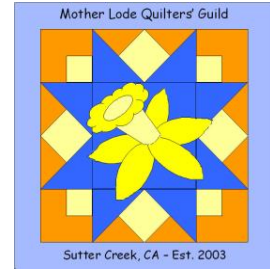


# Mother Lode Quilters' Guild Newsletter



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Meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 April 27, 2026

**Reminder-May meeting is May 18**

## MLQG President –Penni Parsons

What do you call a gathering of quilters?  
A block party.

Well Spring is here and I hope we get to have a block party soon. There is nothing more enjoyable than sitting with like minds and sharing stories and tips all about a shared love of quilting.

If you have not had a chance to go on a quilting retreat, I do encourage you to do so. Now, that is a real Block Party. It is a great time to get things done, learn new tips from others, and chat up your friends old and new. Show and tell is always a favorite time of sharing. It is when all those blocks turn into something magical. Whether the quilt is for you or someone else, your fellow quilters know exactly what went into making it and can appreciate it.

Happy Spring everyone.

**Quilt Show-October 3 & 4**

## MLQG Vice-President – Rebecca Albin

I want to thank everyone for their kindness as my family and I continue to cope with the loss of my mom. This has been far more difficult for me than I ever could have imagined. I'm grateful to everyone who attended her celebration of life, as well as those who reached out to let me know they couldn't be there. I don't think my mom ever would have expected the outpouring of love and support we've received.

I want to apologize for the last-minute location change for last month's meeting. I genuinely appreciate your flexibility and willingness to adjust after I misplaced the key. At this point, I've decided I shouldn't be trusted with adult responsibilities. We now have the key again so all is back to normal.

This month's guest speaker will be my Sydney Albin talking about knitted knockers. What they are, why she is making them and what happens with them once they are made.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting.

## Country Store – Heather Beers

April showers, they weren't kidding.

I hope everyone had a lovely Easter. I did.

Thank you for your continued support of the Guild and Quilt Show. I know the members all appreciate your hard work.

Personally, I have been on a mission to pare down. If this is you, please remember the Guild often has use for items you are done with. I do believe Rebecca is planning to fill those odd items with sewing items for the yard sale side of the Country Store.

We don't have Mar anymore, and she was a wonderful resource of assorted bags. If you are into making bags, the Country Store would love some.

Please take care of yourselves. Smiles

## Veterans' Quilts Anelie Belden

We have received 3 applications from Veterans in Amador County. They have information about their service, size and color of the quilt they would like. If you are wanting to make a quilt to give for our Veterans, please let me know! If you have already started a quilt, please let me know the colors and size. If you have not started, I can give you some details from the applications I am receiving so you can create it with them in mind. I did see several people raise their hands at the guild meeting but I did not write down names.

Please keep in mind we will be giving these quilts out at the quilt show and then will continue to have them given to Veterans throughout the year. So, if you have anyone you think would like to receive a quilt, give them the application (attached to the newsletter) to fill out. You can give them a self-addressed stamped envelope with my address on it so they can send it to me. Put your return address on the envelope.

I will not be at our April meeting and any applications or information can be given to Terrie VanSyoc.

## March Show and Tell



**Mother Lode Quilters' Guild**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026**

**Officers Present:** President Penni Thompson, Vice President Rebecca Albin, Treasurer JoAnne Coss and Secretary Terrie Van Scyoc

**Order** – Penni called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

**Membership** – The meeting had 30 members present with 4 guests in attendance.

**Minutes** – Penni asked if there were any corrections to the February minutes posted in the March newsletter and none were presented. Mary Beth motioned to approve the minutes as printed and Trudy seconded the motion.

**Treasurer** – Joanne reported a beginning balance in the bank account of \$14,819.10. She reported that the guild had a total of \$2,500.00 donated in memory of Lorrie Albin.

**Secretary** – Terrie read the recent correspondences and all were quilt show announcements.

April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> will be a show in Grass Valley put on by the Pine Tree Quilt Guild named “Milestones and Memories”. Admission is \$10.00

May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> will be a show in Vallejo put on by the Vallejo Piecemakers Guild named “Garden Party”. Admission is \$12.00.

June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> will be a show in Gardnerville, NV named “Stitching our Stars and Stripes”. Admission is \$10.00.

**Speaker** – Jane Haworth presented her various Collage quilts and described her road to learning the techniques she now uses. There was a show and tell of many of her quilts.

**Opportunity Quilt** – The Quilt was brought by our speaker, Jane Haworth from the Foothill Quilt Guild in Auburn.

**Break**

**President** – Penni asked if any member was interested in taking on the Historian committee. Rebecca will bring one of the binders to the next meeting to show what past historians have compiled.

Penni asked if we had a permanent scheduler for the Opportunity Quilt, and Trudy said that she is the person in charge. Penni then called upon the following committee chairs;

**Quilt Show** - Terrie reported that there would be a Quilt Show Committee meeting later this week.

She gave an overall idea of how members can help and participate in the show. There will be signups and more information at the April meeting.

**Veteran Quilts** – Anelie reported that she is ready to start receiving donated quilts and submissions of veterans close to guild members to receive the donations. If there are not enough, she and Carla will accept Veterans from the local community.

**Country Boutique** – Heather again brought the Men’s Shirt Apron and the pattern. She asked guild members to keep on making items for the show.

**Phone Tree** – Penni passed out lists to the ladies that volunteered for the Phone Tree. Each person will be contacted by someone on the committee in the event of last-minute changes, cancellations or emergencies. Each volunteer has a list of approximately 9-10 member names.

**Sunshine** – Mary Beth sadly reported the loss of 3 of our guild members in the last few weeks. Lorrie Albin and Skip and Bunny Smith. There was also another local quilter, Jo Souza who many in our guild knew.

**Newsletter** – Suzy asked that all articles be submitted by the 10<sup>th</sup> of April.

**Show and Tell**

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.**

Respectfully Submitted by;

Terrie Van Scyoc - Mother Lode Quilters' Guild Secretary

## Let's Get Acquainted Rhonda Simpson

Each month Rhonda will interview a member. This month's interviewee is Sharon Murphy

**MLQG:** Where were you born?

**SM:** I was born in South Dakota but moved around a lot because my father was in the military. Shortly after I was born, he was also stationed in Greenland and Japan.

**MLQG:** How long have you been in Amador County?

**SM:** I've been here 25 years with my husband Scott. I also have four children, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

**MLQG:** That's a long time. Where was Safeway when you moved here? Also, did you work here in Amador County?

**SM:** I guess it is. I could say when I moved here my hair was a dark blonde and has been getting darker every year to what it is now. When we moved here Safeway was where Grocery Outlet is. Yes, I worked for the County of Amador in administration. My perfect position was being in administration at a pre-school when I lived in San Juan Capistrano.

**MLQG:** That's interesting about your hair. The older I get the curlier my hair gets. When did you take up sewing/quilting?

**SM:** I started sewing in 8th grade but made my first quilt when I was 21. I modeled it after a quilt my grandmother made for me. Binding wasn't a skill I had learned yet so I used the edge of the backing and turned it over to bind it. I also created a quilt out of receiving blankets, which my kids used to fight over. I started seriously quilting in 1995.

**MLQG:** How creative. Do you usually use patterns or make up quilt designs?

**SM:** A little of both, I guess.

**MLQG:** Do you have other hobbies?

**SM:** Yes, I've painted furniture in the past, I also like to read and bake. I used to make stuffed animals for my kids and was able to track down a cabbage patch kid pattern when they were all the rage. I made three of those for my kids.

**MLQG:** What do you consider the favorite and least favorite part of quilting?

**SM:** I guess I enjoy the piecing best and haven't gotten the hang of free motion quilting yet. It's something I'm going to put my mind to learning.

**MLQG:** Do you pre-shrink your fabrics?

**SM:** I will pre-shrink fabric if I'm making a garment but not for quilting.

**MLQG:** Shoes on or off?

**SM:** Most definitely off.



## Upcoming Quilt Shows



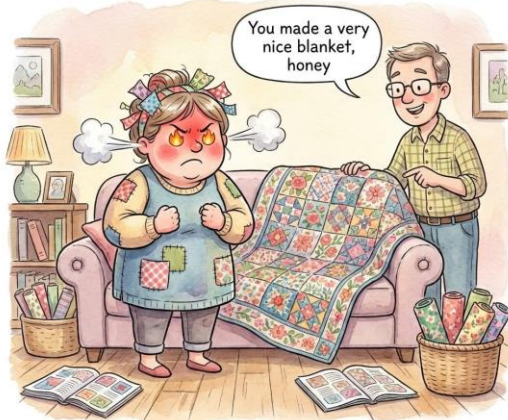
**Pine Tree Quilt Guild**  
**Springtime in the Pines**  
**April 25 - 10am - 4pm**  
**April 26 - 10am - 4pm**  
Nevada County Fairgrounds  
11228 McCourtney Rd.  
Grass Valley, CA 95949  
[www.pinetreequiltguild.com](http://www.pinetreequiltguild.com)

**Roseville Quilters' Guild**  
**A Touch of Lavender**  
**May 8 - 10am - 5pm**  
**May 9 - 10am - 4pm**  
Jessup University  
2121 University Ave.  
Rocklin, CA 95765  
[www.rosevillequilters.com](http://www.rosevillequilters.com)

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ulla VanGerrevink 4/14  
Sammie Belden 4/21  
Misty Hall 4/27

**"DON'T CALL IT A BLANKET!"**



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### **Membership** **Kathy Beach - Chloe Albin**

We had a total of 34 people attend the March meeting, including 28 members, 2 new members, and 4 guests—2 of whom joined us specifically to hear our guest speaker, Jane Haworth.

If you haven't done so yet, please remember to pay your dues and update your contact information so the new membership list can be included in the May newsletter.

### **Treasurer's Report** **JoAnne Coss**

Treasurer's Report for March 2026

<b>14819.10</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>
<b>2926.00</b>	<b>Income</b>
<b>777.60</b>	<b>Expenses</b>
<b>16967.50</b>	<b>Balance</b>

### **Hospitality**



Mary Beth Porter  
Sherry Duke  
Carlene Drake



# It's Quilt Show Year!!!

## Stars, Stripes and Stitches

### October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 2026

**Volunteers** – Our Quilt Show succeeds because of our wonderful volunteers. Please think about where you would like to help. There will be sign-up sheets out soon at our meetings. It is all fun and you get into the show for free!

**Quilts** – Any quilts that you have completed in the last two years are eligible to be displayed at our show this October. Our show is exhibition only and we welcome all quilts. Plan to have your top completed by the August meeting so that a picture can be submitted with your entry. August 24<sup>th</sup> is a **HARD DEADLINE** for entries. We do not want to accept any late entries as it makes the layout committee have to reorganize the rack layouts. Dawn will have entry forms ready soon so that members can start to submit quilts.

**Show Boutique** – Please try to work on as many items as you can for the boutique. If you plan to make a small project double or triple it and have a few to donate.

**Country Store** – Clean out the sewing room and stash for gently used items that can be sold or made into gifts by the Country Store crew. I have found that it feels good to pass on unused items.

**Silent Auction** – Here is another place to donate all kinds of small items. We like to have 35-40 items to have a good auction. Signup sheet for this will be available at the April meeting and continue to September.

**Quilt Challenge** – Carlene has presented her Red, White and Blue Challenge for us all. Let's have a great Patriotic showing! You know the colors and the outside measurements should total 100 inches or less.

**Town Merchants** – We will be placing small items in businesses on Main Street Sutter Creek for about 5 weeks prior to the show. If you want to sell any items you may price them. It is all to promote our show. These items DO NOT have to be made in the last 2 years. If you have any questions, please ask any one of us at the meetings. Your friendly Quilt Show Committee; Anelie, Terrie, Dawn, Carlene, Heather, Rebecca, Donna, Trudy and Becky

