



# Sierra Mountain Quilters Association Newsletter

**NOVEMBER 3, 2022**

**Hospitality and Greeters: Footloose**

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

General Meeting: Bev Gully Trunk Show and Workshop Nov. 4



## Co-Presidents' Corner

Rev up your sewing machines, it's the start of holiday season. You still have time to make heartfelt gifts for friends and family but also think about the love behind a cuddle quilt. Tuesday, I spent a few hours sorting donated cuddle quilt fabric at Tricia's home studio above her garage. This huge space is nearly overflowing with fabric and with smiling good humor Tricia has devoted hours, possibly days, preparing it for us to sew. Do pick up a kit with pattern at Bear Paw or our next meeting. Also, donate a few hours to help Tricia sort and cut, it was fun. January we will have a cuddle quilt program but you don't have to wait till then. Happy holiday sewing everyone.

*Betsy*

I had a wonderful trip to Africa! It's difficult to describe the impact of seeing so many animals, previously only glimpsed on TV or in a zoo, roaming around freely and ignoring us completely. People we met seemed content with their lives in spite of lacking most of the modern conveniences we take for granted. We also greatly enjoyed visiting an elementary school and interacting with the students.

"My" kids had a wonderful time looking at pictures and videos in my phone, especially a video of my 18-month-old great-grandson trying to feed himself. We visited a workshop where single mothers and survivors of domestic violence make the most beautiful hand-shaped, hand-painted beads which they make into jewelry (check out [www.kobetough.com](http://www.kobetough.com)). The clay is harvested locally, soaked and cleaned, formed, painted, and fired – all by members of the collective. What a wonderful example of people taking something nearly useless, and turning it into objects of art and beauty! In a sense, isn't that what we, as quilters, do with many of our projects – especially when we are using scraps and odd bits from our stash?

*Bev*

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Joan Earnest  
September 30, 2022

**Checking Account**

Balance 9/01/2022	\$10,349.43
Credits in September	2,746.85
Debits in September	3,308.75

<b><u>Ending Balance</u></b> (09/30/2022)	\$9,787.53
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**SAVINGS ACCOUNT  
BALANCE**

**\$19,362.08**

**SMQA GENERAL BUSINESS  
November 3, 2022**

**Call to Order**

Flag Salute  
Welcome

Thanks to Hospitality and Greeters:  
Thursday Thimbles

**Reports**

**Secretary's Report** - Minutes from October 6 meeting

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

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

**Treasurer's Report** – Joan Ernest

**Membership** - Sue Johnson

**Newsletter** – Charlotte Hickman

**Webmaster** –Sally Walker

**Cuddle Quilts** – Tricia Lacey

**Fall Retreat** – Teri De la Torre

**Quilt Show** –Constance Peterson

**New Business  
Show and Tell**

**Bev Gully Trunk Show**

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

It was a fun class with Karen Bolan. Learning about colors and how to create the transparency effect. We still have spots open for Bev Gulley's String Star Quilt. It's really cute and only \$35!!!

Tickets for the Annual December Dinner are available. Wild Fig is catering- we will have a pasta bar with - Pasta Bolognese which is a red sauce with pork and beef, Chicken pasta with a white garlic cream sauce, and Pasta Prima Vera, which is vegetables in seasoned olive oil. Dinner includes salad, cheese and fruit stand, coffee, water and dessert. The date is December 1, 2022 in the main room of the Community Center- cost is \$25. Please buy your tickets early. Sue has lots of prizes to give out and the food will be delicious!!!!

*Laura and Peter*

**WORKSHOP SCHEDULE**

Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Bev Gulley  
"String Star"

Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Winter Dinner

Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> Cuddle Quilts

Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wendy Holt Footstool Workshop

March 2<sup>nd</sup> TBD

April 7<sup>th</sup> Karen Brow-Meier - Color Osmosis

April 8<sup>th</sup> Newly Hatched Baby Quilt Workshop

May 4<sup>th</sup> Colleen Pelfrey Life Without a Border

May 5<sup>th</sup> Taking Out the Dye Workshop

June 2<sup>nd</sup> Ice Cream Social

July 6<sup>th</sup> TBD

Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> Jeanette Walton "Inspiration" Trunk Show

Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> Starbaby Quilt Workshop

Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> TBD

Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> Sandra Mollon. Trunk Show

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> Thread Painting Workshop

Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> PJ Grant Veterans Program

Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Dinner

**Square Terminal**

The Square Terminal is up and running! At our last meeting, a dozen of you used it to sign up for our upcoming Annual Winter Dinner. A number of you have used our online feature to sign up and pay for classes. No more writing checks or counting out cash! To use our new online features to sign up for a workshop or the dinner, go to the [Programs Page](#) on our website. Here are quick links to make it even easier:

**November 4, 2022 - String Star Workshop with Bev Gulley - click [here](#)**

**December 1, 2022 - Annual Winter Dinner - click [here](#)**



Sally Walker helps Sharon and Patty use the new square terminal.

**Sierra Mountain Quilters Association  
General Membership Meeting Minutes – Oct. 6, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by First Vice President, Laura Gonzalez, at the Oakhurst Community Center followed by the flag salute. Laura thanked Thursday Thimbles for greeting and decorating the refreshment table.

Becky Brannon, representing Ladies of the Lakes in Yosemite Lakes Park, brought their raffle quilt to sell tickets. She spoke about their mission to earn money from raffle sales to provide scholarships to high school seniors in YLP.

President's Comments: Laura encouraged everyone to turn in raffle tickets and/or money to Kay Marshall right away because she needs to leave early. In addition, the raffle drawing for the containers of thread will be held tonight after the speaker. Karen Bolan has opportunity quilt tickets from her guild for sale and there are Donna Henning's Christmas items for sale at a table up in front.

Nancy Swanson made a motion, Margie Williams seconded, to accept the minutes from the Sept.1, general meeting as printed in the newsletter. The motion was approved.

The treasurer's report, as printed in the newsletter, will be filed for audit. Laura Gonzalez, First Vice President, announced tickets are available for the annual winter dinner and signups for Karen Bolan's and Bev Gulley's classes are out on the table in front.

Tricia Lacey, Cuddle Quilts, gave 50 pillowcases to Smiles for Cases and received a nice thank you card. She has belly bands and isolette quilts ready for Valley Children's Hospital. There will be a work day on Oct 18, at her house from 10:00 - 2:00.

Teri De la Torre, Fall Retreat chair, reported the Fall Retreat was a great success. Laura Donahue and Laura Gonzalez are planning the Spring Retreat. It will be April 12-15 during the day and they need at least 15 people per day.

Constance Peterson, Quilt Show Chair, reminded everyone to look at Donna's Christmas fabric. She announced we are not taking the opportunity quilt to Pacific International Quilt Festival because they require too many white gloving hours. There will be a Quilt Show meeting Oct. 24, at 2:30 p.m.

Wendy Holt, Opportunity Quilt scheduler, reported she needs people to sell tickets on Saturday, Jan 21, at Road to California in Ontario, CA. She will need 10 people to do 2 hours each of white gloving. Road to California will be Jan. 17-21.

Sue Johnson, Membership, announced we have 102 members with 36 members in attendance. She said she will take 2023 dues payments in January, 2023.

Door prize winners were Laura Gonzalez, Shirley Dunn, and Helen Ramsey.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m. followed by Show and Tell and a program by Karen Bolan.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Morita, secretary

<b>SMQA 2023 PROPOSED BUDGET</b>			
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2022 Budget</b>	<b>2022 Actuals</b>	<b>Proposed 2023</b>
Balance in Checkbook (plus money from Savings Account)	\$10,200.00	\$7,000.00	\$10,505.00
Advertising	\$255.00	\$185.00	\$185.00
Membership	\$2,500.00	\$2,460.00	\$2,500.00
Quilt Show	\$3,000.00	\$2,320.00	\$5,000.00
Workshops	\$5,600.00	\$2,011.36	\$5,600.00
Christmas Party - Self-Sustaining	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$0.00
Retreats & Trips - Self-Sustaining	\$0.00	\$5,217.00	\$0.00
Name Badges - Self-Sustaining	\$0.00	\$59.00	\$0.00
Scholarship	\$0.00	\$1,403.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$21,555.00</b>	<b>\$21,405.36</b>	<b>\$23,790.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
President	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
First Vice President			
Hospitality	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Programs (hotel, mileage, speaker)	\$5,000.00	\$2,773.86	\$5,000.00
Christmas Party - Self-Sustaining	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Publicity	\$70.00	\$58.08	\$175.00
Rent - Set-up/down (regular meetings)	\$1,260.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Workshops - Rent, Set-up/down, Teacher	\$5,600.00	\$2,633.27	\$5,600.00
Second Vice President			
Amenities	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Cuddle Quilts	\$2,000.00	\$829.98	\$2,000.00
Community Service (other than Cuddle Quilts)	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Historian	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Treasurer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Square Terminal	\$0.00	\$386.62	\$0.00
Insurance	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Miscellaneous Fees	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$50.00
Northern California Quilt Council (every 2 years, due)	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
P.O.Box Rental	\$110.00	\$138.00	\$150.00
Scholarships, Youth & Adult Outreach	\$800.00	\$600.00	\$1,200.00
Office Supplies	\$100.00	\$92.41	\$100.00
Storage Units	\$2,000.00	\$1,614.80	\$2,000.00
Tax Preparation	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00
Membership (Roster Book, Raffle, Cards, Supplies)	\$1,000.00	\$876.36	\$1,000.00
Name Badges - Self-Sustaining	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
Newsletter	\$300.00	\$235.06	\$500.00
Quilt Show (quilt supplies, raffle tickets)	\$1,500.00	\$540.73	\$3,000.00
Website	\$250.00	\$152.55	\$200.00
Retreats & Trips - Self-sustaining	\$0.00	\$5,229.00	\$300.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$21,555.00</b>	<b>\$18,420.72</b>	<b>\$23,790.00</b>



### CUDDLE CORNER

Tricia Lacey

Thank you, ladies for all those who made cuddle quilts and other things. Seven cuddle quilts, several pillowcases, wheelchair bags, and bibs were turned in this month. Also, thank you to the ladies who helped me sort all the donated fabrics, it was a big job. This month we donated 7 isolette covers and 22 belly bands to Valley Children’s Hospital NICU and 20 wheelchair bags to Oakhurst Healthcare.



We also donated 8 Cuddle quilts, 14 heart pillows, 24 pillowcases, and some bibs and belly bands to Terry’s House. They are an organization that serves families of critical care patients at Community Medical Hospital. They were all very grateful for the donations.



The next cuddle quilt day will be at my home, 39354 Highview Dr., Oakhurst, on November 16, from 10am to 2pm. Bring your lunch and join me. You don’t need to bring anything else. We have a lot of new material to make kits.

Tricia  
(530) 680-3741



### OPPORTUNITY QUILT UPDATE

Kay Marshall  
Quilt Ticket Chairman

Our goal for ticket sales is to raise at least \$6,000. As of mid-October we have made \$2,393. A few, about 6 people, have sold more than 100 tickets. About that same number are close to selling 100 tickets. Thanks to these Super Sellers. You may pick up more tickets at our November meeting, but NOT at the Christmas Dinner in December.

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

#### QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE

The Quilt Show Committee needs a member to be the Program Chair. You will have Barbara Graas to help you. Please contact Constance Peterson, we need you.

Also, Wendy Holt needs 8 people to volunteer to white glove at the Road to California Quilt Show. This show is one of **the best shows** in California. Get with some friends and make it a “road trip” to stay and see the quilts plus help with the white gloving. Contact Wendy to help.

### CIRCLE NEWS

**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.

**The Oakhurst Machine Embroidery Circle** is welcoming new members. The group meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 10 am at Bear Paw. If interested in joining the group contact Ruthi Connor for more information.

**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).



## FEATURED QUILTING CIRCLE YOYOS

February 13, 2003, SMQA members Annie Ossenkop and Peggy Cochran asked if there were quilters who wanted to “step out of the BLOCK and explore the non-traditional quilts and their methods” Our first meeting was at Bear Paw, and soon we gravitated to meeting in each other’s homes. Some original members have stayed and are part of today’s Zoom YoYos! Our first project in 2003 was “Harmonic Convergence” by Ricki Tims. Many of us still have our original creations.

Annie now lives in Florida and some members have passed away, but our true and wacky spirit continues with love and friendship. We continue to be “out of the block” in a fun way, encouraging each other to pursue fabric art. We have retreated to Cayucos for several years, always staying in the same large rented house on the beach. We have done field trips to the YoYo Museum in Chico California, leaving there with matching YoYos for fun! (of course, we have YoYos!) We have done many challenges within our group, which we presented to SMQA a few years back. A fun project was learning to dye our fabric, then making pajamas!!

Of the 10 original members, we now have 5 members who meet every Monday morning via ZOOM. One member, Vivian Capone, is in Las Vegas and Cathy Reynolds is in Visalia. We still have a bond of friendship that is loving and strong and still encourage each other to continue our art through fabric. The current Zoom YoYos are Vivian Capone, Peggy Cochran, Cathy Reynolds, Nancy Hyde, Kathy Millhollon. Cherished members who have passed are Myra Algots and Polly Sagaser.



**The YoYos group-----celebrating a member’s birthday**

### Chips and Salsa

Several of our members attended the annual CHP Fundraiser “Chips and Salsa” recently held in Oakhurst.



Lucy happily clutches the quilt she won. Standing with her is Penni Simili, who pieced the quilt. Patty Cramer quilted it.

Nancy Swanson who “never wins anything” walked away with a pumpkin gift basket.



Margie Williams was another recipient of a gift basket.

### Nominations for 2023 Board Members

It is that time of year again as we look ahead to the coming year and who will be leading our Guild.

Current nominees for board members are:

Co-presidents: Bev Gulley & Betsy Blum

First VPs - Sally Walker & Lynn Gray

Second VP: Jeri Carney

Treasurer: Joan Earnest

Secretary : Janet Morita

If anyone else would like to run for an office please submit your name to Laura Gonzalez or Margie Williams or **come to the November meeting and let us know. We vote in November!!**

### AMENITIES

Linda Miller

- |                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Patty Vincent  | Thinking of You |
| Betty Fish     | Sympathy        |
| Patty Spinelli | Thinking of You |
| Kay Marshall   | Get Well Soon   |
| Georgia Harvey | Thinking of You |

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

### MEMBERSHIP

Welcome our new member Becky Brannon



On another note, membership will begin accepting membership dues starting in January.



### Save The Date

Spring Retreat  
 April 12-15, 2023  
 9:00- 5:00 pm daily

The Spring Retreat is a daytime only retreat and costs \$37 a day. Payments will be required **starting in January**, but you can call either Laura Gonzalez or Laura Donahue, who are hosting the event, for more information and to reserve a place on the list. Some Mariposa ladies are planning to get rooms in Oakhurst in order to stay overnight and avoid having to drive back and forth each day. Laura Gonzalez will be happy to connect anyone interested in sharing a room. We really need to support this retreat. We must have a minimum of 15 people to continue having this retreat at ECCO

## Birthdays of the Month

Vivian Aumond-Capone	11/19
Susan Campbell	11/7
Liz Carney	11/27
Sandy Eigenman	11/3
Linda Fazendin	11/11
Linda Hawsworth	11/20
Charlotte Hickman	11/11
Becky Smith	11/21
Kathy Williams	11/9

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



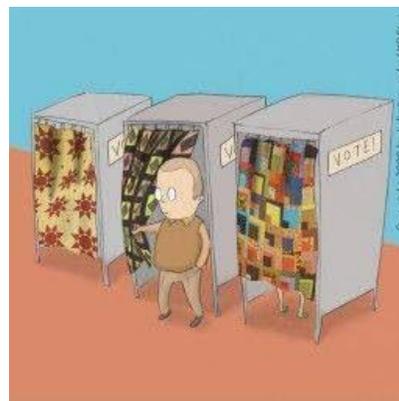
The birthday ladies are requested to bring individually wrapped snacks to the meeting.



- Nov. 2: Day of the Dead
- Nov. 3: Give Someone a Dollar Day
- Nov. 4: Use Your Common Sense Day
- Nov. 6: Daylight Saving Day
- Nov. 8: Election Day
- Nov. 11: Veterans Day
- Nov. 13: World Kindness Day
- Nov. 24: Thanksgiving

### November Birth Flower: Chrysanthemum

November's birth flower is the bright and cheery chrysanthemum. Often simply referred to as mums, you can find this bloom in a wide range of sizes and colors, including the most common pink, white, yellow and red varieties. Chrysanthemums most commonly [symbolize](#) loyalty and honesty, though meanings can vary depending on the flower's color.



The year the Quilt Guild was in charge of the Westridge precinct.

# October 6-7 Meeting and Workshop Highlights



Examples of Karen Bolan's collaboration quilts.



... and then you put this piece with this piece, then...



Karen explaining the importance of color in a curves and transparencies quilt.



Margie working on her curves or is it transparencies?



Workshop participants left to right, Lynn Gray, Sally Walker, Wendy Holt Margie Williams, Sue Johnson, Rhonda Lloyd, Karen Bolan, Joan Ernest, Penni Simili, Laura Gonzalez.



With several blocks put together it should look like this!

# Show and Tell



Thursday Thimbles hosted the treat table and served as greeters



Tara's North Fork T-shirt quilt.



Nancy announced the EMCSPCA was finally open and ready for business!



Kristy won the thread raffle.

### STRING STARS – CLASS REQUIREMENTS

The center squares are pieced from strips or “strings” as they are traditionally known. Class members may choose to create a final project of any size. This pattern would make a great lap or bed quilt. I suggest starting with one of the following:

- Small table topper (2 x 2 stars) – 20 x 20 inches; 4 star blocks
- Larger table topper (3 x 3 stars) – 30 x 30 inches; 9 star blocks
- Table runner (2 x 4 stars) – 20 x 40 inches; 8 star blocks

The “string” blocks are the most time-consuming part of the project. Our goal for the class would be to create enough for 3-4 stars; for a larger project, you may need to finish making them later.

#### Tools required

- Rotary cutter with a sharp blade
- Small square cutting ruler (4” or 6”) with a diagonal line
- Larger square cutting ruler (bigger than 6 ½ “) *you could borrow this as it's used only briefly*
- Rectangular cutting ruler (4” x 18” or 6” x 24”)
- Rotary cutting mat (several are provided)
- Small ruler for drawing lines on squares
- Sharp pencil or markers; must show on both background and color
- Clean sheet of fine sandpaper (about 220 grit)
- Pins, scissors, neutral colored thread, seam ripper, etc.
- Sewing machine
- Quarter-inch foot OR another way to stitch an accurate ¼ “ seam

#### Fabric Required

For strips – at least 5 or 6 fabrics, up to 20 or 30. I suggest using fabrics ranging from medium light to medium dark. You will be cutting strips 14” – 18” long and various widths from 1” – 1 ½ “. They don’t all need to be the same length. If you have a few “sparkle” fabrics (for example, gold when most strips are greens and blues), you can cut them as narrow as ¾ “. You will need about 30 strips for 3-4 stars. (If you are using smaller scraps, you will need quite a few more strips.) It will save class time if you cut at least some of them in advance.

#### For corner triangles

- Assorted fabrics, enough to cut a total of 2 – 3 ½ “ squares for each star block. The fabrics can be the same ones used for strips.
- Background fabric – enough to cut a total of 2 – 3 ½ “ squares for each star block. Same fabric as for the flying geese (below).

#### For Flying Geese (star point) blocks

- Assorted fabrics OR a single fabric, enough to cut 4 - 3 3/8” squares for each star block.
- Background fabric – enough to cut 1 – 6 ¼” square for each star block

#### Estimated totals (not including optional borders or binding)

- About 1/3 yard of background fabric for a 2x2 project; about 2/3 yard for 3x3 or 2x4.
- About 1/8 yard each of several colored fabrics, or a bunch of scraps
- ½ - 1 yard total of at least 5-6 fabrics for strips

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## Sierra Mountain Quilters Association 2023 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

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Day of Birth: *(Month/Day)* \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_



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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	Penni Samily
Amenities	Linda Miller
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Cuddle Quilts	Tricia Lacey
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Quilt Show Chair	Constance Peterson