



# Sierra Mountain Quilters Association Newsletter

## **MAY 5, 2022 GENERAL MEETING**

### **Hospitality and Greeters: Fabric Collage**

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

General Meeting Presentation by Anelie Belden

Workshop May 6<sup>th</sup> - Anelie Belden – Dresden Plates



## **Co-Presidents' Corner**

I recently visited the Yosemite Gateway Art Center at Gallery Row on Hwy 41, to see the annual exhibit of the *Yosemite Renaissance* show by artists who are inspired by Yosemite and the surrounding Sierra Nevada Mountains. This juried exhibit normally can only be viewed at the museum in Yosemite but normal has been disrupted. Nevertheless, the show includes two renowned California quilters - Denise Oyama Miller and Sherry Werum.

Quilters often seek inspiration from nature for color and pattern, and this is a fabulous show to fill your senses and encourage creativity. Look closely at the two landscape quilts - small but powerful. Hopefully, you will be inspired to make your own fabric landscape with Linda Schmidt at our September 2 workshop. She is another talented quilter from Dublin, California.

This exhibit will be at the Yosemite Gateway Art Center until May 29<sup>th</sup>. Do go and support our community. And be inspired.

Betsy

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Joan Earnest  
March 31, 2022

### **Checking Account**

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| (Balance 3/01/2022) | \$10,647.78 |
| Deposits in March   | 4,032.00    |
| Expenses in March   | 4,658.93    |

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| Balance<br>(03/31/2022) | \$ 10,020.85 |
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## **Hostesses and Greeters for 2022**

January – Open  
February – Material Girls  
March – Sew Crafty  
April – Sew Thrilled  
May – Fabric Collage  
June – Guild Officers  
July – Anything with Fabric  
August – Open  
September – Bits and Pieces  
October – Thursday Thimbles  
November – Footloose  
December – Christmas Party

**SMQA GENERAL BUSINESS**

May 5, 2022

**Call to Order****Flag Salute**

Welcome

Thanks to Hospitality and Greeters – Fabric  
Collage

**Reports**

**Secretary's Report.** Minutes from April 14  
meeting

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents** – Laura and Peter Gonzalez

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents** – Maria Ciccarelli

**Treasurer's Report** – Joan Earnest

**Membership** - Sue Johnson

**Webmaster** –Sally Walker

**Newsletter** – Charlotte Hickman

**Cuddle Quilts** – Chris Hudson

**Fall Retreat** – Teri De la Torre

**Quilt Show** –Constance Peterson

**New Business**

**Show and Tell**

**Program:** Anelie Belden – Dresden Plates

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Happy Spring Everyone!! We had a great time in John Egbert's class and as usual all the attendees want him to come back and do another class! We loved the toffee he gave away! May brings us Anelie Belden's Dresden Class. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so right away!! Peter and I attended the "Meet the Teacher's" zoom presentation and saw some awesome teachers. We are sure to have great programs in 2023!!

**Spring Retreat Coordinator**

We are in need of someone - or more than one someone - to volunteer to take over as the Spring Retreat Coordinator. If you are willing to step up to the plate and take on this important job, please let Betsy or Bev know.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Oakhurst Branch Library is having a summer reading program which will include teaching students a skill. Ten volunteers are needed to teach these skills.

The first is Basics of Sewing on June 22 at which students will be taught hand sewing. Kits will be provided. The second is teaching a sewing project to Tweens July 12-14 from 1 to 3 pm. At the conclusion of the three days each student will go home with a finished project.

Please contact Teri De La Torre at dltcteri@aol.com if you can volunteer.

**REVISED WORKSHOP SCHEDULE**

June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ice Cream Social

July 7<sup>th</sup> - Buy a Table and Sell Your Treasures

July 8<sup>th</sup> - Chris Hudson's Chair Class

August 4<sup>th</sup> - Heidi from AVS

Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> - Linda Schmidt

"Miniature Landscape"

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> - Patsy Carpenter

"Paper Piecing Table Runner"

Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Veterans Recognition

Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> - Christmas Party

**CHAIR CLASS**

Chris Hudson

At our April meeting a few of you asked me when I'd be handing out the pattern and instructions for the class. For a number of reasons this class has moved around a few times; however, it will now be July 8th. I'll be distributing the information at the June meeting.

I have a few extra chairs (\$30 each). If you need one, let me know. These were purchased by me, so if you'd like one, you can pay me cash or check.

**Sierra Mountain Quilters Association  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
April 14, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by president, Bev Gulley, at the Oakhurst Community Center. She then led the flag salute and announced the doors would be kept open for ventilation. Bev thanked the "So Thrilled" circle for decorating the refreshment table.

Nancy Swanson made a motion, seconded by Sally Walker, to accept the March 3, 2022, minutes as printed in the newsletter. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Laura Gonzalez, First Vice President, introduced speaker, John Egbert, who will be teaching "Not Your Grandmothers Log Cabin" on Friday. She then went over the programs and classes for the upcoming months. Laura is currently looking for teachers for next year.

Maria Ciccarelli, Second Vice President, asked for 10 volunteers for the library's sewing program this summer.

Nancy Swanson made a motion, seconded by Margie Williams, to accept the February treasurer's report. The February Treasurer's report as published in the March newsletter will be filed for audit.

Sue Johnson, Membership, announced the new directories are here. We had 42 members and 2 visitors in attendance. Teri de la Torre, Linda Miller, and Tricia Lacey won the door prizes. Sally Walker, Webmaster, invited people to visit the website.

Charlotte Hickman, Newsletter, announced the deadline for the newsletter is the 20th of the month. She also said California Heritage Quilt Project information will be in the next newsletter.

Chris Hudson, Cuddle Quilts, announced Wed., April 20, will be another cuddle quilt day. We donated 8 cuddle quilts to Mountain Crisis Center.

Teri De la Torre, announced Fall Retreat will be Sept. 12 - 15. The Sign-ups will begin in June.

Bev Gulley volunteered to co-chair the Quilt Show with Constance Peterson. The committee is still in need of someone to be the Opportunity Quilt scheduler. Betty Fisher will take the quilt to the Raymond Parade on Saturday and sell tickets.

There was no New Business.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m. followed by Show and Tell and a program by John Egbert.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Morita, Secretary



## CUDDLE CORNER

Chris Hudson

Many thanks to those of you who donated cuddle quilts this past month (you know who you are). 🧡

Here's the rundown: 17 cuddle quilts, 6 heart pillows, 8 pillow cases, and 11 twin/full sized quilts which were already distributed to the Mountain Crisis Center in Mariposa by Bits and Pieces members.

Six of the cuddle quilts, 4 heart pillows plus 8 bags for wheelchairs were donated to Melissa Harris, at AseraCare Hospice in Fresno.

Again, I would like to thank Laura Fisher for gifting so many of her quilt tops to our guild. Some of these were "kitted" and placed with coordinating fabrics. Many of these were actually sewn together, just needing backing and batting. Also, a big "thank you" 🧡 to Shirley Flynn for her donation of several finished tops and an entire roll of poly- batting!



**Staff from Mountain Crisis Center loaded up with the large quilts made and donated by the Bits and Pieces quilting circle**



## OPPORTUNITY QUILT UPDATE

Kay Marshall  
Quilt Ticket Chairman

As of April 14<sup>th</sup>, we have sold \$941 in tickets for the Opportunity Quilt. Tickets were sold at ECCO during our spring retreat in March. In early April our quilt was taken to the "Best of the Valley" quilt show in Lindsey, and then to a "Craft Bazaar" at the Bootjack Stompers Hall. Thanks to all of the SMQA members who worked at these events. I believe there may be a drawing for a prize for those who work at these events selling tickets and/or white gloving. Those members who sell more than the required minimum 30 ticket packet will probably be entered into this raffle also. So, if you are in charge of taking the Opportunity Quilt to an event, please let me know who has worked at that event.

If you have not picked up your original packet of 30 tickets, you may do so at our general meetings, or you may have a friend pick up your packet. All SMQA members are asked to sell or purchase a packet of 30 tickets. If you need extra tickets, you may pick some up at Bear Paw or get them at a general SMQA meeting. If picking up extra tickets at Bear Paw, please sign your name for the numbers which you take. When returning your ticket stubs and money to Kay Marshall (at a general meeting or if you see me elsewhere), please keep the stubs and money together (usually in an envelope or with a rubber band). We do accept checks which should be made out to "Sierra Mountain Quilters Association" or "SMQA". Keep up the great ticket selling!!!



## PRICES REDUCED!!

Serger and sewing furniture formerly owned by Peggy McNelly. If interested contact Randy McNelly at 559-760-2455 and/or email at [randymcnelly@gmail.com](mailto:randymcnelly@gmail.com)

Singer Serger Professional Overlock Sewing Machine #14T968DC was \$500 **NOW \$300**  
Koala Outback Sewing Table was \$1500 **NOW \$1,200**



## AMISH SEWING FURNITURE FOR SALE!

Wendy Holt is selling her Amish manufactured sewing cabinet that was built to fit Singer and Janome sewing machines and a Janome serger on the right side. It also has a thread shelving pull out. The Amish cabinet height is 30.5" x 78.5" open x 19.5" deep. The price has been **REDUCED TO \$1,000 OR BEST OFFER**. If interested contact Wendy at 818-813-0797 for more information.



## CRAFTER QUILTER DREAM SALE

This notice submitted by Kay Marshall:  
On May 19-21 there will be an estate sale of a prolific sewer and crafter. The sale is being held at 41177 Grey Eagle Court Ahwahnee. This lady apparently had lots of fabric.

## QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE

Constance Peterson

**Quilt Show May 19 -21, 2023**

## Volunteers needed: Quilter Scheduler

Selling raffle tickets is how we support our guild. Since we do not have a scheduler, please volunteer to host an event. This would involve making arrangements to bring the Opportunity Quilt to the venue and providing a sign-up sheet at the Guild Meeting for volunteers to help with your event. If everyone schedules one event, we will be able to sell lots of Opportunity Quilt Tickets to support the guild. Please help. **We need YOU.**

I would like to thank Patty Cramer for volunteering to co-chair the raffle baskets.

Thank you everyone for your help,



## FOR SALE

Q-Zone Hoop-Frame Pro (by The Grace Company) 4-1/2-foot frame. One year old. Asking \$500.00. Contact Carolin in Coarsegold at 559-223-4208



## CIRCLE NEWS

**Anything With Fabric** meets 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Oakhurst Public Library every Monday. All are welcome. Contact: Ronda Dewey or Constance Peterson

**Sew Crafty Quilters** is open to new and current members. We meet at Oakhurst Library Community Room the 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 1 – 4 p.m. Contact Teri De La Torre, 831-728-2027.

**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](mailto:janet@morita.com).

**Bits & Pieces** in April welcomed Kristin Fiester, director of Mountain Crisis Center and two other co-workers, who gave an informative presentation of the work they are doing to help women in crisis in Mariposa and Oakhurst. The women were thrilled to receive the twin/queen sized quilts from Bits and Pieces for use in the women's shelter.



Sue Johnson effectively captured the look of her "grand dog," Bella, in this fabric collage quilt.

## FEATURED QUILTING CIRCLE FABRIC COLLAGE

Fabric Collage is a new art quilting group. We meet on the second and fourth Fridays of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the back room at Bear Paw. Our goal is to help each other create fabric collages of people, animals, florals, and landscapes. If you are interested, please join us. We'll be happy to help you.



Fabric Collage members Sue Johnson, Maria Ciccarelli, Laura Gonzalez, Janet Morita, and Betsy Anne Youngholm.



A work in progress submitted by Janet Morita.



## Sierra Mountain Quilters Association 2022 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

Please Print Clearly

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Day of Birth: *(Month/Day)* \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:**

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

**Membership Chair Use Only:**

Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Check number \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_



**Save The Date**

Fall Retreat  
 September 12-15, 2022  
 9:00- 5:00 pm daily  
 Includes lunch.  
 More details to come.

**HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES**

|                |                                |
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| <b>May 1:</b>  | May Day                        |
| <b>May 5:</b>  | Cinco de Mayo                  |
| <b>May 8:</b>  | Mother's Day                   |
| <b>May 10:</b> | National Clean Your Room Day   |
| <b>May 11:</b> | National Eat What You Want Day |
| <b>May 16:</b> | National Barbeque Day          |
| <b>May 20:</b> | Bike to Work Day               |
| <b>May 30:</b> | Memorial Day                   |

**MAY FLOWER**

The sweet flowers of May embody the hopes and dreams of those who give them. The May birth flowers are **lily-of-the-valley** and **hawthorn**. The fragrant **lily-of-the-valley** signifies sweetness, humility, and a return to happiness. If you want to show your loved one that your life is complete with them, give them a few lilies of the valley.

The other May flower is the **hawthorn** plant, which represents hope and supreme happiness. Hawthorn signifies that you want only the best for the recipient.

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

|                  |      |
|------------------|------|
| Lisa Metzger     | 5/2  |
| Ginnie Westfall  | 5/7  |
| Kathy Millhollon | 5/11 |
| Debbie Beighey   | 5/12 |
| Patty Wiens      | 5/13 |
| Helen Ramsey     | 5/24 |
| Tara Locks       | 5/26 |
| Mel Peters       | 5/26 |

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



The birthday ladies are requested to bring purchased individually wrapped snacks to the meeting.



## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA QUILT COUNCIL

The Northern California Quilt Council has a website worth checking out. The website has lots of information regarding future quilt shows, fund raising ideas, information on volunteering to be part of the California Heritage Quilt Project, and even how to take minutes for the guild or any other organization of which you may be a member.

According to Jeanne Brophy, director of NCQC, the website has a tab named: Opp Quilts/Fundraisers. This is where they have added all fundraisers, i.e., boutiques, quilt shows, etc. The other tab is under Information – Guild Fundraisers. You'll find "How To" put on different fundraisers. For instance, there is an article on how to do a Quilter's Yard Hop aka fabric sale, Online Auction and even how to get funds for United Healthcare Reimbursement and many more – check it out! Copy and paste the links into your address line.

<https://ncqc.net>

This link will take you directly to their informative newsletter.

<https://northerncaliforniaquiltcouncil.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/NCQC%20Newsletter%20Spring%202022%20Volume%2018%20Issue%201.pdf>

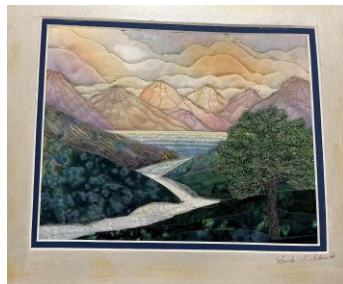
### AMENITIES

Linda Miller

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Mel Peters     | Get Well        |
| Becky Smith    | Get Well        |
| Diane Matthews | Thinking of You |
| Barbara Graas  | Thinking of You |

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

This is an example of a landscape quilt which will be taught by Linda Schmidt at her Landscape Quilt Workshop in September.



**Don't forget to sell your tickets  
for the 2023 SMQA Opportunity  
Quilt.**

### SMQA SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Every year Sierra Mountain Quilters Association sets aside a scholarship for a deserving high school student interested in pursuing an art or design major. This year we were fortunate to receive five applicants - two from Mariposa County High School and one each from Yosemite High School, Minarets High School and Western Sierra Charter School. The applicant chosen to receive the \$600 award is **Kaitlyn Fisher**, a student at Yosemite High School. Kaitlyn plans to pursue a degree in illustration or graphic design.

## April 14 Meeting Highlights



John shows one of his brightly colored quilts.



Sew Thrilled hostesses for the meeting set a lovely table complete with Easter bunnies and lots of colorful eggs.

Sally, What's the Point?



This is definitely "NOT Your Grandmother's Log Cabin!"



Laura's daughter's wedding quilt.



Kathy's Circle of Nine Quilt



Sue's quilt is likely to keep this creche of penguins warm!



## Hard at Work at John Egbert's Workshop



**Betsy chose lovely blues for her quilt.**



**Laura was all smiles with her progress.**



**Janet worked so fast it was hard for others to keep up**



**Margie quickly caught on to how to use the special triangle ruler.**



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

### BOARD MEMBERS

|                     |                              |
|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Co-Presidents       | Betsy Blum and<br>Bev Gulley |
| 1st Vice Presidents | Laura and Peter<br>Gonzalez  |
| 2nd Vice President  | Maria Ciccarelli             |
| 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](mailto:cthickman@yahoo.com)  
Deadline is 20th of each month.

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

|                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| New Member Support | Chris Hudson       |
| Amenities          | Linda Miller       |
| Circles            | Mel Peters         |
| Cuddle Quilts      | Chris Hudson       |
| Historian          | Lynn Gray          |
| Webmaster          | Sally Walker       |
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| Newsletter         | Charlotte Hickman  |
| Quilt Show Chair   | Constance Peterson |

