



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting **March 5, 2020**
Oakhurst Community Center Pavilion
Program: This is Your SMQA
Hospitality and Greeters: Footloose
 Doors open at 5:30, Meeting begins at 6:00

Programs and Workshops

MARCH

Every five years, the SMQA By-Laws and the Policies and Procedures are reviewed. To begin this process, the program for March 5 is a presentation and discussion with the SMQA Board of Directors, **"This is Your SMQA"**. We will talk about the responsibilities of each Board position, both elected and appointed positions, as well as the responsibilities of the SMQA members. SMQA has a 501 c 4 tax-exempt status, designated by the IRS as a social welfare organization. Over the next few months we will consider what that means for the Board and for the membership as the By-Laws are reviewed.

The current By-Laws and the Policies and Procedures are available on the website for you to read.



UPCOMING CLASSES

We are reminding SMQA members to please sign up and pay for the next two classes at the March meeting. Bring your calendar and your checkbook or cash. If the ice dyeing class with Janet Morita and the Grand Convergence class with Mr. John Egbert are not filled by the end of the March meeting, we will be opening the classes to members of neighboring guilds and members of the community.

APRIL

We are pleased to have Janet Morita, a new SMQA member, as presenter and workshop teacher. On April 2nd, Janet will talk about her journey with fabric and quilting, with a primary focus on fabric dyeing. The workshop on Friday, April 3rd, provides a hands-on experience with ice dyeing. It's fun and results in some interesting and individual fabric colors. Sign-up sheets for the workshop are available at the March meeting.

MAY

May brings us a trunk show and workshop with Mr. John Egbert. His "Grand Convergence Quilt" will be an enjoyable challenge for us.

SIERRA MOUNTAIN QUILTERS ASSOCIATION**February 6, 2020****General Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Penni Simily at 6:04 p.m. Penni led the flag salute. She thanked the greeters, hostesses and snack ladies, as well as acknowledging the association's birthday and anniversaries ladies. Mel Peters moved to accept the January 9, 2020 minutes as printed in the newsletter; Nancy Swanson seconded and the motion carried. There were no changes to the Treasurer's Report; it will be filed for audit.

An announcement was made that the SMQA Policies and Procedures and By-Laws will be reviewed this year by a committee chaired by Betsy Anne and comprised of Linda Pennington, Penni Simily, Chris Hudson and Wendy Holt. If anything needs attention let the committee members know. The review will be discussed at every general meeting and comments welcomed. It is important that all members are aware of the SMQA's Policy and Procedures.

The newsletter included an Activity Suggestion Sheet, please complete and return to Betsy Anne or Helen. Janet Morita is the April presenter with an Ice Dying workshop on April 3, 2020. John Egbert will present at the May meeting with a Convergence workshop on May 8, 2020.

Patty Wiens and Lissa Metzger are working on completing the Community Quilt, which will be quilted by Jeri Carney and given to the SPCA around April.

2020 marks SMQA's 40th Anniversary and to celebrate you are invited to create an anniversary block wall-hanging. "Quilting the Dream" is the title of this project, which will depict how you feel about our wonderful mountain area. Call or email Joanie Madaus or Deb Austin with questions.

There is a new quilt circle, 'Quilt Squad', which meets in YLP at Symmetry Salon across from the YLP church. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, February 11, after 5:00 p.m. Call Maria at Bear Paw with any questions. The circle is open to other members. On February 15 at 11:00 a.m. Deb Austin and Chris Hudson will host a new member get together at Cool Bean. If you want to connect with others or have questions, please join them.

Membership Chair Teri De La Torre announced that 56 members and no guests were present. She announced that tonight was the last night to pay the annual membership dues to be included in the directory. Membership badge forms are available. The cost of a badge is \$6.00. New member Dinah Markini was welcomed. Prizes were awarded. The Oakhurst Public Library has three shelves to display small projects. Sew Crafty Quilters is currently on display. Any circle interested in future displays please contact Teri. Mel Peters explained that traditionally the month of May has been when quilts were displayed in the library.

Cuddle Quilts will meet on Wednesday, February 19, in the Library community room. All are welcome to join in the fun.

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Jeri Carney reported that the Opportunity Quilt is getting started. Sinta is cutting the pieces for the quilt and has a list of volunteers. The Quilt Show Committee has several open positions. Jeri is looking for enthusiastic people with commitment to join the committee. The Committee will meet once a month. The first committee meeting will be on Wednesday, March 11, at 12:30 p.m. in the Yosemite Bank Conference Room. Call Jeri or Sinta or come to the meeting to find out what positions are available. One important position that needs to be filled is scheduling where the quilt will go. P.J. and Rhonda put together a great chart to help the scheduling person make calls and schedule the quilt pick-up, set-up and ticket sales.

Georgia Harvey announced the Spring quilt retreat, March 12 to 15, has 27 signed up with a waitlist available. Sally Walker stated the Mystery Quilt announcement will be in March. She is also looking for new member photos. Bear Paw owner, Maria Ciccarelli, announced there is a Moda Fabrics 2020 Grunge contest. The contest begins with submitting your quilt to Bear Paw for in-store voting by August 29, 2020. Detailed information about the contest is available at Bear Paw.

Rhonda Lloyd reported that she had seen Donna Henning two weeks ago and that Donna loves to see people and enjoys talking about fabrics and patterns. She keeps the book we gave her on her table. Donna is able to talk on the phone for a couple of minutes. She also likes receiving cards and letters.

The business meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m. The next SMQA General Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 5, at 6:00 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Laura Gonzalez, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Wendy Holt
January 2020

Checking Account

(Balance 1-1-2020)	\$11,912.39
Deposits in January	\$ 0.00
Expenses in December	\$ 135.60
Expenses in January	\$ 1,302.16
Balance (1-31-20)	\$10,474.63

Savings: \$ 6,902.88
CD: \$16,950.22

Quilting Circles

Contact: Marian Romero
March 2020

The Quilt Squad meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. at the Symmetry Salon in YLP. Contact: Maria Ciccarelli

Anything with Fabric meets on the first and third Thursday of the month at the Oakhurst Library community room from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Contacts: Rhonda Dewey and Constance Peterson

March Birthdays

Vincent, Patty	3/10
Gaither, Carolin	3/12
Marshall, Kay	3/13
Powell, Nina	3/14
Stillman, Eldine	3/15
Hyde, Nancy	3/16
Weaver, Sharon	3/20
Johnson, Sue	3/20
Cramer, Patty	3/23
Kinsel, Trudy	3/27
Matthews, Diane	3/27
Christensen, Karen	3/28

We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!



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

SMQA Quilt Show 2021

The Quilt Show Committee is looking for volunteers for several positions. The first committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11th at 12:30 p.m. at the Yosemite Bank's Conference Room. Please contact Jeri Carney at 559-760-5125 or Sinta Borland at 559-287-2397 if you can help by volunteering for one of the open positions. Scheduling where the Opportunity Quilt will be shown for raffle ticket sales is one essential position that needs to be filled. Jeri and Sinta can tell you about others. Remember, you can partner with one or two friends to fill a position so not all the responsibility falls on one individual's shoulders.



MARCH HOLIDAYS

Peanut Butter Lovers Day	March 1
National Napping Day	March 10
Girl Scouts Day	March 12
St. Patrick's Day	March 17
Spring Equinox	March 20
Respect Your Cat Day	March 28

The **Mother Lode Quilt Guild** will be showing us their Opportunity Quilt at our April general meeting. Please be generous in purchasing raffle tickets for their fundraising effort.



**Quilting the Dream
Celebrate 40 Years of Sierra Mountain
Quilters Association**

by creating an anniversary block wall-hanging

Your block can be traditional pieced, paper pieced, appliquéd, embellished, or an art quilt. The minimum finished size will be 12x12 inches up to a maximum of 15x15 inches and can be rectangular or square.

“**Quilting the Dream**” is the title of this project which will depict how you feel about our wonderful mountain area. Choose for your subject something that you absolutely love and appreciate about this area. Some suggested ideas for your block are: mountain wildlife; flora; places (Bass Lake, Yosemite); activities (fishing, hiking, horseback riding); historic or cultural sites (Sierra Mono Museum, Mariposa Mining Museum); or events (Coarsegold Rodeo, Smokey Bear Run). These are just suggestions and are not meant to limit your imagination.

The deadline for your completed wall-hanging is our June 4th guild meeting. We hope to display the “Quilting the Dream” projects at the Oakhurst Library, at other local venues, and at the 2021 Quilt Show.

Questions? Please call or email Joanie Madaus or Deb Austin

PENNI'S POST

Hello Quilters,

I hope you are enjoying our spring-time weather. We have a lot going on this month. At the March meeting we will be giving you an insight into the duties of the board. Hopefully you will think you would like to volunteer for an open position in the future. We will then be heading to the retreat March 12 to 15. It is always a fun time and you can really get some quilting accomplished. You also have many qualified quilt gurus to help with color, placement and much more.

Be sure to sign up for classes. You will always learn something and meet fellow quilters. Hope to see you soon.

Penni

AMENITIES
Cards were sent to:

Sue Johnson	Get Well
Donna Henning	Happy Valentine’s Day
Diane and Dave Mathews	Welcome Home

Contact Linda Miller if you know of someone who would appreciate a card.



BY-LAWS REVIEW

Committee Members: Betsy Anne Youngholm, Linda Pennington, Chris Hudson, Wendy Holt and Penni Simily.

The first meeting of the SMQA By-Laws Review Committee was held on February 19th. To start the process, the Committee examined the current by-laws for internal consistency and clarity of language. The next step will be to assess the by-laws in light of the documents the SMQA filed to achieve a 501 C 4 nonprofit status.

Once the Committee has completed this process, there will be a copy of the proposed by-laws changes available to you on the website.



CUDDLE CORNER

We had another great month with lots of lovely quilts coming in and going out. There were about 35 quilts dropped off at last month's meeting, and we distributed around 55 in February

We continue to get special requests from some of our recipients. This month we're working on fulfilling a request from Hinds Hospice for catheter covers. These go a long way to promote patient dignity. A quick and easy project, please see us if you are interested in whipping out a couple of these. Isolette covers continue to be a need at Valley Children's; let us know if you would like to make one. They are a great way to use juvenile panels. Also, with the addition of the VA Hospital as recipients, don't forget that we need more manly fabrics in our Cuddle Quilts!

The next Cuddle Quilt meeting will be on Wednesday, March 18 at the Oakhurst Library's community room, which is to the right of the main entrance. We are there from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Join us for camaraderie, fun & productivity!

One reminder: Make sure you sew one of our SMQA labels on each of the quilts you turn in! Thanks!

Contact Sue Johnson or Joan Earnest

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GREASED LIGHTNING - TABLE RUNNER
Teacher: Diane Matthew
Fridays, March 6 & 13 - 10:30am - 2:30pm

SEWING 102 - PILLOW
Teacher: Melloney Bradley
Saturday, March 14 - 12:30pm - 3:30pm

QUILTING WITH RULERS
Teacher: Mary Brand
Wednesday, March 18 - 10am - 4pm

SERGER 101
Teacher: Mary Brand
Friday, March 20 - 10am - 4pm

RIPPITY DOO DAH - WALL HANGING
Teacher: Lissa Metzger
Tuesday & Wednesday, March 24 & 25 - 10am - 3pm

3 Day Quilting Event with **AMANDA MURPHY**

3 CLASSES TO CHOOSE FROM AND A FREE TRUNK SHOW!

Amanda Murphy is a quilt and fabric designer, an author and a BERNINA ambassador. She has developed her own rulers that can be used on domestic, sit-down & longarm quilting machines!

GET INSPIRED
FREE lecture/demo
Wednesday, March 25
11A-1PM OR 5PM-7PM

sign up for all 3 hands-on classes
and save **MORE!**



HANDS-ON for beginners
FREE MOTION QUILTING:
THURSDAY, MARCH 26
10AM-4PM
cost: \$150

RULER ROUND ABOUT
for beginners
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cost: \$150

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

BOARD MEMBERS

President	Penni Simily
First Vice Presidents	Helen Brown and Betsy Anne Youngholm
Second Vice Presidents	Deb Austin and Joanie Madaus
Treasurer	Wendy Holt
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

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