



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 MEETING IS ON ZOOM

Sign in at 5:30 p.m.; Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m.

Presentation by Heather Kojan

"Quilt Remix: UFOs, Orphan Blocks and What was I Thinking!"

September Meeting

We are so excited to introduce a virtual presentation at our September 3rd general meeting. The success of our grand experiment with the August meeting on Zoom has made us bold. The upside of the downside is that we can take advantage of a wide range of teachers in the virtual format.

Heather Kojan is an experienced quilter and teacher on the east coast. Her designs for a variety of scrap quilts along with her interest in improvisation, curves, and modern quilts, make her a good choice for our first virtual presentation.



You will receive an invitation by email from Wendy which includes instructions on how to sign into the meeting.

For those among us who are still learning how to use this application, remember that the sign in information is for the September 3rd meeting only, and you can begin signing in at 5:30 p.m.

If you have been reluctant to enter the world of Zoom, we encourage you to try it because we are still in stay-at-home mode for the foreseeable future.

Please take a look at Heather's website at heatherkojan.com to look at some of her quilts, her tutorials, and her patterns.

**Sierra Mountain Quilters Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2020**

President Penni Simily called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. There were 39 members in attendance at the SMQA's first Zoom meeting.

A motion was made by Patty Cramer, seconded by Mel Peters, to accept the March minutes as submitted. The motion carried. There were no corrections or questions to the Treasurer's Report as printed in the August newsletter. The Treasurer's report was therefore filed for audit as submitted.

First Vice President Betsy Anne Youngholm reported that they have been attending Meet the Teachers' Zoom meetings. She will be scheduling a virtual lecture.

The community quilt was awarded to EMCSPCA. Thanks to Lissa Metzger and Patty Wiens for a beautiful job.

Membership Chair Teri De La Torre reported we have one returning member. The fall retreat has been rescheduled for September 13th - 16th, 2021. The cost is \$32.00 per day. Door prizes were awarded. Teri will be at Bear Paw August 18th to give out membership cards and books.

Betsy Anne Youngholm reported the By Laws and Policies and Procedures are ready to view on the website. She requested that questions be submitted prior to the September meeting to give the committee time to respond. A vote on the By-Laws will be taken at the September general meeting. She thanked the committee for their work.

Sally Walker suggested that everyone check out the virtual show-and-tell on the website and on Facebook. Send your photo to her and she will add it to the site.

Sue Johnson reported that she will be at Bear Paw on August 11th from 11 am to 1 pm to collect finished cuddle quilts. She will have labels and kits and will stamp your card.

Penni thanked all the ladies that did practice Zoom meetings.

The nominating committee members, Patty Cramer and Maria Ciccarelli, are still looking for a second vice president.

Please pickup your opportunity quilt tickets from Sinta as we really need an extra push to sell since we can't do our usual sales.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Gonzalez, Secretary

SMQA GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

September 3, 2020

Sign in to Zoom 5:30 p.m.

Call to order 6:00 p.m.

Welcome

Secretary's report. Minutes from August 6th general meeting as published in the September newsletter.

Treasurer's report for July 2020 as published in the September newsletter

By-Laws and Policies and Procedures discussion and vote

Lecture Heather Kojan

Committee Reports as needed

Old Business

New Business

Show and Tell if time permits



PENNI'S POST

September 2020

I hope you enjoyed our virtual meeting and I look forward to seeing more of you attending as we proceed.

The board is trying to offer some new and interesting ideas. We are attending zoom meetings with other guild members and teachers to reach our members virtually.

The nominating committee is preparing a slate of officers to be nominated for 2021 elected Board Member positions, and it will be ready for your review in October.

We still need a Historian; if you like photography, let us know and we can tell you more about this appointed position.

Remember to send pictures of your finished projects to Sally. She is doing a virtual show and tell on the website and on Facebook. Betsy Anne also welcomes pictures for inclusion in the newsletter.

Please pick up your opportunity quilt raffle tickets and try selling a few extras. It is a beautiful quilt.

Please stay safe. I hope to meet in-person, but we need to get the numbers down first.

Penni



CUDDLE CORNER

Hi Cuddle Quilters!

We had such a successful Cuddle Quilt drop off day! We collected 33 quilts and 2 wheelchair bags! We put those together with what we had on hand and made distributions to Ronald McDonald House, Hinds Hospice, Madera County Fire, and Helping Hands for a total of 54 quilts and afghans! We're getting ready to send some bed sized quilts to Mountain Crisis as well. Great job, ladies! You are all an inspiration! Thank you so much!

It went so well, that we are planning to make this a monthly event. The totals might be less monthly, but that's ok. It will keep us connected and will help keep up our interest and enthusiasm. It will always be the Tuesday after the SMQA Guild Meeting, and we're shifting the time to 10 am - 12 noon. We're keeping Bear Paw stocked with kits, so you can drop by anytime and pick one up!

I just saw this quote at the bottom of an email from Hinds Hospice...love it!

"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in" -Unknown

Sue Johnson

virtual meetings **are** a little wierd...



VIRTUAL MEETINGS

A couple of reminders about our Zoom meetings:

If you sign on at 5:30 p.m., you will have some time to have a virtual visit and conversation with other members. Once the meeting has begun at 6:00 p.m., you should make sure you have turned on mute (the moderator will monitor and maintain the mute status during the meeting).

While you are practicing with Zoom, take a look at the chat function and the "raise your hand" function. Both will be in use at the September general meeting.

These features will appear in different places on your screen depending on what device you are using. In my case, on an Ipad, both appear under the "more" button in the upper right of my screen. Others, for example with a MAC, will see these functions on the bottom of the screen.

Practice will get us where we need to be.



Quilting Circles

Contact: Marian Romero

September 2020

Anything with Fabric are meeting twice a week on Zoom to sew together. It's a good way to stay in touch with each other while members are physically distancing.

Yoyo's update from Peggy: Our weekly Zoom talks have been wonderful for me. I could check in from Chico. And we had Janet attend one or two on-line gatherings. From Vivian: We are chatting weekly. The YoYo's have also been busy at their sewing machines, walking and chatting! It was fun to have the SMQA meeting on Zoom. Good to see everyone.

Bits & Pieces will meet at the Regional Park again on Highway 49. Meeting starts at 11:30 am on Wednesday, September 2.



SEPTEMBER HOLIDAYS

September 7 Labor Day
 September 11 Patriot Day
 September 19 Talk Like a Pirate Day
 September 22 Autumnal Equinox
 September 22 National Voter Registration Day
 September 29 National Coffee Day

September's flower is the aster. The aster symbolizes wisdom, faith, and valor.

September's birthstone is the sapphire, said to purify the mind, increasing faith and motivation.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Wendy Holt

July 2020

Checking Account

(Balance 6/30/2020) \$7,750.52

Deposits in July \$ 120.00

Expenses in July \$ 616.98

Balance (7/31/2020) \$7,253.54

Savings: \$ 26,355.14

CD: \$ 00.00*

*matured CD transferred to savings

September Birthdays

Harvey, Marilyn	9/8
Connor, Ruthi	9/9
Ashley-Spencer, Laura	9/10
Sylvester, Sharon	9/11
McCall, Donna	9/12
Porter, Cleta	9/13
Pfanchuken, Patsy	9/18
Whitley, Mary	9/27
Cochran, Peggy	9/28

We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!



Proposed By-Laws and Policies and Procedures Were Published on SMQA Website

The proposed *By-Laws and Policies and Procedures* were posted on the website and members were asked to review these proposed By-Laws prior to the September 3rd general business meeting. Based on comments received, there are several clarifying edits to the documents as published on the website.

By-Laws:

Article VII, Section 4(b). All requests for financial reimbursements will be submitted to the Treasurer on the "Funds Request Form" with receipts attached and signed approval from the ~~department~~ **committee chair or Board Officer**.

Article VII, Section 5(b). At the October general business meeting, the president will request two or more members-at-large to conduct an audit of the Association's financial records ~~as described in the Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS)~~.

Article VII, Section 5(c). [...] The check book and receipt/deposit slips will be provided to the incoming treasurer no later than ~~January 1~~ **the first available bank day in the new year**, pending new signature cards being filed at the bank.

A vote by the membership to approve the revised By-Laws is on the September general meeting agenda.

Policies and Procedures

Section 4.D.2.b. The Quilt Show Chairperson is responsible for overseeing the association's creation of the quilt and selling of **raffle** tickets ~~in the year preceding the Quilt Show~~.

Section 4.D.2.c. All SMQA members are expected to participate in the selling of **raffle** tickets.



IN OUR TOOLBOX

The tool we hate to love: the needle threader. The first needle threader was probably invented and used in the early nineteenth century. This device helps to pull thread through the eye of a needle. The implication of using the needle threader is that our eyesight isn't what it once was.

A flexible wire loop is passed through the eye of the needle, the thread is passed through the loop, and the loop is then pulled back through the needle eye.

The head on the needle threader we used many years ago (and continue to use) is that of Minerva, the Roman goddess of sewing, and served as both a design related to sewing and as stabilizer for the thin piece of aluminum that holds the loop.



SMQA Quilt Show 2021

May 15 and 16, 2021

“Sierra Springtime Quilt Show”

The “Blooming Rainbow” quilt is an 85" x 87" Queen Size Quilt. It is made with 100% cotton fabric & wool batting (washable & dryer safe).



Raffle tickets are available from Sinta Borland, who conveniently works in Oakhurst next to Oakhurst Physical Therapy.

39930 Sierra Way
Oakhurst CA 93644
Her office (Live Oak Associates) phone number is 559-642-4880.

Thank you from your Quilt Show Chairs.

Sinta and Jeri



Sue Johnson's "Petals of My Heart"



Do you have favorite tools or quilting tips or hints you would like to share with other SMQA members? Please send them to Betsy Anne so she can share them through the newsletter.

Virginia Corriea's "Straits of Mackinac"



Constance Peterson's "Picnic Quilt"



Kathy Millhollon's "Covid 19 Houses"



Wendy Holt's Baby Quilt



Steph Risinger's quilt along



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

BOARD MEMBERS

President	Penni Simily
First Vice Presidents	Helen Brown and Betsy Anne Youngholm
Second Vice Presidents	Deb Austin and Joanie Madaus
Treasurer	Wendy Holt
Secretary	Laura Gonzalez

*Board Meetings are held at 1:00 p.m. on the fourth
Monday of each month at Yosemite Bank Community
Conference Room.*

Send Newsletter submissions to
betsy@youngholm.com
Deadline is 20th of each month.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Amenities	Linda Miller
New Member Support	Chris Hudson
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Cuddle Quilts	Sue Johnson & Joan Earnest
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Hospitality	Circles
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Newsletter	Betsy Anne Youngholm
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Quilt Show Chairs	Sinta Borland & Jeri Carney
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