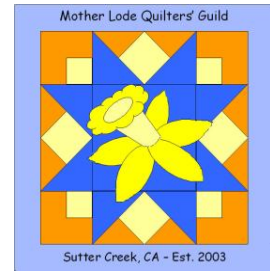


Mother Lode Quilters' Guild Newsletter



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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 Sutter Creek Community Center 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 August 24, 2026

MLQG President –Penni Parsons

As we enjoy these beautiful summer days, I wanted to send along a quick greeting. Before we know it, autumn will be here, bringing quilt projects, guild activities, and plenty of creative inspiration.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, keep those sewing machines humming, and I'll look forward to seeing your latest creations soon!

It is also the last month to finish up any projects for the quilt show.

I am down to making sleeves for my quilts and getting them sewn in place. I am so very excited for our show this year and I can't wait to see all of the beautiful quilts.

Quilt Show-October 3 & 4

MLQG Vice-President – Rebecca Albin

We're excited to welcome ****Kathy Allen from Quilts by Kat**** to our August meeting! She'll be bringing a beautiful selection of fabrics available for purchase—perfect for your next quilting project.

Meanwhile, Chloe and I are busy organizing the storage unit and hope to have everything completed before the show. Fingers crossed!

Don't forget to check out the ****attached classes being offered by Sierra Gold****—there are some wonderful opportunities to learn and create beautiful works of art.

Mother Lode Quilters' Guild
General Membership Meeting
July 27th, 2026

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

Order – Meeting was called to order at 6:32pm

Members – There were 34 members in attendance with 4 guests.

Minutes – A motion to approve the June minutes as printed in the newsletter was made by Norma Hayden and seconded by Trudy Bauman.

Visiting Opportunity Quilt – The Loomis Quilters' Guild showed their Embroidered Garden quilt and sold tickets.

Treasurers report – JoAnne reported a beginning balance of \$17,242.11. She also reminded members that the second quarter financial report was attached to the newsletter email. She also had copies for interested members.

Secretary – Terrie reported receiving an application for the guild to rent a booth space at the 2026 Witches Walk. The guild will skip this year as it will be the same month as the quilt show and we will not have enough time to make items for sale.

Vice President report – Rebecca reported that the new Insurance policy is paid for and in full effect. All of the addresses and entities are updated. The church closet has been emptied and transported to the new storage unit. Terrie, Rebecca and Heather still have items at their homes to be transported to the new unit. She will plan to have the unit organized by the end of August.

Rebecca also reported that Sierra Gold would like to try and share some speakers and classes with our guild. By combining our resources, we should be able to pay more for speakers and classes in order to benefit both guilds. She listed 3 upcoming classes that may still have openings.

Guest Speakers – Carlene and Trudy presented a slide and video show of their trip to the Sisters Quilt Show in Oregon.

Quilt Show – Rebecca encouraged members to sign up for volunteer positions at the quilt show.

Anelie asked members if they would like to display pictures of themselves on the labels for their quilts at the show. Most of the membership voted not to include pictures. Anelie said that she would take pictures if any members wanted them during the August meeting.

Quilt entries are due now and the August meeting will be the last day to turn in quilt show entries and have quilts photographed for the entry committee.

Quilt show signs will be available to pick up at the August meeting.

Publicity - reported that the Quilt Show will have an advertisement and an article published in the local newspaper in September.

County Fair – Becky reported having attended the judging at the fair. There were 70 quilts entered in the fair.

Bylaws Review - Trudy and Carlene reported to have started the review of the bylaws and will present a printed copy to the membership at the August meeting.

Newsletter – Suzy asked that articles for the newsletter be turned in by August 10th.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Terrie Van Scyoc



Upcoming Quilt Shows



**Sierra Quilt Guild of
Tuolumne County**
Sept. 18 & 19 – 9am -4pm
Mother Lode Fairgrounds
220 Southgate Drive
Sonora, CA 95370
www.sierraquiltguild.com

Diablo Valley Quilters
Sept. 26 & 27 – 10am-4pm
Shadelands Center for
Community Arts
111 N. Wiget Lane
Walnut Creek, CA 94598
www.diablovalleyquilters.org



Amador County Fair
Becky Podesta

The 2026 Amador County Fair is now in the books! A huge thank you for everyone who donated their time to represent our Guild. The building was beautiful with a wide variety of quilts being shown. Once again, the public had their own opinions of why a certain quilt should have won over another. I am so happy to hear these comments, because it means the fairgoers are actually looking at the entries, which helps to promote our craft. Our ticket sales were not very good. The Guild sold \$239 in raffle tickets. We were able to sew approximately 30 blocks which will be finished and turned into comfort quilts. Many people were once again amazed at the process of sewing pieces of fabric into a block, I heard a few ladies who were interested in learning, or learning more about sewing, and getting out that old sewing machine which has not been touched in many years.

Veterans' Quilts **Anelie Belden**

So many of you have made such wonderful Veterans quilts!! We are ready for our presentation at our quilt show. Thanks to everyone! We will continue to get veterans and more quilts to continue giving at our meetings!!

Please bring the quilts you are entering in the quilt show to the meeting on Monday, August 24. They will be photographed, attached to your entry form and given to Dawn to assist in the display placement for the quilt show.



Hospitality
Sharon Murphy
Norma Hayden

Ice Cream Social

Ice Cream

Becky
Rebecca
Mary Rose
Shelia Poore
Norma

Toppings

Trudy-brownies
Penni-chips
Misty-whipped cream
Terrie-nuts & whip
Carlene-hot fudge
Gale-caramel
Janis Beach-sprinkles
Kathy Beach-caramel
Suzy- M&M's
Heather-dried
marshmallows &
M&M's

If you did not sign up to bring something, please look over the list and bring something that will complement the Ice Cream Social.

Membership **Kathy Beach – Chloe Albin**

We had 34 people in attendance at the July meeting. 30 members and 4 guests. We were especially happy to welcome our guests from the **Loomis Quilt and Fiber Guild showing their beautiful opportunity quilt.

****Name Tags Available!****

Want a name tag for the show? They are **\$15 each**.

Please contact ****Chloe Albin**** to get on the list. We have enough orders for the minimum quantity and plan to place the order after the August meeting.

Don't miss out! Order yours now.

Let's Get Acquainted Rhonda Simpson

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

MLQG: Where were you born and when did you move here?

SP: I was born in San Francisco but moved to Sacramento when I was in the 7th grade. I moved to Amador in 1983, moved to Calaveras in 1998-2017 and then, back home to Amador, where I now live in Lone.

MLQG: Got kids? Husband?

SP: Yes, I've got both. Together we have 6 kids, 17 grandkids and 18 great grandkids with two more great grandbabies on the way. My husband of 36 years is Art. He loves to play music, all by ear, and loves photography. I am an only child but feel very blessed to be surrounded by so much family.

MLQG: What did you retire from?

SP: I've worked at Lucky's supermarket, Wells Fargo bank but retired from teaching Kindergarten through 2nd grade after 27 years in Calaveras County.

MLQG: Do you have other hobbies?

SP: Yes, I love hand embroidery or hand sewing quilt binding. I love to travel and have fulfilled my bucket list destination of Switzerland along with China, Turkey, Israel and the Philippines. My husband and I like to sail and are going on a 46' catamaran to the Virgin Islands in a few weeks. I love Disneyland too. My favorite movies are musicals and mysteries. I also like puzzles.

MLQG: When did you start sewing/quilting?

SP: I was 9 years old when my neighbor Mrs. Nix taught me how to sew. I started making my aunt's dresses shortly after that. Learning to sew so young taught me perseverance and that finishing something is an accomplishment. I used to make my clothes as well as my daughters' clothes. I remember going to the SF factory store for Gunne Sak dresses with my daughters. I started quilting about 10 years ago. All the quilts I make for my business have Minky. I'll also make backpacks, purses, wallets, aprons and panel quilts and sell them at local events.

MLQG: What's the best and most troubling part of quilting?

SP: I don't like ripping out stitches from the long arm. I love it when my project is complete. It's such a sense of accomplishment. I am drawn to the color of quilts. I like learning everything about a certain method or technique and then making the quilt.

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

SP: My feet have been on a lot of concrete for work so I need my shoes on.

Country Store – Heather Beers

Happy Day Everyone. First, Thank You to everyone who came to the Sit-and-Sew last month. Although I struggled with completing anything many other members donated some wonderful completed projects. In addition, a number of members brought items to the meeting that night.

Paul and I went to the storage unit and added to the bins that are taking over his office. I am sorting items into like tubs to make set-up smoother.

Please have your donations ready for our next meeting. All of our boutique items need to be sorted and priced. That can take a lot of time. Fabric needs to be measured and tagged. We really could use some more fabric.

I don't plan on bringing any patterns and probably won't push for new items after this month. That being said, I do have I think 8 tortilla wraps cut that just need microwave friendly batting and to be assembled. If someone wanted to make those it would be nice. (Yes, I am breaking my own rule.)

If you haven't signed up for work shifts at the show, please consider spending some time working for the Boutique and Store.

Try to stay cool and take care of yourselves. I am looking forward to eating a little ice cream with you all at our next meeting. Smiles

July 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 at our meetings.** Helping is enjoyable and you get into the show for free!

Quilts –Quilt Entry paperwork is DUE NOW! Last day to turn in entries is at the August meeting on 8/24. We will have a photographer present to take a photo of your 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 24th is a **HARD DEADLINE** for entries. Dawn has entry forms and they are included with the newsletter email. 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. The signup sheet for this is available at all meetings. Please see Terrie to sign up or ask any questions.

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. **Please bring yours to the August meeting to turn in.**

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

Kathryn Sharp	8/13
Carla O'Dell	8/14
Trudy Bauman	8/15
Anelie Belden	8/17
Diane Krisman	8/25
Merrie Smith	8/27

Treasurer's Repo JoAnne Coss

Treasurer's Report June 30,2026

\$17,242.11	Beginning Balance
\$ 609.00	Income
\$ 2,524.70	Expenses
\$1 5,326.41	Ending Balance