



Sierra Mountain Quilters Association Newsletter

April 2, 2026

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

Host Greeters: Footloose

Program: Doris Lantz Art Quilts and Wall-hangings

Apr 3 Workshop; Highland Cow Art Quilt

SMQA GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

AGENDA

April 2, 2026

Call to Order

Flag Salute

Welcome

Reports:

**Secretary - Minutes from March 5, 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:

Show & Tell

Refreshments

**Program: Doris Lantz Art Quilts and Wall-
Hangings**

2026 Program Schedule

April 2 Doris Lantz Art Quilts and Wall-hangings

Apr 3 Workshop; Highland Cow Art Quilt

May 7 Claudia Shearer How did I get here

May 8 Improv Workshop TBD

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

Wendy's Window

Happy April SMQA! Spring officially started in March with trees budding, flowers blooming, bees pollinating, and the opportunity quilt starting to take shape.

Thank you to the circles and members who have given their time and talent to making and appliquéing circles and gumdrops and sewing units. We still need members to help with sewing the units between the border and the center. I would be grateful to work with you to sew a line on paper to complete this beautiful quilt. If you have not done foundation paper piecing, this is a great opportunity to learn in a friendly, supportive environment. If you have done foundation paper piecing in the past, this is the time to brush up on those skills for the good of the guild. I will be there with you at all times to create and have a laugh. I look forward to having each member participate in sewing at least one line. We can't tear paper until we have the units sewn. Once the Opportunity Quilt is all sewn up, we'll be ready to create some quilts for our local veterans. I will let you all know in the next month how many quilts we still need to honor their sacrifice and service.

Let's wrap things up with some inspiration: "The whole quilt is much more important than any

single square (unit)." Rohinton Mistry

Thank you all. Cheers!
Wendy

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dianna Conaway
February 28, 2026

Checking Account

Beginning Balance 2/1/26	\$7,517.75
Credits	\$2,324.61
Debits	\$0.00
Ending Balance 2/28/26	\$9,842.36

Savings Account

Beginning Balance 2/1/26	\$9,433.60
Credits	\$8.03
Debits	\$0.00
Ending Balance 2/28/26	\$9,441.63

CD Account*

Beginning Balance 2/1/26	\$10,532.04
Credits	\$0.00
Ending Balance 2/28/26	\$10,532.04

Circle Hostesses and Greeters for

- April: Footloose
- May: Anything with Fabric
- 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



Sierra Mountain Quilters Association General Meeting Minutes, March 6, 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 thanked "A Gathering of Stitchers" for decorating the table and greeting and then recognized March birthdays and anniversaries. Secretary Janet Morita Rebecca Brannon made a motion, Nancy Swanson seconded, to accept the February 12, 2025, general meeting minutes. The motion carried.

First Vice Presidents, Joan Earnest and Sue Johnson: Joan announced on April 2, Doris Lantz will present "Art Quilts and Wall Hangings". On April 3, she will teach a Highland Cow Collage class. On May 7, 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 dying class the following day. On September 3, Darla Hall will present a trunk show. On September 4, she will teach a free motion quilting class. On October 1, Gwen Weedon will present a trunk show 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 she met with Sarah McIntyre to plan the summer sewing program for children.

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

Membership, Ku'ulei Arredondo, reported we have 79 paid members with 1 guest and 5 new members. Drawing winners were Sue Walker, Janet Morita, and Mary Gaston. Fall Retreat, Ku'ulei Arredondo, reported the dates are Sept 14-17. It will be daytime only.

Newsletter, Kathy Burrow, announced some members did not receive the newsletter online. Let her know and she will resend it.

Spring Retreat, Laura Gonzalez, reported all daytime spots are full. Some overnight spots are still open.

Webmaster, Sally Walker, announced if you are not receiving the newsletter, let her know.

Cuddle Quilts, Tricia Lacey, announced Hinds Life Care and Valley Children's Hospital received items. We received a thank you letter from Hinds Life Care.

Quilt Show, Maria Ciccarelli, reported she needs help with vendors and quilt scheduling. The next Quilt Show meeting will be in 2 or 3 weeks.

New business: Wendy announced the board has recommended reducing the price of advertising in the newsletter:

business card \$50

1/4 page \$100

1/2 page \$175

whole page \$250

It will be pro-rated by quarter.

Laura Gonzalez made a motion, Sandy Eigenman seconded, to lower the price of advertising in the newsletter. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:22 p.m. followed by show and tell, snacks, and Cuddle Quilt sewing.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Morita, secretary.

Membership

Ku'ulei Arredondo

I would like to say "Thank You" for all the members that have renewed their membership. Remember, you can renew your membership Online, at the meeting, or by mail. The membership form has been revised to simplify if there are no changes to your personal information. Please feel free to contact me if you are unsure if you have renewed your membership. As of March 15, 2026, we have 80 active members.

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.

Spring Retreat dates April 13-16, 2026

The spring retreat is just around the corner. April 13 - 16, 2026

There are a couple for more spots available for anyone wanting to spend the night.

For more information call or text
 Laura Gonzalez 559 676-0205

**Fall Retreat
 Save the Date:
 September 14th ~ 17th at ECCO**



QUILT SHOW 2027 – UPDATE

We are still looking to fill in a couple of committee chairs for the 2027 Quilt Show.

The positions are Opportunity Quilt Scheduling and Vendors. Talk to a friend and volunteer together. I can also help with sharing the load. This is a great opportunity to get to know some of the members better.



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!

Susan Walker

Amenities

Nothing was reported for the month of March



Birthdays of the Month



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](#).

Lynn Gray	04/01
Peggy Moore	04/01
Diane Martin	04/07
Sheila Hotovec	04/12
Misty Kay Burrow	04/15
Laura Gonzalez	04/16
Faith Moore	04/17
Sally Walker	04/18
Margie Williams	04/28

April Refreshment Signups

- Shirley MacNeil
- Sandy Johnson
- Peggy Moore
- Joanie Madaus

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

A huge, huge thank you to all of you that showed up to the Cuddle Quilt Work Meeting in March! What a great turn out! Just what Cuddle Quilts needs to jump start our inventory for 2026! There was so much laughing, you could hardly hear yourself think! Perfect! Gives me that warm fuzzy feeling that our guild really does enjoy each other's company and we work so well together. Can't wait to see all the show and tells from the Cuddle Quilt effort!

On April 2, Doris Lantz will be here to talk about art quilts.... THEN, the next day she'll show us how to make an adorable Highland Cow collage! If you haven't signed up, you'll be missing a great class! You can sign up online and find the supply list.... this is under "Programs" on the opening page of the website. Highland Cows are very popular right now.... you might have a friend or relative (or yourself!) that is particularly "into" them. People that have seen the actual cows say they are just as cute as the pictures! (I wanna see one!)

Then in May, we have another treat! It's learning to do Improvisational Quilting, focusing on stripes and color combinations. The instructor's name is Claudia Shearer. She'll give a talk at the meeting about color use and there will be a workshop the next day. This should be interesting and a lot of fun.

We've got the rest of the year planned and booked now. Good things ahead! Thanks for your enthusiasm and your support for our programs. Since they are self-sustaining, we couldn't do it without you!

CIRCLE INFORMATION

Bits and Pieces: Closed

Footloose: Closed

ANYTHING WITH FABRIC

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



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



Cuddle Quilt Corner

Sandy Johnson and Tricia Lacey



April is a season of renewal and growth making it the perfect time for positive motivation.

Terrific workday last month. Thanks to everyone who stayed to sew cuddle quilts. Several ladies even took kits home to sew. The March meeting had 18 cuddle quilts turned in. We were able to donate 5 cuddle quilts and 5 wheelchair bags to Children's Hospital and 5 cuddle quilts and 4 wheelchair bags to Hines Lifecare.

There will be a workday on May 20 at the Oakhurst library. We will be assembling cuddle quilts with fat quarters. Please plan to join in the fun.

Sandy Johnson

Improv Stripes Workshop with Claudia Shearer
Friday, May 8, 2026, 9:00 AM–1:00 PM (doors open 8:30)
 Oakhurst Community Center Pavilion

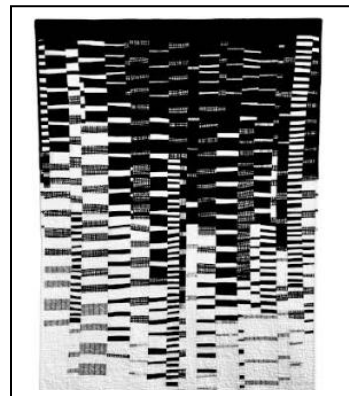
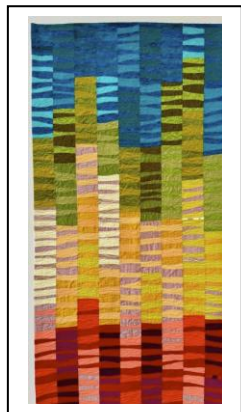
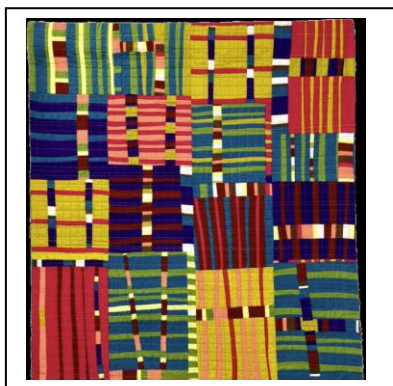
Explore color, value, and contrast while creating dynamic stripe designs. Learn to build stripe sets, combine units, and refine your composition with confidence.

Open to confident beginners through advanced quilters.

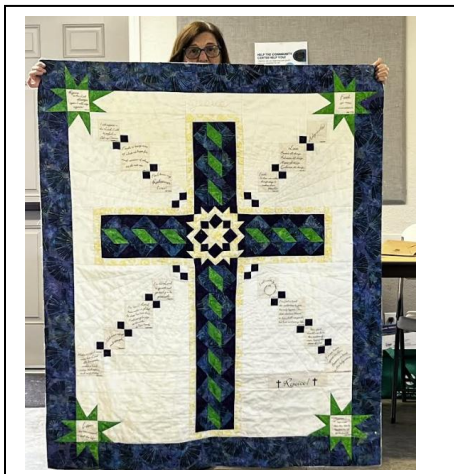
Fee: Members \$55 (cash/check) | \$57.50 (credit)

Register [here](#) for credit card payment, or pay by cash/check at a meeting or by mail (SMQA, PO Box 1359, Oakhurst, CA 93644).

Supply list and details available on our website, [click here](#).



March Show and Tell



Services from our Advertisers

If you are interested in advertising your Long Arm Skills, certified class skills or other services and would be interested in Advertising in the Newsletter please contact Kathy Burrow at katsmountain@gmail.com or see form listed on following page. Please share this form with anyone you think might be interested in advertising in the newsletter.



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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