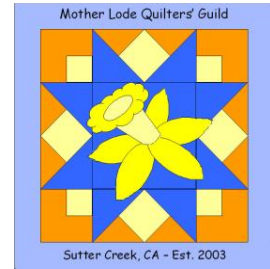


Mother Lode Quilters' Guild Newsletter



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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.

July 2026

Remember to wear your name badge, bring Comfort Quilts and Show and Tell. When it's your turn, bring snacks.
See you July 27, 2026

MLQG President –Penni Parsons

Happy July! I hope you are all staying cool, sipping something refreshing, and finding plenty of quality time in your air-conditioned sewing spaces.

Summer is in full swing, and with it comes a whole new wave of quilting inspiration. Whether you are stitching patriotic red, white, and blue designs, piecing together bright floral patterns, or quietly sneaking in some early holiday gift sewing, this season is bursting with color

I'm so glad that the past two meetings went smoothly and the rest of the Board carried on in my absence.

Quilt Show-October 3 & 4

MLQG Vice-President – Rebecca Albin

I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Fourth of July holiday.

We're hosting another sit-and-sew ahead of the July meeting. Join us on Monday, July 27, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the community building for a fun day of sewing. We will provide ironing boards, irons, cutting Mats please bring anything else you need.

The monthly meeting will follow at the same location at 6:30 p.m. We hope to see you there. This month, our own Carlene and Trudy will be sharing stories from their trip to the Sisters Quilt Show.

Country Store – Heather Beers

Thank you to all the members who participated in the Sit and Sew last month. A number of members mentioned they hoped to come and I hope you all can come in July. It's a wonderful opportunity for us to work together. Please bring your own projects and I will try to bring some projects myself. I have some old jeans cut if someone wants to use them to make a bag or apron. Just let me know and I can bring them.

I am thrilled that we have a new storage unit. Thank you, Rebecca. I am hoping this will make it easier to organize and store our boutique supplies.

I look forward to seeing you all in July. 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

Amador County Work Schedule Becky Podesta

Thank you to everyone who has generously volunteered to work at our Guild's table during the County Fair. We do however have a few open spots. I realize all the open times are from 6pm-10pm. I will be back to our booth no later than 9pm each day and can release you. I was able to obtain both entry and parking passes for each volunteer, I distributed the passes at our June Guild meeting.

I will have kits of the sample block I shared a couple of months ago. It is a very simple 5-inch square project. Feel free to bring something else to work on during your shift, if you want to.

If you need anything, regarding the fair, call me, Becky Podesta

Current sign-ups are:

Thursday, July 30	10-2	Becky Podesta	Norma Hayden
	2-6	JoAnne Coss	Shelia Poore
	6-10	Merry Smith	Amy Smith
Friday, July 31	10-2	Carlene Drake	Trudy Bauman
	2-6	Janis Beach	Kathy Beach
	6-10	Sharon Murphy	_____
Saturday, August 1	10-2	Suzy Morton	Dawn Schaaf
	2-6	Carlene Drake	Trudy Bauman
	6-10	Anelie Belden	_____
Sunday, August 2	10-2	Chloe Albin	Rebecca Albin
	2-6	Carla O'Dell	Donna Swanner
	6-10	Becky Podesta	_____

Mother Lode Quilters' Guild
General Membership Meeting
June 22, 2026

Officers present – Vice President Rebecca Albin, Treasurer substitute Becky Podesta and Secretary Terrie Van Scyoc.

Order – Rebecca called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Membership - Reported 27 members present and 5 guests. The 2026 membership roster will be available at the May meeting. If members would like a name tag made, please contact Rebecca or Chloe. The more we order the cheaper the cost to members.

Treasurer - Becky reported a beginning balance of \$17,535.40.

Minutes – Membership voted to accept the May minutes as printed in the newsletter. Misty Hall motioned to approve and Mary Beth Porter seconded the motion.

Secretary – Terrie reported on receiving a thank you letter from Sydney Albin thanking the guild members for their donations that will allow her to purchase 53 skeins of yarn for her Knitted Knockers project.

Visiting Opportunity Quilt – The Foothill Quilters Guild brought their Opportunity quilt.

Speaker – Yassi from Cali Quilts presented a program telling the history of the Cali Quilts shop and some of its newest and most popular projects. They also offer Brother and Janome technical service.

Break

Bylaws – Trudy and Carlene have not yet started the review of our Bylaws but will get it done this summer.

Amador County Fair – Becky has included fair information and the entry form with the newsletter. She discussed the entry turn in deadline, judging day and when the quilts will need to be dropped off and picked up. She also brought to our attention a new class where the items submitted will later be donated to the community. Her sign-up sheet for volunteers to work the Guild booth at the fair is mostly filled in and she thanked the members.

Storage Unit – Rebecca presented her findings in searching for a larger, cheaper square footage and easier access storage facility. It was unanimously voted to have her move forward and pursue availability and pricing for a unit double to triple the size we currently pay for.

Meeting Location – Rebecca reported that our July Sit and Sew and meeting will be held at the Community center, along with all remaining 2026 Guild meetings. After December she will be signing us up for all of the 2027 meeting dates. The cost for the room is approximately \$60.00, saving us \$40.00 per meeting. Carlene pointed out that the meeting rent money in the budget could be shifted to a larger storage unit. Terrie will create a letter from the Guild to the Church board to let them know we will no longer be using their room on our meeting nights.

Quilt Show – The quilt show committee would like to recommend that each guild member try to enter 3-5 items into the show. Each member can list their quilts in priority by number so that the quilt committee can complete the layout early. Entry forms are included with the Newsletter. Terrie brought the sign-up chart for items to be donated to the Silent Auction. The first Sit and Sew day was held today before the meeting and had a good turnout. Heather had kits and patterns available for different items to be completed for the Boutique. The next Sit and Sew is scheduled for our next meeting day on July 27th from 11am till 5pm at the Community Center.

Quilt Challenge – Carlene again reminded members of the Red, White and Blue quilt challenge that we will be displaying at the Quilt Show.

Veteran quilts – Anelie reported that there were 7-8 Veteran quilts made or under construction and that she has 4 applications for Veteran quilts to be presented at our show.

Comfort Quilts – Sherry reported that the final count for quilts donated in 2025 was 58. The local Dialysis center will be expanding so we will need more quilts to donate there. Dawn reported that she has had some of the 3-yard quilts already turned in from the packets of fabric that she brought last month.

Meeting Minutes Continued

Sunshine Committee – Asked to have the birthdays of all of the new members.

Newsletter – Suzy would like to have Newsletter submissions turned in by the 10th of July.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted by;

Terrie Van Scyoc
MLQG Secretary



Amador County Fair
Becky Podesta

The county fair is just around the corner. Thanks again to everyone who volunteered to work our booth. I will have kits and a sewing machine available for the project I showed at last month's meeting. It's a very easy project and completely voluntary. Feel free to sew on a project of your own if you prefer. Once again, your job during your shift is to sell opportunity quilt tickets and spread good will to fair goers. There will be chairs for you to sit and you are free to walk around the displays in our half of the building. Hope it is a pleasant experience for each of you!

I love fair food and often bring a gallon size freezer bag to take home a treat, usually a funnel cake! Yum!



Hospitality
Sharon Murphy
Norma Hayden

Rebecca
Mary Beth Porter
Misty
Terrie

A huge shoutout thank you to Becky for bringing hospitality supplies from home for the June meeting.



**I'm really good at
starting projects and
never finishing them. I
have a black belt in
Partial Arts.**

As I get older, I'm always
walking into things.
Quilt shops and fabric
stores mostly...
... so no complaints really.



SUMMER

Let's Get Acquainted Rhonda Simpson

Each month Rhonda will interview a member. This month's interviewee is Kathryn Sharp

MLQG: Where were you born?

KS: I was born and raised in Modesto, CA. I went to college at Biola University but just for a semester. It was such a large campus and coming from a small private school in Modesto it was too much so I transferred to SCC which is now Vanguard down in Southern California.

MLQG: Do you have kids? Grandkids?

KS: Yes, I have a daughter and two grandsons. They are 8 and 10 years old.

MLQG: On our guild roster it states your home address is in San Leandro. Do you travel all this way for our guild? Do you love us that much ;)

KS: Yes, I do enjoy the women of this guild very much but San Leandro is just my mailing address. I live in Mountain Ranch during the school year because I'm the school counselor for Pioneer and Pine Grove Elementary Schools and for the summer I live in Modesto.

MLQG: School counselor! Where else have you been a counselor?

KS: I worked at Denair Elementary School for 10 years and Modesto Christian (my Alma Mater) for 10 years. I was also paralegal for 4 or so years.

MLQG: What other hobbies do you enjoy?

KS: I love playing pickle ball and, in the past, have also played softball, basketball and volleyball. I've also raised horses. The last horse I had was an appaloosa but not since 2013. I like to crochet scarves and blankets and have taught 4th and 5th graders to crochet. I like to paint with oils, acrylics and watercolors. I would say I like abstracts best.

MLQG: How long have you been quilting?

KS: Since 2013 my mom invited me to a Christian camp that had quilting. We went to that for 3 years. I would say I'm more interested in Art quilts and traditional.

MLQG: To you, what is the favorite and least favorite part of quilting?

KS: Color is important to me. It has to draw me in and I'll love it while I'm working on a quilt but when I'm done, I don't want to see it anymore. But I still can't throw it out. I like it when the quilt is a finished quilt and like to bind my quilts by hand. My least favorite is the cutting and organizing the pieces. I like to work one block at a time. I don't pre-wash my fabrics either.

MLQG: How about a shoe. Do you sew with them on or off?

KS: I never realized that was a thing and didn't pay much attention to it. If I have shoes on, I'll sew if I don't, I don't.

Upcoming Quilt Shows



Delta Quilters Guild
Aug. 8 – 10am – 5pm
Aug. 9 – 10am – 4pm
Brentwood Community
Center
35 Oak Street
Brentwood, CA 94513
www.deltaquilters.org

Membership

Kathy Beach – Chloe Albin

At our June meeting, we had 27 members and 5 guests in attendance, for a total of 32 participants.

If you'd like to order a name tag, please let me know. We need a minimum of five people to place an order. Cost is \$15 each. The goal is to put together a list and place an order so they arrive in time for the show.

June Show and Tell



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

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

Quilts – **We would love to have each of you try to submit 3-5 items.** 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 24th 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 has entry forms ready so that members can start to submit quilts. Please note if your quilt is **FOR SALE**, or **FOR A VETERAN** and your **ORDER of PREFERENCE**, starting with 1.

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

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Chloe Albin	7/10
Sherry Duke	7/25
Nancy Hortst-Jones	7/26

Treasurer's Report
JoAnne Coss

Treasurer's Report June 30, 2026

\$17,535.10	Beginning Balance
\$ 578.77	Income
\$ 871.76	Expenses
\$17,242.11	Ending Balance