



Sierra Mountain Quilters Association Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2, 2023

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m.
Material Girls Greeters and Hostesses
Cuddle Quilt Sew Night



Co-Presidents' Corner

Welcome to February! Let's hope it's a bit less wet and stormy than January was. Thanks to bad weather, we had to cancel our January general meeting. Fortunately, we have been able to reschedule Cuddle Quilt construction to the February meeting. Let's see how many teams we can put to work making Cuddle Quilt tops! It's always a lot of fun, and kick-starts production for the coming year. Be sure to bring your show-and-tell items to share as well.

I've been keeping busy on these rainy days making belly bands for Children's Hospital and completing an "orphan" quilt that a friend rescued for me from a thrift shop years ago. It was interesting to figure out what the quilt was supposed to look like and to get a usable top together. It's now waiting to be quilted. I even unearthed my knitting needles and I'm working on a pair of fingerless mitts. I'm also starting to think about my featured quilter display area for the SMQA quilt show in May, and realizing how many items are going to need hanging sleeves added. Ouch!

Happily, I didn't really make many quilt related New Year resolutions. But one that I really need to follow is not to start anything new until I finish something already in process. Why is that so hard???

Bev

After a busy December and January visiting my young grandchildren, I am back home contemplating the rain and snow. This is my favorite sewing weather so I'm hoping to "nish" my 2022 temperature quilt. I was inspired to start this project last February after seeing a display of Temperature Quilts at the Phoenix QuiltCon. Now it has become a thing and you can download a very nice chart for organizing your color swatches and the temperatures they represent. My quilt shows our local temperature extremes of a low 27 degrees to 110 high - oh that was hot. I hope I get it "nished" in time for our May quilt show. Why don't you start one? Just Google temperature quilts for beautiful examples and ideas, they don't have to be large. Ask Sally and Lynn, our 1st VP's about their temperature adventure. Happy sewing!

Betsy

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joan Earnest

December 31, 2022

Checking Account

Balance 12/01/2022	\$9,018.90
Credits in December	774.00
Debits in December	2,638.01

Ending Balance \$7,154.89
(12/31/2022)

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

BALANCE \$19,366.64

SMQA GENERAL BUSINESS
February 2, 2023

Call to Order

Flag Salute

Welcome

Thanks to Hospitality and Greeters:
 Material Girls

Reports

Secretary's Report - Minutes from December 1 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

Cuddle Quilt Sewing Marathon

2023 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Feb. 2nd Cuddle Quilt Sew Night

Feb. 3rd Wendy Holt Footstool Workshop Postponed

March 2nd Game night with PRIZES

April 6th Karen Brow-Meier – The SMUGGLE Principles

Seven design elements which make a quilt “sing”

April 7th Newly Hatched Baby Quilt Workshop

May 4th Colleen Pelfrey Life Without a Border

May 5th Taking Out the Dye Workshop

June 1st Ice Cream Social

July 6th Sew Powerful Purse Project

Aug. 3rd Jeanette Walton “Inspiration” Trunk Show

Aug. 4th Starbaby Quilt Workshop

Sept. 7th Trunk Show with surprise quest

Oct. 5th Sandra Mollon Trunk Show

Oct. 6th Thread Painting Workshop

Nov. 2nd PJ Grant Veterans Program

Dec. 7th Annual Winter Dinner

and Installation of Officers

FIRST VICE PRESIDENTS' REPORT

We've had a stormy start to our new year! The January meeting was cancelled at the last minute due to inclement weather, but we've rescheduled the **Cuddle Quilt** event for our February 2, 2023 meeting. You'll have an opportunity to work and play together with other guild members while sewing cuddle quilts. These quilts are appreciated by their recipients and they are easy to make. What could be more fun!

The **Footstool Workshop**, which was going to be held February 3, 2023 has been postponed until later in the year. So many of you showed interest when Wendy Holt showed her unique footstool last year, we know you will want to sign up and make your own one of a kind footstool. We will give you plenty of notice to sign-up and get your supplies.

Looking ahead to March 2, 2023 we will have a **Game Night** and celebrate **National Quilt Month**. We'll be playing the Quilto game along with some fun icebreakers. Oh, and there will be **prizes!!!** *National Quilt Day is observed on March 18, 2023. It celebrates quilts and those who make them annually on the third Saturday in March. The National Quilting Association started National Quilting Day in 1991.*

It's not too early to sign up for the **Newly Hatched workshop** with Karen Brow-Meier to be held April 7, 2023. Her work has appeared in national magazines, books, calendars, and catalogs, and at AQS, Quilt market, Quilt Festival, Pacific international, and Road To California shows. You can see the class sample and sign up at our next guild meeting or sign up online by clicking the Program Page link below.

Your 1st VPs, Lynn and Sally met on a recent rainy day and brainstormed about future programs. Our 2023 schedule is now full! You'll find it in the **red box above** or you can pop onto our website [Program Page](#) for more information.

Lynn Gray and Sally Walker
 Co-1st VPs

**Sierra Mountain Quilters Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes – Dec. 1, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by president, Bev Gulley, at the Oakhurst Community Center followed by the flag salute. Bev thanked the Wild Fig crew for a delicious dinner. She also thanked Laura Gonzalez for the dinner planning and decorating. Sue Johnson was thanked for the door prizes and the volunteers who made the table runners were also thanked.

Bev presented the slate of officers for 2023:

Co-presidents - Bev Gulley and Betsy Blum

1st VP - Sally Walker and Lynn Gray

2nd VP - Jeri Carney

Treasurer - Joan Earnest

Secretary - Janet Morita

Patty Cramer made a motion, seconded by Laura Gonzalez, to approve the slate of officers. The motion was approved.

Constance Peterson made a motion, Rhonda Dewey seconded, to accept the minutes from the Nov 3, 2022, general meeting as printed in the newsletter. The motion was approved.

Rhonda Dewey made a motion, seconded by Constance Peterson, to approve the treasurer's report as printed in the November newsletter. The motion was approved.

Bev asked for two volunteers to perform an Audit with Wendy Holt in early January. Cindy Young and Penni Simily volunteered to be on the committee.

Sally Walker asked for a volunteer to be in charge of the mystery quilt next year. Joan Earnest, Margie Williams, and Sally presented their 2022 mystery quilts.

Sue Johnson drew winning tickets from the raffle bags.

Bev honored members of the 2022 board and presented each one with a thank you gift.

Laura Gonzalez revealed winning numbers for the table runners. She thanked everyone who donated them.

Peter Gonzalez installed the 2023 board members.

Sue Johnson drew more winning tickets from the raffle bags.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m. followed by a slide show overview of the year presented by Lynn Gray.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Morita, secretary.



CUDDLE CORNER

Tricia Lacey

I hope everyone is ready to do some sewing! Since the January general meeting was cancelled, we will be making cuddle quilts during our meeting February 2nd. Another reminder, if you are attending the meeting and able to bring a sewing machine, please contact Rhonda Dewey, or Tricia Lacey. That would be fantastic. Also bring your sewing machine basics (thread, pins, rotary cutter). We will have a few cutting mats, ironing boards, and irons. If you are not able to finish the project, please have one of your team members take it home.

We will not be having a Cuddle Quilt workday in February.

There are plenty of kits available at Bear Paw. Stop by and pick one up.

If you have any questions, call us.

Tricia Lacey

Rhonda Dewey



Sally, Lynn and Ku'ulei grab a little dinner on their way to the Road 2 California.



OPPORTUNITY QUILT UPDATE

Kay Marshall

Quilt Ticket Chairman

We were all excited to show our Opportunity Quilt, "Under the Sierra Sun", at Road to California in Ontario in January. Thanks to the many SMQA members who made this possible by transporting the quilt, selling tickets, and white gloving at the show. We have made \$3,402 so far selling tickets. We only have about 3 1/2 months left to sell those tickets. This is our big money maker along with our show. The money we make allows us to bring to Oakhurst all of our wonderful speakers who show their work and teach us new skills to use on our own quilts and sewing projects. Remember two drawings for ticket sellers will happen after our Quilt Show in May. Members will be entered with one chance for a prize for every 30 tickets beyond their original 30 tickets which they sell. That prize has yet to be determined. For members who sell more than 100 tickets they will get 1 chance at the Featherweight Sewing Machine for every 30 tickets over the first 100 tickets which they have sold. If you work selling tickets at an event or if you white glove at an event to allow our opportunity quilt to be shown, you will be given credit for selling tickets. Good luck to all of our ticket selling SMQA members.

Kay



Helen keeps an eye out as Maria calls to get a photo of the permit – just in case the Fire Marshall shows up.



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	Machine Embroidery
April	Sew Thrilled
May	Fabric Collage
June	SMQA Board
July	Anything With Fabric
August	Open
September	Bits and Pieces
October	Open
November	Footloose

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Membership Application and Dues

Thank you to all who have already filled out your form and sent in your dues. There are a lot of fun presenters and workshops planned for 2023, so don't miss out on a fun year of quilting and friendships. There are more ways than ever to sign up this year:

- 1) Copy and print the form in this newsletter then bring it to the next meeting or put it in the mail along with your payment.
- 2) Fill out a form provided for you at the next meeting, then pay in cash, check or with a credit card.
- 3) Click [here](#) to fill out the form and pay online.

Meet our New Member



Kate Mackey



**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 Baby Quilt Workshop. Sign up now!

Tentative Meeting Dates for 2023

Board Meetings	General Meetings
12/19/22	1/5
1/23	2/2
2/20	3/2
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

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

Sew Powerful Purse Project

On July 6th the **Sew Powerful Purse Project** will be the subject of the Guild Meeting. The Project links seamstresses from around the world to combat extreme poverty by providing re-usable feminine hygiene supplies and health training to girls in Zambia. This enables them to attend school all month and improve their academic performance.

Please mark your calendars and be sure to attend this informative meeting.



Save The Date

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

The Spring Retreat is April 12 - 15th. This is a daytime only event unless there are 15 people who want to stay over. Sign-ups started in January, first come first served. The cost is \$34 per day and you may sign up for any or all four days. Laura Donahue and I are planning a fun event and hope y'all will join us! Call with any questions 559-676-0205

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

Birthdays of the Month

Teri De La Tore	2/10
Betty Fish	2/2
Loretta Pesetski	2/9
Jean Richter	2/22
Lupe Thompson	2/22

We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!



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



Can't decide where to start on your UFO clean up? Here are some ideas to help you put them in order.

- Start with a list.** Dig drawers. Grab a pad and pen and write them all down.
- Go one-by-one through your UFOs and ask a few questions.** Do I really want to finish this project? You have permission to say NO.
- Sort projects by time, technique, and desire.** Put hearts beside the ones you love, inspire you, or you feel are important for you to finish.
- Leave Room For The New.** Grab two or three new projects from your wish list.
- Schedule your UFOs.** Use the sorting piles to help you create a schedule to complete your projects. Select the project on your UFO list with the most hearts. Pencil it in your calendar to start first. If it is a long-term project, look for something from the Fast Finish pile to add to the week. Estimate how long it will take to finish and set a deadline and schedule the project with the second most hearts next. Add a fast project and an alternate technique project to accompany it and stop. Now pick something new. If you don't know what that is yet, set aside the time for something new and keep going. Work through your projects and fill up your calendar. Don't feel like you need to fill up the whole year.

Once your projects are scheduled, put the projects-in-waiting away and get to work on the first UFO on the list.



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, it is 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
559-676-5433
pjgrant@sti.net

Quilt Show Update

Constance Peterson

The Quilt Show is just a few months away. We will be entering our quilts online. **April 14, 2023 is the last day for quilt entries.** A quilt does not need to be completely finished to enter it. However, Kay will need to know the finished size of your quilt when it is entered. **Finished quilts are due the week of May 14, 2023.** Drop off dates will be announced closer to the show. Each member can enter three quilts: One mini quilt, plus two more quilts in one of these categories: small, medium, large.

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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

Please Print Clearly

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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

New Member Support	Open position
Amenities	Linda Miller
Circles	Mel Peters
Cuddle Quilts	Tricia Lacey
Historian	Open position
Webmaster	Sally Walker
Parliamentarian	Laura Donahue
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Newsletter	Charlotte Hickman
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