



Sierra Mountain Quilters Association Newsletter

APRIL 6, 2023

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

Sew Thrilled Circle Greeters and Hostesses

Program: Karen Brow-Meier – The SMUGGLE Principles



Co-Presidents' Report

Our quilt show is rapidly approaching! It's time to enter your quilts. Remember, you can enter any quilt finished since the last show. Your work doesn't need to be remarkable to be worth entering – having an interesting variety of quilts makes our show worth attending! For new or potential quilters, it's very encouraging to see simpler but still lovely quilts that seem more doable. If you are a new quilter or a first-time entrant, by all means mention it in the comments.

Sally Walker has set up an easy and efficient way to enter your quilt online, from our website, by clicking [here](#). If you aren't able to access the website, or find the process too daunting, perhaps you have a friend or family member who can give you a hand. Failing that, we have a couple of additional options for you:

- Call Sally and she will assist you by phone
- Stop by Bearpaw any Friday and Maria will enter it with you
- Call Bev Gulley (that's me) any day after April 2 and I will help
- Bring written information to the April general meeting. We will find a volunteer to enter it for you.

IMPORTANT – I've been told that in the past the quilt entry deadline was pushed out, usually more than once, in order to get enough entries for a great show. This year, that's NOT going to happen. We don't have much slack in the schedule so you need to take the **April 7 date seriously**. It's OK to enter a quilt that isn't finished, as long as it will be ready by the final turn-in day. Be sure to indicate priority in case we can't take them all. Quilt collection will be May 8 and May 15, from 9 AM to 1 PM at the Oakhurst Library community room.

Bev

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joan Earnest

February 28, 2023

Checking Account

Balance 2/01/2023	\$8,693.52
Credits in February	\$1,248.06
Debits in February	\$1,986.05

Ending Balance (2/28/2023)

\$7,955.53

SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE

\$19,369.77

SMQA GENERAL BUSINESS**April 6, 2023****Call to Order**

Flag Salute

Welcome

Thanks to Hospitality and Greeters:
Sew Thrilled Circle

Reports**Secretary's Report** - Minutes from March 16 meeting**1st Vice Presidents** – Sally Walker & Lynn Gray**2nd Vice President** – Jeri Carney**Treasurer's Report** – Joan Ernest**Membership** - Sue Johnson**Newsletter** – Charlotte Hickman**Webmaster** – Sally Walker**Cuddle Quilts** – Tricia Lacey**Spring Retreat** – Laura Gonzalez**Quilt Show** – Constance Peterson**New Business****Show and Tell**

Program: Karen Brow-Meier
The SMUGGLE Principles

2023 PROGRAM AND WORKSHOP SCHEDULEApril 6th Karen Brow-Meier – The SMUGGLE Principles

Seven design elements which make a quilt “sing”

April 7th Newly Hatched Baby Quilt WorkshopMay 4th Colleen Pelfrey "Life With A Border Around It"May 5th Taking Out the Dye WorkshopJune 1st Ice Cream SocialJuly 6th Sew Powerful Purse Project

July 7 Sew Powerful Purse workshop

Aug. 3rd Jeanette Walton “Inspiration” Trunk ShowAug. 4th Starbaby Quilt WorkshopSept. 7th Trunk Show with surprise guestOct. 5th Sandra Mollon Trunk ShowOct. 6th Thread Painting WorkshopNov. 2nd PJ Grant Veterans ProgramDec. 7th Annual Winter Dinner

and Installation of Officers

FIRST VICE PRESIDENTS' REPORT

Spring is here and along with it some fun lectures and workshops. We had the pleasure of meeting Karen Brow-Meier in person at Rd2CA in January. Her April 6th lecture on The SMUGGLE Principle - 7 Design Elements Which Make a Quilt Sing will make you want to tune up your machines. Be sure to take notes! See page 7 for details about her workshop.

In May we have Colleen Pelfrey's lecture: Life With a Border Around It. Here's just one quote from a recent lecture attendee, "OMG!! One of the most entertaining speakers we've had in a long time!! ...entertained and in stitches with her songs, her stories, and her quilts! ... fantastic speaker!" Peggy Arms - Chico CA. See page 5 for details about her workshop.

Our Ice Cream Social in June will be a celebration and "thank you" to all the Quilt Show volunteers. The 2023 Quilt Show ribbon winners will be invited to bring their quilts for a special Show and Tell.

We are excited to have Sew Powerful Regional Manager Torey Elwell come speak with us July 6th. She has been involved with Sew Powerful since 2015 and had the joy of traveling to Zambia with the Sew Powerful team in 2016. She is able to live out her passion for educating girls in the Developing World. She will head up our [Sew Powerful Purse](#) Workshop. Our goal is to donate 100 purses by the end of the year!

There's also a full line-up for the second half of the year. You can have a sneak peak by going to the [Program Page](#) of our website for what's planned and also to sign up for workshops. Our guild welcomes all who are interested in quilting to attend these events. They are a great opportunity to learn new skills, connect with fellow quilters, and give back to those in need. For more information on these events and how to participate, please visit the [SMQA website](#).

Sally and Lynn

Sierra Mountain Quilters Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes - Mar. 16, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by president, Bev Gulley, at the Oakhurst Community Center followed by the flag salute. Bev thanked the Oakhurst Machine Embroidery Circle for hospitality and greeting. She added that Donna's sewing supplies will be available for sale soon.

Patty Cramer made a motion, Rhonda Dewey seconded, to accept the Feb. 2, 2023, minutes as printed in the newsletter. The motion carried.

The treasurer's report as published in the newsletter will be filed for audit.

Lynn Gray, First Vice President, announced she is taking photos tonight of members who are entering the quilt show. She presented programs and classes for the next four months:

April 6 - Karen Brow-Meier will lecture on The Smuggle Principles - Seven Design Elements Which Make a Quilt Sing.

April 7 - Karen Brow-Meier will teach "Newly Hatched" a wall hanging/baby quilt workshop.

May 4 - Colleen Pelfrey will lecture on "Life with a Border Around It".

May 5 - Colleen Pelfrey will teach a "Taking out the Dye" workshop.

June 1 - Ice Cream Social and scavenger hunt Quilt show winners are asked to bring quilts for photos.

July 6 - Sew Powerful Purse Project with Torey Elwell, regional manager. workshop

July 7 - Workshop - making purses for school girls in Zambia

Bev announced there will be no mystery quilt this year. Sinta Borland volunteered to set it up next year. This year we will have a UFO Challenge instead.

Charlotte Hickman, Newsletter, announced the deadline to send information for the April newsletter is the 15th. She also reported, thanks to sales of Donna's sewing supplies, there will be two \$600 scholarships available to local high school seniors. The deadline is quickly approaching.

Tricia Lacey, Cuddle Quilts, reported she has kits for cuddle quilts, pillow cases, bibs, and heart shaped pillows. She donated 9 isolette quilts and 50 belly bands to Valley Childrens Hospital. The next work day will be Thursday, March 23, at the library community room from 9:00 - 1:00. We'll cut out wheelchair bags.

Laura Donahue and Peter Gonzalez, Spring Retreat, encouraged members to sign up. The retreat will be April 12-15.

Quilt Show - Bev Gulley, reported we need volunteers to sign-up to sell tickets for our quilt and white glove at Best of the Valley in Lindsay on April 14-15.

Wendy Holt announced 23 quilts have been entered so far. She asked members to enter their quilts as early as possible. The final deadline is April 7. There will be no extensions. If members need help entering online they may call Sally Walker or visit Maria at Bear Paw on Fridays.

Rhonda Dewey reported May 8 and 15 are turn-in days for quilts at the Library community room from 9:00 - 1:00. Kay Marshall reported quilts must have a 4" sleeve (not minis and wall hangings).

Membership, Teri De la Torre announced there are 27 members in attendance. One new member joined tonight, Tammi Civello. We now have 80 members. We will receive a member roster online in May. Winners in the drawing were Helen Ramsey, Ruth Conner, and PJ Grant.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m. followed by show and tell and game night.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Morita, secretary



OPPORTUNITY QUILT UPDATE

Kay Marshall
Quilt Ticket Chairman

At the March Quilt Show Meeting our treasurer, Joan Earnest, looked up the amounts which SMQA has earned selling tickets for our Opportunity Quilts for about the past 6 shows. The lowest amount which we brought in was about \$6,500. The highest amount was about \$9,000. I think we averaged about \$7,000+ earned on every quilt. On our current quilt so far we have brought in \$4,376. Less money earned means less we can spend on guest speakers, rent on the Community Center Pavillion for our meetings, etc. With our show dates of May 20 & 21, the last dates to sell tickets, we are definitely hurting. You may pick up tickets or turn in your stubs (with the accompanying money) to Kay Marshall at our monthly meetings, or you may pick up tickets or drop off your stubs and money at Bear Paw. A few people have mailed in their stubs and money (checks made out to SMQA) to our P.O. Box 1359, Oakhurst, CA 93644. Joan Earnest and Kay Marshall work together to make that acceptable too.

Kay

Quilt Collectors Needed

Two quilt collectors are still needed for the quilt show. This really is the best job! Collectors will work in groups of two as the quilts are taken down, fold them neatly and take them to the stage. At the stage the quilts will be organized so they can be handed back to the owners at the end of the show. Please let Rhonda Dewey know if you can help with this fun and important job by emailing her at rhondakdewey@gmail.com.

Quilt Show Update

Constance Peterson

Best of the Valley would like us to participate in their Quilt Show, April 14th - 15th. You can pick which day you would like to white glove and sell tickets. There is free admission for 10 members. There are only 6 tickets still available so sign- up soon. The show is open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Friday and Saturday Contact Constance when you are available to participate. Text or phone 559-676-0678.

LAST DAY TO ENTER YOUR QUILTS FOR THE SHOW IS FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023 (no exceptions).

Entry forms are online by clicking [here](#). Your quilt does not need to be finished to enter. Please enter as soon as possible to help the committee process the information needed.

QUILT COLLECTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 8TH 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

MONDAY, MAY 15th 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Oakhurst Library Community Room

Rhonda Dewey is the contact person.

DONNA'S LAST SALE

May 4, 2023

Items for sale: Buttons, beads, fabric, rulers, sewing miscellaneous items. Please bring correct change, coins and dollars. The money we collect will be added to the Donna Hennings Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Quilt Show Entry Pictures

Lynn Gray will be taking photos of everyone entering a quilt in the quilt show. The photo will appear on the information sheet next to your quilt. Find Lynn at the April and May guild meetings to get your photo taken



CUDDLE CORNER

Tricia Lacey

Thanks to Patty Spinelli and her friend Nancy, we were able to donate 9 isolette covers and 50 belly bands to the NICU at Valley Children's Hospital this month. Nancy also volunteered to sew the buttons on the covers for us. Thank you, Nancy!

Even with all the rain and postponed SMQA Guild meetings, we received 18 cuddle quilts and 21 pillowcases so far this month. Some of the quilts were finished quilts from the February guild meeting cuddle quilt sewing night. Remember to finish and turn in those quilts.

Our next Cuddle Quilt workday will be 9 am to 1 pm, April 19, at the Oakhurst Library. Instead of cutting out kits we will be sewing, so bring your sewing machine and usual sewing supplies.

Hope to see you there. Keep sewing, ladies. The people we donate to really appreciate the quilts and things we make. If you have any questions, please call us.

Tricia Lacey (530) 680-3741
Rhonda Dewey (559) 760-3401



BUY MORE FABRIC!

Yes! You have permission to buy more fabric! Well, not quite. This is just a suggestion to buy a bit more so you don't run out.

Have you ever run out of fabric you are using in the middle of a project? Then you find the bolt is no longer in the store since someone else had the same taste as you.

So, when buying fabric, purchase between a quarter and half yard extra. Call it insurance. But you will feel better knowing that you won't need to frantically search for fabric in the middle of a quilting project. Any extra yardage will go into the stash for any future endeavor.

RAFFLE BASKETS FOR QUILT SHOW

We are trying to get the basket themes together, so if you've found anything you'd like to donate, please get it to us as soon as you can. April meeting is the absolute final date as we have to make the beautiful baskets. If you are planning on donating a basket and we don't know about it, please let us know.

Thank you in advance for everyone's kindness and donations to help us make baskets. Please call either of us with questions.

Laura Gonzalez and Patty Cramer
559-676-0205 831-392-5549



Taking the Dye Out - May 5, 2023

With [Colleen Pelfrey](#)

This workshop is a little different in that you don't need to bring your sewing machine (unless you want to) and there isn't a project you need to finish. Colleen starts with a little show and tell of quilts she has made using DeColourant in the design process. She then teaches a variety of techniques for using DeColourant on fabric and demonstrates how to use all the different tools she has acquired. Then she lets you play with her toys and gives you any assistance you might need or want for the rest of the workshop. Colleen provides all the DeColourant you need during the workshop, and sends you home with a small container at the end. Click [here](#) for class supplies. Click [here](#) to sign up and pay online.



CIRCLE NEWS

CIRCLE INFORMATION

Anything With Fabric meets 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Oakhurst Public Library every Monday. **All are welcome.** Contact: Sue Johnson or Joan Ernest.

The Oakhurst Machine Embroidery Circle is welcoming new members. The group meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 10 am at Bear Paw. **If interested in joining the group contact Ruthi Connor for more information.**

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.

Circle Hostesses and Greeters for 2023

January	Peter and Laura Gonzalez
February	Material Girls
March	Oakhurst Machine Embroidery
April	Sew Thrilled
May	Fabric Collage
June	Open
July	Anything With Fabric
August	Open
September	Bits and Pieces
October	Open
November	Footloose

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

APRIL 6 LAST DAY TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Thanks to all who have renewed their SMQA memberships for 2023. **We want to remind those who haven't renewed yet to do so BY APRIL 6 in order to be included in the membership roster and continue receiving the monthly newsletter.** Membership makes you eligible to attend our meetings & participate in our programs. You can renew in person at the next meeting, or pay online at our [SMQA website](#). Thanks!

**Welcome Our
New Member
Tammy Civello**



Trash to Treasure

If you are participating in the Trash to Treasure Challenge, please remember to **bring the completed application form to the April 6th meeting.** In order to plan for display at the Quilt Show, we would like to get a sense of the size, type, and category of your Treasure. **Your completed Treasure (along with a picture of your items from the box and any late arrival application) is due on or before May 4th** by dropping them off at the SMQA meeting or at Bear Paw.

Please contact Maria Ciccarelli at 760-3980 or Betsy Anne Youngholm at 536-6532 with any questions.

Karen Brow-Meier: Workshop April 7th, 2023 Pieced and Appliquéd Wall Hanging

From workshop teacher, Karen Brow-Meier:

A workshop favorite, this mamma and baby turtle duo is both elegant and heart-warming. Students can fuse appliqué or turn edges and we'll cover techniques for both. Learn my methods for enchanting eyes and those tiny appliqué pieces. We'll cover how to balance warm and cool colors as well as small and larger scales of prints. The asymmetrical border adds a modern touch and the button embellishments bring a bit of sparkle. A perfect accent piece for any room in the house.

Click [here](#) for fabric selection ideas.

Click [here](#) for fabric requirements and supplies needed.

Click [here](#) to sign up and pay online, or contact Lynn G. or Sally W. to put your name on the list.



April 7th Newly Hatched Wall Hanging. Sign up now at the [SMQA website!](#)

Remaining Tentative Meeting Dates for 2023

Board Meetings	General Meetings
3/27	4/6
4/24	5/4
5/22	6/1
6/26	7/6
7/24	8/3
8/28	9/7
9/25	10/5
10/23	11/2
11/27	12/7
12/18	1/4/24

AMENITIES

Linda Miller

Betsy Anne Youngholm	Sympathy
Family of Chris Hudson	Sympathy
Diane Ward	Get Well

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

Sew Powerful Purse Project

Linking seamstresses from around the world to combat extreme poverty by providing reusable feminine hygiene supplies and health training to girls in Zambia. This enables them to attend school all month and improve their academic performance.

Sew Powerful Regional Manager Torey Elwell will speak Thursday, July 6 and lead a purse making Workshop Friday, July 7. Our goal is to have 100 purses to donate by the Annual Year End Party.

Click [here](#) for a less than 2 minute video explaining the Sew Powerful Purse Project. Click [here](#) for the Beginner Purse Pattern, this link includes an instructional video. Click [here](#) if you are interested in attending our July 7, 2023 Workshop.





Save The Date

Spring Retreat
April 12-15, 2023
9:00- 5:00 pm daily

Happy Easter everyone! We still have a few spots left for the retreat April 12 - 15th. It's \$37 a day!! We are booking a massage therapist to do chair massages!! Please sign up ASAP for any or all days by either going online or sending a check to Laura Gonzalez, 41464 Little Creek Rd., Ahwahnee, CA. 93601 - checks should be made payable to SMQA.

Laura Donahue & Laura Gonzalez - AKA the two Laura's



Pat Bauer	4/30
Sharon Cox	4/10
Laura Gonzalez	4/16
Lynn Gray	4/1
Georgia Harvey	4/14
Sheila Hotovec	4/12
Faith Moore	4/17
Peggy Moore	4/1
Bobbi Sloan	4/10
Sally Walker	4/18
Margie Williams	4/28

We wish you all a very



The birthday ladies are requested to bring snacks to the meeting. Homemade treats are now acceptable along with individually wrapped treats.

November 2023 Veterans Appreciation SMQA meeting and presentation of "Quilts of Valor"

Our meeting in November 2023 will be a special event for Veterans. The plan is to have homemade quilts to present to our Veterans. This can be done by the sewing groups, or individually. Some groups may already have quilts made just waiting for a recipient.

We will honor the Veterans by presenting them with a quilt. A story or a brief history of their time in the service would be helpful to inform the audience as to what sacrifices they gave while serving our country. There are hundreds of patterns that may be made into a patriotic lap quilt or larger size. You may choose to include a pillowcase for storage and to keep it safe for travel. "Quilts of Valor" has a list of their requirements, but we will not be limited by anything but our imagination! It is however, not considered proper to make rag or flag replica quilts. Panels are an option to use as a base and expand in size. In most cases you will know the person and be able to personalize it for them. Let's do what we can to help our men and women feel appreciated. They have given so much and need to know that the American people do care and are thankful to them. Please let me know when you decide to participate as our meeting time will dictate how many Veterans we can honor at the meeting.

Thank you,
PJ Grant

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Sierra Mountain Quilters Association 2023 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

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

BOARD MEMBERS

Co-Presidents	Betsy Blum and Bev Gulley
1st Vice Presidents	Sally Walker and Lynn Gray
2nd Vice President	Jeri Carney
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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