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Sierra Mountain Quilters

Association Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 GENERAL MEETING

Hospitality and Greeters: Bits and Pieces

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. General Meeting: Linda Schmidt Trunk Show



Co-Presidents' Corner

Sometimes it's hard to think about quilting when it's so darned hot! I'm certainly not interested in having a warm, cozy, lap quilt draped over me right now. This might be a good time to challenge ourselves to work on something little — whether that means making small things, or trying your hand at small-scale quilt making. I'm making a batch of pineapple blocks with strips that finish at ½ inch. They are coming out pretty well, thanks to Marti Michell's nifty Pineapple templates. Keeps me occupied and doesn't take a lot of fabric either.

We're almost three fourths of the way through 2022, and it's time for our Nominating Committee to line up candidates for next year's Board. Please consider serving!

Bev

DON'T FORGET TO SELL
YOUR OPPORTUNITY QUILT
TICKETS!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joan Earnest August 31, 2022

Checking Account

(Balance 7/01/2022) \$9,157.26 Credits in July 1,511,92 Debits in July 382.15

Ending Balance \$10,287.03

(07/31/2022)

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

BALANCE \$19,360.83

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 – Bev and Friends

September – Bits and Pieces

October – Thursday Thimbles

November – Footloose

December – Christmas Party

SMQA GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

September 1, 2022

Call to Order

Flag Salute Welcome Thanks to Hospitality and Greeters: Bev and Friends

Reports

Secretary's Report - Minutes from August 6 meeting

1st Vice Presidents - Laura and Peter Gonzalez

2nd Vice Presidents - Maria Ciccarelli

Treasurer's Report - Joan Ernest

Membership - Sue Johnson

Newsletter - Charlotte Hickman

Webmaster - Sally Walker

Cuddle Quilts - Tricia Lacey

Fall Retreat - Teri De la Torre

Quilt Show - Constance Peterson

New Business Show and Tell

Linda Schmidt Trunk Show

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The August meeting was very fun and educational. Heidi presented lots of great information about long arm quilting and offers classes from beginner to advanced. Of course, AVS had lots of goodies for sale and Peter bought his first sewing machine!!! We have a few spots open for Linda Schmidt's Yosemite Falls landscape class. \$45 plus \$15 supplies to be paid to Linda. A supply list is included in this newsletter. We have Karen Bolan teaching curves & transparencies in October! Hope you are all well and keeping cool!

Laura and Peter



To the left is a sample of Karen Bolan's Curves and Transparencies Quilt. Laura is still taking sign-ups for the October workshop.

REVISED WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Sept. 1st & 2nd - Linda Schmidt "Miniature Landscape" Oct. 6th & 7th - Karen Bolan "Curves and Transparencies" Nov. 3rd – Bev Gulley "String Star" Dec. 1st - Christmas Party

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

TRASH TO TREASURER CHALLENGE

SMQA members are invited to participate in a Trash to Treasure Challenge. Your completed item will be displayed at the 2023 SMQA Quilt Show. Viewers' Choice will determine the three winners, each of whom will receive a prize. You will be given a box of items to be incorporated into your project. You must use four of these items, as well as anything else from your stash or collections. Be as creative as you want. You do not have to limit yourself to a square. You can make a small quilt, doll clothes, wearables, shadowbox, pillow covers; follow your artistic vision wherever it leads. Each item must be no larger than 16 inches by 16 inches.

There is a \$5.00 registration fee and participation is limited to 25 submissions. Descriptive material and an application form will be distributed at the September SMQA meeting.

Contact Maria Ciccarelli with any questions.

Welcome New Member Rosemary Harding



Sierra Mountain Quilters Association General Membership Meeting Minutes - Aug. 4, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by president, Betsy Blum, at the Oakhurst Community Center. President, Bev Gulley, thanked the group, Bev and Friends, for decorating the refreshment table. Betsy led the flag salute.

Maria Ciccarelli welcomed ladies from Mountain Crisis Services who explained the mission of the center. They were presented with a Community Quilt which they will use for a major fund raiser.

Marylyn Harvey left entry forms for the guilt show at the Mariposa Fair.

Bev announced that more than \$1000 was raised from the sale of Donna Henning's quilt supplies. More supplies will be sold at future meetings. She also discussed setting up a giveaway table at meetings for members who have items they want to give away. If the items aren't taken, then the members need to take them back home.

Nancy Swanson made a motion, seconded by Lynn Gray, to accept the minutes from the July 7, general meeting as printed in the newsletter. The motion was approved.

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

First Vice President, Laura Gonzalez, announced she is raffling off a quilt kit tonight and boxes of thread at the October meeting. Tickets are \$1.00 each. She has sign-ups for Linda Schmidt's class in September and for Karen Bolan's class in October. Wild Fig will cater the Christmas party and all classes for next year are arranged.

Second Vice President, Maria Ciccarelli, reported "Trash to Treasures" kits will be available for \$5.00 at the September meeting. She has received requests for fire victim quilts. They can be dropped off at Bear Paw.

Membership, Teri De La Torre for Sue Johnson, announced we have 32 members in attendance. The drawing winners were: Margie Williams, Rosemary Harding, and Tricia Lacey.

Bev Gulley donated a beautiful wood vase made by her husband and Teri won it. Webmaster, Sally Walker, asked for a motion to increase the treasurer's budget by \$400 for this year only for the Square credit card machine. A motion was made by Laura Gonzalez, and seconded by Maria Ciccarelli to purchase the machine. It will be emailed to the general membership for voting.

Mystery Quilt, Sally Walker announced the final clue is on the website.

Cuddle Quilts, Tricia Lacey, has received 17 cuddle quilts, 6 medium sized quilts, 3 large quilts and pillow cases. She reported isolette quilts need to be 54"x54" with dark fabric on the back.

Minutes Continued

Fall Retreat, Teri De La Torre needs more members to sign up. It will be Sept. 12-15, and will cost \$34/day. We are in need of someone to chair the Spring Retreat.

Quilt Show, Constance Peterson announced the need for someone to be in charge of the kitchen at the Quilt Show. The job requires hiring a caterer, providing coffee, sodas, donuts and snacks. Constance also said she will bring Donna Henning's fall fabrics for sale next month and her Christmas fabrics in October.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m. followed by Show and Tell and a program by Heidi from Authorized Vac and Sew.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Morita, secretary



CUDDLE CORNER
Tricia Lacey

We donated 26 quilts and 19 pillowcases to Soup for Friends to be distributed to the Oak Fire Victims. I met one family that was displaced and didn't know if their home was still standing. They were very thankful for the donations. (See picture on page 8) We still have about 25 pillowcases for Cases for Smiles.

We have had 7 cuddle quilts, 13 pillowcases, 2 wheelchair bags, and 5 belly bands turned in this month. Thank you so much ladies. There are new isolate covers, pillowcases, belly bands, and wheelchair bags at Bear Paw. Please stop by and pick some up. They are all very easy to make. The adult wheelchair bags have a slightly new design. Oakhurst Healthcare requested Velcro instead of ribbon ties.

We have also purchased a few 45mm Endurance rotary blades for incentive for making cuddle quilts. So be sure to have your card stamped when you turn in quilts, pillowcases, or wheelchair bags.

The next Cuddle Quilt Day at the library is Wednesday, September 21 from 9 am to 1 pm. I'd love to have your help. If you have any questions, please call me.



OPPORTUNITY QUILT UPDATE

Kay Marshall
Quilt Ticket Chairman

Thanks to every SMQA member who has sold Opportunity Quilt tickets. Quite a few people have sold more than 100 tickets. We have made \$1,736 so far on our Opportunity Quilt.

I still have 18 SMQA members who have not yet picked up their original packet of 30 tickets. Each member is expected to purchase or sell a packet of 30 tickets. I will probably begin texting or calling these members this fall if their tickets have not been picked up.

If you need more tickets, they are available at Bear Paw and at our monthly meetings. I will be out of town in early September. Sally walker has graciously agreed to bring the tickets to SMQA's September meeting. Keep on selling tickets.

Kay

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.

Sew Thrilled members are shown below from left to right, Linda Pennington, Helen Brown, Roberta Kight, Betsy Anne Youngholm, Marian Romero, Sheila Hotovec, Sharon Weaver, Diane Matthews, seated Jean Richter.



FEATURED QUILTING CIRCLE

SEW THRILLED

Sew Thrilled formed in 2004 when the existing circles were full. All but a couple of the original members have either moved or passed. Our first meetings were in a church rec room until the church changed hands. Our current roster of nine enjoy hosting meetings in our homes every second and fourth Wednesday.

Our group has made row by row quilts, round robin quilts, and zipper bags, together with a variety of "useful" fabric items. Currently, a patriotic quilt is in process which will be given to a Veteran in the area. Our enjoyment of quilting is expressed by the way we assist one another. Our friendship extends beyond quilting. We fret over each other, especially when one of us is ill or having life difficulties.

We are delighted to participate in the trial Mini Retreat in September at Bear Paw Quilts & More. The plan is for all participants to follow the same pattern using their choice of fabrics. Should be an interesting threeday event with a finished quilt top at the end!



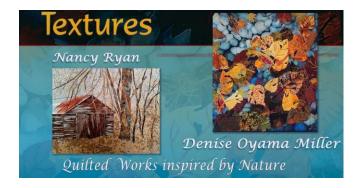
VOTE NEEDED FOR SQUARE TERMINAL

The SMQA Board has approved the purchase of a Square Terminal for the purpose of processing credit cards at meetings. After several discussions at SMQA general meetings, it is time to take this matter to a vote. We are asking for a one-time addition of \$400 to the Treasurer's budget for the purpose of purchasing a Square Terminal and related supplies.

By clicking the link below you'll be directed to a short form where you will vote yes or no and fill in your name. It should take less than 30 seconds of your time and is very important to our guild as we move forward. The courtesy of your response would be greatly appreciated.

VOTE HERE

For those who do not have internet access you may call Sally Walker at 559-683-5316 with your vote. Please reply to this vote request no later than August 31.





This suggestion from Sally Walker:

I attended the "Textures" Art Quilt Exhibit held at Gallery 5 in Oakhurst, and was amazed and inspired by the talent of these two textile artists. I highly encourage you to take the time to visit the exhibit before it leaves September 18th. Here's their address: Gallery 5 40982 Highway 41 suite 5. Open every day from 11am to 5pm, closed Tuesdays.

As posted on the Gallery 5 Facebook page:
"Textures" Art Quilts
By Denise Oyama Miller and Nancy Ryan
August 6th through September 18th

"Textures" is an exhibit of Art Quilts by two exceptional artists.

Unlike traditional quilts with established patterns handed down from generation to generation, art quilts push the boundaries of the traditional quilt world. Contemporary quilt artists incorporate a multitude of techniques into exciting textile creations inspired by the artist's life experience and personal vision.

Fremont California artist Denise Oyama Miller is a versatile artist who incorporates a variety of techniques in her quilts including painting, hand printed fabrics, applique, and collage. Nature is an important source of inspiration for her. She is always looking for patterns, textures, and color combinations found in nature that can be interpreted in fabric. While many of her works focus on landscape, others are delightful abstractions with a strong sense of design, paying homage to her Japanese ancestry and to Japanese art.

Nevada textile artist Nancy Ryan has been honing her craft for over 40 years. Art quilting is her passion, fulfilling her deep-seated desire to create, and to share her life experience. Ryan's quilts combine many techniques, including a pointillist technique inspired by impressionist painting. Stitching gives every piece an added layer of texture and depth.



Save The Date

Fall Retreat September 12-15, 2022 9:00- 5:00 pm daily

We still need three more people to sign up for the Fall Retreat. Sign-ups for the Fall Retreat are due at the September meeting. Teri De La Torre will be taking registrations for the Retreat, the cost of which is \$34.00 per day and includes lunch. If unable to be at the September meeting, members can also mail their checks to SMQA, PO Box 1359, Oakhurst, CA 93644, ATTN Fall Retreat.

More information about the Spring Retreat will be coming soon.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



| Marilyn Harvey | 9/8 |
|----------------------|------|
| Ruth Conner | 9/9 |
| Laura Ashley-Spencer | 9/10 |
| Sharon Sylvester | 9/11 |
| Donna McCall | 9/12 |
| Shirley Dunn | 9/13 |
| Pat Pfankuchen | 9/18 |
| Jennifer Schwabe | 9/20 |
| Peggy Cochran | 9/28 |

We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!



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



Sept. 1: National Cherry Popover Day

Sept. 4: Eat an Extra Dessert Day

Sept. 5: National Cheese Pizza Day

Sept. 6: National Coffee Ice Cream Day **Sept. 12:** National Chocolate Milkshake Day

Sept. 14: Eat a Hoagie Day

Sept. 15: National Double Cheeseburger Day

Sept. 16: National Guacamole Day

Sept. 17: National Apple Dumpling Day

Sept. 18: Rice Krispies Treats Day

Sept. 20: National String Cheese Day

Sept. 23: National Great American Pot Pie Day

SEPTEMBER FLOWER

September's birth flowers are the aster and morning glory. Also known as starworts or frost flowers, asters are a symbol of all-powerful love, affection and wisdom. Asters are available in many colors, but are most commonly found with pink, white, red, mauve or lilac blooms.

Like the aster, the morning glory also symbolizes unrequited love. Their flower petals open in the morning, hence the name morning glory, to show off their beautiful, star-like centers.

QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE

Constance Peterson

Gateway to Yosemite Quilt Show May 19 -21, 2023

Please help our Guild. We need someone to volunteer to be Chairperson for the White Gove workers. You won't have to do it all alone because you will have helpers. Moreover, a friend can share the job with you if you prefer. If you are not sure what this job entails, I will be happy to meet with you and go over the binder with the instructions. No pressure.

A reminder to Raffle Ticket sellers: The more tickets you sell the more chances you have to win a prize.

We will be selling some of Donna's items at the September Meeting. This month fabric from Donna's Fall Collection with be available for purchase, along with a few other items. Bring change or your check book for purchases.

Constance



SMQA donated 26 quilts and 19 pillowcases to Soup for Friends to be distributed to the Oak Fire Victims. Pictured above is the collection of items donated. Standing with Sue and Tricia are Eric Douglass and Diane Buffington.

AMENITIES

Linda Miller

Dwayne Henning The Sue Collins The

Thank You
Thinking of You

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



The Sierra Quilt Guild Quilt Show will be held Friday and Saturday, Sept. 16-17 at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds in Sonora, CA, right on Hwy. 49 in Gold Country about an hour East of Modesto, CA. You might be interested in a little get-a-way to come see and enjoy quilts in the Sierra Foothills and Gold Country. The picture shows the 2022 Opportunity Quilt "SeaSwept", tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. The drawing will be held at the end of the day on Sept. 17, but the winner need not be present.

Website: http://www.sierraquiltguild.com/page
3.html

Visit the Mariposa Piece Makers Quilt Show at the Mariposa County Fair September 2-5 in Building B.

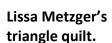
August 4 Meeting Highlights



Heidi from AVS shows off a Brother machine



Women's Crisis Center accepting the Community Quilt





Betsy Blum's colorful Dresden plate quilt.



Bev Gulley shows a lovely small quilt.



Linda Miller with another small quilt.



Mary Brand and her colorful star quilt.

Items for Sale from Our Members

A REAL BARGAIN!!

Sewing furniture formerly owned by Peggy McKnelly. If interested contact Randy McKnelly at 559-760-2455 and/or email at randymcknelly@gmail.com

Koala Outback Sewing Table was \$1500 NOW \$1,000



This has been for sale for a long time and is a <u>really good price</u> for a really well-made product. Someone should buy it!!





NEW ITEM FOR SALE



Bernina 1300DC Overlocker/Serger \$550 Includes extra accessories, lots of thread, both Serger & decorative. Excellent condition.

Gayle Farmer 559-760-0980. Coarsegold



Please keep in mind that courtesy and respect matter.

When a speaker is speaking to the group, whether as a board member, guest presenter, or someone showing a quilt during show and tell, please refrain from talking so everyone in attendance can hear. Thank you.

SUPPLY LIST/SCAVENGER HUNT – Yosemite Falls

Linda S. Schmidt

In this class we will design and sew a miniature landscape of Yosemite Falls using fabric painting, invisible machine appliqué, hand appliqué, soft edge appliqué, free motion machine embroidery, sheer fabrics, cellophane and cracked ice, and use Solvy disappearing medium to make trees and special effects. In the course of this workshop, you will learn techniques to change your own photos into fabric landscapes.

Supply Fee: \$15.00. I will supply Totally Stable, roving, MistyFuse, Angelina Fiber, heavy weight thread for tree trunks, topstitching needle, Sewers' Aide; moleskin

- Landscape Fabric Bring a small piece of fabric for sky, and small pieces of tie-dyed or hand dyed and/or batik muted fabrics for cliffs and mountains, such as lavender, pale blue, purple, gray/green, but preferably not pure gray. Please do NOT bring calicos! Make sure you have light colors for the distant mountains, and slightly darker values for closer cliffs.
- **Sheers** Small pieces of sheer white fabrics, preferably sparkle organza, sheer pearlized metallic. Bring what you have and we'll share. I have some, but if you want to personalize, bring yours.
- One piece of tracing paper 8-1/2" x 11" (the kind you use to trace a picture with)
- A sheet of freezer paper, 8-1/2" x 11"
- One package of Solvy NOT Ultra Solvy, just regular or heavy weight Solvy.
- Glue Stick
- Scotch Tape
- Spray starch or spray sizing
- Embroidery hoop about 6-8" in diameter or so the thin wooden embroidery hoops, or hoops designed for machine embroidery are the best)
- Ultra Fine Sharpie marker (Office Depot has them)
- Thread we will be making trees out of thread, so bring thread to sew pine trees, such as rayon and/or metallic greens in pine tree colors and rusty browns for tree trunks
- "Wonder" invisible thread for sewing machine (.004 diameter), plus neutral regular thread for piecing
- Sewing machine, cord, foot pedal and feet, including regular, open toe & darning foot for your machine
- Extra empty bobbins
- Extra bobbin case for heavy threads, if your machine requires one
- Scissors for paper and fabric
- Rotary cutter, board and ruler can be small
- Iron and ironing surface (we need about 5 for the workshop)
- One drinking straw, preferably plastic.
- ThreadPro (a doohickey that sits beside your machine, has two kinds of spool pins) if you have one
- Pins, seam ripper, stiletto if you have one
- Heat gun if you have one (don't go out and buy one just for this class)
- Extension cord and power strip

STRING STARS – CLASS REQUIREMENTS

The center squares are pieced from strips or "strings" as they are traditionally known. Class members may choose to create a final project of any size. This pattern would make a great lap or bed quilt. I suggest starting with one of the following:

- Small table topper (2 x 2 stars) 20 x 20 inches; 4 star blocks
- Larger table topper (3 x 3 stars) 30 x 30 inches; 9 star blocks
- Table runner (2 x 4 stars) 20 x 40 inches; 8 star blocks

The "string" blocks are the most time-consuming part of the project. Our goal for the class would be to create enough for 3-4 stars; for a larger project, you may need to finish making them later.

Tools required

- Rotary cutter with a sharp blade
- Small square cutting ruler (4" or 6") with a diagonal lineSTRING STARS CLASS REQUIREMENTS
- Larger square cutting ruler (bigger than 6 ½ ") you could borrow this as it's used only briefly
- Rectangular cutting ruler (4" x 18" or 6" x 24")
- Rotary cutting mat (several are provided)
- Small ruler for drawing lines on squares
- Sharp pencil or markers; must show on both background and color
- Clean sheet of fine sandpaper (about 220 grit)
- Pins, scissors, neutral colored thread, seam ripper, etc.
- Sewing machine
- Quarter-inch foot OR another way to stitch an accurate ¼ " seam

Fabric Required

For strips – at least 5 or 6 fabrics, up to 20 or 30. I suggest using fabrics ranging from medium light to medium dark. You will be cutting strips 14'' - 18'' long and various widths from $1'' - 1\frac{1}{2}$ ". They don't all need to be the same length. If you have a few "sparkle" fabrics (for example, gold when most strips are greens and blues), you can cut them as narrow as $\frac{3}{4}$ ". You will need about 30 strips for 3-4 stars. (If you are using smaller scraps, you will need quite a few more strips.) It will save class time if you cut at least some of them in advance.

For corner triangles

- Assorted fabrics, enough to cut a total of $2-3 \frac{1}{2}$ " squares for each star block. The fabrics can be the same ones used for strips.
- Background fabric enough to cut a total of 2-3% squares for each star block. Same fabric as for the flying geese (below).

For Flying Geese (star point) blocks

- Assorted fabrics OR a single fabric, enough to cut 4 3 3/8" squares for each star block.
- Background fabric enough to cut 1 6 ¼" square for each star block

Estimated totals (not including optional borders or binding)

- About 1/3 yard of background fabric for a 2x2 project; about 2/3 yard for 3x3 or 2x4.
- About 1/8 yard each of several colored fabrics, or a bunch of scraps
- ½ 1 yard total of at least 5-6 fabrics for strips

Services from our Advertisers



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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 cir | cle one) | |
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REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE AT THE NEXT MEETING!

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|---------------------|-------------------------------|
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| | Gonzalez |
| 2nd Vice President | Maria Ciccarelli |
| Treasurer | Joan Earnest |
| Secretary | Janet Morita |
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Board Meetings are held at 1:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month.

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