



Sierra Mountain Quilters Association Newsletter

February 3, 2022 MEETING IS IN PERSON
Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m.
Masks are required.



Co-Presidents' Corner

I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and didn't bring home the virus after your family gathering like I did. My symptoms were those of a bad cold but, oh so easily spread. Now that we will meet in person again on February 3rd, it's obvious that we will be wearing masks for a while longer.

This month at our meeting we will be sewing cuddle quilts under the guidance of Chris Hudson who will have a new pattern and cuddle kits for us. Come to share the fun and sew.

Quilt Show – Constance has requested your help. I hope you will carefully review the committee jobs she's listed in this newsletter and volunteer. The Quilt Show is our major fundraiser that supports our mission - the love of quilting and sharing it with others.

Happy February
Betsy and Bev

TREASURER'S REPORT

Wendy Holt
December 31, 2021

Checking Account

(Balance 11/30/2021	\$2,008.26
Deposits in December	\$1,592.00
Expenses in December	\$1,601.06

Balance (12/31/2021) \$1,999.20

Savings: \$ 26,358.86



Valentine's Day with a quilter.

SMQA GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

February 3, 2022

Call to order
Welcome

Discussion: Approval of Board Appointed
2022 Members

Membership – Sue Johnson
Newsletter – Charlotte Hickman
Quilt Show – Constance Peterson

Secretary's Report: Minutes from Dec. 2, 2021

Treasurer's Report

Reports:

1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
Membership
Webmaster
Newsletter
Cuddle Quilts
Librarian
Quilt Show
Spring Retreat

New Business: No Show and Tell



FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy 2022!! We hope y'all had a great Christmas and New Year!! Due to some scheduling conflicts the program and workshops dates are being revamped and will be published in the newsletter next month. We will keep you informed once we have more information. Thanks for your patience. We will still be sewing Cuddle Quilts in February so bring your machines and rotary cutters to help sew and make kits. We look forward to seeing you and a great year for our guild!

Peter & Laura

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I really missed having our January meeting, but am glad we all are trying our best to keep each other healthy. More progress is being made on the community quilt, mentoring program, mystery quilt and 2022 Challenge! I hope to have more information for everyone by our next meeting. Looking forward to the Cuddle Quilts program coming up. Stay Safe.

Maria Ciccarelli

Quilted Chair Class

For those of you enrolled in the chair class, please be advised that Laura Gonzalez had some last minute "juggling" to do with classes due to the January meeting being canceled. The plan for now is I'll be passing out patterns and instructions at the May meeting, and the dates of the workshop will be announced at a later date.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Chris Hudson
209 815-4855

NOTE: Due to the cancellation of January's meeting the minutes will be voted on at the February meeting.

**General Membership Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by President Penni Simily at the Oakhurst Community Center Main Hall. Penni welcomed everyone to the Winter Wonderland Party. Betsy Anne Youngholm made a motion, seconded by Patty Cramer, to accept the November 4, 2021, minutes as printed in the newsletter. The motion carried.

The October Treasurer's Report was accepted as published in the November newsletter and filed for audit. Patty Cramer made a motion, seconded by Mel Peters, to approve the budget for 2022. The motion carried.

Chris Hudson presented a gift basket from the Guild members to Penni Simily for serving as President for 2020 and 2021.

Charlotte Hickman recognized the 2021 officers and those who were appointed. Charlotte conducted the installation of officers for 2022: Co-President/Betsy Blum and Bev Gulley; Co-First Vice-President/Laura and Peter Gonzalez; Second Vice-President/Maria Ciccarelli; Treasurer/Joan Earnest; and Secretary/Janet Morita.

Teri De La Torre/2021 Membership, and Sue Johnson/2022 Membership, held the door prize and raffle drawings throughout the evening. Toys and donations were accepted for Toys for Tots.

Plaidish, 2021 mystery quilts, were revealed.

Dinner was served by L and J Mexican Food.

Lynn Gray/Historian, presented a slide show of the Guild activities over the past two years. The table center piece decorations were won by those who had a snowflake under their chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next meeting will be on January 6, 2022, with the cuddle quilt program.

Respectfully submitted by Margie Williams, Secretary

February Birthdays



Loretta Pesetski	2/9
Teri De La Torre	2/10
Jean Richter	2/22
Lupe Thompson	2/22

We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!



The birthday ladies are requested to bring purchased individually wrapped snacks to the meeting.

Spring Retreat

Spring Retreat is scheduled at ECCO from Wednesday, March 9, 2022, through Saturday, March 12, 2022. Overnight stays are available this year! Quad rooms are \$294 per person and include meals and the sewing rooms. Day retreaters are \$35 each day and include lunch and the use of the sewing rooms. For members that have not attended before, this is a great opportunity to get a lot of quilting done and to visit and learn from each other. There are gifts and raffle prizes. If you are planning to attend, please mail your check made payable to SMQA, to me by **February 15th**, or sign up and pay at the February 3rd SMQA meeting so we can meet our deadline with ECCO. Also, please note if you have any food allergies so the kitchen can plan accordingly. We need a minimum of 15 attendees. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,
Margie Williams
Email: margiedwilliams@gmail.com



The February birthstone, **amethyst**, is said to strengthen relationships and give its wearer courage. At one time, only royalty could wear the gem. Ancient Greeks thought that the amethyst guarded against intoxication. In fact, "amethyst" comes from *amethystos*, a Greek word meaning "sober."

The February birth month flowers are the **violet** and the **primrose**. Violets signify watchfulness, loyalty, and faithfulness. Give a violet to someone to let them know you'll always be there for them!

The other February birth flower is the **primrose**, which lets someone know you can't live without them.

AMENITIES

Linda Miller

Betty Fish	Thinking of you
Peggy Cochran	Get well
Donna McCall	Get well
Diane Ward	Thinking of you

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

Circle News

Anything With Fabric meets 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Oakhurst Public Library every Tuesday. All are welcome. Contact: Ronda Dewey or Constance Peterson

Sew Crafty Quilters is open to new and current members. We meet at Oakhurst Library Community Room the 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 1 – 4 p.m. Contact Teri De La Torre, 831-728-2027.



CUDDLE CORNER

Because the January meeting was cancelled, we will be sewing Cuddle Quilts during the February meeting. Four of our members are bringing machines to the February meeting ready to start stitching up some tops. If you are attending and able to bring a sewing machine, we'll be able to get that much more accomplished. Those of you bringing your machines, please bring your sewing basics (thread, pins, scissors, rotary cutters). We'll have tables set up with cutting mats and irons. In the past it seems to work well with one person sewing with three or four ladies pinning and pressing. There will be plenty of fabrics/batting/ backing and binding to work with. If you aren't able to finish, we ask that one of your "team" members takes the project home, completes it, bringing it back to the next meeting. There will also be kits for you to take home, finish and bring back.

Bear Paw Quilts will continue to have some kits available in their back room. We're asking that any finished items be brought to the monthly meetings, or send them back with one of your quilting buddies. We will continue using the "stamp" cards where you get a card stamped for items you complete. Once your card is completely stamped, you get a free spool of thread. So please plan on attending and joining in on the fun!! Questions? Please contact me, Chris Hudson 209 815-4855.

LIBRARY CORNER

Thursday, February 3, 2022 is our last book sale. All patterns and all "Quilt In A Day" books are free. All other books - many are new to the book sale - are \$1.00. Please bring correct change.

Any questions contact Constance Peterson.

QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE

CHAIRS AND VOLUNTEER HELPERS NEEDED

- Co-Chair to work with Constance Peterson
- Clean-up Chair: Schedules volunteers to help clean up after the quilt show.
- Country Store Chair: Collects donated items to sell at the show and schedules volunteers to work in the store.
- Entry Table Chair: Orders wrist bands and badges for volunteers, sets up entry table, and schedules volunteers to greet and collect entry money from attendees.
- White Glove Chair: Launderers white gloves and aprons and schedules volunteers to work shifts during the show.
- Publicity Chair: Handles all publicity associated with the quilt show, including newspaper articles, flyers, etc.
- Kitchen Chair: Picks up pizza Friday for set up crew, hires a vendor to provide meals for lunch Saturday and Sunday, and purchases snacks to sell during the day.
- Opportunity Quilt Scheduling Co-Chairs: Sets up venues and schedules volunteers to sell Opportunity Quilt tickets.
- Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales Co-Chairs: Orders tickets for the show and records sales.
- Quilter Info/Photo chair: Takes photos of members entered in the quilt show and pins paperwork on quilts on set-up day.
- Signs Chair: Puts up and takes down all the outdoor signs located throughout the town directing people to the show.
- Voting Co-Chairs: Count votes on Saturday after the quilt show and pins ribbons on the winning quilts.



FEBRUARY HOLIDAYS

Feb. 1 – National Freedom Day, a day when we celebrate the freedoms we enjoy as US citizens, freedoms we should never take for granted.

Feb. 2 – Groundhog Day, a day when we ask if we are in for six more weeks of winter. Only Punxsutawney Phil knows for sure!

Feb. 13 – Super Bowl Sunday, always held on the first Sunday in February, is when America’s love affair with football springs into full bloom. After 17 hard-fought matches spanning 18 weeks, the two best football teams in the NFL battle their way to a world championship in the grandest TV spectacle in America.

Feb. 14 – Valentine’s Day, a time to say “I love you” or “thank you” to those closest to us, whether romantically, professionally, or platonically. Hopefully the day will allow us an opportunity to thank the people in our lives, whoever they are, and in whatever capacity they may hold in our lives.

Feb. 17 – Random Acts of Kindness Day, a day when you can never go wrong with kindness, and there can never be too much of it. This day is to cultivate feelings of kindness and brighten someone’s day.

Feb. 21 – Presidents’ Day honoring the birthdays of Presidents Washington and Lincoln in all its patriotic glory, but also enabling people to have a day off of work, which surprisingly was the point! In 1971 the two presidents’ birthdays were combined into one day in an effort to create a three-day weekend for the public in the hope that this would inspire greater productivity nationwide.

Feb. 28 – National Public Sleeping Day acknowledges those who may need a little shut-eye, even in public. If you feel like nodding off on the park bench, at the beach, or at church (or at a quilt guild meeting), this is the day to do it. But in the event that you are at work and the boss walks in while your head is down, let the first word you say be “Amen.”

FOR SALE

Machines formerly owned by Peggy McKnelly.

If interested contact Randy McKnelly at 559-760-2455 and/or email at randymcknelly@sti.net.

Pfaff Creative Vision Sewing and Embroidery Machine

\$1,500 (with roller carrier)

Bernina Artista 180

\$1,500 (with roller carrier)

Singer Serger Professional Overlock Sewing Machine #14T968DC

\$ 500

Koala Outback Sewing Table

\$1,500





Sierra Mountain Quilters Association 2022 Membership Form

Your membership dues support the many functions of SMQA, including: meetings, speakers, workshops, newsletter, website, quilting free sews, Biennial Quilt Show, and fellowship.

Membership: *(Please circle one)*

Individual Membership: \$25

Family: \$35

Please Print Clearly

NAME: _____

Day of Birth: *(Month/Day)* _____

ADDRESS:

Street Address _____

Mailing Address *(if different from above):* _____

City _____

ZIP Code _____

PHONE: *(please ** preferred number)*

Home _____ Work _____

Mobile/Cell _____

⇒Email _____

Check box if this is a new email address or a corrected address (refer to our directory).

Email: Newsletters are delivered via email. If you don't have an email address and can't access our website at www.sierramountainquilters.org to view the newsletter and you are unable to have a friend print a copy for you, it can be mailed to you.

Note: Please mail your check to SMQA, P.O. Box 1359, Oakhurst, CA 93644

Membership Chair Use Only:

Date Paid: _____ Check number _____ Amount: _____

Services from our Advertisers

BEAR PAW QUILTS & MORE
Spring is Coming!

FABRIC
NOTIONS
PATTERNS
CLASSES

LIKE US ON **facebook**

40761 Highway 41
Suite 7
Oakhurst, CA 93644

559-683-7397

The advertisement features a colorful quilted background. On the left, there is a list of services: FABRIC, NOTIONS, PATTERNS, and CLASSES. Below this list is a cartoon teddy bear icon and a Facebook 'LIKE US ON facebook' button. In the center, there are four large rolls of fabric with different patterns: a gold and white pattern, a blue pattern, a purple and white pattern, and a blue and white pattern. To the right, there is a photograph of a quilt shop interior with various fabric rolls on display. At the bottom, there are five colorful paw prints in orange, red, green, blue, and purple. The phone number 559-683-7397 is prominently displayed in red.

A Thread Above Quilt Studio
Longarm Quilting Services
Jeri Carney ~~~ 559.760.5125

athreadabove@gmail.com
www.athreadabovestudio.com

The advertisement for A Thread Above Quilt Studio features a central illustration of a sewing machine. The machine is decorated with a small blue bird on top, a pink heart on the side, and a pink bird on the left. The text above the machine reads 'A Thread Above Quilt Studio', 'Longarm Quilting Services', and 'Jeri Carney ~~~ 559.760.5125'. Below the machine, the email address 'athreadabove@gmail.com' and the website 'www.athreadabovestudio.com' are listed.



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

BOARD MEMBERS

Co-Presidents	Betsy Blum and Bev Gulley
1st Vice Presidents	Laura and Peter Gonzalez
2nd Vice President	Maria Ciccarelli
Treasurer	Joan Earnest
Secretary	Janet Morita

*Board Meetings are held at 1:00 p.m. on the fourth
Monday of each month.*

Send Newsletter submissions to
cthickman@yahoo.com
Deadline is 20th of each month.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

New Member Support	Chris Hudson
Amenities	Linda Miller
Circles	Mel Peters
Cuddle Quilts	Chris Hudson
Historian	Lynn Gray
Webmaster	Sally Walker
Parliamentarian	Laura Donahue
Membership	Sue Johnson
Newsletter	Charlotte Hickman
Quilt Show Chair	Constance Peterson