



# Sierra Mountain Quilters Association Newsletter

**March 6, 2025**

Doors open at 12:30 pm. Meeting begins at 1:00 pm.

Host Greeters: Machine Embroidery

Program: Cuddle Quilt Sewing Day

**Please remember to bring your machines to sew with**

## President's Message

Let's pat each other on the back! Did you see how many Cuddle Quilts and accessories have been turned in? I'm so proud of our group giving so much to give comfort and warmth to those who need it! What a great bunch of quilters! And in a few days, we have the opportunity to get together to make even more Cuddle Quilts. It's great that it's a daytime meeting so we won't feel as compelled to wrap up early and get on the road. It should be a fun day, working together and getting to know some folks that we haven't previously bonded with.

How's everybody doing? Please jot me an email if you have any questions, concerns, brilliant ideas or whatever. I'd be glad to hear from you, especially in writing so it's easier for me to remember what your point of view is. That way I can take it to the board if needed, and we can address any issues you might have.

March is supposed to be to come in like a lion and go out like a lamb. Seems like here in the mountains we often get the lamb first and the lion last! We'll see, it's crazy up here! But the first day of spring is March 20 so I'm looking forward to the longer days and the green hills. Happy spring, everyone!

Sue Johnson

## March 6, 2025, General Meeting Agenda

**Call to Order**

**Flag Salute**

**Welcome - Thanks, Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**Reports:**

**Secretary - Janet Morita**

**1st Vice President - Joan Earnest**

**2nd Vice President: Bev Gulley**

**Treasurer's Report - Lisa Kernaghan**

**Membership - Ku'ulei Arredondo**

**Newsletter - Kathy Burrow**

**Webmaster - Sally Walker**

**Cuddle Quilts – Sandy Johnson and Tricia Lacey**

**Quilt Show - Maria Ciccarelli**

**Spring Retreat - Laura Gonzalez**

**Monthly block raffle: Sandy Johnson & Lissa**

**Metzger**

**Mystery Quilt - Sinta Borland**

**Adjourn meeting**

**Show and Tell**

**Program:**

**Cuddle Quilt Sewing Day**

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## Sierra Mountain Quilters Association General Meeting Minutes, February 6, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by president, Sue Johnson, at the Oakhurst Community Center followed by the flag salute She thanked Lissa Metzger, Sandy Johnson and Peggy Moore for decorating the refreshment table and then recognized February birthdays and anniversaries.

Charlotte Hickman made a motion, Penni Simily seconded, to accept the Jan. 9, 2025, minutes as printed in the newsletter. The motion passed.

Treasurer, Lisa Kernaghan, thanked Wendy Holt and Shirley Dunn for performing the audit. They recommended we should have documented proof that online items were received. Changes to the by-laws about documentation requests will be sent to the by-laws and procedures committee. The treasurer's report as published in the newsletter will be filed for audit

First Vice-President, Joan Earnest, asked members to sign-up to bring refreshments. Pamela Alexander is today's speaker presenting a trunk show. Tomorrow, she will teach a Bohemian wall hanging class. In March, the program will be Cuddle Quilts in April, Sue Johnson will give a trunk show and teach a rope bowl class the following day. In May, Pat Robertson, featured quilter from the Kings River Guild, will present a trunk show.

In June, we will have the ice-cream social. In July, Janet Morita will give a trunk show and teach a fabric dyeing class the following day. In September, Lynn Gray and Joanie Madaus will teach a padded folding chair class. In October, Cindy Young will present a trunk show. Joan is thinking about a Veterans program in November. Second Vice-President, Joan Earnest for Bev Gulley, announced a donation bucket for Los Angeles fire relief

Membership, Ku'ulei Arredondo, reported we have 57 paid members, 42 members in attendance; 1 guest, Pamela Archer; and 1 new member, Diana Conaway. She thanked the members for making donations for the drawing. Joanie Madaus won the drawing.

Newsletter, Kathy Burrow, asked for patience.

Webmaster, Sally Walker, reported nothing new.

Cuddle Quilts, Sandy Johnson, thanked Peggy Moore and Lissa Metzger for help decorating the refreshment table. Two members brought February themed cuddle quilts. Cynthia Sobel won the drawing. Block of the Month is back by popular request. This month is a Valentine theme. There will be a drawing in December for those members who bring in the most cuddle quilts. The challenge for next month is predominately green. Tricia Lacey reported donations were made to Hines Hospice and Cases for Kids. Feb.19 will be a Cuddle Quilt sewing day at the library community room from 9:00-1:00. Due to a donation by a benevolent member, prizes are still available for a specified number of donations

Historian, Becky Brannon took pictures for Laura Donahue.

Quilt Show, Maria Ciccarelli, announced we have three months left until the quilt show. Online entries will be available from April 1-25. The Opportunity Quilt brought in \$271 at Road to California and has earned over \$6000 so far. Sally Walker offered 3 opportunities to sell tickets at Art and Wine Hop on May 15 at Bodies by Boyd Gift Works offered space outside Feb. 26- March 1 at Bearpaw Sue thanked Maria for her generosity to the guild. The board has voted to give her a discounted rate to advertise in the newsletter.

Rhonda Lloyd announced she has a large quilt rack to give away.

Sue announced that the board voted for the scholarship fund will be called the Sierra Mountain Quilters Association Scholarship Fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted by Janet Morita, secretary.

**1st Vice Presidents' Message**  
**Joan Earnest**

Early in February we had a fun time with Pamela Alexander. Many of us attended her workshop on the Bohemian Quilt-as-you-go Wall hanging. They turned out so cute and flowery and fun. I'm hoping many of them will come to Show and Tell at our next guild meeting. It was nice to have a project that could be nearly completed during our class time. Hopefully none will turn into UFOs. In March we will be having our yearly Cuddle Quilt Workday as our program. Tricia will be bringing in lots of precuts and fabric for us to create some small items for donation. If you would like to sew then bring your machine and sewing supplies. Or you can just team up with others to work on a project. We don't have to make quilts! If you would like a smaller project that could be completed that day, we have kits for wheelchair bags or pillowcases or even kits for the adorable accessory bags for Kases for Kids. So come with your creativity and enthusiasm and we'll have a great time making some great items!

**2nd Vice President Message**  
**Bev Gulley**

Many thanks to all who contributed so generously at the February General Meeting to aid the survivors of the recent wildfires in the Los Angeles area. Special thanks to Shirley Savarino and Lisa Kernaghan, who made it happen in my absence. Here are the totals:

Los Angeles Regional Food Bank	\$500
Save The Children	\$250
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>\$750</b>



**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
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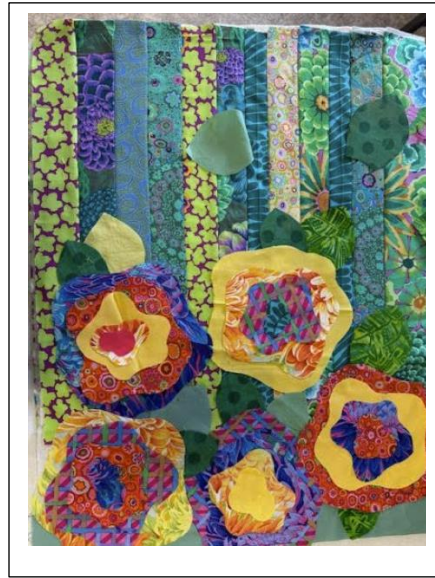
Lisa Kernaghan  
 January 31, 2025  
 CHECKING ACCOUNT  
 Balance 1/1/25 \$2,688.22  
 Credits in January \$2,440.56  
 Debits in January \$1,417.67  
 ENDING BALANCE \$3,711.11  
 (1/31/2025)  
 SAVINGS ACCOUNT  
 Balance 1/1/25 \$9,394.75  
 Credits in January \$0.80  
 ENDING BALANCE \$9,395.55  
 (1/31/2025)  
 CD ACCOUNT  
 Balance 1/31/25 \$10,000.00  
 Total Accrued Interest \$161.62  
 AVAILABLE BALANCE \$10,000.00  
 (1/31/25)

**2025 Program Schedule**

- March 6 - (Daytime) Cuddle Quilts
- April 3 - Hidden Gems - Sue Johnson
- April 4 - Sue's Rope Bowl Workshop
- May 1 - Pat Robertson Trunk Show  
 Kings River Quilt Guild Festival Featured Artist
- May 17 - May 18 - Quilt Show
- June 5 - Ice Cream Social
- July 10 – Hidden Gems - Janet Morita
- July 11 – Fabric Dying in a New Way
- August 7 - Guild Meeting TBD
- September 4 - Guild Meeting TBD
- September 5 - Lynn & Joanie Workshop on  
 The Padded Folding Chair
- October 2 – Hidden Gems – Cindy Young
- November 6 - (Daytime) Guild Meeting TBD
- December 4 - (Daytime) Annual Winter Luncheon

**Day time Meetings run from October thru March. We will begin Evening Meetings again in April.**

**PAMELA ALEXANDER**  
*Bohemian Quilt as you Presentation and work Class*



**A special thank you and plaque was presented to Marie Cicarelli representing Bear Paw for their continued support of the Guild at the February Meeting.**



When you aren't quilting why not put together a snow village in your home. Members of the Footloose Circle had a real treat when they viewed this beautiful village at the home of Guild Member Virginia Waters\_\_



It is with a heavy heart that we share the passing of our beloved Betsy Ann Youngholm on Tuesday, February 18th. She was a cherished member of our quilting community, and her leadership, creativity, and friendship will be deeply missed.

We will share more details as we receive them. In the meantime, please keep Betsy Anne's family and friends in your thoughts.



It is with heavy heart that we announce the passing of Donna McCall on January 1, 2025, Her creativity and friendship will be greatly missed.

A private family service was held and the family would like those members who knew Donna to know how much she enjoyed their friendship and the SMQS Guild.



**Membership Application and Dues**

It's that time again, a new year and a new membership application! Here are some of the ways to join or renew your SMQA membership:

- 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.

**New Member**

Please take the time to introduce yourself to our newest member Diana Conaway. Lets make her feel welcome.



**Last Minute Quilt Show News  
Quilt Show Entry Pictures**

Lynn Gray will be taking pictures of everyone entering a quilt in the SMQA Quilt Show. The photo will appear on the information sheet next to your quilt. Please find me at the guild meetings and bring your lovely smiles.  
Lynn Gray, Quilt Information and Photos

## **Quilt Tickets**

### **Sell Tickets, Support the Quilt Show**

With our May 2025 Quilt Show approaching quickly, it's important that we maximize ticket sales for our opportunity quilt, *Solstice Swirl*. This stunning quilt is the centerpiece of our biggest fundraiser, helping ensure that we meet our budget and the success of our guild.

We encourage every member to think outside the box! Let's take *Solstice Swirl* to craft fairs, other quilt guilds, and quilt retreats sponsored by different groups. These venues are fantastic opportunities to share our quilt with a wider audience and increase ticket sales.

A heartfelt thank-you goes out to those who have already taken the quilt to various venues. Your efforts make a real difference!

Let's work together to spread the word about *Solstice Swirl* and sell as many tickets as possible. With just a few months left, it's time to get creative and help make our May show a huge success!

Please contact me with your ideas and be prepared to execute them!  
Sally Walker - Opportunity Quilter Scheduler  
[sallyjwalker@gmail.com](mailto:sallyjwalker@gmail.com) or call or text 559 683-5316

### **QUILT SHOW 2025 – UPDATE**

The Mountain Magic Quilt Show is only 3 months away! The Quilt Show Committee met on Friday, 2/14 and everything is on schedule. We will be meeting monthly here on out.

The opportunity quilt has already brought in over \$6,000! We are doing so well we had to buy more tickets. Please keep up the great job!

#### **Here again are some important dates:**

Online Quilt Entries will be open from April 1 – April 25

Quilt Collecting Days are Monday, May 12 & Tuesday, May 13 from 10am-1pm at Bear Paw

#### **- See Quilt Requirements Page in this newsletter & on our website**

Quilt Pick-Up (After Show) is Monday, May 19 from 10am-1pm at Bear Paw

### **QUILT SHOW DATES ARE SATURDAY, MAY 17 & SUNDAY, MAY 18**

Different Committee chairs will be asking for volunteers in the next few SMQA meetings. There are plenty of opportunities to help put this show on. We will need as many members for assignments as possible to make it a fun event for everyone. Please help us put on the biggest fundraising we have for our guild.

Thank you & happy quilting!

Maria Ciccarelli  
Chairperson

# QUILT SHOW 2025

## QUILT COLLECTIONS DAYS

**Monday, May 12th 10am-1pm**

**Tuesday, May 13th 10am-1pm**

**Location: Bear Paw**

**REQUIREMENTS:**

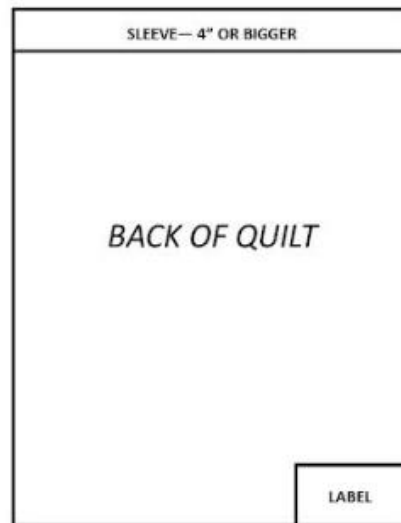
Quilt **MUST** have a sleeve opening of 4" or bigger

Quilt **MUST** have a label on the bottom **RIGHT** side of **BACK** of quilt (See diagram below)

Label **MUST**, at least, have the quilt name and your name

Label **MAY** be temporary (pinned on, on paper, etc...)

**MAXIMUM OF  
3 QUILTS  
PER MEMBER**



**OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Online Quilt Entry** will be open from April 1st to April 25th

**Quilt Pick-Up** (After Show) will be on Monday, May 19th from 10am-1pm at Bear Paw



**CIRCLE INFORMATION**

**ANYTHING WITH FABRIC**

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.

**OAKHURST MACHINE EMBROIDERY Circle:**

The Oakhurst Machine Embroidery and Scan n Cut Circle is back to being the Oakhurst Machine Embroidery Circle as there did not seem to be enough interest in the Scan'n'cut projects. We are still and always will be accepting new members. We meet on the Fourth Monday of the month at the Bear Paw Quilt store at 10:00AM. In March, our very own Ruthi Conner will talk about placement of designs in projects. Call/text Kate Mackey at 559-816-0982 or Ruthi Conner at 559-642-2412 for more information.

**Circle Hostesses and Greeters for 2025**

March	Oakhurst Machine Embroidery
April	Sew Thrilled
May	Anything with Fabric
June	SMQA Board
July	Footloose
August	Mary Platz, Jeanne Brisendine and Maria Ciccarelli
September	Bits and Pieces
October	Anything with Fabric
November	Footloose

**Fall Retreat  
Note Change of Date**

The Fall Retreat is set for Monday Sept. 22nd – Thursday Sept. 25th.

Sign-ups and details will be in June 2025.

**Special Thanks goes to Rebecca Brannon for accepting the job of Parliamentarian. We appreciate her willingness to serve the guild.**





**SMQA Spring Quilt Retreat  
April 22 -25th 2025**

Hi ladies,

Some information for the upcoming retreat. Doors open at 9 am on the 22nd. Please don't come early unless you are planing on helping set up. Seating is assigned- please don't move your spot!! We are at maximum capacity so I am requesting that no Sew Ezi tables be brought.

There are cutting and ironing areas set up, as well as a snack area. Please bring a snack to share. There is water and coffee and juice type drinks available upstairs but I will have water down stairs as well.

We have lots of goodies for you (donations are always appreciated) and we are making something special for each of you!!!

For my people staying at ECCO please get your balance due to me by March 15th so I can pay ECCO. Checks payable to SMQA mailed to me, Laura Gonzalez 41464 Little Creek Road, Ahwahnee, CA 93601 If you need to know your balance or have any questions please give me a call or text at (559)676-0205

ECCO Address: Episcopal Conference Center Oakhurst 43803 Highway 41 Oakhurst, CA. 93644

I'm super excited to see you all and meet our new attendees!!!

Laura Gonzalez Sierra Mountain Quilters Association Spring Retreat Host



- Elisa Murray 03/08**
- Patty Vincent 03/10**
- Caroln Gaither 03/12**
- Kay Marshall 03/13**
- Nancy Hyde 03/16**
- Sue Johnson 03/20**

Members are asked to bring snacks to guild meetings twice a year—once for their birthday month and once in another month of their choice. If you're unable to bring snacks on your birthday month, please select a different month instead. To sign up see Joan E. at our next meeting or click [here](#).

**March Refreshment List**

- Maria Ciccarelli Bev Gully**
- Tricia Lacey Bev Williams**
- Sue Johnson Wendy Holt**
- Ruth Conner PJ Grant**

Thank you in advance for helping make the meeting wonderful.



**Cuddler Quilt Corner**  
Sandy Johnson

The next cuddle quilt workday is March 26th at the Oakhurst library. We meet in the community room. Join us from 9:00 to 1:00 or drop in at your convenience. Bring your sewing machine or you can help cut kits. At our regular SMQA meeting on March 6th we will be sewing cuddle quilts so be sure to bring your machine. And don't forget this month's contest for a cuddle quilt using mostly green fabric.

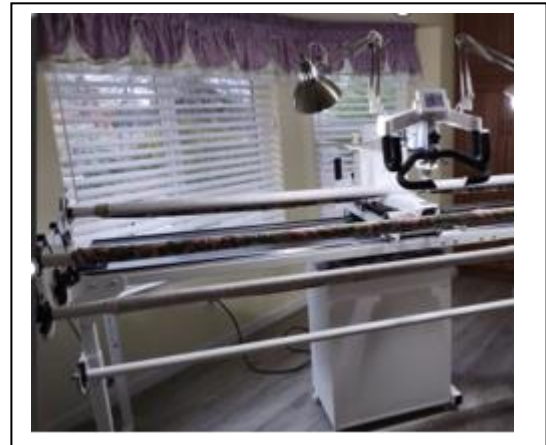


Ten sensory blankets went to Sierra Ambulance this month. These help children who need to "fidget" as they have attachments to play with or fabric of different textures. We always need more of this type of blanket. Pillowcases were donated to Cases for Kids and the small lap quilts were delivered to Terry's house. Thank you for all your wonderful support and help in making these donations available to the community. You are making a difference.

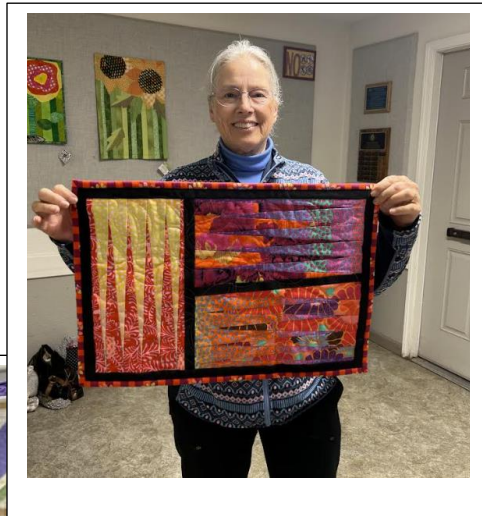


**FOR SALE**

Crown jewel long arm with Grace frame, 12 feet. Can be smaller if needed, 5 feet, 7 feet, 10 feet or 12 feet, depending on your needs. Includes brand new bobbin winder, Software if you don't want to do free motion. All tools, all manuals and pre-wound bobbins for this machine., some King Tut thread included as well as the roll of warm and white batting. \$3000. For more information contact Lissa Metzger, (home) 559-641-6515 or (cell) 559-760-1609



*February Show and Tell*





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

### BOARD MEMBERS

President	Sue Johnson
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents	Joan Earnest
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents	Bev Gulley
Treasurer	Lisa Kernaghan
Secretary	Janet Morita

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

[katsmountain@gmail.com](mailto:katsmountain@gmail.com)

**Deadline for submissions is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month**

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

New Member Support	Ku'ulei Arredondo
Amenities	Linda Miller
Circles	Mel Peters
Cuddle Quilts	Tricia Lacey
Historian	Laura Donahue
Webmaster	Sally Walker
Parliamentarian	Rebecca Brannon
Membership	Ku'ulei Arredondo
Newsletter	Kathy Burrow
Quilt Show Chair	Maria Ciccarelli