Sierra Mountain Quilters Association Newsletter

October 1, 2026
Doors open at 12:30 P.M Meeting begins at 1:00 P.M
Host Greeters: Anything with Fabric
Program: Gwen Weedon 20 years of a Quilting Journey
Special Time: Workshop: Sept. 30 Ocean Art Quilt

SMQA GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA
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October 1, 2026
Call to Order
Flag Salute

Welcome: Birthdays & Anniversaries

Reports:
Secretary - Minutes of September 3, 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
Fall Retreat - Joan & Sue
Spring Retreat - Joan Earnest & Sue Johnson
New Business:

Show & Tell Refreshments

Program: Gwen Weedon: 25 Years of a Quilting Journey

2026 Program Schedule

Sept. 30 Workshop Ocean Art Quilt
October 1 Gwen Weedon 20 Years of a Quilting Journey
November 5 Veteran's Day Program
November 6 Workshop: Joan Earnest House Shoes
December - Winter Luncheon

Amenities
Get Well Card sent to Patty Kramer



Circle Hostesses and Greeters for

October: Anything with Fabric
November: A Gathering of Stitches
December: Guild Board Members

Sierra Mountain Quilters Association
General Meeting Minutes, September 3, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by president, Wendy Holt, at the Oakhurst Community Center followed by the flag salute. Wendy recognized September birthdays and anniversaries.

Secretary, Janet Morita Dianna Conaway made a motion, Jeanne Brisendine seconded, to accept the August 6, 2026, general meeting minutes. The motion carried.

Treasurer, Dianna Conaway The treasurer's report as published in the newsletter will be filed for audit.

First Vice Presidents, Joan Earnest and Sue Johnson Sue announced on Wednesday, Sept. 30, Gwen Weedon will teach an Ocean Art Quilt class and then on Thursday, October 1, she will present "20 Years of a Quilting Journey". 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, no report

Membership, Ku'ulei Arredondo, reported we have 95 members with 43 members and 3 guests attending tonight. At the winter luncheon, instead of a raffle we will have a pin cushion exchange. Drawing winners were Barbara Kaufman and Shirley Dunn.

Fall Retreat, Joan Earnest for Ku'ulei Arredondo, reported the dates are Sept 14-17. It is basically full and will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Spring Retreat, Joan Earnest and Sue Johnson Joan reported the dates are April 5-8, 2027. Sign-ups will begin in January.

Newsletter, Kathy Burrow, no report

Webmaster, Sally Walker, announced the mystery quilt clue is posted on the website. Next month is the final month for clues.

Cuddle Quilts, Tricia Lacey, announced 9 people attended the work day at the library and made 69 pillow case kits. In October, there will be a storage unit cleanup day. She has isolette quilt kits to give out. Last month, items were donated to the Veterans' Home and Valley Childrens' Hospital.

Quilt Show, Maria Ciccarelli, reported the next quilt show meeting will be Friday, Sept. 25, at 2:00 p.m. In the next two months the Opportunity Quilt will be shown at Bee's Bakery and Ace Hardware. It will be at Bee's Bakery on Sept. 19, and Oct. 17. And it will be at Ace Hardware on Sept. 26, and Oct. 10. Members are needed to sit with the quilt and to sell raffle tickets. Sign up at Bearpaw.

New Business

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.followed by show and tell, snacks and a trunk show by Darla Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Morita, secretary.

Wendy's Window

Happy October, SMQA Members,

September brought fall to the foothills. Fall has always been my favorite season. Cooler temperatures, sweet smells in the air, green leaves changing into beautiful colors, and warm, comforting meals being made in the kitchen.

This September, I spent 10 very productive days in Kalispell, Montana. The first half was working on the Quilt Worx 2027 Technique of the Month, Arcadia. I love this quilt design, and I was thrilled to be one of the first people to work on piecing it together. Multiple fabric designers lent their collections to make this a truly unique quilt, no matter the chosen colorway. The second half of my trip was returning to an older Technique of the Month that I have always admired, Paradise in Blooms. It was retired a few years ago and is now returning as a mixer series. Quilters are able to choose which unit they will make to design a one-of-a-kind Paradise in Bloom. I chose the original because I had not made it to complete my collection of original Techniques of the Month. There were so many different patterns designed by the quilters that I may have to give the mixers a chance.

Out of the windows at Snow Line Acres, there was green grass that I was able to run barefoot through at the request of my quilt circle sister. There were goats, donkeys, horses, and deer. As I worked diligently, their presence reminded me to take time to enjoy the outdoors. Doing that brought me comfort, renewal, and energy to continue my work.

Please do not forget to take time to take in the brilliance of our area. Spend time with every Blessing Creator has given us. Smell the change in the air and cherish the gifts of color in our neighborhoods. Enjoy the cool weather and marvel at the closeness we experience with our animal neighbors.

I wish you a beautiful, relaxing, and awe-inspiring fall.

Cheers!

Wendy

SMQA Treasurers Report Recap
Per Board Meeting 09/21/26

Checking Accoumt	
Beginning Balance 6/1	**$10,242.63**
Credits	**$1,224.17**
Debits	**$2,562.73**
Ending Balance	**$8,904.07**
Savings Accoumt	
Balance 7/31	**$9,478.41**
CD Account	
Account Balance 7/31	**$10,712.27**

Fall Retreat



Spring Retreat Dates: April 5-8, 2027
Sign Ups Begin in January

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

Footloose: Closed

Membership
Ku'ulei Arredondo

Hello everyone,

I would like to Welcome Deborah Brown to our guild. We currently have 96 members.



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.

October Refreshments

Kathy Burrow
Francie Gonzalez



Ku'ulei Arrandondo	10/16
Sinta Borland	10/01
Betsy Blum	10/25
Rhonda Dewey	10/29
P J Grant	10/20
Linda Miller	10/08
Kristen Millhollen	10/16
Mary Zieberth	10/25

Cuddle Quilt Corner

Sandy Johnson and Tricia Lacey









Cuddle Quilt Corner

Happy Fall everyone. The “brrrrr” months have arrived. Great donations this month. Hinds Lifecare received 6 cuddle quilts and 3 wheelchair bags. Five cuddle quilts went to Terrys House. The attached photos are from the August workday. These ambitious ladies made 70 pillowcases and many brace covers There will be a Cuddle Quilt storage clean out on October 20, 9:00am to noon. Join us at our storage unit on Winding Way to help if you can.
Sandy Johnson





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

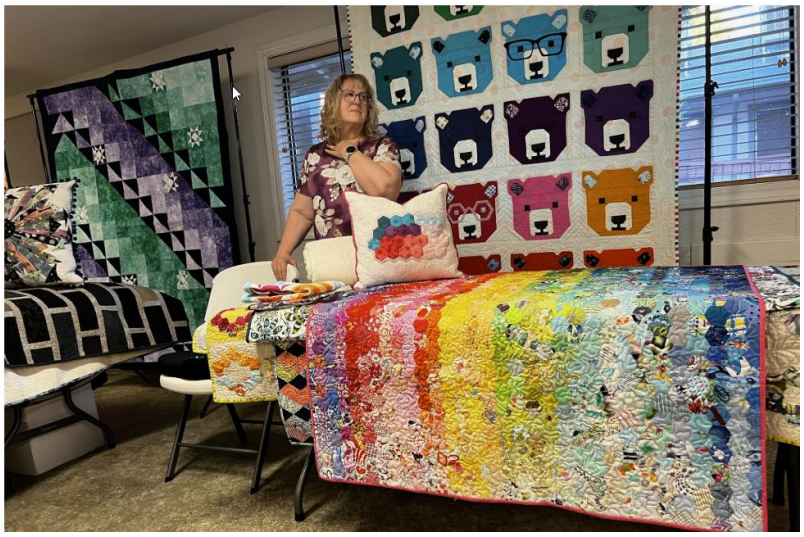
Wasn't Darla Hall a great speaker? So much beautiful work, and intricate quilting! Everyone that went to the workshop was happy with the content and her teaching skills. It was good fun.

This month we're excited to meet our speaker Gwen Weedon from San Luis Obispo. We've flipped the dates and are having the workshop the day before the guild meeting. She's going to teach us how to make a beach scene & guarantees the top will be done that day! It's a really pretty project, and I know we all like to dream about the ocean on hot inland days! There's still time to sign up! At the general meeting, she will present a trunk show and a talk on her quilting journey.

In November we're looking forward to our tribute to the Veterans by presenting patriotic quilts to participants. For further information about this program, contact Wendy Holt. The following day, you all should sign up to learn how to make cute house slippers, taught by Joan Earnest!

December is our Winter Luncheon to be held on December 3 at Bee's Bakery. We're taking sign ups now, and it will be $25 for the meal including a tasty dessert! This will also be the installation of our new Board Members. We'd love it if you would participate in a Pincushion Gift Exchange. Make or buy a pincushion, wrap it & get another one! Please label any pincushions that contain walnut shells due to potential allergies.

Don't forget....we're beginning our daytime meetings this month, so doors will open at 12:30 pm and the meeting will start at 1:00 pm. No night driving! (Yay!)





Quilt Show Update
Maria Ciccarelli

Quilt Show Update: Let's Make It a Success!

The Opportunity Quilt is officially on the move! It made a wonderful showing at the Heart of the Valley Shop Hop, September 10–12, at Bear Paw—and raised $531.00. A huge thank-you to all the amazing volunteers who helped make it happen. Total ticket sales, so far, are $1358.

Now it's time to keep the momentum going! Please sign up to help sell tickets for this beautiful, eye-catching quilt—it practically sells itself. Sign-up sheets will be passed around at the meetings. If you can't attend but would still like to help, please call, text, or email me. Let's work together and make our only fundraiser a fantastic success!
Here are the upcoming dates when we need volunteers. The more members who sign up, the lighter and more enjoyable the work will be for everyone! Remember, this fundraiser helps us continue bringing amazing speakers and teachers to our guild.

Catch the Opportunity Quilt Around Town!
Bee's Bakery – Join us on these Saturdays! 2026: October 17, November 14 & December 19. 2027: January 9, February 20, March 13 & April 17. Choose the shift that works best for you: 9am–11am or 11am–1pm
Bryant's Ace Hardware – Come be part of the fun on these Saturdays in 2026: October 10, November 21 & December 12. Pick your favorite shift: 10am–Noon, Noon–2pm, or 2pm–4pm
Woodcarvers Rendezvous – Join the team on April 14
Bear Paw at the Pines Quilt Retreat – Help us shine March 3–7
Road to California – January 20, 2027

More Easy Ways to Pitch In
Haven't picked up your tickets yet? Grab them at the next meeting or at Bear Paw and help us keep the excitement going!
Let's reach our cheerful goal of having every member's tickets sold before the end of the year. Every ticket makes a difference, thank you for being part of the success!
Know of a great event where we could showcase the quilt? Please let me know—we'd love to explore it!
One More Volunteer Can Make a Big Difference!
We're still looking for someone to help schedule the Opportunity Quilt. Much of the legwork is already done, and I'll happily support whoever steps up. It's a fun and meaningful way to share our quilt with the community and help our fundraiser thrive!

Quilt Show Committee members—mark your calendars! Our next meeting is Friday, September 25 th , at 2pm at Bear Paw.
Thank you for bringing your time, energy, and enthusiasm—together, we can make this an incredible and joyful year for the Opportunity Quil!

— Maria Ciccarelli – 559-760-3980 – maria@bearpawquiltsonline.com— Maria Ciccarelli

Charlotte Hickman is downsizing and has the following items for sale. She would prefer to sell them to a SMQA member who will love them as much as she has. For more information contact Charlotte Hickman at 209-988 3868 cthickman@yahoo.com.





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Fall Retreat

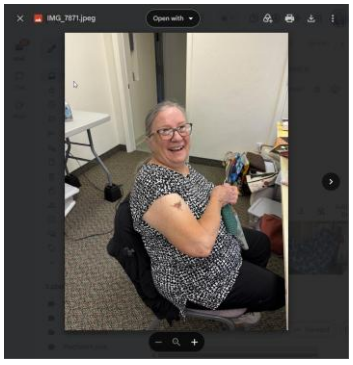












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BOARD MEMBERS

President Wendy Holt
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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

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Cuddle Quilts	**Tricia Lacey**
Historian	**Peggy Myers**
Parliamentarian	**Rebecca Brannon**
Membership	**Ku'ulei Arredondo**
New Member Support	**Ku'ulei Arredondo**
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Quilt Show Chair	**Maria Ciccarelli**
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