:00 P.M
Host Greeters: A Gathering of Stitches
Program: Veterans Day Program Meet in Main Hall
November 6 Workshop Joan Earnest House Shoes

SMQA GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

Call to Order
Flag Salute

Welcome: Birthdays & Anniversaries

Reports:
Secretary - Minutes from October 1, 2026 meeting
Treasurer - Dianna Conaway
First Vice Presidents - Joan Earnest & Sue Johnson
Second Vice President - Sue Walker
Membership - Ku'ulei Arredondo
Newsletter -Kathy Burrow
Webmaster - Sally Walker
Cuddle Quilts - Tricia Lacey
Quilt Show - Maria Ciccarelli
Opportunity Quilt
Spring Retreat - Joan Earnest & Sue Johnson

New Business:
Vote on proposed Slate of 2027 Board Members
Show Tell

Program begins at 1:30 p.m.
Honoring Veterans

Refreshments

2026 Program Schedule

November 5 Veteran's Day Program
November 6 Workshop: Joan Earnest House Shoes
December - Winter Luncheon

Thinking of you Cards sent to Charlotte Hickman and Nancy Hyde



Circle Hostesses and Greeters for

November: A Gathering of Stitches
December: Guild Board Members

Sierra Mountain Quilters Association
General Meeting Minutes, October 1, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by president, Wendy Holt, at the Oakhurst Community Center followed by the flag salute. Wendy recognized October birthdays and anniversaries.

Secretary, Janet Morita Nancy Swanson made a motion, Joyce Azevedo seconded, to accept the September 3, 2026, general meeting minutes. The motion carried.

Treasurer, Dianna Conaway The treasurer's report as published in the newsletter will be filed for audit.

First Vice Presidents, Joan Earnest and Sue Johnson, Sue announced on November 5, there will be a Veterans' program and then the following day, Joan Earnest will teach a house shoes workshop. December 3 will be the Winter Luncheon at 2:00-ish p.m. at Bee's Bakery.

Second Vice President, Sue Walker, no report

Membership, Ku'ulei Arredondo, reported we have 97 members with 38 members and 1 guest attending today. We have a new member, Shelly Salas. Drawing winners are Shelly Salas and Cindy Young.

Fall Retreat, Ku'ulei Arredondo, reported it went well and was fun.

Spring Retreat, Joan Earnest and Sue Johnson reported the dates are April 5-8, 2027. Sign-ups will begin in January.

Newsletter, Kathy Burrow, no report

Webmaster, Sally Walker, no report

Cuddle Quilts, Sharon Sylvester for Tricia Lacey, announced Cuddle Quilt items were given to Hines Life Care and Terry's House. Oct. 20 will be the storage shed cleanup day.

Quilt Show, Maria Ciccarelli, reported 7 vendors have signed up to be at the quilt show. She reminded members to sell their tickets this year so we can buy supplies. The State only allows us to spend 10% of what we bring in. She asked members to please sign up to sit with the quilt and sell tickets. She has arranged to sell tickets at Ace Hardware, Bee's Bakery, Northfork Bazaar, YLP Boutique, and Road to California. Road to California will also require white glovers.

Old Business: Wendy took a count of how many quilts will be given at the Veterans' program.

New Business: The meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m. Followed by show and tell, snacks and a trunk show by Gwen Weedon.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Morita, secretary.

Wendy's Window

We're excited to celebrate our Veterans with quilts crafted by our circles! Join us for the meeting on Thursday, November 5, at 1:00 p.m. in the Main Hall. This gathering will be a wonderful opportunity for our veterans, their families, and our members to come together. I'm really looking forward to seeing as many members as possible join us for this beautiful afternoon ceremony. Families are welcome to attend as well, so please feel free to bring them along! Every level of military service is essential in protecting and serving our country. By honoring the sacrifices and service of our veterans, we show them that we respect and appreciate everything they've endured to protect us and give us the freedoms we enjoy today. From boot camp training, which prepares them physically and mentally to become soldiers, to orders to travel away from their homes and families to the unknown, their sacrifice is truly remarkable. The dedication they show in those challenging locations is a great service to our community and country. It's our responsibility to express our appreciation and gratitude. May the quilts we create, wrapping around our service men and women, keep them warm and remind them of the love and respect from everyone who worked on them.

In service,
Wendy Holt



SMQA Treasurers Report Recap
Per Board Meeting 09/21/26

Checking Accoumt	
Beginning Balance 9/1	**$8,9004.07**
Credits	**$1,582.10**
Debits	**$4,948.68**
Ending Balance	**$6,537.49**
Savings Accoumt	
Balance 9/31	**$9,480.75**
CD Account	
Account Balance 9/31	**$10,712.27**

Membership
Ku'ulei Arredondo

Fall is in the air. I am happy to announce that our guild continues to grow. Please welcome Shelly Salas and Katy Penton to our guild. We now have 98 members.

I'm working on obtaining a new vender to make our name tags. Please contact me directly if you are interested.

For the Winter Lunch, we will have a Pin Cushion Exchange. Please bring a wrapped Pin Cushion to participate. It will be fun to see creative ideas.

CIRCLE INFORMATION

ANYTHING WITH FABRIC

Anything with Fabric meets 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Oakhurst Public Library every Monday. Contact: Sue Johnson or Joan Ernest. All are welcome.

The Mindful Stitchers

Open to New Members

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

Bits and Pieces: Closed

Footloose: Closed



Toys For Tots
A Box will be availabe at the Winter Luncheon for Gifts or to Toys for Tots

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.

November Refreshments

Patty Huff
Sandy Giersch
Joan Earnest
Mary Gaston
Sue Walker



Tammi Civello	11/08
Sandy Eigenman	11/03
Linda Hawskworth	11/20
Charlotte Hickman	11/11
Tina Horn	11/18
Noni Johnson	11/29
Harper Kernaghan	11/21
Kate Mackey	11/11
Becky Smith	11/21
Katy Penton	11/02



A huge thank you to all the ladies who helped clean up the storage unit. It was a fun time and very productive. Donations this month include 6 cuddle quilts, 5 wheelchair bags and 5 pillow cases all to Majestic Mountain.



Cuddle Quilt Corner

Sandy Johnson and Tricia Lacey

The cool season is upon us! Perfect time to make more quilts to snuggle up in by the fire…glad to say goodbye to 100 degree days! The year is coming to a close, and so is our reign of being 1st VP's. But we still have a few things in store for all of us!

November 5th's meeting will be our tribute to Veterans. Wendy will be organizing a presentation of patriotic quilts to award to our guests who served in the military. The quilts were beautifully made by our members, some earmarked for a specific recipient, and some to be given to other participants as a token of our appreciation for their service. Let's have a full house to support this exceptional endeavor!

On November 6th, our own Joan Earnest will instruct us in how to make some adorable house slippers! Please sign up, either online or at our November meeting. You'll love these, and just in time for making last minute stocking gifts!

And speaking of the holidays, our Winter Luncheon is right around the corner. It's always a fun event. There will be a slide show, installation of the new board members, a display of mystery quilts, show & tell and a pincushion exchange for anyone that wants to participate. Just bring a **wrapped** pincushion and pick another for yourself. How fun is this idea!?

For the luncheon, you will choose between a meal of Salmon Salad or Chicken Marsala with mashed potatoes. Tell us what you'd like to eat when you sign up. If you signed up before we knew the choices, just let Joan know. The good news is that both meals are gluten free! So, if that is your dietary restriction, you can rest assured!

Kindly arrive at 2:00 pm, Thursday December 3. We will start the business meeting promptly at 2:15 pm and eat lunch around 2:45 pm. After that will be the installation of the new board members, and the rest of the festivities!

Quilt Show Update
Maria Ciccarelli

Quilt Show Update: We're Making Great Progress!

Great news—opportunity quilt ticket sales have reached $2,590 so far! Thank you to everyone who has helped us build this momentum. If you haven't had a chance to spend time with this beautiful quilt, there are still several opportunities to join the fun! Sign-up sheets will be available at the membership table at our next SMQA general meeting. Please sign up before the meeting begins or during the snack break so we can keep the meeting and program running smoothly. Can't attend the November meeting but still want to help? Please call, text, or email me. Every volunteer brings us one step closer to making our ONLY fundraiser a big success!
Here are the upcoming dates when we need volunteers! Remember, this fundraiser helps us welcome amazing speakers and teachers, benefits every member, and keeps our membership fee affordable. Your time truly makes a difference!

Upcoming Opportunity Quilt Showings—Come Join Us!
 Bee's Bakery – Join us for a fun Saturday shift! 2026: November 14 & December 19. 2027: January 9, February 20, March 13 & April 17.
Choose the shift that fits your day: 9am–11am or 11am–1pm. Bring a smile—we'll provide the beautiful quilt!
 Bryant's Ace Hardware – Come be part of the fun on these Saturdays! 2026: November 21 & December 12. Pick your favorite shift: 10am–Noon, Noon–2pm, or 2pm–4pm. Every shift helps!
 Woodcarvers Rendezvous – Join the team on April 14 and help us share the excitement!
 Bear Paw at the Pines Quilt Retreat – Help us shine March 3–7!
 Road to California – Going to Road? Please contact me if you can white glove and/or spend time with the quilt. We'd love to have you on the team!

More Easy Ways to Help—and Have Fun!
 Haven't picked up your tickets yet? Grab them at the next meeting or at Bear Paw, then help us keep the excitement—and ticket sales—growing!
 Know of a great event where we could showcase the quilt? Please let me know—we'd love to explore it!
On Repeat: One More Volunteer Can Make a Big Difference!

We're still looking for someone to help schedule the Opportunity Quilt. Much of the legwork is already done, and I'll happily support whoever steps up. It's a fun and meaningful way to share our quilt with the community and help our fundraisers thrive!

Thank you to all who have volunteered so far. We appreciate it.
— Maria Ciccarelli – 559-760-3980 – maria@bearpawquiltsonline.com

Proposed Slate of Officers for upcoming year 2027

President - Wendy Holt & Kathy Millhollon
Secretary - Peggy Myers
Treasurer - Dianna Conaway
1st VP - Margie Williams
2nd VP - Sue Walker

August Show and Tell





























For Sale Brother QC 1000 and Sewing Cabinet with Hydraulic Lift

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REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE AT THE NEXT MEETING!

BOARD MEMBERS

President Wendy Holt
First VP Joan Earnest & Sue Johnson
Second VP Sue Walker
Treasurer Dianna Conaway
Secretary Janet Morita

Board meetings are held at 1:00 pm on the fourth Monday of each month. Send Newsletter submissions to:
katsmountain@gmail.com
Deadline for submissions is the 20th of each month

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Amenities	**Linda Miller**
Circles	
Cuddle Quilts	**Tricia Lacey**
Historian	**Peggy Myers**
Parliamentarian	**Rebecca Brannon**
Membership	**Ku'ulei Arredondo**
New Member Support	**Ku'ulei Arredondo**
Newsletter	**Kathy Burrow**
Quilt Show Chair	**Maria Ciccarelli**
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