

Definitions For Our Guests and New Members

We know that the first few meetings you come to can be confusing. All sorts of terms are being thrown around and you're sitting there wondering what the discussion is about. So, we've put together a list of these buzz words.

1. Community Quilt: A quilt made by members to donate to a club or organization to be used as a fund raiser.
2. Cuddle Quilts: Our own charity program. We provide a kit with everything you need to make a quilt. When you turn it in, you get a card stamped. After 5 quilts, you receive a spool of Aurifil thread or an Endurance rotary blade. The quilt is then donated to local causes, including Valley Childrens Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, Hinds Hospice, Helping Hands, Women's Shelters, Oakhurst Wellness Center, and others.
3. Greeters: One sewing circle group is assigned, each month, to greet arriving members at the door. This circle is also responsible for decorating the refreshment table that month.
4. Mystery Quilt: A fun program to make a quilt over the course of the year. One member takes charge & gives out instructions for a portion of the quilt each month. You won't know how it's going to look until it's done! There may be a nominal fee for participation. Not known if this will be available for 2023.
5. Opportunity Quilt: Our big fund raiser. A quilt is made to be raffled every other year, coinciding with our quilt show.
6. PIQF: Pacific International Quilt Festival is held in October at the Santa Clara Convention Center. Lots of classes, vendors, and show quilts.

7. Quilt Show: Every 2 years our guild has it's own quilt show. Our next show is in May of 2023.
8. Raffle: We sell tickets for the Opportunity Quilt during the time in between quilt shows.
9. Retreat: Twice a year our guild sponsors a retreat at the ECCO center in Oakhurst. We bring our machines & come back for 4 days to quilt all day, eat a lunch that is provided & enjoy each others' company.
10. Road to CA: Quilt show, classes, vendors at the Ontario Convention Center, Ontario, CA, held in January.
11. Sewing Circles: Do you like companionship while sewing? Join a sewing circle and get to know more people! For more information, contact Mel Peters.
12. Show and Tell: At each monthly guild meeting, we spend a segment of time showing our completed quilts. Bring yours!
13. SMQA: That's our guild's name...Sierra Mountain Quilters Association.
14. Snack Table: On the month of your birthday, we ask you bring a snack to share with the group at the Guild Meeting.
15. Trunk Show: Often we have guest speakers at our guild meetings. Usually they bring a collection of the quilts they have made to show us. This is referred to as a trunk show.
16. Workshop: Often, our guest speaker from the Thursday night guild meeting will present a class on Friday. Tuitions may vary in amount.