



# Sierra Mountain Quilters Association Newsletter

## JUNE 2, 2022 GENERAL MEETING

### Hospitality and Greeters: Guild Officers

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

General Meeting Ice Cream Social



## Co-Presidents' Corner

I know that we all want our lives to go back to normal, but with Covid infections rising again, we all must continue to adapt in order to stay safe. SMQA recently changed its masking policy to allow us all to meet with or without masks during the warmer months when we can have good ventilation in our meetings and workshops.

We want to continue that policy, but we need to be clear about some finer points of the policy. **If you feel ill or have any symptoms that indicate that you might be ill, please do us all the courtesy of staying home.** It doesn't matter whether you think you have a cold, a sore throat, the measles or mumps: please stay home if you are experiencing any discomfort that could be an illness. With your cooperation and care, we will all be able to safely share our love of quilting.

**Betsy**

My husband and I went camping with friends last weekend. Even though we were almost entirely outdoors when in contact with others, and no one was noticeably ill, he contracted Covid-19 in the course of our trip. I have tested negative so far. His illness is doubtless a result of the new, highly contagious Omicron variant that is making its way around the country. Our experience certainly underscores the importance of Betsy's message (above). Please be careful – not just at SMQA events but everywhere you go. I'm personally back to masking. **Bev**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Joan Earnest

April 30, 2022

### Checking Account

(Balance 4/01/2022) \$10,020.85

Deposits in April 1,644.00

Expenses in April 1,382.38

Ending Balance \$10,282.47

### **SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE**

(04/30/2022) **\$19,359.55**

## 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

June 2, 2022

### Call to Order

Flag Salute  
Welcome

Thanks to Hospitality and Greeters – Guild Officers

### Reports

**Secretary's Report** - Minutes from May 5 meeting

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents** – Laura and Peter Gonzalez

Presentation of the Community Quilt to  
Mountain Crisis Center

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents** – Maria Ciccarelli

**Treasurer's Report** – Joan Earnest

**Membership** - Sue Johnson

**Webmaster** – Sally Walker

**Newsletter** – Charlotte Hickman

**Cuddle Quilts** – Tricia Lacey

**Fall Retreat** – Teri De la Torre

**Quilt Show** – Constance Peterson

### New Business

Ice Cream Social

## FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

May brought us another wonderful speaker and teacher, Analie Belden. She was so entertaining and a great teacher. I personally loved her teaching style of teaching us one step and having us work on it and then teaching another step etc. She was so helpful to everyone!

We have a change in October. Patsy Carpenter has cancelled so we have scheduled Karen Bolan who will be teaching curves and transparencies. We will start signups for Linda Schmidt in June - there is a supply list on the website. We will be doing Yosemite Falls instead of the other scene she sent. We have also planned some great teachers for next year!! Stay cool and quilt on! Laura & Peter



### Spring Retreat Coordinator

We are in need of someone - or more than one someone - to volunteer to take over as the Spring Retreat Coordinator. If you are willing to step up to the plate and take on this important job, please let Betsy or Bev know.

## 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.

## REVISED WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

July 7<sup>th</sup> - Buy a Table and Sell Your Treasures

July 8<sup>th</sup> - Chris Hudson's Chair Class

August 4<sup>th</sup> - Heidi from AVS

Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> - Linda Schmidt

"Miniature Landscape"

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> - Karen Bolan

"Curves and Transparencies"

Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> – Bev Gulley

"String Star"

Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> - Christmas Party

## CHAIR CLASS

Chris Hudson

At our April meeting a few of you asked me when I'd be handing out the pattern and instructions for the class. For a number of reasons this class has moved around a few times; however, it will now be **July 8th**. I'll be distributing the information at the **June** meeting.

I have a few extra chairs (\$30 each). If you need one, let me know. These were purchased by me, so if you'd like one, you can pay me cash or check.

**Sierra Mountain Quilters Association  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
May 5, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by presidents, Betsy Blum and Bev Gulley, at the Oakhurst Community Centers. Betsy led the flag salute. Bev thanked the Fabric Collage Circle for the table decorations and announced the veterans' program in November has been postponed until Nov. 2023.

Penny Simily made a motion, seconded by Laura Gonzalez, to accept the April 14, minutes as printed in the May newsletter. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The March treasurer's report as published in the May newsletter will be filed audit.

Laura Gonzalez, First Vice President, announced there are still openings for the Dresden class on Friday. She reviewed the schedule of upcoming programs. Maria Ciccarelli, Second Vice President, announced the need for more volunteers for the library sewing program on June 22, and July 12-14. There will be orientation meetings at the library on May 13, or May 20, at 2:30 p.m. The June 22, class is for younger children and will involve hand sewing. The times are 9:30-11:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The July 12-14, class will be for 'tweens and will use sewing machines.

Sue Johnson, Membership, announced we have 100 members and tonight there were no visitors. Door prize winners were: Margie Williams, Bev Williams, Faith Moore, Sharon Weaver, Wendy Holt, Mary Brand, and Joan Earnest. More prizes were given out due to gifts donated by speaker, Anelie Belden. Sally Walker, Webmaster, noted that on the Mystery Quilt the lights are supposed to be scrappy instead of one fabric. Charlotte Hickman, Newsletter, announced the Scholarship winner is Kaitlyn Fisher from Yosemite High. She was awarded \$600.

Chris Hudson, Cuddle Quilts, received 3 finished quilts tonight and some belly bands. She has kits available. Chris is passing the baton to Tricia Lacey who will be the new Cuddle Quilts chair. Teri de la Torre announced signs ups will be available next month for the Fall Retreat, Sept.12-15. Bev announced we are in need of someone to chair the Spring Retreat.

Constance Peterson, Quilt Show chair, thanked Tara for taking the Opportunity Quilt to Best of the Valley. She is in need of someone to schedule the showing of the quilt and passed a sign up sheet for volunteers to take the quilt to shows and quilt guild meetings. There will be a raffle for selling 100 tickets or more. Sue Campbell donated a feather weight for the raffle. Maria keeps the calendar at Bear Paw for scheduling showing the quilt.

There was no New Business. The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m. followed by Show and Tell and a program by Anelie Belden.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Morita, secretary.



## CUDDLE CORNER

Tricia Lacey

Thank you to those who came and helped with the Cuddle Quilt Work Day at the library. The next Cuddle Quilt Work Day will be June 15 from 9am to 1pm. If you don't have time to help, come by and pick out some fabrics to make a cuddle quilt, wheelchair bag, or pillowcases of your choice.

Remember to bring your completed projects to our regular meetings or drop them off during the Cuddle Quilt Work Day at the library. Please, only turn in completed projects, with labels. Don't forget your cards and have them stamped.

Eleven cuddle quilts were donated to Fresno County Child Welfare Services.

Any question about cuddle quilts, please let me know.

## AMENITIES

Linda Miller

Pat Pfankuchen	Sympathy
Susan Campbell	Get Well
Ginnie Westfall	Thinking of You
Lynn Crow	Thinking of You

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



## OPPORTUNITY QUILT UPDATE

Kay Marshall  
Quilt Ticket Chairman

Thanks to everyone who has sold tickets. As of this month the Opportunity Quilt ticket sales equals \$1,073. Thanks to Sue Campbell who has donated a vintage Feather Weight sewing machine with case as a raffle. Anyone who sells 100 or more tickets will be entered in the raffle. Another raffle will be held for those members who sell more than their original 30 tickets. Watch this space to hear what that prize will be. Maria Ciccarelli keeps the calendar at Bear Paw for scheduling the quilt. So, if anyone has an event or place to take the quilt, let Maria know. If you are in charge of taking the Opportunity Quilt to an event, please let me know who has worked at that event.

As a reminder If you have not picked up your original packet of 30 tickets, you may do so at our general meetings, or you may have a friend pick up your packet. All SMQA members are asked to sell or purchase a packet of 30 tickets. If you need extra tickets, you may pick some up at Bear Paw or get them at a general SMQA meeting. If picking up extra tickets at Bear Paw, please sign your name for the numbers which you take. When returning your ticket stubs and money to Kay Marshall (at a general meeting or if you see me elsewhere), please keep the stubs and money together (usually in an envelope or with a rubber band). We do accept checks which should be made out to "Sierra Mountain Quilters Association" or "SMQA".

Keep up the good work!

## CIRCLE NEWS

**Anything With Fabric** meets 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Oakhurst Public Library every Monday. 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](mailto:janet@morita.com).



Meeting outside Chris Hartesveldt's home are Footloose members left to right Deb Austin, Mary Ziebarth, Joanie Madaus, Diane Martin, Pat Pfankuchen, Betsy Blum, Susan Campbell, Sally Walker, Lynn Gray, Chris Hartesveldt. Members of the group not pictured here are Ku'ulei Arredondo, Barbara Graas, Lisa Kernaghan, Trudy Kinsel and Chris Hudson (photographer).



## FEATURED QUILTING CIRCLE FOOTLOOSE

Footloose - inspired by the song and movie has been known as the 'working' group. Started in 1999 by 4 still-working quilters, our group has grown to 15 members; 2 have moved away but pop-up on our monthly Zoom meetings. We also sew monthly at Bear Paw. What makes us special is the comradery, the sharing of ideas, educating one-another in quilting techniques, supporting each other and always laughter.

In 2014, we made the Community quilt donated to the Teddy Bear Fan Club; bear blocks, of course. We have challenged each other making bags, blocks we exchange, row and round robin quilts, landscape and Yosemite quilts, Cuddle quilts, and the quilted chairs raffled at the 2019 Quilt Show. We take road trips to quilt shows and trade white-gloving for selling Opportunity Quilt raffle tickets. We picnic at Bass Lake, once in a Pontoon Boat during an electrical storm! When Covid broke out we made masks for hospitals, family and friends. Our annual Christmas pot luck parties are a blast.

Footloose is active in supporting the guild by serving on the Board, serving as Committee Chairs and working at SMQA's quilt shows. Did you know one of our members was one of SMQA's founders in 1980?

The Covid years have been hard on us; bits of us together on monthly sew days, bits of us on monthly Zoom meetings, but we're the greatest of friends and rejoice when together.





## 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)*

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**Note:** Please mail your check to SMQA, P.O. Box 1359, Oakhurst, CA 93644

**Membership Chair Use Only:**

Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Check number \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

**Save The Date**

Fall Retreat  
 September 12-15, 2022  
 9:00- 5:00 pm daily  
 Includes lunch.  
 More details to come.



<b>June 5:</b>	Constitution Day
<b>June 8:</b>	National Best Friends Day
<b>June 13:</b>	National Sewing Machine Day
<b>June 14:</b>	Flag Day
<b>June 17:</b>	National Eat Your Veggies Day
<b>June 19:</b>	Father's Day
<b>June 21:</b>	Summer Solstice

**JUNE FLOWER**

June's birth flowers are the rose and honeysuckle.

As summer begins, no bloom better signifies the beauty and sweetness of the new season than the rose. Available in a rainbow of colors, there are more than 100 types of roses, a symbol of devotion and love, and the various colors of roses carry their own meanings, from passionate love (red) to friendship (yellow).

You may not be as familiar with honeysuckle because honeysuckle flowers grow on shrubs or flowering vines and are not frequently used in bouquets. Honeysuckle flowers attract butterflies, so plant one in your yard (or the yard of someone with a June birthday) if you enjoy the colorful critters!

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

Jeri Carney	6/5
Mary Wylly	6/5
Virginia Corriea	6/7
Betty Fisher	6/18
Wendy Holt	6/26
Marian Romero	6/29

***We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!***



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

**QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE**

Constance Peterson

**Gateway to Yosemite Quilt Show****May 19 -21, 2023**

We have lots of information to share! To encourage Opportunity Quilt raffle ticket sales this year we will be holding two internal raffles:

- **Initial Raffle** - After you sell the required 30 tickets, every subsequent set of 30 tickets you sell automatically enters you into the initial raffle. The more tickets you sell, the more times you're entered into this raffle
- **Grand Prize Raffle:** When you sell 100 tickets (beyond the required 30 tickets) you're entered into the Grand Prize Raffle for a 1920 Featherweight Sewing Machine. Every time you sell a hundred tickets your name is automatically entered again.

A big thank you to Susan C. for donating the Featherweight machine! Susan, your donation is very appreciated!

**Opportunity Quilt Venue Displays**

As we do not have QuiltSchedulers, I am asking each member to pick a venue to set up the Opportunity Quilt display. At least two people will work at each venue. Next meeting, I will pass around a venue sign up sheet but please also reach out to places in your community for other venue ideas. Venues could include other Guilds in the area, stores, club meetings, churches, etc.

**Tips for Selecting a Venue to Display the Quilt**

The venue could be simply taking the Opportunity Quilt to another Guild Meeting, (I will have a list of Guilds in the area at the June meeting.), or to ACE Hardware store in Oakhurst (where we sold lots of raffle tickets in the past), or your club meeting. I will have lists of other venues you can help set-up. The Opportunity Quilt is available for pick up at Bear Paw. Currently, we do not have any venues planned for the month of June. Check with Maria for the latest updates on the quilt's availability and she will reserve your desired date.

**Ticket Sales Logistics**

After selling your raffle tickets, place the money and the ticket stubs in an envelope. Give the envelope to Maria so she can put it in the safe until Kay Marshall picks it up. Please note: you will need to call Kay to notify her that an envelope is ready for pick up.

Thank you all so much for working to sell Opportunity Quilt raffle tickets! These ticket sales make our Guild possible!

Any questions call Constance Peterson, I am in the "book"



## May 5 Meeting Highlights



Joan's lovely birdhouse quilt.



Two samples of Analie's quilts.

Faith's Heart Quilt.



Betsy's completed quilt in blue tones.



Sue's colorful "Not Your Grandmother's Log Cabin" quilt.



Fastworker Janet shows her completed quilt top.

## Hard at Work at Analie Belden's Workshop



All smiles from those who attended Analie's workshop!



Ku'uei gets some help from Analie.



Sally working at turning her blades.



Another lovely Analie quilt of Dresden blades.



## Items for Sale from Our Members

### PRICES REDUCED AGAIN!!

Serger and sewing furniture formerly owned by Peggy McNelly. If interested contact Randy McNelly at 559-760-2455 and/or email at [randymcnelly@gmail.com](mailto:randymcnelly@gmail.com)  
Singer Serger Professional Overlock Sewing Machine #14T968DC was \$500 **NOW \$300**  
Koala Outback Sewing Table was \$1500 **NOW \$1,000**



### For Sale

Q-Zone Hoop-Frame Pro (by The Grace Company) 4-1/2-foot frame. One year old. Asking \$500.00

Contact Carolin Gaither in Coarsegold at 559-223-4208



**DON'T FORGET TO SELL  
YOUR OPPORTUNITY  
QUILT TICKETS**

**Please keep in mind that  
courtesy and respect  
matter.**

When a speaker is speaking to the group, whether as a board member, guest presenter, or someone showing a quilt during show and tell, please refrain from talking so everyone in attendance can hear. Thank you.

## Services from our Advertisers



**BEAR PAW QUILTS & MORE**

**OPEN**  
**MONDAY - SATURDAY**  
**10AM - 5PM**

FABRIC NOTIONS CLASSES

NEW FABRICS WEEKLY

LIKE US ON  **facebook**

**559-683-7397**

40761 Highway 41—Suite 7, Oakhurst, CA

The advertisement features a colorful quilt border. In the center, a green starburst contains the text 'FABRIC NOTIONS CLASSES'. To the left, a cartoon bear holds a blue banner that says 'NEW FABRICS WEEKLY'. Below the bear is a Facebook logo with the text 'LIKE US ON facebook'. The phone number '559-683-7397' is displayed in large green digits, and the address '40761 Highway 41—Suite 7, Oakhurst, CA' is at the bottom. The background of the central text area shows a quilt shop interior with various fabric items.



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



athreadabove@gmail.com  
www.athreadabovestudio.com

The advertisement features a stylized illustration of a sewing machine with a heart on the side and a thread spool. The text includes the studio name, services offered, the owner's name and phone number, and 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](mailto: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



