



Sierra Mountain Quilters Association Newsletter

JUNE 6, 2024 GENERAL MEETING
 Doors open at 5:30 pm. Meeting begins at 6:00 pm.
 Host Greeters: Bits and Pieces
 Program: **Julia McLeod Lecture: Everything But Cotton.**



President's Message

We've made it through the winter! (Or do we have another snow ahead?) We'll all be getting out more; gardening, hiking, traveling...just emerging from our winter's confinement. Hoping even more of you can now make it to meetings and upcoming programs! One more thought: Unfortunately, there will always be conflicts when a large group joins together. The outcome of these conflicts should be compromise, learning from past errors, doing what we can to make appropriate changes and improve. Let's hold onto the attitude of friendship and togetherness as the foundation of our common interests. With that in mind, we can be that close knit group of happy quilters we aspire to be.

Sue



SMQA GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

June 6, 2024

Call to Order
 Flag Salute
 Welcome

Reports:

- Secretary - Betsy Blum & Kay Marshall
- Minutes from May 2 meeting
- 1st Vice Presidents - Sally Walker & Lynn Gray
- 2nd Vice Presidents: Joan Earnest & Bev Gulley
- Treasurer's Report - Lisa Kernaghan
- Membership - Janet Morita
- Newsletter - Charlotte Hickman
- Webmaster - Sally Walker
- Cuddle Quilts – Tricia Lacey
- Quilt Show - Maria Ciccarelli
- Fall retreat - Ku'ulei Arredondo
- Mystery Quilt - Sinta Borland
- Monthly block raffle: Sandy Johnson & Lissa Metzger
- New Business:
- Adjourn meeting
- Show and Tell
- Snack

Program: Julia McLeod; Lecture: Everything But Cotton

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lisa Kernaghan

April 30, 2024

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance 4/1/24	\$18,486.94
Credits in April	\$8,667.09
Debits in April	\$8,646.49
ENDING BALANCE	\$18,507.54

(4/30/2024)

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance 4/1/24	\$9,387.67
Credits in March	\$0.77
ENDING BALANCE	\$9,388.44

(4/30/2024)

2024 Program Schedule

June 6 - Guild Meeting 6pm-8pm - [Julia McLeod](#) Lecture: Everything But Cotton

June 7 - Workshop: Starting with Silk

July 11 - Guild Meeting 6pm-8pm - Ice Cream Social

August 1 - Guild Meeting 6pm-8pm - [Susan Nash](#) Lecture: Laura Heine method of collage

August 2 - Workshop 9am-3pm - A Laura Heine Collage, with a choice of the Pincushion or Featherweight Sewing Machine from the Teeny Tiny Collage Pattern. There will be a pattern/fabric kit provided at a discount.

September 5 - Guild Meeting 6pm-8pm - [Scarlett Rose](#) Lecture: A View from Both Sides

Sept 6 - Stool Workshop 9am-3pm taught by Wendy Holt

October 3 - Guild Meeting 6pm-8pm - [Jane Haworth](#). Lecture: Journey as a Quilt Artist

October 4 - Workshop 9am-3pm - Cats & Dogs Fabric Collage Workshop

November 7 - Guild Meeting 1pm-3pm - [Claire Marks'](#) Trunk Show

November 8 - Workshop 9am-3pm - Foundation Pieced Table Topper

December 5 - Guild Meeting 1pm-3pm - Annual Winter Year End Luncheon

Starting With Silk Workshop June 7, 2024 9am-3pm at the OCC Pavilion

Workshop description:

Many of us have silk treasures from trips abroad, neckties or prom dresses that are too special to cut up so we leave them tucked away in a drawer or box. It's time to get them out and make something beautiful!

This workshop has three elements: You'll begin by determining the fiber content of your fabrics by using the burn test. We will then cover two very different ways to work with silk: First, a very free, improvisational crazy piecing technique and second, a foundation piecing method that gives stability and ultra-precise results, even with the lightest weight silks.

Working with your stash, you'll construct elements in these two techniques that can be combined into a small, pillow-sized finished piece.

Member price \$47.50 if paying online or with the Square terminal. To sign-up and pay online click [here](#).

Cash or check discount price is \$45.00, sign-up and pay at the next guild meeting.

To prepare for this class, watch these short videos on [How to Deconstruct a Necktie](#) and [Applying Fusible Interfacing](#). Click here for the [Starting with Silk Supply List](#).



Sierra Mountain Quilters Association General Meeting Minutes, May 2, 2024

Call to Order - Sally Walker, 1st VP, called the meeting to order at 6:01pm followed by the flag salute.

April and May Birthdays and Anniversaries were belatedly recognized by Sally.

Guest Kathy Gingrich, a Board member of the Sierra Historic Sites Association, was presented with a wall hanging made by Anything With Fabric for their new Airbnb at Fresno Flats. The historic cabin, called the Silver Knob Cabin, which was once a rental cottage at the old Holiday Village (now site of defunct RiteAids), will be a fund raiser for SHSA. Kathy also announced that there will be a fund raising dinner at Fresno Flats May 18 with half the proceeds going to the renovation of the cottage. Tickets can be purchased online at fresnoflats.org

Reports:

Secretary - Betsy Blum and Kay Marshall. Motion to approve minutes from March 7th by Nancy Swanson, 2nd Margie Williams. Approved.

1st Vice Presidents - Sally Walker & Lynn Gray. Sally told the group that we need more refreshment signups for June general meeting, and she passed around a signup sheet.

Based on a survey about daytime vs evening meetings, the Board will be changing our meeting schedule to a hybrid schedule beginning in November 2024. A handout about the survey is available if you want to learn more about how this decision was made. Lost and Found: a SMQA canvas bag and a Spray starch were left at Retreat.

Sally reviewed upcoming meetings:

June - Julie McLeod lecture entitled Everything but Cotton and workshop Starting with Silk on the Friday following the meeting. Sign up online. You don't need to go out and buy silk if you don't have any unless you want to, as material will be available.

July 11th - Ice Cream Social

August - Susan Nash lecture and Trunk Show: Laura Heine method of Collage. Work shop on this method on the Friday following, with a choice of making a collage of a Featherweight Sewing Machine or Pincushion from the Teeny Tiny Collage Pattern. A discounted kit with pattern and fabric can be purchased.

Sept - Charlotte Rose lecture about quilt judging, "A View From Both Sides".

2nd Vice Presidents: Joan Earnest & Bev Gulley. Joan talked about her circle making the donated Fresno Flats wall hanging. A Mariposa organization, Survivors of Suicide requested a quilt with faces of victims printed on the quilt. Joan is waiting for more information about this project. Joan needs more volunteers to help with the public library summer sewing class for students to be held July 15 - 17th for one- and one-half hours each day. Students will be making a string backpack. Joan passed around a clipboard for more volunteer instructors and a reminder that the Oakhurst Library will require information about each volunteer prior to July unless they have previously participated in this program. Volunteers will provide their own sewing machine.

Treasurer's Report - Lisa Kernaghan asked for questions and there were none. File for audit.

Membership - Janet Morita. 42 members, 5 guests, and one new member Shirley MacNeil. Janet asked that we provide emergency contact information in case of an incident. Please see or contact Janet to share emergency contact information if you haven't already done so. Gift Certificates to Bear Paw were presented to Deb Austin, Kate Mackie, and Kathy Millhollon.

Newsletter - Charlotte Hickman - Reported fewer glitches in e-mailing our newsletter. Please let Charlotte know if you don't get SMQA emails.

Webmaster - Sally Walker- Nothing to report.

Cuddle Quilts - Tricia Lacey - Tricia's crew recently delivered a quilt, wheelchair bags and isolate covers and 50 belly bands and hearts to Valley Children's Hospital. The isolate covers are especially appreciated as they cost \$300 to purchase. A thank you note was received from Hinds Hospice. Workday May 15 from 9 to 1 at the library. You may bring a sewing machine or cut out quilt kits. Come for as long as you can. Tricia also explained the Cuddle Quilts Rewards card: 1 cuddle quilt, or 6 pillow cases or 6 wheelchair bags and you get a stamp. Five stamps fills up a card and then you may choose a 45 rotary blade or a spool of Aurifil thread. Tricia then explained how to make a wheelchair bag because instructions seem confusing to some.

Quilt Show - Maria Ciccarelli - absent. Opportunity Quilt tickets recently sold; Best of Valley \$483, Woodworkers Rendezvous \$145. The next chance to sell tickets will be at Bee's Bakery Saturday May 11th. Please contact Sally Walker to sign up.

Fall retreat - Ku'ulei Arredondo - Sign up now for September 9-12 retreat. Pay by check or online.

Monthly block raffle: Sandy Johnson & Lissa Metzger. 25 Birdhouse blocks were turned in for the monthly drawing that Kathy Millhollon won. Next month's challenge is a Court House Steps block. Instructions are available on the table and on our website. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Mystery Quilt - Sinta Borland - A new clue is available and participants should receive them by email. The Mystery Quilt instructions are not on the website.

New Business: none

Adjourn meeting - 6:37pm

Program: How to... stations hosted by guild members

Respectfully Submitted by Co-Secretary Betsy Blum

1st Vice Presidents' Message

We have the pleasure of welcoming Julia McLeod to our June guild meeting. Julia is a quilt maker living and working in northern California's San Francisco Bay Area. She specializes in making



quilts from rescued textiles, particularly silks. Neckties, saris, kimono and furnishing fabrics all find their way into her quilts. Born and raised in England, Julia worked as a menswear textile designer in the woolen- and worsted mills of Yorkshire and Scotland, and later for a company on Savile Row, in the heart of London's bespoke tailoring industry. She moved to New York City in the early 1990's, and America has been her home ever since. Julia enjoys lecturing and teaching on the subject of quilt-making with unusual and reclaimed textiles.

Julia's lecture topic is: Everything But Cotton. When quilters don't have access to a stash of quilter's cotton, what do they turn to? In this lecture, trunk show and Q & A session we will explore quilts – antique and modern – made of wool, silk, polyester and more. We'll observe how the use of unusual materials gives rise to alternative construction techniques and design choices. The trunk show of Julia's work shows what you can create with neckties, saris, kimonos and other unusual, 'not cotton' textiles.

The following day Julia will be teaching a workshop titled: Starting With Silk. **See page 2 of the newsletter for more information about her class.**

Susan Nash Meeting and Workshop

August 1 - Guild Meeting with [Susan Nash](#). Lecture: Learn to Collage Quilt the Laura Heine Way

August 2 - Workshop - A Laura Heine Collage
9am-3pm at the OCC Pavilion

Choose between the pin cushion and sewing machine mini. Susan will be selling the pattern and fabric kit at a discounted price of \$50.

Workshop price:

Member price \$47.50 if paying online or with the Square terminal. Click [here](#) to sign-up and pay online.

Cash or check discount price is \$45.00, sign-up at the next guild meeting.



Closure of the Business Center

The Guild is closing the account at the Oakhurst Business Center. Anyone needing photo copies must pay up front and request reimbursement.

**PLEASE
NOTE..**



QUILT SHOW 2025 – UPDATE

Maria Ciccarelli, Chairperson

Please keep in mind that we are NOW less than a year away from the 2025 Quilt Show!!!

The Quilt Show Committee will be meeting on Friday, June 21st at 2pm, Bear Paw. Be aware that the date has been changed from June 14th. If you are a committee chair, please read your binder. Some duties start a year out.

The Opportunity Quilt was at Bee's Bakery on Saturday, May 11th. \$170 worth of tickets were sold. Thanks to all the volunteers and Bee's Bakery. Next stop is Montana with Wendy Holt. Happy travels!!!

We have postcards available for all members and tickets for sale. Don't be too shy to ask for more!

Maria



Fall Retreat

Announcement to all SMQA Members. Fall retreat is coming on September 9th - 12th. So far 11 members have signed up for the retreat. We will open it up to outside quilters at our July 11 meeting.

Sign-ups will be taken at the June Meeting. It's \$39.00 per day which includes lunch. Please sign up by August 1 guild meeting. You can make payments by Check, payable to SMQA, Cash, Square and Online or pay on line. (There is a fee for square and on-line). Click here for more information [2024 Fall Retreat](#).

If you need to mail a check, please call Ku'ulei Arredondo at 661-317-6614 to sign up.

Mail: 46677 Eastwood Dr N, Oakhurst, CA 93644.



"Stand back, Geraldine...I'm popping the hatch and this baby's packed tighter than a black hole."



CUDDLE CORNER

Tricia Lacey

We had a large number of items turned in at the last guild meeting, 15 quilts, 29 wheelchair bags and 6 pillow cases were turned in during the month of May. Great work quilters!

A big thank you to all the Cuddle Quilters who joined the workday on May 15th.

The next Cuddle Quilt workday will be Wednesday, June 19th from 9:00AM to 1:00PM at the Oakhurst library. **We are looking for homes for completed cuddle quilts, wheelchair bags and pillow cases.**

Join the fun and friends! Lend a hand cutting and assembling kits or bring your quilters gear for a stitch party. We'd love to see you there and remember to bring your reward card and earn a stamp!

If you have any questions, call me.

Tricia Lacey
530-680-3741

SMQA Donates Quilt for Historic Center



Guest Kathy Gingrich, a Board member of the Sierra Historic Sites Association, was presented with a wall hanging made by Anything With Fabric for their new Airbnb at Fresno Flats.





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.

FABRIC COLLAGE meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at Bear Paw from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. **We welcome new members and will help anyone who wants to learn about fabric collage.** Contact Janet Morita at 559-760-5018 or at janet@rjmorita.com with any questions.

OAKHURST MACHINE EMBROIDERY & SCAN-N-CUT GROUP is **welcoming new members.** The group meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 10 am at Bear Paw. We alternate months between the Oakhurst Machine Embroidery and the Scan-N-Cut groups. Please let Maria Ciccarelli know if you would like to join either group. The more the merrier! Since most people are in both groups, emails will be sent to everyone in the groups.

Welcome our new member!

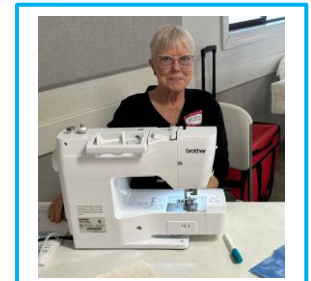
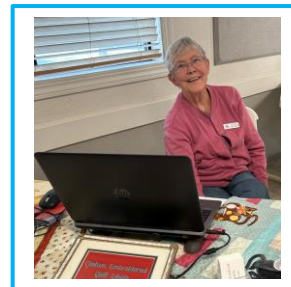


Shirley MacNeil

On May 2 “How to... stations” were hosted by several guild members demonstrating a variety of skills and techniques.

Circle Hostesses and Greeters for 2024

- January Laura and Pieter Gonzalez
- February Material Girls
- March Oakhurst Machine Embroidery
- April Sew Thrilled
- May Anything with Fabric
- June Bits and Pieces
- July SMQA Board
- August Fabric Collage
- September Bits and Pieces
- October Anything with Fabric
- November Footloose



Pacific International Quilt Festival will be held earlier this year. Notice that the new date for the popular show will be July 24-27 this summer.



Sheila Boyd	6/2
Jeri Carney	6/15
Betty Fisher	6/18
Shirley Savarino	6/18
Wendy Holt	6/26
Marion Romero	6/29

We are asking members to bring snacks on their birthday month and one other month of their choosing, and if they are not able to bring on their birthday month then choose a 2nd month that works. Sally Walker will send out monthly email reminders.

The following people signed up for refreshments for the June meeting.

- Sandy Johnson
- Nancy Swanson
- Kathy Millhollon
- Bev Williams
- Faith Moore

2024 Refreshment sign-ups

We are asking each member to bring refreshments twice per year. In the past we only requested that a member bring snacks on their birthday month, but our refreshments were sparse, to say the least. Last year we asked members to sign up for a second month as well. Since then, our refreshment table has been laden with wonderful snacks.

Please indicate which two months you plan to bring refreshments by clicking [this link](#). If your birthday month is not convenient, no worries; please select a different month. Thanks for your participation!

Sally

AMENITIES

Linda Miller

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

May Show and Tell



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

BOARD MEMBERS

President	Sue Johnson
1 st Vice Presidents	Sally Walker and Lynn Gray
2 nd Vice Presidents	Joan Earnest and Bev Gulley
Treasurer	Lisa Kernaghan
Secretaries	Betsy Blum and Kay Marshall

Board meetings are held at 1:00 pm on the fourth Monday of each month. Send Newsletter submissions to:

cthickman@yahoo.com

Deadline for submissions is the 20th of each month

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

New Member Support	Ku'ulei Arredondo
Amenities	Linda Miller
Circles	Mel Peters
Cuddle Quilts	Tricia Lacey
Historian	Laura Gonzales
Webmaster	Sally Walker
Parliamentarian	Laura Donahue
Membership	Janet Morita
Newsletter	Charlotte Hickman
Quilt Show Chair	Maria Ciccarelli