



# Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

**October 7th, 2021, meeting is in the Pavilion  
at the Oakhurst Community Center  
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m.  
Program: Rachel Clark**

## October 7th Meeting

On October 7th and 8<sup>th</sup>, we have a trunk Show and Workshop by Rachel Clark on Seminole Style Piecing.



Rachel D.K. Clark is a contemporary folk artist, teacher and lecturer who comes from a long line of sewers, beginning with her great-grandmother. She has been doing wearable art since 1973 and teaching on the national circuit since 1990. Eclectic fabric mixes, vibrant designs, and a keen sense of humor characterize Rachel's work.

On November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, we have scheduled a Trunk Show and Workshop by John Egbert on the Convergence Quilt.

Our Annual December Party and meeting is set for December 2nd. It will be catered by L & J Tamales. They will be serving tacos with rice and beans. They will serve Carne Asada or Chicken. You can have your tacos without the meat if you are a vegetarian. Tickets are \$20 and MUST be purchased in advance. We will have a signup sheet at the October and November meetings. I hope all of you who feel comfortable will attend. It's sure to be a good time!!

Laura Gonzalez  
First Vice President

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Wendy Holt  
August 31, 2021

### Checking Account

(Balance 7/31/2021)	\$6,253.25
Deposits in August	\$ 525.00
Expenses in August	\$ 844.02

<b>Balance (8/31/2021)</b>	<b>\$5,934.23</b>
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Savings:	\$ 26,357.98
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### Penni's Post

October 2021

Happy Autumn.

I am hoping it will be cooler when you read this column. Hope you are getting some autumn, or even holiday, quilts and gifts started and better yet, finished.

The board is ready to present the proposed slate of officers for 2022. A few appointed positions remain open. If you have any ideas let us know. Hope you strip poker fans enjoyed your games. There were a lot of excited players.

We will have Rachel Clark next and lots of ideas for her class. I am looking forward to new ideas. Wishing all of our members good health and happiness. Smile, it is contagious.

Penni

### LIBRARY CORNER

At the October meeting, the library will have patterns and books for you to purchase. We have had a number of them donated to SMQA and our library cannot accommodate them.

Each book or pattern will be available for \$2.00 each, so bring plenty of one-dollar bills!

Constance Peterson



### October Birthdays

Sinta Borland	October 1
Constance Peterson	October 4
Linda Miller	October 8
Barbara Skowronski	October 16
P.J. Grant	October 20
Betsy Blum	October 25
Mary Ziebarth	October 25
Rhonda Dewey	October 29

*We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!*



**Sierra Mountain Quilters Association  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Penni Simily at the Oakhurst Community Center. Penni welcomed the members, and September birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged.

Penni Simily thanked the volunteers for the following positions for 2022: First Vice President/Laura, Peter, and Francie Gonzalez; Second Vice-President/Maria Ciccarelli; Membership/Sue Johnson; Webmaster/Sally Walker; Newsletter/Charlotte Hickman; Treasurer/Joan Earnest; and Secretary/Janet Morita. She asked members to consider the following vacant positions: President, Cuddle Quilts, and Parliamentarian.

Laura Gonzalez made a motion, seconded by Patty Spinelli, to accept the August 5, 2021, minutes as printed in the Newsletter. The motion carried. The July Treasurer's Report was accepted as published in the August newsletter and filed for audit.

Laura Gonzalez/First Vice President, said there are vacancies for the Seminole piecing workshop with Rachel Clark in October. Chris Hudson will give a workshop on quilted folding chairs in February 2022. Laura returned checks from the 2020 workshops that were not held. Maria Ciccarelli/Second Vice President, promoted the positivity challenge, the block is due in November. She passed around a signup sheet for those interested in helping with the mentoring program for youth and young adults for 2022. Teri De La Torre/Membership, announced there are 32 members and three new members present. The Fall Retreat starts on Monday. The door prize raffle drawings were held. Sally Walker/Webmaster, no report. Betsy Anne Youngholm/newsletter, no report.

Patty Cramer/Second Vice President, showed a log cabin cuddle quilt that was one of several donated by former member Laura Fisher. The quilt top that was completed from the donated kit by some of the members of Anything with Fabric Circle was shown. She hopes that we will have lots of heart pillows to donate for October/Breast Cancer Awareness Month – she thanked the Bits and Pieces Circle for preparing the kits. There are charity kits available. She asked that members contact her if they are interested in the Cuddle Quilt program.

Penni Simily for Constance Peterson/Librarian said some books and patterns will be available for sale. Teri De La Torre, for Sue Johnson, noted they are working on the opportunity quilt. Show and tell was held.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m. for refreshments and strip poker. The next meeting will be on October 7, 2021.

Respectfully submitted by Margie Williams, Secretary

## SMQA GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

October 7, 2021

Call to order

Welcome

Discussion: Need for volunteer for cuddle quilts

Secretary's report. Minutes from September  
9th general meeting as published in the  
October newsletter

Treasurer's Report as published in the October  
newsletter

### Reports

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents

Membership

Webmaster

Newsletter

Cuddle Quilts

Librarian

Quilt Show: Opportunity Quilt

New Business

Rachel Clark Trunk Show and Presentation

Show and Tell as time permits

**Unfortunately, the Oakhurst  
Community Center does not have  
a reliable connection to Wi-Fi to  
support our efforts to continue to  
offer Zoom as an alternative to  
meeting in person.**

**In order to protect ourselves and  
others, masks are required for  
attendance at the October  
meeting.**

### Proposed Slate of Officers for 2022

There are five Board positions that are  
elected by the membership. The election is held  
at the November general meeting. The  
proposed slate for SMQA Board Elected Offices  
is:

Co-Presidents     Betsy Blum and  
Bev Gulley

Co-First Vice Presidents     Laura and  
Peter Gonzalez

Second Vice President     Maria Ciccarelli

Secretary     Janet Morita

Treasurer     Joan Earnest

*Our By-Laws require that any nominee for the  
office of President have served at least one year  
as a member of the Board of the SMQA. **The  
Board has recommended an exception to this  
requirement, and we will ask the membership  
to vote for this exception.***



## CUDDLE CORNER

### Quilts Delivered to Mountain Crisis



### Nancy, Maria, and Patty deliver quilts to Terry's House



## Hospitality 2022

We are asking for volunteers to set up the refreshment table next year at our SMQA monthly meetings. The circles have graciously signed up for most of the months, but we still need volunteers for January and May. Get together with friends (or acquaintances who might become friends) and take one of the remaining months. Please contact Marian Romero if you are able to help at the remaining two open months in 2022.

Schedule for 2022 is

January	<b>Open</b>
February	Material Girls
March	Sew Crafty
April	Sew Thrilled
May	<b>Open</b>
June	Ice Cream Social (Board)
July	Anything with Fabric
August	Betsy Anne and friends
September	Bits and Pieces
October	Thursday Thimbles
November	Footloose
December	End of year dinner

Hospitality responsibilities are to set up the refreshment table with appropriate decorations and tablecloth and the provided tableware, mix the drink powders, and provide the greeters at the door.

October





### Circle News

**Bits & Pieces**, meets the first Wednesday in October, same time, same place, same agenda.

**Sew Thrilled** meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of October.

**Anything With Fabric** meets every Tuesday from 10:00 to 1:00 at the Oakhurst Public Library Community Room. All are welcome. Contact: Ronda Dewey or Constance Peterson

**Sew Crafty Quilters** are meeting the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

**Thursday Thimbles** continue to meet.

### OCTOBER HOLIDAYS

October 1	World Smile Day
October 4	Breast Cancer Awareness Day
October 7	National Frappe Day
October 11	Indigenous Peoples Day
	Columbus Day
October 18	Chocolate Cupcake Day
October 24	United Nations Day
October 31	Halloween

The October birthstone is the Opal, associated with imagination, fidelity, and creativity.



The October flower, the Marigold, symbolizes the well-functioning of a relationship and winning affection.

### AMENITIES

Linda Miller

Mary Brand	Sympathy
Wendy Holt	Thinking of You
Constance Peterson	Thinking of You
Family of Myra Algots	Sympathy
Barbara Graas	Thinking of you

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

### Notices

Submitted to SMQA Website

Subject: Finishing a Quilt

Message: Good morning! I have a quilt top that my mother-in-law made years ago, and I'd like to see it completed to pass down to my children. Do you have someone with great quilting skills that would be interested in doing this?

Contact: Email: [its.merrielee@gmail.com](mailto:its.merrielee@gmail.com)

SMQA SEPTEMBER MEETING





As usual Teri De La Torre did an amazing job with the **Fall Retreat**. Lots of space and lots of fun, prizes, and sewing. A good time was had by all. Thanks Teri!!





## Services from our Advertisers



**BEAR PAW QUILTS & MORE**  
**FALL FABRICS ARE IN!**

FABRIC  
NOTIONS  
PATTERNS  
CLASSES

LIKE US ON **facebook**

40761 Highway 41  
Suite 7  
Oakhurst, CA 93644

**New Christmas  
Fabrics Too!**  
**559-683-7397**

The advertisement is framed by a colorful quilt border. It features a central photo of a quilted chair and several smaller images of fabric patterns, including a sunflower and a bear paw. Decorative elements include a teddy bear icon, a Facebook logo, and holly leaves. The text is bold and colorful, with red for the main title and phone number, yellow for the fall fabrics announcement, and green for the Christmas fabrics announcement.



## Sierra Mountain Quilters Association

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[sierramountainquilters.org](http://sierramountainquilters.org)



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

### BOARD MEMBERS

President	Penni Simily
First Vice Presidents	Laura Gonzalez
Second Vice Presidents	Patty Cramer and Maria Ciccarelli
Treasurer	Wendy Holt
Secretary	Margie Williams

*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](mailto:betsy@youngholm.com)  
Deadline is 20th of each month.

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Amenities	Linda Miller
New Member Support	Chris Hudson
Circles	Marian Romero
Cuddle Quilts	Patty Cramer & Maria Ciccarelli
Historian	Lynn Gray
Hospitality	Circles
Librarian	Constance Peterson
Membership	Teri De La Torre
Newsletter	Betsy Anne Youngholm
Parliamentarian	Linda Pennington
Quilt Show Chairs	Sinta Borland & Jeri Carney
Webmaster	Sally Walker