



Sierra Mountain Quilters Association Newsletter

June 4, 2026

Doors open at 5:30 P.M Meeting begins at 6:00 P.M.

Host Greeters: SMQA Board

Program: Ice Cream Social

SMQA GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

**Call to Order
Flag Salute**

Welcome: Birthdays & Anniversaries

Reports:

**Secretary - Minutes from May 7, 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 - Laura Gonzales

Fall Retreat - Ku'ulei Arredondo

New Business: Member Phone Book?

**Show & Tell
Refreshments**

Program: Ice Cream Social

2026 Program Schedule

- June 4 - Ice Cream Social
- July 2 Footloose: Hidden Gems
- August 5 Hidden Gem Wendy Holt
- Aug 6 Workshop Janet Morita Ice Dying
- Sept 3 Darla Hall
- Sept 4 Workshop Free Motion Quilting
- October 1 Gwen Weedon 20 Years of a Quilting Journey
- Oct 2 Workshop Ocean Art Quilt
- November 5 Veteran's Day Program
- November 6 Workshop: Joan Earnest House Shoes
- December - Winter Luncheon

Amenities

Nothing to report for the month of May

Sierra Mountain Quilters Association General Meeting Minutes, May 7, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by first vice president, Joan Earnest, at the Oakhurst Community Center followed by the flag salute. Joan thanked Anything with Fabric for decorating the table and then recognized May birthdays and anniversaries.

Secretary Janet Morita Laura Gonzalez made a motion, Jaydene Johnson seconded, to accept the April 2, 2026, general meeting minutes. The motion carried.

Treasurer, Dianna Conaway, absent, the treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

First Vice President, Joan Earnest Joan announced tonight Claudia Shearer will present "How did I get here? My Journey to Improv. Quilting". On May 8, she will teach a four-hour Improv. workshop. June 4 will be the ice cream social. On July 2, Footloose will present a trunk show. On August 6, Wendy Holt will present a trunk show. Janet Morita will teach a fabric dyeing class the following day. On September 3, Darla Hall will present a trunk show. In September 4, she will teach a free motion quilting class. On October 1, Gwen Weedon will present "20 years of a Quilting Journey" and then, the following day, teach an Ocean Art Quilt class; November 5, 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 p.m.

Second Vice President, Sue Walker, reported the library sewing program for children will be July 7-9, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Ten volunteers are needed. She passed around a sign-up. The library requires new volunteers to fill out and sign a form before the event.

Membership, Ku'ulei Arredondo, reported we have 93 paid members with 43 members and 1 visitor attending tonight. New members are Lynette Stanford and Barbara Kaufman. Drawing winners were Sharon Sylvester and Barbara Kaufman.

Fall Retreat, Ku'ulei Arredondo, reported the dates are Sept 14-17. It will be daytime only. She reminded us we need someone to be in charge of the Spring Retreat.

Newsletter, Kathy Burrow, absent

Webmaster, Sally Walker, announced that the membership roster can be easily printed from the member login page on the website.

Cuddle Quilts, Sharon Sylvester for Tricia Lacey, announced cuddle quilts were given to Valley Children's Hospital, Hinds Hospice, and Terry's House. The next Cuddle Quilt workday will be May 20, at the library.

Quilt Show, Maria Ciccarelli, reported the next Quilt Show will be May 29, at 2:00 p.m. The Opportunity Quilt is coming together and should be done by the June meeting.

New business:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m. followed by show and tell, snacks, and a presentation by Claudia Shearer.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Morita, secretary.

Wendy's Window

Happy June! My fruit trees and vines were so happy with the rain this spring. The leaves are doing a great job protecting the fruit as it ripens on the branches and vines. Summer is here, and the bounty is delicious and much welcomed.

Now, let's talk about the Opportunity Quilt. It's finally done! Footloose put together the final pieces, and Maria Ciccarelli did the quilting. Jeri Carney attached the binding. I want to thank all the members who took the time to sew a seam or many seams on this quilt. A guild is only as strong as the members who come together in creativity and fellowship.

We're all set to start selling raffle tickets to raise money for our guild's good works. Maria will have books of tickets ready for pick-up at the June 4, 2026, meeting. Each member needs to sell at least one book of tickets. Please think about picking up more so your family and friends can win the quilt you worked on.

My love and gratitude for this guild know no bounds. I've been given so many gifts as a member of Sierra Mountain Quilters Association. The gift of quilting, knowledge, creativity, confidence, friendship, community, support, asking for help, "I don't know", humility, gratitude, acceptance, not having to be perfect and so much more. Thank you all for allowing me to give back in my small way. I've made many mistakes and will make many more, I'm sure. Please accept my sincere apology for my errors, bull-in-a-China-shop approach, and missteps. I will endeavor to improve and change what needs changing. Thank you for your patience and generosity.

To wrap things up, here's a little inspiration: "Without craftsmanship, inspiration is a mere reed shaken in the wind." - Johannes Brahms

Thank you all.

Cheers!

Wendy

Circle Hostesses and Greeters for

June: SMQA Board

July: Footloose

August: Gonzalez Family

September: Bits and Pieces

October: Anything with Fabric

November: A Gathering of Stitches

December: Guild Board Members

2ND VP Susan Walker

Upcoming Summer Program.

The Oakhurst Library Summer sewing program has been scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 7 - 9 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. We need a total of 10 volunteers willing to bring their machines and teach a student one-on-one. We will be making small lap quilts with 5-inch squares. Signup sheets will be available at our meetings, or you can call me at 559-871-3720 or email me at suewalker25@yahoo.com.

Please join us in mentoring new quilters!

SMQA TREASURER'S REPORT RE CAP

Dianna Conaway
4/30/2026

Checking Account

Beginning Balance 4/1	\$10,365.25
Credits	\$9,654.70
Debits	-\$9,521.82
Ending Balance 4/30	\$10,498.13

Savings Account

Beginning Balance 4/1	\$9,450.53
Credits	\$8.62
Debits	\$0.00
Ending Balance 4/30	\$9,459.15

CD Account

Beginning Balance 4/1	\$10,532.04
Credits	\$0.00
Ending Balance 4/30	\$10,532.04

Fall Retreat

Fall Retreat September 14th - 17th

Signups with payment at the June meeting, On Line or you can pay by mail to SMQA.

Payment can be mailed to my home address.



Opportunity Quilt

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We appreciate your work time and interest. Now to start selling the tickets and showing the quilt.

Tickets will be available at the June Meeting.



Membership

Ku'ulei Arredondo

We have 93 current members. A Roster was sent out in April your email. There is also a Print Button on our Website. please let me know if you didn't get the email.

Our Mission

Promote the preservation of traditional needlework and quilting techniques, while encouraging experimentation in contemporary application of these techniques. Educate the public in general about the value of artistic, handcrafted quilted items.

Encourage cooperation, fellowship, creativity, and quality craftsmanship.



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](#).

Jerry Carney	6/15
Betty Fisher	6/18
Wendy Holt	6/26
Adrienne Smith	6/16
Victoria Summers	6/24

June Refreshments
Ice Cream Social Furnished by the SMQA Board



SMQA's 2026 scholarship recipient Elizabeth Encoyand is shown receiving her certificate from Charlotte Hickman, scholarship chair.

1st Vice President's Message Joan Earnest & Sue Johnson

Claudia Shearer came to us in May and "improved" us with her improv style of quilting. Honestly, I still can't explain what improv quilting is but several of us did it for a day with the workshop that Claudia gave. We tried to sew bendy lines, but mine always turned out straight! We played with color a lot and discovered that some choices went together that we never thought possible. We'll see if anyone gets their color strips together for show and tell at our June guild meeting. Speaking of June, it's Ice Cream Social time again. This is a very relaxed guild meeting where we get to socialize a lot more than normal and all while enjoying some deliciousness in a bowl. Be sure to attend and share in the joy of our great camaraderie.

Coming our way in the following two months we will have presentations by some of our hidden gems. The Footloose circle will show off their stuff in July and then Wendy will be doing her thing in August. I can't wait to see some beautiful quilting. Janet will do her fabric dyeing workshop in August and it is always so popular! We will begin taking signups at the June meeting. Don't miss out as everyone loves coloring their own fabric!

In the fall we have Darla Hall from Bakersfield who will give a workshop on Free Motion Quilting! Oh yay!!! We also have Gwen Weedon from SLO who will teach us how to make an ocean themed piece that is beautiful. The Veteran's Day program will happen in November followed by a class of making "house shoes". They are just adorable and make great gifts. To finish off the year will be our Winter Luncheon at Bee's Bakery. Yum, yum, yum! Please plan on attending as many of these special programs as you can as it promises to be an exciting year.



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.**

A Gathering of Stitchers

Open to New Members

The Mindful Stitchers 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 At our Bits and Pieces May meeting, we celebrated Mel Peters' 90th birthday...what a treasure she is to our Circle and Guild. We also completed our barn quilts. .



Footloose: Closed

Cuddle Quilt Corner

Sandy Johnson and Tricia Lacey



Not a lot of activity in the cuddle quilt department. We need to get busy, ladies. Lots of places love our donations and folks are appreciative of our work. A little child smiles when given a colorful new quilt. Maybe it has animals on it or perhaps cartoon characters. It doesn't matter, for a sick child or one in crisis a receiving a quilt is an act of love.

Cuddle quilts and wheelchair bags were donated to Valley Children's Hospital, Hines Hospice and Terrys House. You can see Tricia for fabric and patterns.



May Show and Tell







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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
- Webmaster Sally Walker
- Spring Retreat Laura Gonzalez
- Fall Retreat Ku"ulei Arredondo