



# Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

**November 4th, 2021, meeting is in the Pavilion  
at the Oakhurst Community Center  
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m.  
Program: John Egbert**

## November 4th Meeting

On November 4th, we have a Trunk Show with John Egbert presenting his convergence quilts and on November 5<sup>th</sup>, a workshop on the Grand Convergence Quilt.



December 2nd is our "Winter Wonderland" annual dinner. It will be catered by L & J Tamales- with choice of Pork Carnitas, Chicken or Vegetarian Tacos with rice, beans, chips, and salsa. Of course, there will be dessert! We will have our installation of new board members and lots of fun and prizes. Tickets are \$20 and available now through November 15th!! Contact me for tickets.

Laura Gonzalez  
First Vice President

**In order to protect ourselves and others, masks are required for attendance at the November meeting and at the November 5th workshop.**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Wendy Holt  
September 30, 2021

### Checking Account

(Balance 8/31/2021)	\$5,934.23
Deposits in September	\$1,815.00
Expenses in September	\$4,382.61

<b>Balance (9/30/2021)</b>	<b>\$3,366.62</b>
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Savings:	\$ 26,358.20
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### Penni's Post

November 2021

Hello Quilters.

Our cooler weather is here! It is time to work on projects and gifts for the holidays. The month of October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month. I am making the Moda breast cancer quilt for my daughter.

Remember the Positivity Challenge is due at the November meeting. I am working on mine. I keep changing my mind, but I will finish.

John Egbert will be here in November. I hope you have signed up as we have had a long road getting him here due to Covid. He brings kits if you need to buy one or bring fabric from your stash for his workshop.

I hope you are all staying safe and well. Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving

### LIBRARY CORNER

At the November meeting, the library will again have patterns and books for you to purchase. Following this sale, any remaining items will be donated to other community organizations.

Each book or pattern will be available for \$2.00 each, so bring plenty of one-dollar bills!

Constance Peterson



### November Birthdays

Sandy Eigenman	November 3
Susan Campbell	November 7
Kathy Williams	November 9
Charlotte Hickman	November 11
Vivian Aumond Capone	November 19
Linda Hawksworth	November 20
Becky Smith	November 21
Liz Carney	November 27

***We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!***



### SECOND VICE PRESIDENTS' REPORT

POSITIVITY CHALLENGE is due at the November meeting. Bring your block, pillow or whatever you made and show everyone your efforts. Everyone will have a chance at a special prize.

We hope 2022 will provide more opportunities for exciting things.

Maria & Patty

**Sierra Mountain Quilters Association  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
October 7, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by President Penni Simily at the Oakhurst Community Center. Nancy Swanson led the flag salute. Penni welcomed the members, and October birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged. The August Treasurer's Report was accepted as published in the September newsletter and filed for audit. Nancy Swanson made a motion, seconded by Patty Cramer, to accept the September 9, 2021, minutes as printed in the newsletter. The motion carried.

Laura Gonzalez/First Vice President, announced that there are still openings for Rachel Clark's workshop; and she noted that John Egbert's November workshop is full. Laura said the Christmas dinner tickets are available at a cost of \$20. Maria Ciccarelli/Second Vice President, promoted the positivity challenge block due for the November meeting (16 inches or smaller, pillow, wall-hanging, etc.), with prizes to be given. Maria announced that Bear Paw Quilts has a Moda Sew Along quilt kit available for Breast Cancer Awareness month. Penni Simily noted that the lady that was going to come to receive the heart pillows was unable to be here. Penni thanked the Bits and Pieces Circle for their contribution.

Teri De La Torre/Membership, announced that 36 members signed in, plus one new member. The fall retreat was a success. The door prize raffle drawings were held. Patty Cramer/Second Vice President, said over 120 cuddle quilts have been donated to charity. A cuddle quilt workshop day has been scheduled at the Library on October 20, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. She thanked Laura Fisher for her donations to the program. Laura Gonzalez thanked Patty Cramer for quilting many of the donated quilts. Laura Fisher commented on her donation of fabric for the cuddle quilt kits. Constance Peterson/Quilt Show, said she is the "mask police" for the meetings. She, along with members of the Quilt Show Committee (Sue Johnson, Joan Earnest, Bev Gulley) (Rhonda Dewey, not able to be present) showed the Opportunity Quilt. Constance acknowledged Jeri Carney for donating the quilting. The Quilt Show is scheduled for May 19-21, 2023; and she passed around a signup sheet to help with the Show. Sally Walker/Webmaster, thanked those who provide input on the web site. Constance Peterson/Librarian, noted the library is being dissolved. Patterns are available today for \$2.00 each and books will be brought to subsequent meetings. Penni Simily asked for volunteers for hospitality for January and May, 2022. Currently individually wrapped refreshments are being served.

Penni Simily said an exception is needed to allow Bev Gulley to serve as Co-President as she has not served on the Board previously. Motion by Laura Gonzalez, seconded by Patty Cramer, the exception was approved for Bev Gulley, by unanimous vote. The following is the slate of officers for 2022: Co-Presidents/Betsy Blum and Bev Gulley; Co-First Vice Presidents/Laura and Peter Gonzalez; Second Vice-President/Maria Ciccarelli; Membership/Sue Johnson; Webmaster/Sally Walker; Newsletter/Charlotte Hickman; Treasurer/Joan Earnest; Secretary/Janet Morita; and Parliamentarian/Laura Donahue. She asked members to consider the following vacant position: Cuddle Quilts.

Margie Williams announced the Spring Retreat is scheduled for March 9-12, 2022, and signups will be taken beginning in January 2022, with an overnight option being available.

Laura Gonzalez and Patty Cramer introduced Rachel Clark. Patty Cramer noted that she is nominating Rachel for the Quilters Hall of Fame. Rachel presented her trunk show of wearable quilted coats and accessories, and quilts.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. for refreshments and Show and Tell. The next meeting will be on November 4, 2021.

Respectfully submitted by Margie Williams, Secretary

## SMQA GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

October 7, 2021

Call to order

Welcome

Secretary's report. Minutes from October 9th general meeting as published in the November newsletter

Treasurer's Report as published in the November newsletter

Election of Officers

Presentation of Proposed 2022 Budget  
(see page 7)

### Reports

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents

Membership

Cuddle Quilts

Librarian

Quilt Show

John Egbert Trunk Show and Presentation

Positivity Block

Show and Tell as time permits

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## Proposed Slate of Officers for 2022

There are five Board positions elected by the membership. The election is held at the November general meeting. The proposed slate for SMQA Board Elected Offices is:

Co-Presidents      Betsy Blum and  
Bev Gulley

Co-First Vice Presidents      Laura and  
Peter Gonzalez

Second Vice President      Maria Ciccarelli

Secretary      Janet Morita

Treasurer      Joan Earnest

### WINTER WONDERLAND

Our December meeting and celebration is on December 2nd in the Main Building at the Oakhurst Community Center.

We need a minimum of 50 to ensure we meet the terms of our contract with our caterer, L and J Tamales. Options are for pork, chicken, or vegetarian taco plates. Tickets are \$20.00 and must be purchased in advance.

Please purchase your ticket at the November meeting or contact Laura Gonzalez at 559-676-0205 to arrange to buy your ticket.



## CUDDLE CORNER

Heart Pillows Delivered to Terry's House



What is a Cuddle Quilt? A cuddle quilt provides comfort to a wide variety of people at many organizations. Each quilt is appreciated more than anyone can imagine. The size of a cuddle quilt is usually 39 x 45, give or take. This makes it easy to use one width of fabric for the backing. We have received a donation of large quilt tops which need to be quilted. We've had one taker and it's greatly appreciated. I have quilted over twenty-one myself and each of these is probably close to two cuddle quilts, sometimes more. So, any help which anyone can give is greatly appreciated. We are saving a few quilt tops to make special baskets for the quilt show. If we don't get them quilted, they will be returned to our storage unit.

Thanks to everyone who made anything for the Cuddle Quilt Program. It's pretty much our only effort to help our community.

Patty & Maria

## Hospitality 2022

We are asking for volunteers to set up the refreshment table next year at our SMQA monthly meetings. The circles have graciously signed up for most of the months, but we **still need volunteers for January and May**. Get together with friends (or acquaintances who might become friends) and take one of the remaining months. Please contact Marian Romero if you are able to help at the remaining two open months in 2022.

Hospitality responsibilities are to set up the refreshment table with appropriate decorations and tablecloth and the provided tableware, mix the drink powders, and provide the greeters at the door.

## Circle News

**Anything With Fabric** meets every Tuesday from 10:00 to 1:00 at the Oakhurst Public Library Community Room. All are welcome. Contact: Ronda Dewey or Constance Peterson

## AMENITIES

Linda Miller

Eldine Stillman  
Laura Fisher

Sympathy  
Thank You

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

**NOVEMBER HOLIDAYS**

All Saints Day	November 1
Daylight Savings Ends	November 7
Veterans' Day	November 11
National Pickle Day	November 14
Retired Teachers' Day	November 21
Thanksgiving Day	November 25
Giving Tuesday	November 30

The November birthstone is the Topaz, symbolizing love and affection, and said to increase strength and intellect.

The November flower, the Chrysanthemum symbolizes loyalty and honesty.

**Notices**

For Sale:

Asking \$500.00

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



Contact Carolin Gaither in Coarsegold at 559-223-4208

**TIPS AND HINTS**

To wash small pieces of fabric without fraying the edges, put them in a salad spinner rather than the washing machine. Spin with water and soap; rinse in cool water; drain and spin; then press the pieces dry.



**SMQA PROPOSED BUDGET 2022**

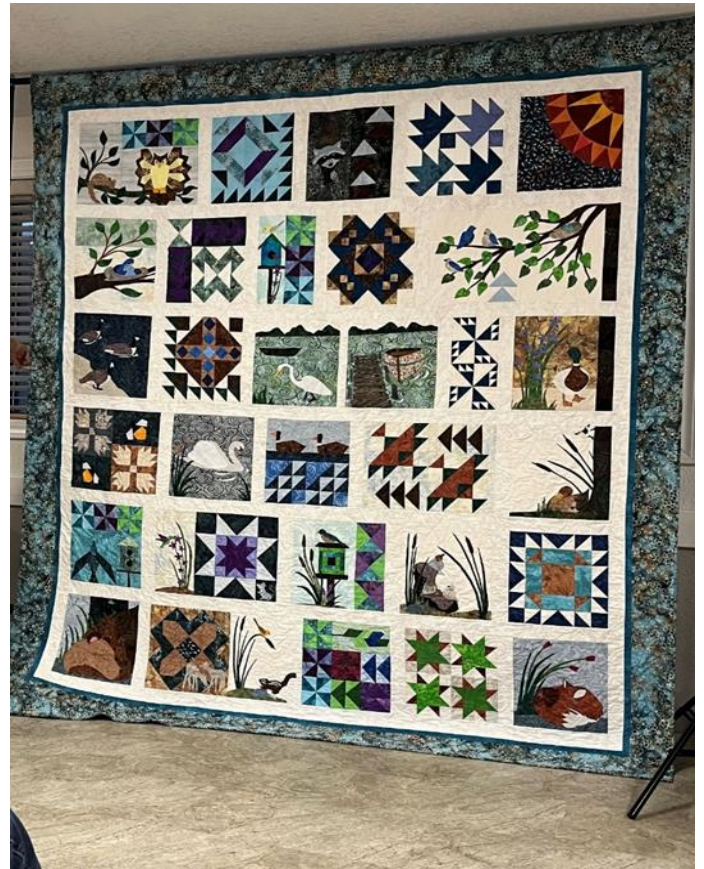
INCOME	2021 Budget	2021 Actuals	Proposed 2022
Balance in checkbook (plus money from Savings Account)	\$5,230.00	\$5,002.20	\$10,200.00
Advertising	\$200.00	\$255.00	\$255.00
Membership	\$2,750.00	\$2,530.00	\$2,500.00
Quilt Show	\$5,000.00	\$2,319.00	\$3,000.00
Workshops	\$2,520.00	\$1,015.00	\$5,600.00
Christmas Party - Self-Sustaining	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Retreats & Trips - Self-Sustaining	\$0.00	\$1,716.00	\$0.00
Name Badges - Self Sustaining	\$0.00	\$36.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$15,700.00</b>	<b>\$12,873.20</b>	<b>\$21,555.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
President	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
First Vice President			
Hospitality	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Programs (hotel, mileage, speaker)	\$3,000.00	\$984.77	\$5,000.00
Christmas Party - Self-Sustaining	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Publicity	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$70.00
Rent, Set-up/down (regular meetings)	\$600.00	\$349.90	\$1,260.00
Workshops (Rent, Set-up/down, Teacher)	\$2,520.00	\$831.00	\$5,600.00
Second Vice President			
Amenities	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Cuddle Quilts	\$2,000.00	\$545.89	\$2,000.00
Community Service (other than Cuddle Quilts)	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Historian	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Library	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Treasurer			
Insurance	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Miscellaneous Fees	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Northern California Quilt Council (2 years, due 2023)	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
P. O. Box Rental	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$110.00
Scholarships, Youth & Young Adult Outreach	\$800.00	\$600.00	\$800.00
Office Supplies	\$100.00	\$11.00	\$100.00
Storage Units	\$1,750.00	\$1,824.80	\$2,000.00
Tax Preparation	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$175.00
Membership (Roster Book, Raffles, Cards, Supplies)	\$1,000.00	\$194.36	\$1,000.00
Newsletter	\$300.00	\$62.92	\$300.00
Quilt Show (quilt supplies, raffle tickets)	\$1,500.00	\$475.03	\$1,500.00
Website	\$250.00	\$59.88	\$250.00
Retreats & Trips - Self-Sustaining	\$0.00	\$1,716.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$15,700.00</b>	<b>\$6,629.55</b>	<b>\$21,555.00</b>

## OCTOBER GENERAL MEETINGG

Penni models Swing Coat



## OPPORTUNITY QUILT REVEAL



PJ models Asian Inspired



At our January meeting, Quilt Show Committee Chair Constance Peterson will discuss in detail the volunteer positions we need filled in order to make the 2023 Quilt Show a success.

Without the show in 2021, we will have to make up for a major fundraising loss. Please volunteer to work on the quilt show.



SHOW AND TELL AT OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

Rhonda Lloyd with Baby Quilt



Kathy with Branded Cow



Betsy and her Dala Horses



Laura with ice dyed baby shirt





## OCTOBER SEMINOLE STYLE PIECING WORKSHOP

Kathy and piecing



Seminole Style Piecing Workshop



PJ and Rachel discuss options for framing  
Japanese blocks



Patty and Rachel discuss color



## Services from our Advertisers

**BEAR PAW QUILTS & MORE**

FABRIC  
NOTIONS  
PATTERNS  
CLASSES

**FALL FABRICS ARE IN!**

**New Christmas Fabrics Too!**

40761 Highway 41  
Suite 7  
Oakhurst, CA 93644

559-683-7397

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The advertisement is framed by a colorful quilt border. It features images of various quilted items, including a quilted bag, a quilted tablecloth, and a quilted top. There are also illustrations of a teddy bear and a holly leaf.

**A Thread Above Quilt Studio**  
Longarm Quilting Services

Jeri Carney ~~~ 559.760.5125

athreadabove@gmail.com  
www.athreadabovestudio.com

The advertisement features a stylized illustration of a sewing machine with a heart on the foot and a thread spool on the spooler. The text is in a mix of bold and regular fonts, with the contact information clearly displayed.



## Sierra Mountain Quilters Association

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

### BOARD MEMBERS

President	Penni Simily
First Vice Presidents	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.*

Send Newsletter submissions to  
[betsy@youngholm.com](mailto: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	Lynn Gray
Hospitality	Circles
Librarian	Constance Peterson
Membership	Teri De La Torre
Newsletter	Betsy Anne Youngholm
Parliamentarian	Linda Pennington
Quilt Show Chairs	Sinta Borland & Jeri Carney
Webmaster	Sally Walker