



# Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting **February 6, 2020**  
**Oakhurst Community Center Pavilion**  
**Program: Game Night**  
**Hospitality and Greeters: Material Girls**  
 Doors open at 5:30, Meeting begins at 6:00

## Programs and Workshops

### FEBRUARY

The meeting on February 6th will feature a game night: a word game and strip poker, so make sure you bring your 2-1/2 by 43-inch strips. You will want to bring at least twenty-two strips of a variety of prints or solids.

The workshop on February 7th will be the byAnnie "A Place for Everything" bag taught by Penni Simily. You will have an opportunity to get clarification from Penni on preparing for the workshop at the meeting on February 6th. Bear Paw has the byAnnie pattern and supplies available. Remember, in order to take advantage of the class, you will have to do some preparation.



The **San Joaquin Valley Quilt Guild** will be showing us their Opportunity Quilt at our February meeting. Please be generous in purchasing raffle tickets for their fundraising effort.

### MARCH

The program for March 5 is a presentation and discussion with the SMQA Board of Directors, "**This is Your SMQA**". We will talk about the responsibilities of each Board position, both elected and appointed positions, as well as the responsibilities of the SMQA members. We will also discuss plans for the remainder of 2020.

In 2016, SMQA distributed a questionnaire to members asking for suggestions about what programs, speakers, techniques and activities they would like the guild to sponsor. We have responded to many of those suggestions since the survey was administered (machine quilting, free motion quilting, embellishments, scrap quilts).

It is time to ask again for your suggestions. Please complete the attached questionnaire (on page 7) and bring it with you to the February meeting. Your suggestions will help guide our programs and activities planning for the next year or two. Remember to contact Helen Brown or Betsy Anne if you would be willing to present a technique or lead an activity at a meeting or workshop.

**SIERRA MOUNTAIN QUILTERS ASSOCIATION****January 9, 2020****General Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Penni Simily at 6:00 p.m. and she led the flag salute. She thanked the greeters and the refreshment table set up people, as well as the January birthday ladies who brought refreshments.

Nancy Swanson made a motion, seconded by Mel Peters, to accept the November minutes as printed in the newsletter. The motion carried. There were no changes to the Treasurer's Report so it will be filed for audit. A motion was made by Nancy Swanson, seconded by Patsy Pfankuchen to accept the 2020 budget. The motion carried. There was discussion about the Christmas Party expenses. Penni Simily and Betsy Anne Youngholm noted that this and other issues will be addressed this year during the by-laws review. There was also discussion about how we can contribute in the community aside from our Community Quilts and Cuddle Quilts.

The February meeting will be game night and the workshop on February 7th will be given by Penni Simily, using the byAnnie "A Place for Everything" pattern. There is homework to be done in order to be prepared for the workshop. The April presenter is Janet Morita with a workshop the following day on ice dyeing.

Membership Chair Teri De La Torre announced that we had 42 members and 3 guests present. Prizes were awarded.

For Cuddle Quilts, Sue Johnson answered questions about the size of the quilts. Some of our recipient agencies have requested larger quilt sizes. However, the Cuddle Quilts Program has limited fabric and batting sizes; one side must be under 45". Members with completed larger quilts they would like to donate are encouraged to contact Sue.

Georgia Harvey announced the quilt retreat from March 12 to 15. She is taking reservations and payments now. Sally Walker announced that the Mystery Quilt will be announced next month. Historian Lynn Gray was recognized for doing a great job with the video at the Christmas Party. Marian Romero announced there are two months needing volunteers for Hospitality. There was discussion about what regarding quilt circles is appropriate to be put in the newsletter. Chris Hudson will be hosting a new member event at the Cool Bean in February. Bear Paw owner Maria announced that there is a sale on flannels and other fabric over the next two days.

The business meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The next SMQA general meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 6th at 6:00 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Laura Gonzalez, Secretary

### February Birthdays

Fish, Betty	2/2
Delk, Lupita	2/7
Pesetski, Loretta	2/9
De La Torre, Teri	2/10
Richter, Jean	2/22
Thomson, Lupe	2/22
Brendle, Toodie	2/22

*We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!*



*The birthday ladies are requested to bring snacks to the meeting.*

### Quilting Circles

Contact: Marian Romero  
February 2020

### New Circle

Great news: we have a new circle called **The Quilt Squad**. Organizing members are Maria Ciccarelli and Karen Fronteras (of Bear Paw fame), Dinah Marchini (new member), and Lissa Metzger, who we all know and love. They will meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. at the Symmetry Salon in YLP.

**Anything with Fabric** All are welcome to our circle. We meet on the first and third Thursday of the month at the Oakhurst Library community room from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Contacts: Rhonda Dewey and Constance Peterson

### Hospitality and Greeters

Many thanks to the Circles for signing up to serve as greeters and set up the refreshments table at one of the monthly meetings. We still need some volunteers to help at the November meeting with setting up the refreshments table. If you are not a circle member, and are willing to help, please get together with a couple of friends and sign up with Marian.

### Hospitality and Greeters for 2020

February	Material Girls
March	Footloose
April	Sew Thrilled
May	Sew Crafty
June	SMQA Board
July	Anything with Fabric
August	The Quilt Squad
September	Thursday Thimbles
October	Bits & Pieces
November	Greeters: Vivian Helena and Kathy Millhollon
December	Christmas Dinner

### The Spring Retreat is March 12-15, 2020

We still have room for you to join us for a fun-filled weekend at ECCO. Betty and Georgia will be at the February meeting to take your reservation and payment.

The daily fee is \$32; overnight fee is \$285 for a quad room.

### Treasurer's Report

Kay Marshall  
December 2019

#### Checking Account

(Balance 12-1-19)	\$2,934.62
Deposits in December (Transfer from savings)	\$11,300.00
Expenses in November	\$2,882.83
<b>Balance (12-31-19)</b>	<b>\$11,351.79</b>
<b>Savings: \$6,902.76</b>	
<b>CD: \$16,928.88</b>	



### CUDDLE CORNER

Hi, all you Cuddle Quilters! I want to thank all of you who participated in the January meeting's Cuddle Quilt Sewing Night! We all had a lot of fun, and some tops were completed at the meeting! I'm looking forward to seeing the completed quilts as they come in over the next months.



#### FEBRUARY HOLIDAYS

February 2	Groundhog Day
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 17	Presidents' Day
February 23	Dog Biscuit Day



You might have noticed that we are experimenting with some new patterns. We are lucky enough to have an excellent quilter volunteer her designs and provide her own personal (and beautiful) fabrics for these new kits! Take a look; you will be inspired! We'll continue with our other projects of pillowcases, wheelchair bags and, for those who want a bit of a challenge, see me about isolette covers. Also, remember you are welcome to turn in any projects you develop on your own; all sizes and types are greatly appreciated. The women's shelters prefer bed sized quilts, so anything like that is more than welcome.

The important thing is that you chose to work on something that makes you happy. Cuddle Quilts gives you a chance to experiment, play with some free motion, or use up some of your scraps on a wild pattern! It's sure to find a loving home.

Contact Sue Johnson or Joan Earnest

## PENNI'S POST

Happy February! I want to thank the cuddle quilt ladies for a wonderful January program. There was a lot of chatting and sewing and lots of finished items. Hopefully some also went home to be completed. Remember Sue and Joan always have kits available for wheelchair bags.

February's class, "A Place for Everything", is coming right up. Remember you have homework! This will save time in class and you will get more of the construction accomplished.

Smile and be happy. It is contagious.

Penni



### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

If you have not yet done so, remember to complete the 2020 membership form attached to this newsletter and bring the completed form and a check to the February meeting. Membership dues must be paid by the February general meeting in order to be included in the 2020 roster.

## NEW TO SMQA??

Maybe you aren't "brand new", but you still haven't had an opportunity to meet others? Maybe you have questions but don't feel comfortable asking them in front of 60 or so women you don't know? I've been there. It isn't always easy to speak up.

Are you are having difficulty finding a "buddy", or a Circle to join? Do you have questions about our Quilt Show, our Board, our Programs, some of the terminology you've heard at our meetings? Have you checked out our website? We can help you with all the above and more!

Please come join Deb Austin (one of our 2nd Vice Presidents) and me (New Member Support) for a casual chat at the Cool Bean in Oakhurst. The Cool Bean is located next to the Pizza Factory and across the parking lot from McDonalds.

There is no need to call and confirm, just show up! We've scheduled it on a Saturday, for those of you that work. So please join us on [Saturday, February 15th, at 11:00 a.m.](#) We look forward to seeing you there!!

Chris Hudson



### Things to Do and Places to Go

Heritage Button Show <a href="https://tinyurl.com/heritagebuttonshow">https://tinyurl.com/heritagebuttonshow</a>	March 21, 2020
Foothills Quilters Guild 38 <sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Show <a href="http://www.foothillquilters.org">www.foothillquilters.org</a>	April 3 and 4, 2020
Best of the Valley Quilt Show <a href="http://www.botvquilts.com">www.botvquilts.com</a>	April 17-19, 2020
Central Coast Shop Hop <a href="http://Quiltshopsofthecentralcoast.com">Quiltshopsofthecentralcoast.com</a>	May 29-31, 2020
Shop Hop by the Bay <a href="http://www.ShopHopByTheBay.com">www.ShopHopByTheBay.com</a>	June 24-28, 2020
Seven Sisters Quilt Show <a href="http://SevenSistersQuiltShow.org">SevenSistersQuiltShow.org</a>	June 27 and 28, 2020
Piecemakers Quilt Guild <a href="http://www.piecemakersguild.org">www.piecemakersguild.org</a>	July 18 and 19, 2020

### AMENITIES

*Cards were sent to:*

Lisa Kernaghan            Sympathy  
Kathy Millhollon        Get Well

Contact Linda Miller if you know of someone who would appreciate a card.

One of our members informed us of requests for Joey Bags for baby kangaroos because of the devastating fires in Australia. If you are interested, [threadingmyway.com](http://threadingmyway.com) has good information about the wildlife rescue groups in Australia as well as a pattern. Youtube.com has video instructions for the pouches as well.

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## SMQA ACTIVITIES

What type of programs or activities would you like to see offered? Please indicate all that apply and add your own comments. Add more comments on the back if desired! And please note any expertise that you would be willing to share with the membership as a meeting activity or workshop.

Trunk Shows/Speakers (Who?)

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Technique Demonstrations: (Specifically....)

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Sewing Activities (e.g., free sews, UFO days)

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Films or videos

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Field Trips to Events (e.g., quilt shows)

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Workshops on:

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Mystery Quilts, Special competitions (e.g., mini quilts), Block of the Month, Other:

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Do you have a special skill you could demonstrate?

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Your Name \_\_\_\_\_



## Sierra Mountain Quilters Association

### 2020 Membership Form

Your membership dues support the many functions of SMQA including: meetings, speakers, workshops, newsletter, website, quilting retreats, circles, Biennial Quilt Show and fellowship.

**Membership:** *(Please circle one)*

Individual Membership: \$25

Family: \$35

Please Print Clearly

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Note:** Please mail your check to SMQA, P.O. Box 1359, Oakhurst, CA 93644. *Your payment will be deposited in January 2020.*

**Membership Chair Use Only:** Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Check number \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

**JANUARY 2020 CUDDLE QUILT SEWING**



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Wednesday, February 12 - 10:30am - 3pm

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Tuesday, February 25 - 10am - 3pm

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

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Amenities	Linda Miller
New Member Support	Chris Hudson
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