



Sierra Mountain Quilters Association Newsletter

MAY 2, 2024 GENERAL MEETING
 Doors open at 5:30 pm. Meeting begins at 6:00 pm.
 Host Greeters: Anything With Fabric
 Program: How to... stations hosted by guild members.



President's Message

As you may already know, we're making some changes regarding time of day for guild meetings. We'll take advantage of the sunshine in the summer, but avoid the dark drive in the winter. It seems to me that this is a win-win decision, both by increasing inclusivity and for the safety of our members. I hope you all feel the same and we'll enjoy what's ahead!

I'm looking forward to our upcoming speakers and classes....let's get some of you that haven't been to a class in a while to sign up. It's not just the learning, it's the social aspect that's so much fun! Much appreciation to our 1st VP's for a great lineup of programs!

Sue



SMQA GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

May 3, 2024

- Call to Order
- Flag Salute
- Welcome

Reports:

- Secretary - Betsy Blum & Kay Marshall
- Minutes from March 7 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
- Spring retreat - Laura Gonzalez
- Fall retreat - Ku'ulei Arredondo
- Monthly block raffle: Sandy Johnson & Lissa Metzger
- Mystery Quilt - Sinta Borland
- New Business: none
- Adjourn meeting
- Show and Tell
- Snack
- Program: How to... stations hosted by guild members

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lisa Kernaghan
March 31, 2024

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance 3/1/24	\$17,984.58
Credits in March	\$950.30
Debits in March	\$447.94
ENDING BALANCE (3/31/2024)	\$18,486.94

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance 3/1/24	9,386.87
Credits in March	\$0.80
ENDING BALANCE (3/31/2024)	\$9,38.67

2024 Program Schedule

May 2 - Guild Meeting 6pm-8pm - How to... stations hosted by guild members

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, 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

Hi ladies, here is the lineup we have for our May guild meeting. Thanks so much for stepping up and offering to teach these short segments. We are allowing 15 minutes per session. Hopefully we will figure out an orderly way to move the small groups along. If you will be handing out any materials and would like to be reimbursed, please save your receipts. Hopefully this meeting will not be snowed out 😊

Line up for our May 2nd guild meeting:

Betsy Blum - Mitered corners

Jeri Carney - things to watch out for in order to piece better and prepare your quilt for a long-armed. It would focus on keeping your quilt as square as possible.

Joan Earnest - straight line ruler work

Charlotte Hickman - simple quilt label using a Word document. She will bring her computer and “show how it’s done for people who maybe want something quick and easy to do for a quilt label.”

Ruth Connor - machine embroidered quilt labels.

Kate Mackey - teaching Ruth Connor’s method for Magic Binding Closure. “It is pretty cool and works each time if you do it right”

Ku’ulei Arredondo- Folded Binding

Survey Results

We asked, you answered, votes were tallied and changes have been made!

- Survey results as of March 25, 2024:
 - Daytime vs Evening
 - 2 - No opinion
 - 2 - Prefer Nighttime meetings
 - 6 - Prefer Daytime only meetings
 - 21 -Daytime in winter months/Evening summer months
 - 1 - mixture of meetings 50/50
 - When asked if you'd prefer morning or afternoon meetings, the majority of you answered afternoons.
- The board took it to a vote and unanimously approved the following change to our Policies and Procedures:
 - Daytime meetings to begin at 1:00 P.M. (doors to open at 12:30) November 1st -March 31st
 - Evening meetings to begin at 6:00 P.M. (doors to open at 5:30) April 1st - October 31st

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QUILT SHOW 2025 – UPDATE

Maria Ciccarelli, Chairperson

Can you believe we are a year away from our next Quilt Show! I hope everyone is working on some creative entries.

The Opportunity Quilt was at the *Best of the Valley Quilt Show* on April 12 & 13, in Lindsey, CA. We sold \$438 worth of tickets. We got nothing but compliments on our beautiful quilts. It was also shown at the *Central Sierra Woodcarvers Rendezvous* on April 20 where we sold \$145 worth of tickets. Thank you to all the volunteers signing up to sit with the quilt. Please let me know if there are any events where you would like to show our quilt.

We have several postcards and tickets available. Please let me know if anyone needs more of either. Please bring your money from sold tickets to any meeting.
Happy Sewing & Selling!

Maria



It is easy to spot a quilter in a crowd.

Membership News

Sadly, we are losing a much loved and creative guild member. **Tara Locks** is moving to Grass Valley, California. Known for her original art quilts, Tara will be missed by our membership. Keep in touch with her at this address:

Tara Locks
119 Stennett St.
Grass Valley, CA 95945

Best of the Valley Quilt Show

Thanks to everyone who worked selling Opportunity Quilt tickets and white gloving at The Best of the Valley Quilt show held last week in Lindsay. Two of our members, Mel Peters and Janet Morita had quilts displayed at the show and both won 3rd place ribbons in their respective categories and a little prize money to boot! Congratulations ladies!



Mel Peter's Southwest Memories quilt.

Janet Morita's Afternoon Stroll quilt.





CUDDLE CORNER

Tricia Lacey

Thank you to the ladies who came to the Cuddle quilt workday. Some of us cut out adult and pediatric wheelchair bags and others worked on finishing a cuddle quilt or made wheelchair bags. I really appreciated your help.

This last month, 70 scent hearts, 50 belly bands, and 4 isolette covers were delivered to the Valley Children's Hospital NICU. They really appreciated them as they were running low on belly bands.



The next Cuddle Quilt workday will be Wednesday, May 15 from 9 am to 1 pm, at the library. I know it's hard for some of you to come that early, so come when you can. We have lots of fun and get to know other members of our guild. Coming and helping also earns you a stamp on your reward card.

If you have any questions, call me.

Tricia Lacey
530-680-3741

SMQA Donna Henning Memorial Scholarship Winners

Every year Sierra Mountain Quilters Association sets aside scholarships for deserving high school seniors. While we encourage and promote sewing creativity and unique designs in wearable and quilting arts, the Donna Henning Memorial Scholarship is offered to students interested in pursuing an art or design major. This year we were fortunate to receive four applicants, two from Mariposa County High School, one from Yosemite High School and one from Minarets High School. Two scholarships for \$600 each were awarded this year. The applicants chosen to receive the two awards are Brianna Maietto, a student at Mariposa High School and Madison Mikkelsen, a student at Minarets High School. Both young women plan to pursue art majors at their chosen universities. We wish them success in their educational pursuits.

I fully intend to make quilts with all the fabric & patterns I've bought. I'm on schedule to do so by my 835th birthday.



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.

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

Anything With Fabric Circle recently presented a quilt they made for Ryan Sullivan, a friend and neighbor of Shirley Savarino. The quilt originally was a Grateful Dead duvet cover with all the skulls on it, which Ryan wanted made into a quilt. Shirley cut it apart, pieced and sandwiched it, then gave it to Sue Johnson to quilt. Shown in the pictures below are Ryan and his wife, Natalie, daughter, Rylie, and Sue Johnson. To show their thanks, the family brought the sewing circle sandwiches and potato salad as well as a monetary reward for Shirley and Sue.



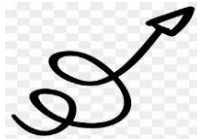
Ryan and Rylie admiring the workmanship of the quilt.



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..



Lissa Metzger	5/02
Ginnie Westfall	5/07
Kathy Millhollon	5/11
Cynthia Young	5/12
Patty Wiens	5/13
Rebecca Brannon	5/21
Jeanne Brisendine	5/22
Helen Ramsey	5/24
Tara Locks	5/26
Mel Peters	5/26

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 May meeting.

- Rhonda Dewey
- Rebecca Brannon
- Maria Ciccarelli

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	Get Well
Laura Gonzalez	Thank You
Jaydene Johnson	Get Well

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

Spring Retreat - the Participants



Spring Retreat - the Results



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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