



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

April 1, 2021 MEETING IS ON ZOOM
Sign in at 5:30 p.m.; Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m.
Program: Let's Play a Game



April 1st Meeting

No fooling. We will play a version of a scavenger hunt following the business meeting portion of the evening.

Co-First Vice Presidents Helen Brown and Laura Gonzalez are busy setting up programs for the remainder of the year. For our May meeting, two of our members have been asked to talk about how to choose a quilting design for your quilt depending on your quilt block pattern.

Some of the planned programs from last year are being rescheduled for 2021. We look forward to finally having Rachel Clark present Seminole Style Piecing and John Egbert present his Grand Convergence Quilt in the fall. Both Rachel and John will offer workshops to follow their presentations.

For the general meeting, 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 April 1st meeting only, and you can begin signing in at 5:30 p.m.

Looking Forward (or back)

It's getting close to time to look in our closets for something other than sweats, but maybe we don't have to go this far (although my great-aunt Evelyn would approve).

Advice from a Singer Sewing Machine Manual from 1949

*Prepare yourself mentally for sewing.
 Think about what you are going to do. Never approach sewing with a sigh or lackadaisically. Good results are difficult when indifference dominates. Never try to sew with a sink full of dirty dishes or beds unmade.
 When there are urgent housekeeping chores, do these first so that your mind is free to enjoy your sewing.
 When you sew, make yourself as attractive as possible. Put on a clean dress. Keep a little bag of French chalk near your sewing machine to dust your fingers at intervals. Have your hair in order, powder and lipstick put on. If you are constantly fearful that a visitor might drop in or your husband will come home, and you will not look neatly put together, you will not enjoy your sewing.*

**Sierra Mountain Quilters Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Penni Simily. There were 38 members present on Zoom. Penni welcomed the members. Rhonda Lloyd announced they went through the quilts and supplies at Donna Henning's house and those items are being stored at Lin Crow's house. Donna's brother requested that any funds that are raised be donated to the scholarship fund.

Rhonda Lloyd made a motion, seconded by Helen Brown, to accept the February 4, 2021, minutes as printed in the newsletter. The motion carried. The February Treasurer's Report was accepted as published in the March newsletter and filed for audit.

Helen Brown, First Vice President, introduced Linda Wagner and she gave a presentation on bindings and borders.

Helen Brown and Laura Gonzalez, Co-First Vice Presidents, advised that they are working on speakers and programs for the rest of the year, and that they attended the "Meet the Teachers" event via Zoom last week. Maria Ciccarelli, Second Vice President, promoted the positivity challenge – a 16-inch block or smaller depicting something positive from 2020, and due in August; and they are still working on the paper piecing project.

Teri De La Torre, Membership, reported there are 75 paid members.

Sally Walker, Webmaster and Mystery Quilt, said the password may be changed to the website and an email will be sent out if it is changed. She also asked that if members want to change their photograph on the roster to please send her the new one. The Mystery Quilt information is on the website and members can still participate, at no cost.

Betsy Anne Youngholm, Newsletter, noted that Penni is doing a "sew and chat" Zoom meeting, and to let Penni know if you are interested in joining.

Patty Cramer, Second Vice President, said they are putting together kits for the baby bibs and cuddle quilts, and that the hygiene kit project was suggested. They would like more information on this to put something together. Rhonda Lloyd suggested that information may be available on the web. Penni has information she will share.

Penni encouraged members to sell tickets for the opportunity quilt. Constance Peterson, Librarian, thanked Patty Cramer and Maria Ciccarelli for their donation of books to the Library; and she stated she is willing to meet members to check out library books.

Show and Tell was held.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m. The next meeting will be held via Zoom on April 1, 2021. Sign on is at 5:30 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Margie Williams, Secretary

SMQA GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

April 1, 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 March 4th general meeting as published in the April newsletter

Treasurer's Report as published in the April newsletter

REPORTS

1st Vice President

2nd Vice president

Membership

Webmaster

Newsletter

Cuddle Quilts

Opportunity Quilt Raffle Tickets

New Business

Introduction of Program: Scavenger Hunt

Show and Tell as time permits



PENNI'S POST

April 2021

Good day to all our friends and quilters.

Hope everyone is doing well. It has been a year of covid, lock down, masks and Zoom. It is time for vaccines and getting ready to loosen restrictions. Hopefully, we will be able to meet in person soon.

“Sew and Chat” is on Zoom every Tuesday at 1:00 pm. We just visit and sew any project you are working on at the time. If you would like an invite, let me know. If we have enough interest, we may try some instructional information or classes.

Spring is on its way, a new season! I am sewing and finishing UFO's and starting new projects.

New projects for a new season!

Hope to see you all at our April meeting

Penni





CUDDLE CORNER

Cuddle Quilts were delivered to Sven, the Volunteer Coordinator at Hinds Hospice in early March.



We have delivered seventeen quilts to Hinds Hospice and twenty-four pillows to Community Hospital, with the Heart Hospital on our list for future deliveries.

We are working on more quilt, pillow, bib, and baby belly band kits. These will all be available at Bear Paw. The new belly band kits probably take about ten minutes from start to finish. These were requested by a nurse at Children’s through one of our members. We should get a lot of these turned in!! Easy-peasy!!!!

Please remember that every 2nd Friday of the month is drop off day for finished quilts and other projects, at Bear Paw. Patty and Maria will be available to stamp your card when you turn in a Cuddle Quilt. Kits are available any time.

We invite all ideas and feedback.
Happy Quilting!!

Maria and Patty

2021 Mystery Quilt

We are moving to Step 4 of our mystery quilt. There are three different block types in this mystery quilt. In March we started with Block A and are beginning Block B construction in April. Click [here](#) for our 2021 mystery quilt steps.

PRESSING MATTERS

If you look at the construction directions, the Mystery Quilt designer suggests pressing seams open on Block A. I asked her about this, and she said it's a personal preference. I prefer pressing to the dark side on this block. I love the way seams nest together with some forethought. I'll let you know with the next clue which way I pressed my seams to make the magic happen.

Feel free to contact me with any questions you might have.

Sally Walker

TREASURER’S REPORT

Wendy Holt
February 2021

Checking Account

(Balance 1/31/2021)	\$6,086.75
Deposits in February	\$1,650.00
Expenses in February	\$2,666.44

Balance (2/28/2021) \$5,070.31

Savings: \$ 26,356.66



Hello fellow SMQA members:

There WILL BE A GRAND PRIZE OF A \$50 gift certificate to Western Sierra Nursery to the guild member who sells the most raffle tickets!!!

Opportunity Quilt Raffle Tickets are still available to sell. Please help us provide funds for future guild programs! The Opportunity Quilt is on display at Bear Paw Quilts & More.

If you have not picked up your tickets, we encourage you to call and make arrangements to pick them up OR you can call and send in a check to pay for them and we will be happy to write your name on your ticket stubs to be entered into the drawing!!

Call Sinta Borland 559-287-2397 or Jeri Carney 559-760-5125.



APRIL HOLIDAYS

- April 4 Easter
- April 8 Holocaust Remembrance
- April 13 National Library Workers Day
- April 15 Tax Day
- April 22 Earth Day
- April 25 World Penguin Day
- April 30 Arbor Day

There are two April birthstones. The diamond is a symbol of clarity and strength, while the sapphire is believed to bring inner peace and spiritual enlightenment.

The daisy is the flower for April. The daisy symbolizes purity and innocence.

April Birthdays

Lynn Gray	4/01
Sheila Hotovec	4/12
Georgia Harvey	4/14
Laura Gonzalez	4/16
Sally Walker	4/18
Margie Williams	4/28
Pat Bauer	4/30

We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!



AMENITIES

Linda Miller

Gaudalupe Schuhl Sympathy

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

Library Corner

Thank you to Vivian Helena Aumond-Capone for your generous donation of books for our library.

April Theme: Flying Geese and Birds

Birds are returning, how about a new quilt with Flying Geese or other favorite birds?

Better Homes and Gardens Complete Guide to Quilting (Flying Geese)
 Cottage Theory Quilt 2 (Flying Geese)
 Creative Quilt Collection (Geese In Air, plus more)
 Fat Quarter Quilts (Christmas Cardinal, Paper Piecing, plus Flowers)
 Quilt for Joy (Birds)
 Quilting the New Classics (Flying Geese)

Check out our website to see 10 new books. Every month I will add 10 new books. Please contact me if you wish to check out any of our library books.

Constance Peterson



AROUND AND ABOUT

Foothill Quilters Guild, Auburn, CA
Foothill Quilters Guild, Auburn, CA
invites you to its first virtual quilt show.

April 1-30, 2021

In order to protect the safety of all quilt show attendees during the COVID-19 pandemic, we will be holding a free, virtual quilt show during April 2021. The show will be hosted on the Foothill Quilters Guild website for the month of April.

Reno Quilt Show

It appears that the Reno Quilt Show is going ahead with an in-person show in June. You can get information from their website at <https://www.quiltshowreno.com>

Quilting Circles

Contact: Marian Romero
 March 2021

Yoyo's love our Zoom meetings. Some are sharing quilts that they are making. One thing good about Zoom, it does not matter what the weather is doing, we still have an opportunity to visit with our friends and share.

Bits & Pieces will meet on Wednesday, April 7, 11:00 a.m., same place. Hostess Bev has a little project for us!

Anything With Fabric will be having a meeting in person, April 9th, for those of us that have been vaccinated. Plus, we will continue zoom meetings twice a month. Have a great sewing day.



Clamshells by Sue Johnson using Sue Pelland's "Hearts and More" Ruler (there are about 300 clam-shells in this thing!)



Nancy Swanson's Baby Quilt



Joan Earnest's Confetti Star. It doesn't have many stars, so she calls it Confetti Whirlwind.



Lissa Metzger's Happy Fish

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UPCOMING CLASSES

All classes are cancelled until the social/travel restrictions issued by the State of California have been lifted

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Spring has Sprung!

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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 Ciccarelli
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

Amenities	Linda Miller
New Member Support	Chris Hudson
Circles	Marian Romero
Cuddle Quilts	Patty Cramer & Maria Ciccarelli
Historian	
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Membership	Teri De La Torre
Newsletter	Betsy Anne Youngholm
Parliamentarian	Linda Pennington
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Webmaster	Sally Walker