



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

December 3, 2020 MEETING IS ON ZOOM

Sign in at 5:30 p.m.; Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m.

"Celebrating Twelve Months of Quilting"

December 3 Meeting

Our December meeting, "Celebrating 12 Months of Quilting", is scheduled on Zoom on December 3rd.

The December general meeting will include the swearing in of the 2021 Board Members, a vote on the proposed budget for 2021 (see page 7 of this newsletter), the unveiling of the mystery quilts, and show and tell. We will also hold a drawing for the table toppers we would have had on the tables if we were able to meet as a group.

Wear your seasonal finery and have your festive snacks and drinks with you. You will receive an invitation by email which includes instructions on how to sign into the meeting. The sign on information is for the December meeting only and you can begin signing in at 5:30 p.m.



Please Think About Your Commitment to Participation in SMQA Activities

As Penni outlined in her Post on page 2, your Board has been working during this past year of stay-at-home status keeping on top of the business of the Association. We have been scheduling presentations and workshops for the membership. But if we don't have participation, we need to consider whether to take a break from General Meetings, presentations, and workshops.

Because our January Zoom meeting does not accommodate our usual cuddle quilt sewing, Patty Cramer and Maria Cicarelli have developed a project we can do without the noise of sewing machines in the background as we meet. These heart pillows are for distribution to post-operative patients at St. Agnes Hospital.

Our By-Laws require a review at the February meeting of the Association's Financial Audit, and we have tentatively scheduled a presentation by Material Girlfriends for that evening, "Overcoming Quilting Disasters". They are the ones who designed our Mystery Quilt for 2019 and for 2020. We are considering scheduling a workshop as well. So, at the December meeting we will ask you for advice for how we should go forward over the next few months.

**Sierra Mountain Quilters Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by President Penni Simily. There were 41 members present on Zoom. Penni welcomed the members.

Charlotte Hickman made a motion, seconded by Patty Spinelli, to accept the minutes as printed in the Newsletter. The motion carried.

First Vice President introduced and welcomed our speaker, Jenny K. Lyon. Jenny shared her quilts made with free motion quilting.

Treasurer Wendy Holt presented the October Treasurer's Report. There were no additions or corrections so it will be filed for audit.

Wendy also presented the proposed 2021 budgets, with and without a quilt show in 2021. There was discussion regarding classes not being self-sustaining. Several questions were answered about the budgets as proposed. The 2021 budgets are scheduled for a vote by the membership at the December 3rd general membership meeting.

Betsy presented the next several months of Zoom meetings; December 3rd, "Celebrating Twelve Months of Quilting"; January, to be determined; February, Material Girlfriends presentation and workshop.

Webmaster: Sally Walker. Betsy Anne made a request for Sally: Sally says keep those completed projects photos coming.

Newsletter: Betsy Anne Youngholm asked members to keep sending quilting hints and tips for the newsletter. The deadline is the 20th of each month.

Cuddle Quilts: Joan Earnest reported that 51 quilts were distributed. Thirty quilts were given to Creek Fire victims. The last day to turn in quilts for fire victims is November 10th. Massachusetts is sending quilts for the fire victims.

Show and Tell was done.

The next meeting will be held via Zoom on December 3rd. Sign on is at 5:30 p.m. with meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Gonzalez, Secretary

SMQA GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

December 3, 2020

Sign in to Zoom 5:30 p.m.

Call to order 6:00 p.m.

Call to order

Welcome

Secretary's report. Minutes from November 5th general meeting as published in the December newsletter

Treasurer's Report for October as published in the December newsletter

Vote on Proposed 2021 Budget

Swearing in of 2021 Officers

Drawing for Table Toppers

Mystery Quilt Reveal

Opportunity Quilt Raffle Tickets

Committee Reports as Needed

Show and Tell



PENNI'S POST

December 2020

Hello to all. Hope you are staying safe and healthy. I can hardly believe we are ending 2020. A year to remember.

We have not had the personal fellowship this year but are still meeting on Zoom. It gets very exciting when the numbers of participants go up and more members are trying to log on. The lectures and classes have gone well, and I have learned a lot.

I would like to thank the board members for all they have done to keep us going. We have been able to keep up to date with committees, financial needs, budgets, forms, community quilt, opportunity quilt and By-Law and Policies and Procedures reviews.

Merry Christmas.

Penni

MYSTERY QUILT REVEAL

Remember to have your Mystery Quilt ready to show at the December meeting.

In addition, please send a picture of your 2020 Mystery Quilt to Sally so she can post it on the website.



CUDDLE CORNER

Sue Pelland's quilt guild in Massachusetts sent quilts to us for distribution to people who lost their homes in the Creek Fire, along with this message from one of their members, Jane Wilsen:



"We are so pleased that these quilts will find a home with someone in need of a hug. One of our members says that a comfort quilt from Thimble Pleasures Quilt Guild is like getting a hug from 85 women!

Thimble Pleasures Quilt Guild was established by eight intrepid quilters on a snowy night in 1992. Located in Mendon, Massachusetts, we have a capacity of 85 members.

We have many members who make our comfort quilts. We also make chemo caps and cushions for those who are undergoing cancer treatment. We make quilts for area hospitals to place over infant incubators. We make fidget quilts for those suffering from dementia. At the holidays, we make placemats that are delivered by Meals on Wheels. In the past year or so, we have been making Final Journey quilts for some of our elder care facilities to add dignity to a resident's last trip from their home. We also visit elder care

facilities, in non-Covid times, so that residents can design their own lap quilt with precut squares. We return the finished quilts to them. You are invited to visit our website for more information

<https://thimblepleasuresquiltguild.blogspot.com>



OMG gals...what a month! We have given a total of 105 quilts to those who lost their homes in the Creek Fire! This includes 14 sent to us by an amazing guild in Massachusetts, who learned of our efforts from Sue Pelland, our guest speaker at our October meeting. We found reliable contacts to get the quilts to the right people.

I tallied this year's totals and was surprised to see that we actually exceeded last year! Our total items distributed this year was 437, compared to 394 last year! And this with the pandemic! Way to go, you guys!

Once again, we'll be at Bear Paw next Tuesday, December 8, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, to gather any completed Cuddle Quilts.

This is the last month for Joan and me, then the Cuddle Quilt program goes to the enthusiastic hands of Patty Cramer and Maria Cicarelli. We've really enjoyed our time managing the Cuddle Quilt program, especially because of all you generous and talented guild members! Thanks for the good times!

Joan and Sue

December Birthdays

Shirley Flynn	December 4
Rhonda Lloyd	December 4
Joan Earnest	December 14
Deb Austen	December 15
Helen Brown	December 18
Diane Ward	December 18
Penni Simily	December 19
Cathy Reynolds	December 20
Susan Geringer	December 23
Janet Morita	December 26

We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!



DECEMBER HOLIDAYS

December 1	Giving Tuesday
December 7	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
December 11	First Day of Hanukkah
December 21	Solstice
December 25	Christmas
December 26	Kwanzaa
December 31	New Year's Eve

The December birthstone is turquoise, which symbolizes friendship.

The December flowers are holly, which symbolizes peace and goodwill, and narcissus, which symbolizes good wishes, faithfulness, and respect.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Wendy Holt
October 2020

Checking Account

(Balance 9/30/2020)	\$6,729.66
Deposits in October	\$1,060.00
Expenses in October	\$1,811.96
Balance (10/31/2020)	\$5,977.70
Savings:	\$ 26,355.80

Do you have favorite tools or quilting tips or hints you would like to share with other SMQA members? Please send a photo or description to Betsy Anne so she can share them through the newsletter.

Deactivating the SMQA Library

The Board recently voted to dissolve the SMQA Library. We are recommending that the books and magazines be sold to members or donated to the Oakhurst Community Library for their collection or their used book sales.

Membership input on this decision is welcomed at the December meeting.

Quilting Circles

Contact: Marian Romero

December 2020

Yoyo's are meeting weekly on Zoom. It is lovely to chat with fellow quilters that live out of the area. We hope that everyone finds a safe way to celebrate Thanksgiving. Blessings for the holiday season.

Anything with Fabric is still participating in Zoom meetings twice a week. All are welcome. We are making masks for the Red Cross, to provide protection to our veterans. If anyone would like to participate, please contact Rhonda Dewey.

Bits & Pieces will gather on Wednesday, December 2nd at 11:00 a.m. for our Christmas party. We'll wear our prettiest Christmas garb. I hear there's a pop-up Christmas tree for decoration. Fun, fun, fun!

AMENITIES

Linda Miller

Peggy Cochran	Sympathy
Chris Hudson	Thinking of you
Donna Henning	Happy Birthday

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

To all my SMQA friends, I want to say "Thank You" for your cards and phone calls wishing me well. After three months I am up and out and feeling my age.... Helen Ramsey

SMQA BOARD

The 2021 SMQA Board was elected at the November meeting and will be sworn in by Charlotte Hickman at the December 2020 meeting.

President	Penni Simily
1st Vice Presidents	Helen Brown Laura Gonzalez
2 nd Vice Presidents	Maria Ciccarelli Patty Cramer
Secretary	Margie Williams
Treasurer	Wendy Holt

Heart Pillows for Heart and Breast Cancer Post-Operative Use



Proposed 2021 and Supplemental Budgets

Income	2020	Proposed 2021	Supplemental 2021
Balance in checkbook (plus money from savings account)	\$8,870.00	\$5,230.00	\$8,170.00
Advertising	\$140.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Membership	\$3,000.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00
Quilt Show	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$7,500.00
Christmas Party (dinner ticket sales)	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Workshops	\$2,520.00	\$2,520.00	\$2,520.00
Retreats & Trips - self sustaining			
Shirts & Patches - self sustaining			
Name Badges - self sustaining			
TOTAL INCOME	\$19,530.00	\$15,700.00	\$21,140.00
Expenses			
President	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
First Vice President			
Hospitality	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Programs (hotel, mileage, speaker)	\$4,700.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00
Christmas Party	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Publicity	\$70.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Rent & Set-up/down (regular meetings)	\$1,040.00	\$600.00	\$1,040.00
Workshops (Rent, set-up/take-down, teacher)	\$2,520.00	\$2,520.00	\$2,520.00
Second Vice President			
Amenities	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Cuddle Quilts	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Community Service (other than Cuddle Quilts)	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Historian	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Library	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Treasurer			
Insurance	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Miscellaneous Fees	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Northern California Quilt Council (2 years, due in 2021)	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
P. O. Box Rental	\$60.00	\$90.00	\$90.00
Scholarships, Youth & Young Adult Outreach	\$600.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
Office Supplies	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Storage Units	\$1,550.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00
Tax Preparation	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Membership (Roster Book, Raffles, Cards, Supplies)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Newsletter	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Quilt Show (quilt supplies, raffle tickets)	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$4,500.00
Website	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$19,530.00	\$15,700.00	\$21,140.00
2021 Proposed is COVID19 Restrictions with No Quilt Show			
2021 Supplemental is COVID19 Restrictions lifted with a Quilt Show			

Sue Johnson's winter quilt.
A modified McKenna Ryan design.



Kathy Millhollon's Christmas Quilt



Penni's Fiesta placemats



Detail from Virginia Corriea's Civil War Block Swap



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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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BADGE AT THE NEXT MEETING!**

BOARD MEMBERS

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*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

Amenities	Linda Miller
New Member Support	Chris Hudson
Circles	Marian Romero
Cuddle Quilts	Sue Johnson & Joan Earnest
Historian	
Hospitality	Circles
Librarian	Patty Wiens
Membership	Teri De La Torre
Newsletter	Betsy Anne Youngholm
Parliamentarian	Linda Pennington
Quilt Show Chairs	Sinta Borland & Jeri Carney
Webmaster	Sally Walker