



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

JULY 2020 MEETING IS CANCELLED
Workshops for remainder of 2020 are cancelled

JULY



Meetings and Workshops

We are still paying attention to local, state, and national health guidance, which continues to recommend we stay at home and practice physical distancing. We have also been in communication with the Oakhurst Community Center and are waiting to hear when they will open again.

Because we are still in stay-at-home mode for the foreseeable future, the Board has cancelled the remaining two workshops for this year. **There will be no workshop on August 7th or October 2nd.** We are beginning the process of returning payments to those of you who signed up for these workshops.

The Board is reviewing the general meeting schedule on a month to month basis.

We hope you are wearing your masks and staying well.

FALL RETREAT

Please let Teri know if you are interested in attending the Fall Retreat. There is a minimum attendance requirement of 15 so Teri needs to know if we will meet that threshold.

Where: ECCO

When: September 14-17, 2020

Cost: \$32.00 per day includes lunch

How: email me at dltcteri@aol.com to sign up

Mail check to

SMQA
 P.O. Box 1359
 Oakhurst, CA 93644

Each participant will have their own table (no sharing), and you can also bring a small worktable. We will be in the chapel with plenty of room to spread out.

Thanks so much, Teri

Of course, all is subject to change based on health advisories at the time.



virtual meetings are a little wierd...



VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Many of us are taking advantage of technology to an extent we could not have imagined only a few months ago. Until we have direction on when it will be safe to resume in-person group gatherings, Zoom has become the “go to” app for many of us. Circles, your Board, and the Northern California Quilt Council are all meeting virtually.

The NCQC has sponsored several meetings to talk about presenting virtual programming, including trunk shows and workshops. The SMQA By-Laws Review Committee has been meeting regularly on Zoom.

We know that some of our members do not have the technology available for meetings of this type. We also know that some of our members have been hesitant to join meetings using this app. Although there have been some security issues with Zoom in the past, there have been security enhancements that alleviate some of these concerns: registration requirements, meeting passwords, waiting rooms, removing the meeting identification number from the screen.

It is also important to note that while you need to download the app in order to participate with

video, you do not need to have a Zoom account to join a meeting. You can also join a meeting by phone without downloading the app.

We expect the review and discussion of this approach to meetings to continue.



CUDDLE CORNER

Hi, all you quilting buddies! Getting a lot of sewing in lately? I know I am! I also found time to come up with a brand-new Cuddle Quilt pattern, have made two of them, and cut out close to 10 kits! So next time we get together, you will have to grab a kit and see what you think. The top goes together quickly, and I think it is a fun one to sew. In the meantime, you can pick up a kit at Bear Paw when you are there next.

We have made a distribution to the Madera County Fire Department this month and we are getting a bunch of pillowcases to Hinds Hospice as well. Can't wait to see what Cuddle Quilts get turned in when we finally meet! Don't forget to bring your card to stamp for free Aurifil thread for every five completed Cuddle Quilts you submit.

If you need any batting or want me to send you the new Cuddle Quilt pattern, just let me know. Happy sewing!

Sue Johnson

PENNI'S POST

July 2020

Hello, my friends. Most of us are still staying home. Guidelines are loosening and businesses opening. Hopefully, we will return to a new normal soon. Please be careful and stay safe. If the guidelines feel it is safe, we will be having meetings and classes soon. Also remember the retreat is coming up in September. Teri needs us to make a reservation and send a check for payment. Some of us have been going to zoom meetings and have learned a lot. I am not sure we can accomplish this on a large scale at this time, but it has been helpful during the quarantine. Hope to be with you all soon.

Stay safe, Penni

Scrap/String Blocks from Mask Materials

Please remember to use the scraps from your mask making efforts to help us put together one or two community quilts. If each of us makes one or two 6-and-1/2-inch or 8-and-1/2-inch blocks from those scraps (to finish at 6 and 8 inches respectively), we will have enough to put together for one or more community quilts.



Call or email Joanie Madaus or Deb Austin with questions

TREASURER'S REPORT

Wendy Holt

May 2020

Checking Account

(Balance 4/30/2020)	\$8,453.15
Deposits in May	\$0.00
Expenses in May	\$284.28
Balance (5/31/2020)	\$8,168.87
Savings:	\$9,385.09
CD:	\$16,950.22

July Birthdays

Waters, Virginia	7/1
Deisher, Lois	7/2
Lund, Rhonda	7/2
Lacey, Tricia	7/7
Schull, Gaudalupe	7/7
Stanford, Lynette	7/14
Graham, Sue	7/16
Williams, Bev	7/16
Graas, Barbara	7/19
Collins, Sue	7/20
Kernaghan, Lisa	7/22
Swanson, Nancy	7/26
Gulley, Beverly	7/29
Yeats, Joe	7/31

We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!



MYSTERY MAGIC

Hi Mystery Quilters, hopefully by now you've received all of the steps to complete your mystery quilt. I can't wait to see the wonderful parade of completed tops at the December Guild Meeting. I love the illusion of dancing circles throughout this quilt, how about you? Unfortunately, mine does not have that fun aspect, though I still love it because of the playful fabrics I used.

After looking closely at my quilt and the quilt made by the designer, I have determined that my charcoal "accent" fabric is of darker value. If for some reason you have not received all the clues even though you signed up for this mystery quilt, or upon seeing the final quilt you want to jump in now and start, please contact me. Either way, we will get you all the steps to make this fun and fast Spinning Pie Plates Quilt.

Sally Walker



Designers' Quilt



Sally's Quilt



Quilting Circles

Contact: Marian Romero

July 2020

Anything with Fabric are meeting twice a week on Zoom to sew together. Our circle meetings are usually at the library but there is no information on when the library's community room will be reopened which means our circle will continue meeting on zoom. I don't believe any circle members are ready to physically attend a circle. Have fun creating.

Yoyo's are zooming when we get a chance and that has been fun. It also saves on driving and we are all comfy in our homes sharing what mischief we have been into. The benefit is that Janet in Idaho, and Cathy in Visalia can join in the fun. So, in some ways this is better because everyone can attend and show and tell. Sending out messages to the rest of our quilting friends: Stay safe and enjoy.

Sew Crafty Quilters has decided not to resume their meetings yet. We'll decide when to continue on a month to month basis.

Material Girls will have a picnic lunch and show and tell in July. Any Material Girls, past and present, are invited. Please contact Nancy Swanson or PJ Grant for information.

By-Laws Review

The SMQA By-Laws are reviewed in years ending in 0 and 5. President Penni Simily appointed Betsy Anne Youngholm as Chair of the By-Laws Committee, along with members Wendy Holt, Chris Hudson, and Linda Pennington. As President, Penni is an ex-officio member of the committee.

The review committee has met in person and with Zoom, beginning in February 2020. Proposed changes to the By-Laws necessarily require updates to the Association's Policies and Procedures, so those have been reviewed and updated as part of this process.

Drafts of both documents have been submitted to the Board for their review. Once any questions and suggestions by the Board have been addressed, and the Board approves the proposed documents, they will be presented to the general membership. The proposed By-Laws and Policies and Procedures will be published on the Association's website and will be sent by email to the membership. At that time, the membership will have the opportunity to ask any questions they may have about the proposed changes.

As we are not sure when the Association will be able to meet again face-to-face, we may ask for comments by email or phone to Betsy Anne. The review committee will then respond to any issues raised by the membership.



JULY HOLIDAYS

July 2	World UFO Day
July 4	Independence Day
July 19	National Ice Cream Day
July 25	Thread the Needle Day
July 26	Parents' Day
July 30	International Day of Friendship

The July birthstone is ruby.

The July birth month flower is the larkspur, which symbolizes lightness, swiftness, and an open heart.

AMENITIES

Cards were sent to:

Susan Cambell	Thinking of you
Donna Henning	Thinking of you

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

SHOW AND TELL IN PICTURES

We are not able to meet face to face, but we would love the opportunity to see the projects you all have been working on over the past several months.

Please send a photo, along with a brief description, to Sally so that she can post them on the SMQA Facebook page as well as set up an album on the website.

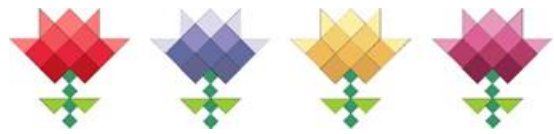
The description might include information about the size, the designer, the intended recipient, the inspiration behind your quilt, or whatever you would like the SMQA members to know about your recent projects.

We will also include as many as we can in the upcoming newsletters.

Just because we cannot all be in the same room together doesn't mean we can't share our creativity with each other.



Do you have favorite tools or quilting tips or hints you would like to share with other SMQA members? Please send them to Betsy Anne so she can share them through the newsletter.



SMQA Quilt Show 2021

The dates are: May 15 and 16, 2021

The Quilt Show Title is:

“Sierra Springtime Quilt Show”

Hi, Quilty Friends

We are ready to start distributing the SMQA quilt show Opportunity Quilt raffle tickets 🗳️! Normally we pass the tickets out to everyone at a general meeting, but since we will not be having our regular Guild meetings right now we thought of an option for you. As you know, each member is asked to purchase or sell a number of raffle tickets in the months leading up to the quilt show.

Sinta will have the tickets available at her office in Oakhurst starting next week, on June 28th. Whenever you plan on coming into town, you are welcome to pick them up. If you don't want to come inside, just call my cell number (559-287-2397) and I will bring your envelope of tickets out to the parking lot.

Since our ability to show the quilt in all the usual places has been curtailed this year, we will rely on you to sell as many tickets as possible between now and next May. We really need your help with individual sales because it will be challenging to show the quilt this Summer.

We appreciate your participation!

Your Quilt Show Chairs, Sinta and Jeri
and Kathy, Quilt Show Ticket Chairperson

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UPCOMING CLASSES

All classes are cancelled until the social/travel restrictions issued by the State of California have been lifted

BEAR PAW QUILTS & MORE

CLASSES

 **Tuesday - July 21st - 3pm-6pm**
Rippity Doo Dah
Teacher: Lissa Metzger - \$30

Wednesday - July 22nd - 10:30am-2:30pm
Quilt As You Go (QAYG)
Teacher: Annie O - \$20

Thursday - July 23rd & Saturday - July 25th
Thursday - July 30th & Saturday - August 1st
10:00am-12:30pm
Hand Piecing (4 Day Class)
Teacher: Anita Jensen - \$70

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Anonymous Donor Quilt Contest—Extended

Bear Paw has an anonymous donor who had a vision for a quilt contest. Since the Shelter-in-Place is going a little longer than thought, we have extended this contest. The winners will receive gift certificates for Bear Paw.

1st place is \$100.00
2nd place is \$50.00
3rd place is \$25.00

Here are the rules.
Must be a lap size quilt, fully completed
Must be willing to give it away to a local hospital
It must be a Covid-19 theme

Think of your emotions, what you are doing with the time or the funny things people are doing that are odd. It can be funny, sad, happy or even angry.
YOU PICK YOUR MESSAGE

You must have it started and completed during this time of "Sheltering-in-Place" or self-quarantine.
Bear Paw must have by the last week of July 2020.
Voting takes place on August 1.



Sierra Mountain Quilters Association

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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

Amenities	Linda Miller
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