



Sierra Mountain Quilters Newsletter

February 4, 2021 MEETING IS ON ZOOM
Sign in at 5:30 p.m.; Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m.
Program: "Overcoming Quilting Disasters"

FEBRUARY

February 4th Meeting

At the February 4th meeting, the Material Girlfriends will present "Overcoming Quilting Disasters".

After sewing and quilting for years, twin sisters, Lisa and Lora, began making their own patterns and designs. Lisa has a BS degree in Graphic Design and Illustration and does most of the design work for their patterns. Lora has a BS degree in Interior Design and Textiles and lends her skills to color and fabrics.

They began Material Girlfriends Patterns in 2012. Our 2020 Mystery Quilt was their "Spinning Pie Plates" pattern. You can see more about them on their website at <https://materialgirlfriends.com>



They will present their "Confetti-Star" workshop on February 5th and 6th from 9:00 a.m. to noon on both days. You can contact Helen Brown by phone, text, or email to sign up. Please send your \$35.00 workshop fee to her at her home address.

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 February 4th meeting only, and you can begin signing in at 5:30 p.m.

The March 4th meeting features Linda Wagner with "Edgy", a presentation on borders and binding.

Remember to send in your 2021 Membership form and check prior to the February 4th General Meeting in order to have your name and other information included in the roster, to continue to receive the newsletter, and to have programs and workshops available to you.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by President Penni Simily. There were 32 members present on Zoom. Penni welcomed the members along with new member, Barbara Messner.

Laura Gonzalez made a motion, seconded by Wendy Holt, to accept the December 3, 2020, minutes as printed in the Newsletter, with a correction to reflect that the Mystery Quilt pattern is available on the website. The motion carried. The December Treasurer's Report was accepted as published in the January newsletter and filed for audit.

Patty Cramer and Maria Ciccarelli, 2nd Vice Presidents, explained the heart pillows project for post-operative heart surgery and breast cancer patients at St. Agnes Hospital. Kits and completed pillows can be picked up and dropped off at Bear Paw Quilts, along with cuddle quilts. Members stuffed the pillows during this meeting. Patty and Maria are working on program planning.

Laura Gonzalez, 1st Vice President, stated the Material Girlfriends will give a presentation at the February 4th meeting on "Overcoming Quilting Disasters." They will do a workshop via Zoom on February 5th and 6th, 2021, on Confetti Hunter Star. The pattern is available at Bear Paw Quilts. Linda Wagner will give a presentation at the March 4, 2021, meeting on edgings, borders, and bindings.

Penni Simily advised of the Bear Paw Quilts Row Quilt project. The pattern book and kits are available at Bear Paw Quilts.

For Membership, Teri De La Torre requested that members fill out the membership form and turn in their money as soon as possible to be included in the membership directory. Sally Walker/Mystery Quilt-Webmaster, noted the mystery quilt information is available on the website, and she advised of the password for the site. Betsy Anne Youngholm noted that items for the newsletter, need to be submitted by the 20th of each month for inclusion in the newsletter. Patty Cramer provided a reminder that cuddle quilt kits are available to be picked up at Bear Paw Quilts. Someone will be available to collect the completed quilts on the second Friday of each month between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Kathy Millhollon asked that members that have not picked up their raffle tickets for the opportunity quilt, to please do so and to sell them. The tickets are available at Sinta Borland's office. Kathy noted that \$1,954 has been raised thus far. The quilt will be raffled on May 16, 2021.

The appointed Board members were introduced: Teri De La Torre, Membership; Betsy Anne Youngholm, Newsletter; Sinta Borland and Jeri Carney, Quilt Show Co-Chairs; and Sally Walker, Webmaster. Motion was offered by Nancy Mason, seconded by Becky Smith, to approve the appointments. The motion carried.

Constance Peterson, Librarian, stated she will put information in the newsletter regarding the library and books that are available. Sally Walker stated she could put the titles on the website. Betsy Anne Youngholm noted that Helen Ramsey is in the process of downsizing and has a Bernina 700 for sale. Wendy Holt noted that the audit was completed and there were no issues. She thanked Becky Smith and Kay Marshall for being on the Audit Committee.

Show and Tell was held.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held via Zoom on February 4, 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

February 4, 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 January 7th
general meeting as published in the January
newsletter

Treasurer's Report as published in the February
newsletter

Introduction of Program: Overcoming Quilting
Disasters

REPORTS

1st Vice President

2nd Vice president

Membership

Webmaster

Newsletter

Cuddle Quilts

Quilt show

Old Business

Opportunity Quilt Raffle Tickets

New Business

Show and Tell as time permits



PENNI'S POST

February 2021

Happy Valentine's Day

We are having beautiful weather as I write this article today. Oops, that was yesterday. What a difference; high winds, trees down, and a lot of damage today. I feel sad for people that have major damage.

I am hoping you will join us on February 4th for our meeting and a presentation with Material Girlfriends. We will also have 2 days of class to make the confetti star quilt. You will be surprised how easy it is to ask questions and show your progress on the Zoom platform. Another perk: no loading up all our "equipment" to come to class.

It looks like we are going to be meeting virtually for a while. I am wondering if any members would be interested in a Zoom meeting to sew and discuss the mystery quilt, row quilt, and any other themes of interest. Just an easy way to see friends and visit. Please contact me if you are interested.

Stay safe and hopefully we will be able to see each other in person soon.

Penni



CUDDLE CORNER

January was the start of our "Have a Heart" pillow project, and thanks to everyone IT IS A SUCCESS! We will be donating 50 heart pillows to St. Agnes Hospital. Since there are still many of our members who want to make more, we will have more kits available in February. We also received 8 cuddle quilts that will be donated to Fresno County Social Services. As of mid-January, we received 96 items total. We are so grateful for an amazing start to our year!

For February, we will have cuddle quilt, wheelchair bag, mask, and heart kits available. We are also working on pillowcase kits and new patterns for cuddle quilts, which will add some extra fun to the projects. Please remember that every 2nd Friday of the month is drop off day for finished kits, at Bear Paw. Kits are available any time.

Once again, thank you to all who turned in quilts and hearts. They can mean the world to the recipients.

Maria & Patty

February Birthdays

Betty Fish	2/2
Loretta Pesetski	2/9
Teri De La Torre	2/10
Donna McCall	2/13
Toodie Brendle	2/22
Jean Richter	2/22
Lupe Thompson	2/22

We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!



2021 Mystery Quilt

Let's get started! This month we will be cutting out our fabric. Click [here](#) for the direct link to your instructions. These can also be found by going to our website, then clicking on the "member page" found on the horizontal navigation bar. I've said it before and I'll say it again, value is especially important in most mystery quilts, and this one is no exception!

Below is my first attempt at pulling out medium value fabrics for this mystery quilt. Though I was satisfied with my color choices, I decided to look at the black and white version of the picture I'd taken. Can you see that one fabric screams "dark" in comparison to the rest of my fabrics? The cute blue giraffe fabric didn't make the cut. **Value is very important in this quilt.** Taking a black and white photo of your fabrics will take the guesswork out of the selection process!



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

Sally Walker



FEBRUARY HOLIDAYS

Dark Chocolate Day	February 1
Groundhog Day	February 2
Pay a Compliment Day	February 6
Valentine's Day	February 14
Do a Grouch a Favor Day	February 16
President's Day	February 15
Tootsie Roll Day	February 23
National Bacon Day	February 26

The birthstone for February is amethyst. Amethyst is associated with stability, courage, and peace. It is a symbol of personal empowerment and inner strength.

February's birth flower is the violet. This purple-hued bloom is a symbol of loyalty, thoughtfulness, and dependability.

Hints and Tips from Experience

Constance Peterson notes: Before you unroll your new jelly roll, take a lint brush and brush both sides of the roll. You will remove fabric dust and lose threads.

Quilting Circles

Contact: Marian Romero

February 2021

Yoyo's are still Zooming and enjoying showing projects, or for me clearing and packing. Stay safe everyone.

Bits & Pieces will gather on Wednesday, February 3rd. Charlotte is our hostess.

Anything With Fabric is continuing to Zoom twice a week, sharing our projects, and helping each other.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Wendy Holt

December 2020

Checking Account

(Balance 11/30/2020)	\$6,082.70
Deposits in December	\$ 35.00
Expenses in December	\$ 620.95

Balance (12/31/2020) \$5,496.75

Savings: \$ 26,356.24

Many thanks to Kay Marshall and Becky Smith for volunteering to conduct the audit for 2020. The audit was completed in January with no issues found.

SMQA Library News

Rather than dissolve the library, Constance Peterson has stepped up to serve as our librarian. Because storage capacity is limited at the Oakhurst Community Center Pavilion, and because we cannot currently meet, Constance has offered to house the library and have books available for distribution. She has noted that some members seem to have been unaware that SMQA has a library, so the following highlights some of the books we have.

Library Corner

For February, how about a Heart Quilt for Valentine's Day?

Hearts Are Forever

Traditional Quilts II

Simple Creative Machine Stitches

If you are not interested in making another Heart Quilt, how about some of Eleanor Burn's books?

Quilt in a Day Series

Boston Common Quilt (includes a short history of the Boston Common, patterns and instructions, plus a duck pattern)

Day & Night Quilt (acrylic template included)

Easy Strip Tulip

Morning Star Quilt

Radiant Star

Tennessee Waltz Quilt (aka 54-40 or Fight Quilt)

Trip Around the World Quilt

To check out a book or two, please give me a call. I would be happy to meet you in either Coarsegold or Oakhurst.

Constance Peterson



"Sierra Springtime Quilt Show" CANCELLED

The Quilt Show committee has unanimously voted to cancel the 2021 SMQA Quilt Show.

Our concern is for our members as well as the community. We will continue to sell raffle tickets for our Opportunity Quilt as a fundraiser for our guild and honor the date of the drawing for the quilt on May 16th.



We would like to reach out to our members to continue selling tickets for our beautiful quilt. Currently, our quilt is on display at Bear Paw Quilts, which we are grateful for. It looks beautiful there! We are so glad to have this avenue to show the quilt and sell tickets for it.

Be well,
Sinta and Jeri

Sue Johnson's Lollypop Trees (Kim McClean pattern)



Betty Fisher's 2020 Mystery Quilt



Convergence by Lissa Metzger



Alex Anderson's "Face Project" by Steph Risinger



Silk Jacket by Marilyn Harvey



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Sierra Mountain Quilters Association 2021 Membership Form

Your membership dues support the many functions of SMQA including: meetings, speakers, workshops, newsletter, website, quilting retreats, circles, Biennial Quilt Show and fellowship.

Membership: *(Please circle one)*

Individual Membership: \$25

Family: \$35

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Note: Please mail your check to SMQA, P.O. Box 1359, Oakhurst, CA 93644

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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

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