



Sierra Mountain Quilters Association Newsletter

JULY 11, 2024 GENERAL MEETING
 Doors open at 5:30 pm. Meeting begins at 6:00 pm.
 Host Greeters: SMQA Board
 Program: **Ice Cream Social**



President's Message

When's the last time you tried to clean your sewing room? If you're like me, it's a continual losing battle. Anytime another fat quarter comes into the house it threatens to upset the whole system! I keep adding bins, and dividing colors and fabric types, because of course, I'm going to use all these scraps some day! And I do use them...but the stash never seems to get any smaller.

Here are some rules for quilters that I found in my research:

1. Always buy new fabric no matter how much you already have.
2. Don't bleed on the quilt.
3. Measure twice. Curse once.
4. Procrastinate. It frees up time for quilting.
5. It's not a mistake. It's a creative opportunity.
6. Sewing day & night is allowed. Cooking & cleaning are optional.
7. Make fabric tax deductible.
8. Eat, sleep, quilt, repeat.
9. There are no quilt police.
10. Rules? There are rules?



SMQA GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

July 11, 2024

Call to Order
 Flag Salute
 Welcome

Reports:

- Secretary - Betsy Blum & Kay Marshall
- Minutes from June 6 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 – Shirley Savarino
- 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
- Program: Ice Cream Social
- Julia McLeod via Zoom to show her "Starting With Silk" presentation.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lisa Kernaghan

May 31, 2024

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance 5/1/24 \$18,507.54

Credits in May \$797.77

Debits in May \$580.14

ENDING BALANCE \$18,725.17
(5/31/2024)**SAVINGS ACCOUNT**

Balance 5/1/24 \$9,388.44

Credits in May \$0.80

ENDING BALANCE \$9,389.24
(5/31/2024)**1st Vice Presidents' Message**

What could be better on a hot summer evening than ice cream with your sewing besties? Join us for our annual guild Ice Cream Social hosted by the SMQA board. We have a special treat: Julia McLeod will join us via Zoom to show her "Starting With Silk" presentation. Despite technical difficulties last month, we were wowed by her trunk show of quilts made from silk. You won't want to miss the rest of her program!

In August we will welcome Susan Nash for a trunk show and workshop focusing on the Laura Heine method of collage quilting. There are still openings for her workshop. Sign-up information is available on page 4 in this newsletter and on our website.

The rest of this year is jam-packed with great lecturers and workshops. See this newsletter and our website for more details.

Call for Volunteers

It's hard to believe we are halfway through our second year as 1st Vice Presidents. According to our by-laws, our term is over at the end of this year. We are looking for one or two members to take over the 1st Vice President position. One of the jobs as 1st VP is to learn about presenters. A good opportunity for anyone interested in the job, is to watch a "Meet the Teachers" ZOOM presentation July 10 from 10 am to noon. It has been a fun and rewarding learning experience, and we would be happy to answer any questions you might have. If you're interested, please reach out to either of us. *Sally and Lynn*

2024 Program Schedule

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

While on Vacation...

Are you packing for summer travel? Will you be visiting quilt stores along the way? Please distribute our quilt show postcards to LQS you visit, even sell some opportunity quilt tickets. Pick up postcards at Bear Paw or at our meetings. Happy travels. Thank you.

Sierra Mountain Quilters Association General Meeting Minutes, June 6, 2024

President Sue Johnson opened the meeting at 6:01pm followed by the flag salute. Please, everyone, use the microphone! Birthdays and Anniversaries recognized.

Secretary - Betsy Blum Motion by Wendy Holt moved to approve, and Nancy Swanson

Treasurer Report - Lisa Kernaghan, absent - File for Audit

1st VP Sally Walker and Lynn Gray -There are still openings available for the Julia McLeod class tomorrow and sign-ups are open for the August 6 Laura Heine Collage class with Susan Nash. In September Wendy Holt will be teaching the much-delayed footstool class.

2nd VP Joan Earnest and Bev Gulley - are promoting the July 16, 17, 18 Library Summer Sewing Program with tweens. Students will be making a drawstring bag and Bev showed us a sample. We need more volunteers to sign up ASAP to complete paperwork with Madera Co., unless you have already participated in the program. Bev will review sewing instructions with volunteers at the Ice Cream Social.

Membership- Janet Morita - 81 members are paid up and there are 37 members present tonight plus 1 guest. Drawing winners are Joan Earnest, Rhonda Dewey, PJ Grant

Web Master - Sally Walker - nothing to report.

Newsletter - Charlotte Hickman - nothing to report.

Cuddle Quilt - Tricia Lacey - Shirley Savarino reporting for Tricia said that the next work day will be June 19th, 9 to 1 at the library; bring your sewing machines to sew. Wheel chair bags and quilts were delivered to Valley Children's Hospital and Tricia will be taking pillow cases to Ryan's Cases for Smiles.

Quilt Show - Maria Ciccarelli - there are lots of postcards and opportunity tickets available at the Bear Paw if you want them. The next QS meeting is June 21st at 2pm at Bear Paw.

Fall retreat - Ku'u lei Arredondo- absent - Laura Gonzalez says please sign up soon, non-members will be invited to sign up at the July 11 SMQA meeting.

Mystery Quilt - Sinta Borland - PJ Grant reporting and she has the June clue at the membership table.

Challenge Block - Sandy Johnson and Lissa Metzger - Reminder to make and turn in a block and get a raffle ticket for each block you make. There was a smaller turnout for the June Courthouse Steps block this month and the winner is Sally Walker. Friendship Star is next month's challenge block. Sample displayed and instructions available.

New Business – none

Adjournment at 6:20

Show and Tell, Program with Julia McLeod and her lecture Anything but Cotton.

Respectfully Submitted by Betsy Blum

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!!!

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

Maria

Stay Connected

Don't forget to follow us on social media for the latest updates, photos from our events, and quilting inspiration:

- **Facebook:** SierraMountainQuilters
- **Instagram:** @SierraMountainQuilters
- **Website:**
www.sierramountainquilters.org

Thank you for being a part of the Sierra Mountain Quilters community. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and wish you happy quilting!

AMENITIES

Linda Miller

Helen Ramsey	Get Well
Susan Campbell	Thinking of You
Deb Austin	Get Well
Georgia Harvey	Thinking of You
Donna McCall	Thinking of You
Diane Ward	Thinking of You
Mel & Dick Peters	Thinking of You

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

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.



Monthly Block Raffle aka BOM

In March of this year, we brought back the Monthly Raffle Block.

Each month Lissa M. and Sandy J. will be providing guild members with a block pattern. Members can create as many blocks as they want within a month, following the instructions provided. During the next guild meeting, members will turn in their completed blocks for raffle tickets. The more blocks a member turns in, the better their chances of winning. One lucky member will go home with all the blocks. You can find the Monthly Raffle Block posted on our website home page, or take [this shortcut](#) directly to the Monthly Block Raffle page.



CUDDLE CORNER

Tricia Lacey

Can you believe we are half way through the year already!

Last month, Missy Castleton at Ryan’s Cases for Smiles accepted a big bundle of 50 pillow cases from Tricia on behalf of the guild. "With every stitch, every yard of fabric and every pillowcase we get one step closer to our goal of helping kids with cancer and life-changing illnesses feel better to heal better". To learn more about Ryan's Cases for smiles, visit their website and get inspired to stitch up more love and smiles!



<https://caseforsmiles.org/about-us/>

Thank you to all those who joined the workday in June. Please pull out your calendars and note we **will not** have a Cuddle Quilt workday in July due to the summer reading program at the library.

The next Cuddle Quilt workday will be Wednesday, August 14th from 9:00AM to 1:00PM at the Oakhurst library. Let’s play with fabric and have some fun while we stitch up cuddle quilts and other items for donation. Remember to bring your reward card!

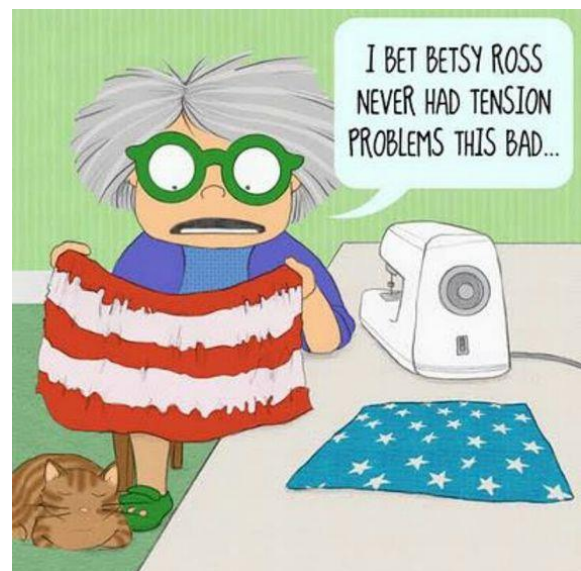
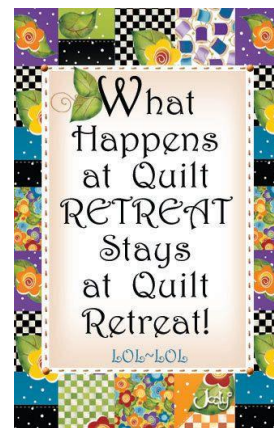
Questions about the Cuddle Quilt program? Contact Tricia Lacey (530)680-3741

Fall Retreat

Announcement to all SMQA Members. Fall retreat is coming on September 9th - 12th. Sign-ups will continue to be taken at the July Meeting. We have opened the retreat to other guild members outside of SMQA. Please sign up to save your spot.

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 (There is a fee for square and on-line) or pay on line. Click here [2024 Fall Retreat](#)

If you need to mail a check, please call Kuulei Arredondo at 661-317-6614 to sign up, Mail: 46677 Eastwood Dr N, Oakhurst, CA 93644.





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.



Sandy Johnson	7/1
Lois Deisher	7/2
Tricia Lacey	7/7
Virginia Waters	7/11
Sue Graham	7/16
Beverly Williams	7/16
Barbara Graas	7/19
Jaydene Johnson	7/19
Lisa Kernaghan	7/22
Nancy Swanson	7/26
Beverly Gulley	7/29

July and December birthdays get a break from bringing treats in July and in December. Because the board is hosting the July ice cream social and in December we have the holiday luncheon, we are asking July and December birthday members to sign up to bring treats for two other months. Sally Walker will send out monthly email reminders.

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

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

June Program and Workshop



Julia McLeod shared some of her beautiful silk quilts.



Workshop participants made beautiful samples "Starting With Silk."



June 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