



Sierra Mountain Quilters Association Newsletter

JULY 7, 2022 GENERAL MEETING

Hospitality and Greeters: Anything with Fabric

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

General Meeting: Buy Donna Hennings' Treasures and Sell Your Own



Co-Presidents' Corner

I hope you are having a wonderful summer and are staying cool. When it is too hot do you retreat to your sewing room, enjoy the outdoors or escape to the coast or mountains? I tend to escape and dream about my next project or think about what's under my needle.

Our July meeting will be a fun time to socialize and check out lots of quilt bargains. Don't forget to bring your cash. Icy cold water will be provided and the AC will be turned up. Stay cool out there.

Betsy

Soon I'll mail the Confetti quilt I made for my two-year-old great-grandson, which some of you saw at the June show-and-tell. I'm not quite ready to start on my next project, so I have been amusing myself by sewing for Valley Children's Hospital. I know many of us make quilts and other items to give away, either to friends and family, or to the various organizations served by our Cuddle Quilt program. In fact, some quilters say they hardly keep anything they make. That's not me! I do try to keep a balance, though. If you haven't found time to make a cuddle quilt lately, how about picking up a kit from Tricia at the next meeting. Or maybe you could make something with some of the excess fabric you have lying about (you know who you are!). Whatever you are working on this summer, keep cool and enjoy what you are doing!

Bev

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joan Earnest

May 31, 2022

Checking Account

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| (Balance 5/01/2022) | \$10,282.47 |
| Credits in May | 891.15 |
| Debits in May | \$1,753.79 |

Ending Balance **\$9,419.83**
(05/31/2022)

SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE

\$19,359.71

Hostesses and Greeters for 2022

January – Open
February – Material Girls
March – Sew Crafty
April – Sew Thrilled
May – Fabric Collage
June – Guild Officers
July – Anything with Fabric
August – Open
September – Bits and Pieces
October – Thursday Thimbles
November – Footloose
December – Christmas Party

SMQA GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

July 7, 2022

Call to Order

Flag Salute
Welcome

Thanks to Hospitality and Greeters:
Anything with Fabric

Reports

Secretary's Report - Minutes from May 5 meeting

1st Vice Presidents – Laura and Peter Gonzalez

2nd Vice Presidents – Maria Ciccarelli

Treasurer's Report – Joan Earnest

Membership - Sue Johnson

Webmaster – Sally Walker

Newsletter – Charlotte Hickman

Cuddle Quilts – Tricia Lacey

Fall Retreat – Teri De la Torre

Quilt Show – Constance Peterson

New Business Show and Tell

Buy and Sell Treasures

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We hope you are all enjoying the warmer weather. Another Ice Cream Social was a success but Peter and I missed it due to a family emergency. We did however enjoy some homemade sundaes!!

Unfortunately, Chris Hudson's Chair Class has been cancelled and we will not be rescheduling it. We will be returning your payments. We are very sorry for the inconvenience. The sale in July is a go!! All proceeds of Donna's items sold will go directly to the Scholarship Fund in her name. Please contact us by email at lauragonzalez42090@yahoo.com or phone 559 676-0205 if you'd like to buy a table!!

We have been busy booking teachers for 2023 and we think you will enjoy them. We will have sign-ups for Linda Schmidt's Landscape Workshop and Karen Bolan's Curves & Transparencies Workshop at the July meeting. We look forward to seeing you all in July and "May the Fourth be with you. "

Laura and Peter

NEWS FROM MEMBERSHIP



Welcome new Member
Cynthia (Cindy) Young

THANK YOU FROM YOSEMITE HIGH SCHOOL

Dear SMQA members,

Thank you for your part in this year's Yosemite High School Community Awards. Close to \$100,000 was given to the Class of 2022 thanks to people like you! We are proud to live in a community that cares about the youth and appreciate your part in showing it to our students. I know Kaitlyn Fisher appreciates your generosity. On her behalf, and on behalf of all the students and staff of Yosemite High School, thank you!

Sincerely,

Larisa Durr, Community Awards Coordinator

REVISED WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

July 8th – Chair Workshop **CANCELLED**

August 4th - Heidi from AVS

Sept. 1st & 2nd - Linda Schmidt

"Miniature Landscape"

Oct. 6th & 7th - Karen Bolan

"Curves and Transparencies"

Nov. 3rd & 4th – Bev Gulley

"String Star"

Dec. 1st - Christmas Party

2022 MYSTERY QUILT

The final Mystery Quilt clue will be posted July 1st on the website. If you have any questions about the mystery quilt, please contact Sally Walker.

**Sierra Mountain Quilters Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by presidents, Betsy Blum and Bev Gulley, at the Oakhurst Community Center. Betsy led the flag salute. Bev thanked everyone for bringing toppings for the ice cream social. She also mentioned the importance of remaining quiet during the meeting. Betsy discussed the sale at the July meeting. Rhonda Lloyd announced there will be a table of items that belonged to Donna Henning. All funds will go to the SMQA scholarship fund. Anything left over will temporarily go into SMQA storage. She will take cash or check.

Nancy Swanson made a motion, seconded by Maria Ciccarelli, to accept the May 5, 2022, minutes as printed in the June newsletter. The motion carried by unanimous vote. There was no treasurer's report and no first vice president's report. Bev reported the November String Star Class will need to be moved because the Community Center will not be available. Maria Ciccarelli, Second Vice President, reported the presentation of the Community Quilt will be held at the August general meeting. She will contact Helping One Woman (HOW) about Community Quilts. Trash to Treasures will be presented at the August general meeting. Post Cards for the quilt show are available now.

Sue Johnson, Membership, announced we now have 101 members and there are 21 attending tonight. She will mail out the last 40 directories and she's going to email out any corrections to the members. Winners in the drawing were Rhonda Dewey, Laura Donahue, and Bev Gulley. Sally Walker, Webmaster, reminded everyone of the website password. Charlotte Hickman, Newsletter, reported the Mariposa County Fair, on Labor Day weekend, will have a judged quilt show. Check the Fair website.

Tricia Lacey, Cuddle Quilts, announced 6 quilts were turned in. She received a request from casesforsmiles.org for pillow cases for children in bright colors. (No red) Teri De la Torre, Fall Retreat, reported the retreat will be held on Sept. 12-14, 9:00 am-5:00 pm. The cost is \$34/day. Bev Gulley, Quilt Show Co-chair, asked each Circle to make a raffle basket for the quilt show. She also announced the First Vice President will bring bottled water for each meeting. She also formed a committee to provide hospitality in August.

Betsy announced the need for a Spring Retreat organizer. Teri De La Torre offered to co-chair if someone will help her. Betsy also announced the opportunity to sell raffle tickets for the Opportunity Quilt at Fresno Flats on June 18. Tara Locke will look into selling tickets at the Loggers Jamboree on July 4, in North Fork. Sally Walker has signed up for Square to pay for membership and classes. A vote to add \$400 to the treasurer's budget to purchase a Square terminal was tabled until the next meeting so more information can be gathered.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Morita, secretary



CUDDLE CORNER

Tricia Lacey

Thank you so much for all your hard work to the ladies who helped cut out pillowcases this month. We have already had about 25 pillowcases and 6 cuddle quilts turned in this month.

We were asked to help make pillowcases for an organization called Cases for Smiles. They distribute pillowcases to children and families with cancer and other challenging health issues. Valley Children's Hospital needs belly bands, isolette covers, and quilts.

There are a lot of pillowcases and belly bands available at Bear Paw, so please stop by and pick some up. Isolette cover kits will be available soon.

The next Cuddle Quilt work day is July 20, 9am to 1pm at the library.

Tricia

AMENITIES

Linda Miller

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| Charlotte Hickman | Thinking of You |
| Virginia Waters | Thinking of You |

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



OPPORTUNITY QUILT UPDATE

Kay Marshall
Quilt Ticket Chairman

Opportunity Quilt Update

Many thanks to Marilyn Harvey, Charlotte Hickman, PJ Grant, and Rhonda Lloyd who took our Opportunity Quilt to show and sell tickets in June. If you would like to take the Quilt to show and sell tickets, call Maria Ciccarelli (559-760-3980) who has the calendar for showing the Opportunity Quilt. When you bring the quilt back to Bear Paw be sure to call me at 559-683-4917 so I can pick up the ticket stubs, money, and give credit to those who sold tickets.

We still have about 30 people who have not picked up their original tickets. If you have a friend who does not come to our monthly meetings, please pick up their tickets for them, or ask a friend to pick up your tickets.

We currently have made \$1,346.00 on the quilt. Postcards with a photo of our beautiful quilt are now available at Bear Paw or at our monthly meetings.



CIRCLE NEWS

Anything With Fabric meets 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Oakhurst Public Library every Monday. All are welcome. Contact: Ronda Dewey or Constance Peterson

Sew Crafty Quilters is open to new and current members. We meet at Oakhurst Library Community Room the 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 1 – 4 p.m. Contact Teri De La Torre, 831-728-2027.

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.



Material Girls enjoying a recent meeting are left to right Tara Locks, Nancy Swanson, Peggy Cochran, Sinta Borland, Rhonda Lloyd, Mary Brand, and PJ Clark.



FEATURED QUILTING CIRCLE MATERIAL GIRLS

The Material Girls quilting circle was organized in 1997 with twelve members. We meet the second Tuesday of each month and for many years at each other's homes, though the last few years we have met at Bear Paw. There have been quite a few changes in our membership over the years as members move away and new members to SMQA have joined us.

Through the years we have worked on many different projects starting with Brown Bags - some finished and some not - a few Quilts of Valor, many cuddle quilts, heart pillows, friendship heart quilt, round robin, a row quilt, and a heart quilt that we had a drawing for in our own circle.

Our social activities have included a special luncheon twice a year - spring and Christmas - when some of our members who have moved away would come and join us. We have traveled to quilt shows and had many retreats in Cayucos with walks on the beach and visits to quilt shops.

Many of our circle have been officers in SMQA, including four presidents, vice president, secretary, quilt show chairmen and co-chairmen, membership and other positions on the board.

At this time our projects are making cat beds for the EMCSPCA Animal Care and Adoption Center and preparing the items from Donna Henning for the SMQA sale with all proceeds going to the Scholarship fund.

Our motto is "Once a Material Girl Always a Material Girl".



Sierra Mountain Quilters Association 2022 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

NAME: _____

Day of Birth: *(Month/Day)* _____

ADDRESS:

Street Address _____

Mailing Address *(if different from above):* _____

City _____

ZIP Code _____

PHONE: *(please ** preferred number)*

Home _____ Work _____

Mobile/Cell _____

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⇒ Email _____

Check box if this is a new email address or a corrected address (refer to our directory).

Email: Newsletters are delivered via email. If you don't have an email address and can't access our website at www.sierramountainquilters.org to view the newsletter and you are unable to have a friend print a copy for you, it can be mailed to you.

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

Membership Chair Use Only:

Date Paid: _____ Check number _____ Amount: _____



Save The Date

Fall Retreat

September 12-15, 2022

9:00- 5:00 pm daily

Teri De La Torre will be taking sign-ups for the Fall Retreat at the July meeting. The cost is \$34.00 per day and includes lunch. The money is not due until August. Members can also mail their checks to SMQA, PO Box 1359, Oakhurst, CA 93644, ATTN Fall Retreat.

A BIG THANK YOU to Laura Gonzales for willing to co-chair the Spring Retreat.

JULY BIRTHDAYS



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| Tricia Lacey | 7/7 |
| Virginia Waters | 7/11 |
| Sue Graham | 7/16 |
| Bev Williams | 7/16 |
| Barbara Graas | 7/19 |
| Peggy Cochran | 7/20 |
| Sue Collins | 7/20 |
| Lisa Kernaghan | 7/22 |
| Nancy Swanson | 7/26 |
| Judy Andes | 7/29 |
| Bev Gulley | 7/29 |
| Joe Yeats | 7/31 |

We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!



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



- July 1:** Creative Ice Cream Flavors Day *
- July 4:** Independence Day
- July 7:** National Strawberry Sundae Day
- July 8:** Liberty Bell Day (rang to signal the reading of Declaration of Independence)
- July 9:** National Sugar Cookie Day
- July 19:** National Ice Cream Day (3rd Sunday)
- July 20:** National Lollipop Day
- July 23:** Gorgeous Grandma Day
- July 25:** National Thread the Needle Day AND National Hot Fudge Sundae Day
- July 31:** Talk in An Elevator Day

JULY FLOWER

The July birth flowers are the **larkspur** and **water lily**. **Larkspurs** come in a wide range of vibrant colors including indigo, purple and pink. Pink larkspurs symbolize fickleness, while white ones symbolize happiness. Generally, larkspurs symbolize positivity and love. **Water lilies** are a unique lotus-like flower. They symbolize purity or rebirth. You can find water lilies floating atop the water from May to early September Each flower only lasts about four days until it settles under the water, which makes these flowers even more unique and beautiful.

*It was hot and I was hungry when I wrote this holiday list. Just checkin' to see if anyone reads it!
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QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE

Constance Peterson

Gateway to Yosemite Quilt Show**May 19 -21, 2023**

A reminder to all 2023 Quilt Show Committee Members, our next meeting will be 2:30 pm Monday, July 11, 2022, at Bear Paw.

In Summer, it is tourist season. That gives us lots of opportunities to sell raffle tickets!

We need events to sell raffle tickets. If you have any ideas, please let me know.

These is also the Logger Jamboree event Saturday, July 2nd and Sunday July 3rd. Is anyone interested in selling raffle tickets at the event?

In October we will be selling Opportunity Quilt tickets at PIQF, so we will need volunteers to sell tickets. ***I need someone to take charge of this event.**

Thanks to P.J. and Rhonda L. for taking charge of the Fresno Flat event and selling raffle tickets. Thanks to all the volunteers for helping, too.

Maria, thank you for keeping the calendar for the Opportunity Quilt events and for storing the Opportunity Quilt and the other equipment.

Constance



June 2 Meeting Highlights



Bev shows another one of her lovely quilts.



Tricia shows two examples of cuddle quilts in her "Cuddle Corner."

Tara's Hawaiian Gardener in Water Dress quilt.



Laura's quilt made for space fan hubby Mark.



Kay and Sally show samples of their Dresden quilts.

A Special Show and Tell

News from Virginia Corriea

Several years ago, I was lucky enough to purchase some blocks and a quilt top from Tillie Hilmer. I was able to quilt the top recently and I am hoping that you can share the completed quilt with the guild members on our website or newsletter as part of show and tell.

This quilt top was made by Tillie's mother Clara Diebold, married name Mrs. Eugene Essner, Benton MO, born 8/6/1894, died 6/6/1973. The quilt top is all hand pieced. It is a Dresden Plate quilt. All this information is on the label. The outside border edges of the quilt were really, really frayed and I was afraid that I was going to have to cut the edges off to a straight edge. But I decided to just stitch the heck out of the edges when I got to the edges of the quilt. It's not so pretty but it preserved the original lines of the outside edge. I really love this quilt. Oh, as far as I can tell, it's made from original 1930's and 1940's fabrics.

Here's a picture. I hope you all enjoy remembering Tillie and her mother Clara. I miss all of you. Virginia



Summer Vacation Ahead!

As summer arrives many of us are excited to finally be traveling for the first time in many months. Some are looking forward to spending time with family or visiting some exotic location. As we travel, remember to observe all safety procedures to stay healthy and well. And don't forget the sunblock!

Happy summer everyone!



Items for Sale from Our Members

PRICES REDUCED AGAIN!!

Serger and sewing furniture formerly owned by Peggy McNelly. If interested contact Randy McNelly at 559-760-2455 and/or email at randymcnelly@gmail.com
Singer Serger Professional Overlock Sewing Machine #14T968DC was \$500 **NOW \$300**
Koala Outback Sewing Table was \$1500 **NOW \$1,000**



For Sale

Q-Zone Hoop-Frame Pro (by The Grace Company) 4-1/2-foot frame. One year old. Asking \$500.00

Contact Carolin Gaither in Coarsegold at 559-223-4208



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

**Please keep in mind that
courtesy and respect
matter.**

When a speaker is speaking to the group, whether as a board member, guest presenter, or someone showing a quilt during show and tell, please refrain from talking so everyone in attendance can hear. Thank you.

Services from our Advertisers



BEAR PAW QUILTS & MORE

OPEN
MONDAY - SATURDAY
10AM - 5PM

FABRIC NOTIONS CLASSES

NEW FABRICS WEEKLY

LIKE US ON  **facebook**

559-683-7397

40761 Highway 41—Suite 7, Oakhurst, CA

The advertisement features a colorful quilt border. In the center, a green starburst contains the text 'FABRIC NOTIONS CLASSES'. To the left, a cartoon bear holds a blue banner that says 'NEW FABRICS WEEKLY'. Below the bear is a Facebook logo with the text 'LIKE US ON facebook'. The phone number '559-683-7397' is displayed in large green digits, and the address '40761 Highway 41—Suite 7, Oakhurst, CA' is at the bottom. The background of the central text area shows a quilt shop interior with various fabric and quilted items.



A Thread Above Quilt Studio
Longarm Quilting Services
Jeri Carney ~~~ 559.760.5125



athreadabove@gmail.com
www.athreadabovestudio.com

The advertisement has a light green background. At the top, the text 'A Thread Above Quilt Studio' is in a cursive font, followed by 'Longarm Quilting Services' and 'Jeri Carney ~~~ 559.760.5125'. In the center is a line drawing of a sewing machine with a heart on its side and a small bird perched on top. Below the machine is the email address 'athreadabove@gmail.com' and the website 'www.athreadabovestudio.com'. Decorative swirls and a small green bird are also present.



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Oakhurst, CA 93644

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

BOARD MEMBERS

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|---------------------|------------------------------|
| 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
Deadline is 20th of each month.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| New Member Support | Chris Hudson |
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