

Mother Lode Quilters' Guild Newsletter



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Meetings are held the 4th Monday of each month and there is no meeting in December. Meetings begin at 6:30 pm at the Creekside United Methodist Church in Sutter Creek.

Remember to wear your name badge, bring Comfort Quilts and Show and Tell. When it's your turn, bring snacks.
See you February 23, 2026

From our MLQG President -Penni Parsons

Hi my favorite quilters.

What a way to start the year, or not. The universe has already lightened my load.

Anyway, let's get this year of fabulous quilting going by sharing our love for quilting one stitch at a time.

May your bobbins always be full and your UFO pile be lighter. That means lots of awesome projects for show and tell. See you all soon.

Quilt Show-October 3 & 4



Country Store - Heather Beers

Happy February,

I missed seeing everyone last month and look forward to gathering this month.

I have a new pattern ready for you. Yeah! I even made an example.

If you have any questions or needs to make stuff for our boutique please let me know. We do have resources.

I hope everyone is enjoying the Olympics.

Smiles, Heather

Let's Get Acquainted Rhonda Simpson

Each month Rhonda will interview a member. This month's interviewee is Sherry Duke

MLQG: How long did it take you to get to Amador County?

SD: I was born in Compton then moved to Folsom but have been here, with my husband, Dale, we'll celebrate 50 years of marriage in October, for 36 years. I have two boys and two grandchildren, both boys. One is 4 years old and the newest is 17 months.

MLQG: What did you do for work?

SD: I worked at the DMV for 32 and a half years. I studied animal sciences in college and was fortunate enough to put that knowledge to use for the animals I had. Mainly my horses.

MLQG: Horses?

SD: I went horseless for 17 years while I raised my sons. I then purchased a Thoroughbred, Jesse who was with me for 14 years until he passed at the age of 28. I added Raige, or The Old Man, that lived almost 32 years. I showed Raige in Western Dressage and working Equitation for a couple years. I now have another Arabian, Beyley.

MLQG: How did you get interested in animals?

SD: I was involved in 4H since I was ten. Raised lambs, sheep and rabbits. I also learned how to sew in 4H which led me to making my wedding dress along with a couple of my bridesmaid's dresses.

MLQG: Do you have other hobbies?

SD: Yes, I also crochet, x-stitch, do leather work and am learning to paint with watercolors. I'm finding painting to be interesting. I first learned to paint from my grandmother who would use powder paints and add some kind of substance to it and would use a stamping motion to create her pictures. My grandmother also taught me how to work with leather. I would love to pass on watercolor painting onto my grandsons.

MLQG: How were you introduced to quilting? Do you have a favorite part or technique? A less favorite part of quilting?

SD: Mary Rose introduced me to quilting. I do appreciate raw edge applique and paper piecing. I love sewing it together. My least would be quilting but feel that will change once I obtain a cutie frame. I already have the Allegro machine to use with it.

MLQG: Do you pre-shrink your fabrics?

SD: Only batiks.

MLQG: Do you sew with your shoe on or off?

SD: Always on because I have lost feeling in part of my feet and have stepped on pins before.

Upcoming Quilt Shows



Valley Quilt Guild
"Three Part Harmony"
March 7 – 9am – 5pm
March 8 – 9am – 4pm
 Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds
 442 Franklin Ave.
 Yuba City, CA 95991
www.valleyquiltguild.com

Sacramento Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival
March 12 & 13 – 10am – 5pm
March 14 – 10am – 4pm
 Cal Expo
 1600 Exposition Blvd.
 Sacramento, CA 95815
www.quiltcraftsew.com

When

you find people who not only tolerate
 your quirks but celebrate them
 with glad cries of 'Me too!',
 be sure to treasure them.
 Because those weirdos
 are your Tribe!

-Unknown-

Friends | A Friend



Amador County Fair 2026 Becky Podesta

The dates and theme have been announced for the 2026 Amador County Fair. The theme is: **"More Cowbells!"**

Fair dates are Thursday, July 30 – Sunday, August 2.

So, get your thinking caps on and your creative juices flowing and enter some items.



Hospitality

Becky Podesta
 Terrie Van Scyoc
 Misty Hall
 Sherry Duke

Treasurer's Report JoAnne Coss

Treasurer's Report for January 2026

\$14,509.82 Beginning Balance

\$ 60.00 Income

\$ 25.00 Expenses

\$14,544.82 Ending Balance



NO ONE TELLS YOU "SEWING" ACTUALLY IS:

- 30% TRACING
- 30% CUTTING
- 30% SEAM RIPPING
- 9% FIGURING OUT
 WHAT'S WRONG WITH
 YOUR MACHINE/
 NEEDLE/TENSION
- 1% ACTUALLY SEWING

**HAPPY
 BIRTHDAY**

JoAnne Coss 2/10
 Terrie Van Scyoc 2/16

It's Quilt Show Year!!! Stars, Stripes and Stitches October 3rd and 4th 2026

Our Guild is not large but we are always able, through the help of you as volunteers, to put on a great quilt show. Please help us make this a reality once again this October.

How can you help?

Along with volunteering to help or take on a committee which is fun and a great experience, you can also help our show by doing the following;

Quilts – Submit one or two quilts (made in the last 2 years) to display in the show. Finish those quilts early to avoid pre-show stress. Entry forms will be available in the May newsletter. The final date to turn in your entry paperwork is the August meeting where you can bring your quilt(s) to be photographed if needed.

Show Boutique – Make a few items to sell at the Boutique. Heather has many ideas and patterns to share, and most are quick, fun and easy to make in multiples. It is always a beautiful display.

Country Store – Donate gently used items such as notions, trims, fabrics, craft items, yarns, tools and machines to name a few.

Silent Auction – We need between 35 and 45 items to hold the auction. These items can be small quilts, table runners or toppers, napkin or placemat sets, pillow cases, pillows, aprons, purses and totes, rugs, stuffed and crocheted items, wreaths, jewelry and sewing machine lamps. We have had it all!

Town Merchants – Another form of advertising for the show is to place posters and a small quilted item in participating Merchants in Sutter Creek from Labor Day weekend until our show. These items do not have to have been recently made.

If you have questions about any of this please talk to one of us at a meeting.

Sincerely,

Quilt Show Committee

Anelie Belden, Terrie Van Scyoc, Dawn Schaaf, Heather Beers, Rebecca and Lorrie Albin, Donna Swanner, Trudy Bauman and Carlene Drake



“There’s a quiet comfort in sitting down to sew, like your hands already know how to calm the rest of you.”



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