



Sierra Mountain Quilters Association Newsletter

APRIL 4, 2024 GENERAL MEETING
 Doors open at 5:30 pm. Meeting begins at 6:00 pm.
 Host Greeters: Sew Thrilled Circle
 Program: Pat Robertson’s Trunk Show



President’s Message

Here I was, expecting a low turnout for the Cuddle Quilt Program at the March guild meeting - but boy was I wrong! We had a room full of happy, busy quilters! Forty-three of us! I tried to remember when last I felt so much camaraderie....maybe at a retreat? It reminded me of how it should feel to be part of a group with so much in common. All of us working together, laughing, scurrying about, and being productive. Yay us! Let’s keep that spirit alive every month — we’re all in this together; doing good things for the community, our guild and ultimately ourselves. My heartfelt thanks to all that participated. Way to go, team! I love this guild!

Sue



SMQA GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA
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April 4, 2024

Call to Order

Flag Salute
Welcome

Reports

- Secretary - Betsy Blum & Kay Marshall
- Minutes from March 7 meeting, vote
- 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
- Spring retreat - Laura Gonzalez
- 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: Trunk Show Pat Robertson, the 2023 Kings River Quilt Festival featured artist.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lisa Kernaghan

February 29, 2024

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance 2/1/24	\$13,322.15
Credits in February	\$6,163.12
Debits in February	\$1,500.69
ENDING BALANCE	\$17,984.58

(2/29/2024)

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance 2/1/24	\$9,386.13
Credits in February	\$0.74
ENDING BALANCE	\$9,386.87

(2/29/2024)

Celtic Knot Workshop

The March 9 workshop, taught by our own Bev Gulley, varied a little from the past since it was held on a Saturday at the Raley's Gathering Room. The change was made to accommodate those members who are unable to attend a workshop during the week.

2024 Program Schedule

- April 4 - Pat Robertson's Trunk Show. She was the 2023 Kings River Quilt Festival featured artist.
- April 10-13 - Spring Retreat
- May 2 - How to... stations hosted by guild members.
- June 6 - Julia McLeod. Lecture: Everything But Cotton
- June 7 - Workshop: Starting with Silk
- July 11 - Ice Cream Social
- August 1 - Susan Nash. Lecture: Learn to Collage Quilt the Laura Heine Way
- August 2 - Workshop: A Laura Heine Collage, design TBD
- September 5 - Scarlett Rose. Lecture: A View from Both Sides
- September 6 - Wendy Holt Stool Workshop
- September 9-13 - Fall Retreat
- October 3 - Jane Haworth. Lecture: Journey as a Quilt Artist
- October 4 - Workshop: Cats & Dogs Fabric Collage Workshop
- November 7 - Claire Marks' Trunk Show
- November 8 - Workshop - Foundation Pieced Table Topper
- December 5 - Annual Winter Year End Luncheon



Sierra Mountain Quilters Association General Meeting Minutes, March 7, 2024

President Sue Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:15pm at the Oakhurst Community Center Pavilion followed by the flag salute. Sue thanked members who brought refreshments and recognized birthday and anniversary folks.

Sara McEntire, Oakhurst Public Library - Summer Sewing for Kids. Program for middle grade students to learn to sew. Ten to 15 students but Sara wants 15 volunteers as students need one-on-one instruction. Volunteers must complete an application for liability except if they did this in the past two years. Tentatively July 16 - 18, 2024 for 1 1/2 hour per day. Volunteers will supply their own sewing machines.

Secretary - Betsy Blum - Motion to Approve February Minutes - Nancy Swanson moved, 2nd Penni Simily. Date correction for February minutes. Minutes Approved.

Treasurer Report - Lisa Kernaghan, absent -Information in our newsletter - Approved for Audit

1st VP Sally Walker. - Survey about daytime vs evening meetings - if you haven't filled out this survey please do so, available on our website or request paper copy. Saturday class for Celtic Knot still open. Pat Robertson of Reedley is our April speaker. Sally reviewed future programs.

2nd VP Joan Earnest and Bev Gulley - Fresno Flat Historic Assoc asked that we make a decorative quilt for their new Air BnB; wall hanging is being made by a group. Discussion with Fresno Flat also revealed existence and location of a local history-themed quilt SMQA made them in the 1980's. Bits and Pieces is working on a Community Quilt without an identified recipient - ideas who should receive this quilt?

Membership- Janet Morita - 43 members and 3 guests. 66 members have paid their dues. Betty Fisher, Kathy Burrow, Becky Brannon won Bear Paw Gift Certificate.

Web Master - Sally Walker - no report

Newsletter - Charlotte Hickman - if not receiving please let Charlotte know.

Cuddle Quilt - Joan Earnest and committee - Feb 14 workday had 8 volunteers. Next is April 17th.

Spring Retreat - Laura Gonzalez reported it is full. If interested you may put your name on a waiting list. Ku'ulei Arredondo is working on our Fall retreat September 9-12.

Maria Ciccarelli - Opportunity Quilt raised \$1600 so far. More tickets available at meetings and Bear Paw. Maria reviewed categories for our 2025 show and defined what is an art quilt.

Sandy Johnson and Lissa Metzger are organizing a monthly Challenge Block- A bird house is the April Block and a pattern was provided. Make as many blocks as you like and get a ticket for each block made. Drawing will determine who will win all the blocks. Each month a new pattern with a selected color pallet will be presented. Sally will put this on our website.

Mystery Quilt - Sinta Borland - new clue is available. Problems or questions contact Sinta.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45

Show and Tell and Program - sewing cuddle quilts.

Respectfully Submitted by Betsy Blum

1st Vice Presidents' Message

It's April, and the wildflowers are beginning to shoot up and bloom having been urged on by the beautiful display of Daffodils all over the hills. Spring brings on inspiration and what quilter is not guided by inspiration? Pat Robertson is our presenter at the April guild meeting and she has plenty of inspiration to share. She was the Featured Quilter at the Kings River Quilt Show 2023 and will delight us with her trunk show. Her specialties are Quilt As You Go, Wool, Celtic and Dimensional Flowers. Let's pack the house and show her our appreciation and enthusiasm for local quilters.

The May Program features 'How to Stations'. In 15 minutes at each station, learn methods for sewing mitered corners, ruler work, binding, quilt labels and preparing your quilt for a long-armed - necessary skills for entering your quilts in the 2025 SMQA Quilt Show. Our quilt show is for all members to showcase their beautiful works - beginning quilters to the more advanced.

Bev's Celtic Knot Appliqué workshop in March was wonderful. We sat in a circle in the Gathering Room at Raley's. It was the perfect venue for a small class of hand sewers where we could hear what others were sharing about problems and discoveries they were having with their hand appliqué, a great learning experience. Bev is such a knowledgeable and patient teacher.

Dear members, we invite you to step up and share your knowledge. Teach us your methods, techniques and ideas. Contact Sally or Lynn if you want to lead a workshop. It's really quite fun! There is so much talent in our guild, and it's lovely learning something new from a friend. You might even make a little money :)

Lynn and Sally



We have several activities coming up and your help is needed to either white glove and/or sell raffle tickets for our Solstice Swirl Opportunity Quilt. Please come to the April guild meeting prepared with your calendars in hand, or contact Sally with dates you're available to help.

- April 6th - Country Fair Cinnamon Roll Cafe in Mariposa
 - 11 am-1 pm - one person
 - 1 pm- 3pm - one person
- April 12th - Best of the Valley Quilt Show in Lindsey
 - 10 am - noon - White glove - 1 person
 - 2 pm - 4 pm - Sell tickets - 2 people
- April 20th - Woodcarvers Rendezvous at the Oakhurst Community Center
 - 9 am - 11 am - 2 people
 - 11 am - 1 pm - 2 people
- If you are curious where the quilt will be in the future, there is a Solstice Swirl calendar at the bottom of our website Quilt Show page. A big thanks to each of you who are helping to make our 2025 Quilt Show a huge success!

QUILT SHOW 2025 – UPDATE

Maria Ciccarelli, Chairperson

The following is a re-cap of what was mentioned at the last general meeting.

Here are the categories for the 2025 quilt show:

BEST OF SHOW (Viewer's Choice)

RIBBONS - 1st Place - 2nd Place - 3rd Place for each size category (Viewer's Choice)

SIZES (Length & Width only is needed for Entry – Quilt Analyzer will determine which category it is in)

Mini Quilt Small Medium Large

SPECIALTY RIBBONS (Judged by Our Judges)

Long Arm Quilting

Domestic Machine Quilting

Hand Quilting

Hand Applique

Machine Applique

Hand Embroidery

Machine Embroidery

Art Quilt

- From Google: It is an art form that uses both modern and traditional quilting techniques to create art objects. Practitioners of quilt art create it based on their experiences, imagery, and ideas rather than traditional patterns.
- From the Art Quilters Meeting: An art quilt is an original work and may be non-traditional with the emphasis on design. It does not use patterns or kits.

All this information will be available on the website.

The Quilt Show Committee met on Friday, March 8th.

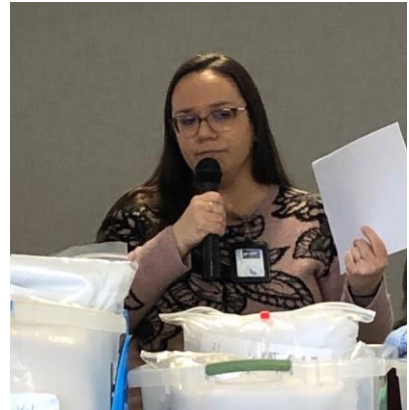
Postcards are now available for all members. Betsy Blum did a beautiful job putting those together.

Things are moving along. The Opportunity Quilt will be at the *Best of the Valley Quilt Show* on April 12 & 13, in Lindsey, CA. It is also being shown at the *Central Sierra Woodcarvers Rendezvous* on April 20. The quilt is selling itself.

Please let me know if anyone needs more tickets to sell.

Maria

March Program Speaker
Sarah McIntyre, Oakhurst Library
 Summer Sewing for Kids



Welcome Our New Members



Elsa Murray



Melodie Francavilla



CUDDLE CORNER

Sandy Eigenman

A fun, busy and productive cuddle quilt workday followed our well attended March afternoon meeting! We had several completed cuddle quilts turned in before the cutting and stitching began and with so many members participating, we should see the pile of comfy cuddle quilts rise! Please bring your finished quilts and pick up another kit at the April meeting!

Tricia and Sandy delivered 14 quilts and 9 wheelchair bags to Sven at Hinds Hospice on March 13th. Sven expressed how much the clients appreciate the quilts and how very



important they often become to a family member after their loved one has passed. Our work comes full circle when we are able to provide the lovingly created quilts and hear the appreciation that comes from the work we do.

Let's keep the love of quilting and giving going at our next workday, April 17th at the library from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. In addition to quilts, we need large wheelchair bags and some larger quilts. Bring your sewing machine and sewer's tool box, finish up a project in process, start a new quilt, make a few wheelchair bags or pillow cases, we will have kits available. We hope to see you all there!

Questions about the Cuddle Quilt program, helping the committee or the workdays, please contact Tricia Lacey (530)680-3741.

Cuddle Quilt Mania!





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.

Celebrating Nancy Hyde’s 90th

Bits and Pieces Circle surprised Nancy Hyde on her 90th birthday at their March 6 meeting. The members shared hors d’oeuvres and sandwiches and then topped it off with punch and a beautiful decorated cake.



A Fond Farewell

Footloose said farewell to long-time member, Diane Martin, who is moving with her husband to Reno. Diane has been an inspiration to our group through the years with her beautiful paper-piecing and hand-quilting, quick wit and easy smile. Diane, you may be leaving us but our memories will always keep you close.



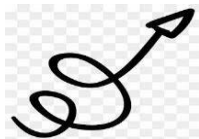
Circle Hostesses and Greeters for 2024

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.



PLEASE NOTE..



- Lynn Gray 4/01
- Bobbie Sloan 4/10
- Laura Gonzalez 4/16
- Sheila Hotovec 4/17
- Faith Moore 4/17
- Sally Walker 4/18
- Margie Williams 4/28

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 April meeting.

- Bev Gulley
- Nancy Swanson
- Ku'ulei Arredondo

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

Barbara Graas


Sympathy

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


March Show and Tell



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BADGE AT THE NEXT MEETING!**

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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