



Sierra Mountain Quilters Association Newsletter

March 3, 2022 MEETING IS IN PERSON

Hospitality and Greeters: Sew Crafty Circle

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m.

Masks are required.



Co-Presidents' Corner

Greetings! I was sorry to miss the February Cuddle Quilt meeting. Unfortunately, I contracted Covid-19 in the course of my trip to Fairbanks, AK. Fortunately, I wasn't very ill, and I am now completely recovered. While in Fairbanks, we visited a fascinating shop – Alaska Raw Fur Company. Along with the furs, the store was stuffed to the rafters with beading supplies, yarns, patterns of all kinds, and many bolts of quilting fabric. Clearly, the cold days and longer cold nights make quilting a welcome refuge! I thought about how quilting has been a refuge for many of us through the difficulty and disruption of the past 2 years and felt a kinship with my fellow quilters in the Fairbanks area. May we all continue to find refuge and pleasure in our art during the coming year!

Bev Gulley

On a whim I went to QuiltCon 2022 in Phoenix. On the morning of opening day, I revealed my desire to Mark and by afternoon we were driving. The quilts were fabulous. Heavy quilting, colorful to monochromatic quilts, an array of temperature quilts and quilts that were traditionally based but abstracted. Many of the artists reflected that sewing during the lockdown gave them relief and allowed them to try new things with just their stash at hand. A wonderful event and I hope you have the opportunity to attend a quilt show soon, too. And please volunteer to help with ours because all quilt shows are important.

Betsy Blum

REVISED WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

March 3rd - Local Trunk Show
 April 14th & 15th - John Egbert
 "Not Your Grandmother's Log Cabin"
 May 5th & 6th - Anelie Belden – Dresden
 June 2nd & 3rd - Ice Cream Social
 & Chris Hudson's Chair Class
 July 7th - Buy a Table and Sell Your Treasures
 August 4th - Heidi from AVS
 Sept. 1st & 2nd - Linda Schmidt
 "Miniature Landscape"
 Oct. 6th & 7th - Patsy Carpenter
 "Paper Piecing Table Runner"
 Nov. 3rd - Veterans Recognition
 Dec. 1st - Christmas Party

Hostesses and Greeters for 2022

January – Open
 February – Material Girls
 March – Sew Crafty
 April – Sew Thrilled
 May – Fabric Collage
 June – Guild Officers
 July – Anything with Fabric
 August – Open
 September – Bits and Pieces
 October – Thursday Thimbles
 November – Footloose
 December – Christmas Party

SMQA GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING**AGENDA****March 3, 2022****Call to order****Welcome****Secretary's Report:** Minutes from Feb. 3, 2022**Quilt Show** – Constance Peterson**Spring Retreat** – Margie Williams**Reports****1st Vice Presidents** – Laura & Peter – update calendar**2nd Vice President** – Maria Ciccarelli**Treasurer's Report** – Joan Earnest**Membership** – Sue Johnson

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Cuddle Quilts

New Business**Show and Tell****Program:** Local Trunk Show

Diane Matthews

Penni Simily

Faith Moore

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joan Earnest

January 31, 2022

Checking Account

(Balance 01/01/2022)	\$2428.50
Deposits in January	1010.00
Expenses in January	14.00

Balance (01/31/2022)	\$3424.50
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SAVINGS ACCOUNT	\$26,359.08
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FIRST VICE PRESIDENTS' REPORT

Hello ladies! Hope this finds you all well and enjoying this spring weather. March 3rd we will be featuring 3 of our amazing members - Diane Matthews, Faith Moore and Penni Simily who will be showing some of their wonderful quilts. There will be sign-ups for John Egbert's "Not Your Grandmother's Log Cabin" to be held in April and Anelie Belden's "Dresden" workshop in May. Please remember that to be officially signed up class fees must be paid. June is our Ice Cream social and Chris Hudson will be teaching her "Quilted Chairs" on Friday. Her class is full. There are photos of John's project and Anelie's project as well as supply lists. If you have any questions, please call me at 559 676-0205

Laura & Peter Gonzalez

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Spring is around the corner and so is warmer weather! More daylight to get more done...hopefully! Regarding the community quilt, I hope to get a letter soon from the potential recipient. The mentoring program will be discussed at the next board meeting. We may be able to implement it into the Boys & Girls Club event at the library in July. Mystery Quilt 2022 has started! Please see SMQA website for "Step One." Thank you so much Sally Walker for taking this on again this year. We are calling the 2022 Challenge "Trash to Treasure" and are working on kits which will be available soon. Thank goodness for Betsy Anne Youngholm who is working on them with me! Cuddle Quilts is rolling along. Great job Chris Hudson! Stay Safe

Maria Ciccarelli

**General Membership Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by president, Betsy Blum, at the Oakhurst Community Center. Nancy Swanson made a motion, seconded by Mel Peters, to accept the Dec. 2, 2021, minutes as printed in the newsletter. The motion carried.

Constance Peterson asked members to volunteer at the quilt show. She is in need of chair persons for the kitchen, Opportunity quilt, ticket sales, and publicity. She is also in need of someone to co-chair the Quilt Show with her

Patty Vincent, for Margie Williams, reported on the Spring Retreat which will be March 9-12 at ECCO. The cost for day retreaters is \$35/day and includes meals and use of the sewing rooms. Money must be collected by Feb.15. One quad room is available for anyone who wants to spend the night.

Susan Campbell made a motion, Nancy Swanson seconded, the December Treasurer's report was accepted as published in the January newsletter and filed for audit.

Laura Gonzalez, First Vice President, presented programs and changes for 2022: March – TBD; April 14 & 15 - John Egbert; May 5 & 6 - Anelie Belden – Dresden; June 2 & 3 - Ice Cream Social and Chris Hudson chair class; July 7 – Sale; Aug 4 & 5 – TBD; Sept. 1 & 2 - Linda Schmidt, Miniature Landscape; Oct. 6 & 7 - Patsy Carpenter, paper piecing table runner; Nov. 3 - Veterans' program; Dec.1 - Christmas party.

Maria Ciccarelli, Second Vice President, (absent) sent word that the Community quilt will go to the Mountain Crisis Women's Shelter. There will be a new quilt challenge and all entries will be showcased at the Quilt Show.

Sally Walker is working on the mystery quilt. Sally said it is on the website.

Sue Johnson, Membership, reported we had 26 members and 1 visitor attending the meeting and we have 60 membership signups. Door prize winners went to Constance Peterson, Teri De La Torre and, Bev Williams.

Charlotte Hickman, Newsletter, reported the deadline for the newsletter is the 20th but it will be sooner in Feb. because it is a short month. Deadline is the 16th.

Betsy Blum announced the Board meeting will be Feb. 21 at 1:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m. and turned over to Chris Hudson with the Cuddle Quilt program.

The next general meeting will be March 3, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Morita, Secretary



CUDDLE CORNER

We had a nice turn out at our February meeting for Cuddle Quilts. There were several kits taken home to finish and a few taken for those not able to stay. Six were turned in by ladies who had been working on them prior to the February meeting.

A special “thank you” to Mel P. and Loretta P. for helping me with “set up”.

Also, please remember to bring your completed projects to our regular meetings, or send with a friend (don’t forget your ‘card’ for me to stamp).

Questions about Cuddle Quilts, please let me know!!!! Hope to see you at our March Meeting! Also, mark your calendars for March 16 if you’d like to help put kits together at the Oakhurst Library (in the Community Room). I’ll be there from 10am to 3pm. You may also use this time to drop off any of your completed projects. Chris H.

2022 MYSTERY QUILT

Our 2022 Mystery Quilt is [here](#)! Clues will be posted monthly on our website. This year's mystery quilt is open to all members, no sign-ups required and no fee involved. From the Member's Page on our website, select Mystery Quilts, then choose 2022 Mystery Quilt...or just click [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact Sally Walker



Chris H. displays one of the Cuddle Quilts.



Kay M. and Susan C. hard at work on a quilt.



Betsy B. and Mary B. coordinate their work on a Cuddle Quilt.

QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE

Constance Peterson

Quilt Show May 19 -21, 2023

The Quilt Show Committee has chosen "Gateway to Yosemite" as the theme of the Quilt Show.

Thanks to all the members who signed up at the February meeting and to those who agreed to help. There is still a need for these positions:

A Co-Chair, to work with me
 Opportunity Quilt Schedulers
 Publicity Co-Chairs, with computer skills.
 Clean-up Chair (after the quilt show. You will have a crew to help).

Current Quilt Show Committee Chairs

Quilt Show Chairperson: Constance Peterson
 Entrance Table: Bev Williams
 Featured Quilter: Bev Gulley
 Kitchen: Patsy Pfankuchen
 Opportunity Quilter 1: Sue Johnson
 Opportunity Quilter 2, Joan Earnest (Collector)
 Programs: Chris Hudson
 Quilt Analyst: Wendy Holt
 Quilt Collection: Rhonda Dewey
 Quilt Info & Photos: Lynn Gray
 Raffle Baskets: Laura Gonzalez
 Security: Betty Fisher
 Set-up/Take Down: Kay Marshall, Kathy Millhollon
 Signs: Lisa Kernagham
 Ticket Sales: Kay Marshall, Tara Locks
 Voting/Ribbons: Helen Brown, Maria Ciccarelli
 Vendors: Penni Simily, Margie Williams
 White Glove Hostess: Janet Morita

FOR SALE

Serger and sewing furniture formerly owned by Peggy McNelly. If interested contact Randy McNelly at 559-760-2455 and/or email at randymcnelly@sti.net.

Singer Serger Professional Overlock Sewing Machine #14T968DC \$ 500
 Koala Outback Sewing Table \$1,500

**AMENITIES**

Linda Miller

Pat Bauer

Get Well

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

SPRING RETREAT

We are looking forward to seeing those who have signed up for the Spring Retreat at ECCO on March 9-12th. It's not too early to begin thinking about the projects you want to work on. It's amazing how much can be accomplished when we just sew, eat and visit. More information will be forthcoming. Thanks. Margie, Patty V., and Colette

Quilt Guild Retreat -
 (definition)
 weekend sweat shop
 with wine
 and cookies



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.

Fabric Collage is a new circle which meets the 2nd & 4th Fridays at Bear Paw, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (2nd Fri. only in Feb. & Mar.) We are open & welcome new members. We will help anyone who wants to learn about fabric collage. Contact: Janet Morita, 559-760-5018, janet@morita.com



FEATURED QUILTING CIRCLE

BITS AND PIECES

Bits & Pieces was organized in 2000 by two new SMQA Guild members. The group consists of twelve members, which include six from Mariposa and six from the Oakhurst/Coarsegold/North Fork area. Bits and Pieces originally met in each other's homes the first Wednesday of each month, but since the pandemic the group has been meeting at the schoolhouse in Ahwahnee Hills Regional Park.

B&P is very active! Each year they have a challenge which results in a quilt for some worthy organization. One year they made patriotic blocks to assemble into a Quilt of Valor. Another year they exchanged 6½" squares with a different color scheme each month. Those squares have been made into several quilts for Mountain Crisis Center in Mariposa.

For several years they participated in the making of the Opportunity Quilt. This past year the group had several meetings when they assembled the heart pillows for the Cuddle Quilts program. For each of the past 4 or 5 years, the group has had a UFO challenge, and occasionally they take a field trip. B&P is a great group that enjoys a wonderful time together.



Bits and Pieces Sewing Circle shown L-R Mel P., Linda M., Charlotte H., Patty V., Colette W., Nancy H., Margie W., and Bev W. Not pictured, Penni S., Patty S., Pat B., and Mary W.



A Note from Membership

Sue Johnson

Thanks to those who have turned in your 2022 dues for SMQA membership. Receipt cards have been made, and can be picked up at the March guild meeting.

We, of course, accept memberships throughout the year. However, **if you would like your name and information to appear in this year's directory, we will have to receive your completed form and check by the next guild meeting on March 3.** Make the check out to SMQA for \$25. Blank forms can be printed from the website or from recent newsletters. We will have some blank ones at the sign in desk as well. Thanks!!



Welcome our New Member
JAYDENE JOHNSON

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Patty Vincent	3/10
Carolyn Gaither	3/12
Kay Marshall	3/13
Nancy Hyde	3/16
Sue Johnson	3/20
Patty Cramer	3/23
Trudy Kinsel	3/27
Diane Matthews	3/27

We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!



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



MARCH

HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES

March 1	Mardi Gras
March 2	Ash Wednesday
March 8	International Women's Day
March 10	National No Smoking Day
March 15	Ides of March
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 23	National Chip and Dip Day
March 30	Walk in the Park Day

Aquamarine and beryl, March's two birthstones, are very different when it comes to appearance, but they share a similar reputation for protecting one's well-being. Aquamarine's name comes from the Latin for seawater, and ancient mariners claimed the gem would calm waves and keep sailors safe at sea. This March birthstone was also thought to bring happiness in marriage. Beryl was believed to give the wearer protection against foes in battle and litigation. It was also thought to make the wearer unconquerable and amiable, and to quicken the intellect.

March's birth flower is the daffodil. It's no surprise why! These cheerful flowers are a harbinger of spring! The daffodil symbolizes unequalled love, so giving this flower to someone expresses a deep love that cannot be rivaled or imitated.





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 _____

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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: _____

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Oakhurst Branch Library is having a summer reading program which will include teaching students a skill. Ten volunteers are needed to teach these skills.

The first is Basics of Sewing on June 22 at which students will be taught hand sewing. Kits will be provided.

The second is teaching a sewing project to Tweens July 12-14 from 1 to 3 pm. At the conclusion of the three days each student will go home with a finished project.

Please contact Teri De La Torre at dltcteri@aol.com if you can volunteer.

FURNITURE SALE

Wendy Holt is selling her sewing furniture pictured below. The items include a Koala Cabinet that will fit up to a Babylock Destiny 2 machine and an Amish manufactured cabinet that was built to fit Singer and Janome sewing machines and a Janome serger on the right side. It also has a thread shelving pull out. The Koala cabinet has a height of 35" x 72" open as shown x 22.5" to 45.5" with extension lifted for \$1,200. The Amish cabinet height is 30.5" x 78.5" open x 19.5" deep for \$1,200. If interested contact Wendy at 818-813-0797.



At her workshop in May, Anelie Beldon will be teaching the Jellyroll Split Blade Dresden. This is one of three designs you might be interested in learning if you sign up for the workshop.

Burned out from watching two weeks of the Olympics in China? Maybe these sports are more to your liking!



Quilting - An Olympic Sport

- 500 Yard Fabric Dash
- Batting Storage High Jump
- Needle Threading Relay
- Basting - The Floor Exercise
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The advertisement features a colorful quilted background with a star pattern. A cartoon bear is on the left, holding a blue banner that says 'NEW FABRICS WEEKLY'. A green starburst on the right says 'FABRIC NOTIONS CLASSES'. A photo of a quilt shop interior is on the right, showing shelves of fabric and quilts. A Facebook logo is in the center.



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



athreadabove@gmail.com
www.athreadabovestudio.com

The advertisement has a light green background. It features a stylized illustration of a sewing machine with a heart on the side and a thread spool on top. The text is in a mix of bold and regular fonts, with a decorative squiggly line separating the name from the contact information.



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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

