



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

Next meeting ***Not Yet Scheduled***

Stay Well, Stay Home

Reminder that the MAY general meeting and workshop are cancelled.

We have rescheduled John Egbert's presentation and workshop for August. Your payment will be returned to you at the next general meeting.

Remember to get outside if you can, get some exercise and fresh air if possible. This is such an unusual time for us all, remember to be kind to each other.



JUNE

At this time, it is uncertain whether there will be a June meeting. We will continue to take guidance from our national, state, and local health officials. In the meantime, we can continue to make masks for those who need them and maybe find a little time for our own projects.



May Birthdays

Metzger, Lissa	5/2
Westfall, Ginnie	5/7
Millhollon, Kathy	5/11
Ossenkoop, Annie	5/11
Beighey, Debbie	5/12
Wiens, Patty	5/13
Risinger, Stephanie	5/18
Ramsey, Helen	5/24
Armstrong, Irene	5/25
Hartesveldt, Chris	5/25
Peters, Mel	5/26

We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!



CUDDLE CORNER

We have not been delivering any cuddle quilts or any of our other usual items while we have been hunkered down and making masks for everyone. Once the stay-at-home order is lifted, however, we will again want to meet the continuing requests. So please continue with cuddle quilt sewing along with your other projects.

If you want a pattern for the pillowcases or the catheter bags, or if you have any questions, please contact Sue Johnson.

PENNI'S POST

Hello Quilters,
 Hope you are well. We have a lot to be thankful for during this trying time. We have become experts at mask making and our members have stepped up to the challenge. I want to thank the ladies that collected the masks and the donation for postage. Thanks go out to all the workers and their families that are helping us through this pandemic. As publicized, the May meeting and class are cancelled. Mr. John will be with us in August. I am looking forward to his class. Hoping that we will be able to meet soon but we will stand by the rules of gathering. So, keep on sewing and quilting. We may need a lot more time for show and tell.

Stay safe, Penni

Treasurer's Report

Wendy Holt
 March 2020

Checking Account	
(Balance 2-29-2020)	\$10,144.95
Deposits in February	\$ 31.00
Expenses in February	\$ 1,218.88
Balance (3-31-20)	\$ 8,957.07
Savings: \$ 9,384.93	
CD: \$16,950.22	

AMENITIES

Cards were sent to:

Jeri Carney	Get Well
Susan Cambell	Get Well
Donna Henning	Sympathy

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

SPRING RETREAT 2021 needs commitment for overnights now. ECCO has changed its policies **and in order to continue to provide the overnight stay option, we need a commitment of at least 15 overnight guests.** Costs for the retreat are as follows:

Overnight Stays: \$369 each for a double, or \$294 each for a quad; Day Use Only: \$35 for each day.

If we do not have enough people committed for the overnight stay, we will need to consider holding a day only retreat. Since we need to sign our contract soon, please contact the Spring Retreat Committee with questions or to confirm your participation by May 1st.

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MYSTERY MAGIC

When we started this Mystery Quilt, we could have never guessed that we would be sheltering at home and miss not one, but two guild meetings! But that hasn't stopped us from proceeding with our 2020 mystery quilt. In between mask making, I've had time to almost complete clues 1 and 2 (which is actually steps 1 through 3). If you signed up for the mystery quilt and have not received clue 2, please contact me. I have set up two different places online to distribute the clues: a secret Facebook page and a group google email. And, lastly, it is still not too late to join in the fun. Please let me know if you would like to join us. You are not far behind.

Sally



Something Different

For those of you who crochet, here's something for you:

<https://design-birdy.com/2020/04/10/crochet-face-mask-adapter/>

Need a laugh? Check this out.

DIY Face Mask Tutorial with Kay

Kay Pruitt's love of posting DYI videos exceeds her actual skill in this comedic tutorial gone wrong.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U4c5eo_3-y0



MAY HOLIDAYS

- May 6 National Nurses Day
- May 10 Mother's Day
- May 16 Armed Forces Day
- May 20 National Rescue Dog Day
- May 25 Memorial Day
- May 29 National Biscuit Day

The May birthstone is the emerald which is associated with friendship, faithfulness, and loyalty.

The May birth month flower is the Lily of the Valley. The fragrant Lily of the Valley signifies sweetness, humility, and a return to happiness.



SMQA Quilt Show 2021

The dates are: May 15 and 16, 2021

The Quilt Show Title is:

“Sierra Springtime Quilt Show”

The Opportunity Quilt, **“Rainbow Blooms”**,
is currently being pieced

We plan to have several youth categories at the 2021 Quilt Show. If you are staying home with children or grand-children or are in communication with them on the variety of available social media, this would be a great time to share your sewing and quilting expertise with them. You can help them get a quilt started for our quilt show.

For incentive, **Curated Quilts**, a quarterly journal, is soliciting submissions for their Youth Issue, “Youth in Quilting: Bringing Hope to the Craft”. Submissions open on May 15th. See curatedquilts.com for information.

And for inspiration, there are also a variety of on-line quilt-along videos and quilting tutorials.



Quilting Circles

Contact: Marian Romero
May 2020

Anything with Fabric meets at the library, which is closed, so that situation is in question. We do meet on zoom twice a week and sew together, so our circle is still getting together: we just are practicing social distancing. Hope you and your family are well and healthy.

Sew Crafty Quilters meetings are cancelled until ??????

Sew Thrilled are cancelled for May and June.

Yoyos are keeping in touch the old-fashioned way with telephone and emails. Some of us are in the studio making masks, and working on projects, reading, working in the yard. Oops forgot our Tatters. And we are viewing our computers to keep in touch. Never a dull moment for quilters.

Bits and Pieces has an update on the SMQA website.

REMINDER



Quilting the Dream

Although we may be celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Sierra Mountain Quilters Association somewhat later than planned, the anniversary block wall-hanging project continues. Your block can be traditional pieced, paper pieced, appliquéd, embellished, or an art quilt. The minimum finished size will be 12x12 inches up to a maximum of 15x15 inches and can be rectangular or square.

“**Quilting the Dream**” is the title of this project to encourage you to depict how you feel about our wonderful mountain area. Choose for your subject something that you absolutely love and appreciate about this area. Some suggested ideas for your block are mountain wildlife; flora; places; activities; historic or cultural sites; or events. These are just suggestions and are not meant to limit your imagination.

We hope to display the “Quilting the Dream” projects at the Oakhurst Library, at other local venues, and at the 2021 Quilt Show.

Questions? Please call or email Joanie Madaus or Deb Austin



As most of us know by now, **Joe's Sew and Vac is closing** after 38 years. How to express our appreciation for Joe? He has always been there for us and our machines, from our silly thread mix ups, to our dropping something in the machine, to tune ups and repairs. The good news is that Joe has arranged to do some machine drop offs and pick ups at Bear Paw, so we will not be losing our friend, just changing the venue.

Thank you, Joe, for being our friend and neighbor.

Requests continue to come in for **masks** for our local medical staff, first responders, and other health care providers. The “**rope masks**” and the **pleated masks** are the most requested. We have scheduled another mask drop off for May 1st, so keep up the good work for our community. Time and place of drop off will be announced.

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Things we are doing...

- **Making mask kits to donate**
- **Working on our website, for online purchases**
- **Holding a "Shelter-In-Place" quilt Contest**

More information will be emailed & posted on Facebook

Call us with any questions

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Deadline is 20th of each month.

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