



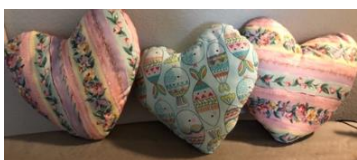
Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

January 7, 2021 MEETING IS ON ZOOM
Sign in at 5:30 p.m.; Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m.
Program: Heart Pillows



January 7th Meeting

Well, welcome to 2021. Hard to believe we haven't seen each other in person for almost a year. And we won't have that opportunity for a while yet. In the meantime, we continue to schedule Zoom meetings, presentations, and workshops.



At the January 7th general meeting, we are asking members to finish Heart Pillows for post-operative heart and breast surgery patients at St. Agnes Hospital. Pattern, instructions, and kits are available at Bear Paw and will continue to be available for pick up. Instructions and pattern are also available on the SMQA website if you have your own fabric and polyfill.

You will receive an invitation by email from SMQA which includes instructions on how to sign into the meeting. Remember that the sign in information is for the January 7th meeting only, and you can begin signing in at 5:30 p.m.

In February, we have the Material Girlfriends presenting "Overcoming Quilting Disasters" at the February 4th general meeting, and their "Confetti-Star" workshop on February 5th and 6th.



Contact Helen Brown by phone, text, or email to sign up. Please send your \$35.00 workshop fee to her at her home address.

The March 4th meeting features Linda Wagner with "Edgy", a presentation on borders and binding

Sierra Mountain Quilters Association General Membership Meeting Minutes December 3, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by President Penni Simily. There were 37 members present on Zoom. Penni welcomed the members. Rhonda Lloyd made a motion, seconded by Margie Williams, to accept the November 5, 2020, minutes as printed in the Newsletter. The motion carried. The November Treasurer's Report was accepted and filed for audit. Penni advised that the following are serving on the Audit Committee: Becky Smith, Kay Marshall, and Wendy Holt. Rhonda Lloyd made a motion, seconded by Charlotte Hickman, to adopt the proposed budgets for 2021, with and without a quilt show in 2021. The motion carried.

Charlotte Hickman conducted the swearing in ceremony for the 2021 officers:

Treasurer – Wendy Holt

Secretary – Margie Williams

1st Vice Presidents – Helen Brown and Laura Gonzalez

2nd Vice Presidents – Patty Cramer and Maria Ciccarelli

President – Penni Simily

Betsy Anne Youngholm held a drawing for table toppers representing the 12 months of quilting, a topper with a theme for each month. The toppers were made by Carolyn Gaither, Helen Ramsey and Betsy Anne Youngholm. Sally Walker asked members to show their mystery quilts, and she held drawings for gift certificates to Bear Paw for those members who participated. Sally stated she will be in charge of the mystery quilt for 2021. There will be no cost to participate, information will be available on the website and the pattern will be available at Bear Paw. Kathy Millhollon asked that members that have not picked up their raffle tickets for the opportunity quilt, to please do so and to sell them. The tickets are available at Sinta Borland's office/Live Oak Associates. She noted that just under \$2,000 has been raised thus far.

Betsy Anne Youngholm noted that completed masks can be turned in on December 15th at Bear Paw, between 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Patty Cramer explained the pillow project for post-operative heart and breast cancer patients at St. Agnes Hospital. This will be the project for the January meeting versus the usual cuddle quilt sewing. Betsy Anne Youngholm stated the Material Girlfriends (the designers of our 2020 mystery quilt) will give a presentation at the February 2021, meeting "Overcoming Quilting Disasters." They will do a workshop on the following Friday and Saturday on Confetti Star. Information is available on the website and sign-up information will be forthcoming. A presentation on bindings and borders is being planned for the March 2021, meeting.

Sue Johnson stated 20 cuddle quilts were collected in November; and the next drop off is scheduled for December 8th from 10:00 a.m. to noon at Bear Paw. 105 quilts were donated to victims of the Creek Fire; 276 quilts were donated in 2020, along with 161 other items (wheelchair bags, etc.), for a total of 437 items. She stated she has a new recipient for cuddle quilts: Fresno County Social Services for Child Welfare Division, children ages 0 to 20 years who have been removed from their homes. On behalf of Joan Earnest and herself, she thanked everyone for their support.

Rhonda Lloyd provided an update on Donna Henning and asked that she be remembered with cards and prayers. Show and Tell was held. Betsy Anne Youngholm advised of the recommendation of the SMQA Board to dissolve the library. Constance Peterson offered to be Librarian. Maria Ciccarelli offered the books that have been donated to Bear Paw for the Library. Becky Smith announced that the Christ Church Martha's Market Boutique is still available on online until December 15th.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held via Zoom on January 7, 2021. Sign on is at 5:30 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Margie Williams for Laura Gonzalez, Secretary

SMQA GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

January 7, 2021

Sign in to Zoom 5:30 p.m.

Call to order 6:00 p.m.

Call to order

Welcome

Secretary's report. Minutes from December 3rd
general meeting as published in the January
newsletter

Treasurer's Report as published in the January
newsletter

Introduction of Program: Heart Pillows

Introduction of Appointed Members and
Approval by the Membership

REPORTS

1st Vice President

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Cuddle Quilts

Quilt show

Old Business

Opportunity Quilt Raffle Tickets

New Business

Show and Tell as time permits



PENNI'S POST

January 2021

Happy New Year to all our quilters and your families. We have a new year ahead of us...hopefully we will be able to meet in person by summer. We are hearing they have a vaccine coming soon. Hopefully, the essential workers will receive it first because we need them.

We are need of a few volunteers. If you are interested contact me or someone on the board.

We will be having a new mystery quilt pattern with Sally. I am wondering if we could have a coffee break zoom to work on the clues.

I hope you will all join us for our meetings on Zoom. We have wonderful programs coming to our guild.

Penni

MASKS UPDATE

Many thanks to all the members who contributed to the latest mask making effort. Due to Rhonda Dewey's initiative, we were able to collect 425 masks in December; 300 were sent to the Red Cross for the Veterans' Hospital in Fresno and 125 went to farmworkers in the Valley.





CUDDLE CORNER

First and foremost, we want to get a big shout out to Sue & Joan for their tremendous leadership with the Cuddle Quilt program. We realize we have big shoes to fill. We also want to thank everyone who made a cuddle quilt, made a pillowcase, cut out kits, made an isolette cover, wheelchair bag or anything else; every single item is so much appreciated.

With your support, we hope we can continue to do good things in the community. We will be adding Fresno County Social Services to our list of recipients. They work with children from ages 0–18, so all types and sizes of quilts would be great.

January brings our “Have A Heart” pillow project kick off. Kits are available at the Bear Paw. If you would like to make your own heart pillow a pattern is available on the website. The pattern is in two parts, the one side might not be straight, but we are certain you can figure it out. There are also kits there for Cuddle Quilts so help yourself!!

We do have some tops that just need quilting if anyone is interested. We can arrange to get them to you if.

We want all of you to feel a part of this great service. If you have suggestions, if there is something we could do differently to excite you, please let either one of us know. Any and all ideas are welcomed—this is your success—we are just coordinators!!

Here’s to a great year of “CUDDLERS”.

Maria & Patty

January Birthdays

Patty Spinelli	1/4
Mary Wyly	1/5
Linda Pennington	1/6
Joanie Madaus	1/7
Diane Archibald	1/13
Colette Wear	1/15
Chris Hudson	1/30
Bev Spears	1/31

We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!



AMENITIES

Linda Miller

Susan Campbell
Dwayne Henning
and family

Thinking of you
Sympathy

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

MYSTERY QUILT 2021

Our 2021 mystery quilt will be a little different than in years past (face it, just about everything is a little different). Instead of sign-ups, this mystery quilt will be open to all. The monthly clues will be posted right [here](#) on our Website. Just to make it fun, we can post pictures of our progress. It's always great to see each other's color choices. Click on the link above (open hyperlink) or go directly to the SMQA Website to get started.



JANUARY HOLIDAYS

January 1	New Year's Day
January 5	National Whipped Cream Day
January 19	National Popcorn Day
January 20	Martin Luther King Day
January 22	National Blonde Brownie Day
January 25	National Opposite Day
January 31	National Hot Chocolate Day

The birthstone for January is the Garnet, symbolizing health, peace, and prosperity.

January's flowers are the Carnation, for affection and remembrance, and the Snowdrop, for hope and beauty

Quilting Circles

Contact: Marian Romero
January 2021

Yoyo's are still Zooming. With weather changing and all the rest, we can still keep up with each other and share. Hope all of you have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year. Blessings for a safer 2021.

Bits & Pieces will meet Wednesday, January 6. We welcome new member Bev Williams! Bring your 6 challenge projects for 2021.

Anything With Fabric is continuing to Zoom twice a week, sharing our projects, helping each other, wearing masks, and social distancing. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and good health.



SMQA Quilt Show 2021

May 15 and 16, 2021

"Sierra Springtime Quilt Show"

Your Quilt Show Committee will meet via Zoom on January 20, 2021. Status update will follow.

In the meantime, and especially important if we are not able to have our show, please continue to sell the Opportunity Quilt raffle tickets. This is still our major fundraiser.



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



2020 Cuddle Quilt Distribution

We need to give ourselves a round of applause for our continued efforts to give to our surrounding community. Our Cuddle Quilt distribution this past year has included:

VA Hospital in Fresno
Madera County Fire Department
Mountain Crisis Center in Mariposa
Oakhurst Healthcare and Wellness
Valley Children's Hospital
Helping Hands
Hinds Hospice
Ronald McDonald House
Creek Fire Victims

With much thanks to Sue and Joan, the total of 2020 distributions were 465 items, including:
289 Cuddle Quilts,
78 Pillowcases,
43 Wheelchair Bags,
14 afghans,
36 catheter covers,
1 pad, 1 blanket, and 1 Isolette cover

TREASURER'S REPORT

Wendy Holt
November 2020

Checking Account

(Balance 10/31/2020)	\$5,977.70
Deposits in November	\$ 105.00
Expenses in November	\$ 0.00

Balance (11/30/2020)	\$6,082.70
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Savings:	\$ 26,356.02
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BOARD MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE

SMQA By-laws require general membership approval of appointed positions to your Board. President Penni Simily has appointed the following individuals, pending approval:

Membership	Teri De La Torre
Newsletter	Betsy Anne Youngholm
Parliamentarian	Linda Pennington
Webmaster	Sally Walker

A vote to approve these at large members will take place at the January 7th General Meeting.



One of Lissa Metzger's Car Quilts



Trudy Kinsel's 2020 Mystery Quilt



Sue Johnson's Alejandro by McKenna Ryan



Betty Fisher's Cardinal Quilt 2020



Steph Risinger's Dragonfly at the Pond



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Sierra Mountain Quilters Association 2021 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

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

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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 Laura Gonzalez
Second Vice Presidents	Patty Cramer and Maria Cicarelli
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
Deadline is 20th of each month.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Membership	Teri De La Torre
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Parliamentarian	Linda Pennington
Quilt Show Chairs	Sinta Borland & Jeri Carney
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