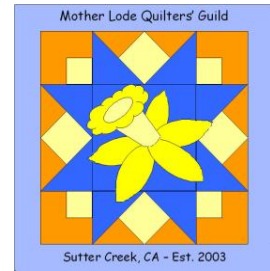


Mother Lode Quilters' Guild Newsletter



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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 September 28, 2026

MLQG President –Penni Parsons

The Midnight Fat-Quarter Fiasco

Martha decided to finish "just one more block" of her sampler quilt at 11:45 PM. Her husband was asleep, the house was quiet, and her rotary cutter was gliding like a hot knife through butter. The pattern called for twenty-four exact 2.5-inch squares.

Tired and triumphant, Martha chain-pieced the whole row without checking her measurements. She pressed the seams, held it up to the dim light of the sewing room, and realized with creeping horror that her 2.5-inch squares had somehow morphed into aggressive 1.75-inch trapezoids. She hadn't miscalculated the math; she had sleep-walked past reality.

Instead of crying, she pulled out her trusty seam ripper—affectionately known as her "best friend"—and stared at the bird's nest of threads. At that exact moment, her cat leaped onto the cutting mat, sat squarely on top of the mangled fabric scraps, and purred with the arrogant authority of a quilt judge at a county fair.

Martha looked at the cat. She looked at the clock, now reading 1:15 AM. She gently patted the cat, closed her sewing machine, and whispered into the dark: *"The quilting fairy isn't coming tonight, but grace and a whole lot of lint certainly are."*

A story we can all relate to.

Quilt Show-October 3 & 4

MLQG Vice-President – Rebecca Albin

Labor Day officially signals the end of summer, and our quilt show is just around the corner. We still have openings on the volunteer sign-up lists, and the show's success depends on everyone's support. Please review the sign-up sheet, and if you can fill an available spot, call or text Rebecca. All volunteer positions must be filled by the end of the September meeting.

The storage unit has been completely cleaned out and organized. Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible!

At the September meeting, I will be the speaker and will demonstrate how to create a small Kinusaiga quilt block. Kinusaiga is a traditional Japanese no-sew fabric collage art form. Please bring a seam ripper and fabric scraps in colors of your choice, or use the fabric I will provide.

Mother Lode Quilters' Guild
General Membership Meeting
August 24th, 2026

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

Order – Meeting was called to order at 6:29pm

Members – There were 31 members in attendance with 4 guests.

Minutes – A motion to approve the June minutes as printed in the newsletter was made by MaryBeth Porter and seconded by Rita Maddock.

Quilt Photos – Butch Podesta was available to photograph members quilts.

Treasurer – JoAnn reported a beginning balance of \$15326.41.

Secretary – Terrie reported receiving a request from the Independence Hall quilters in Murphys, CA for recommendations of professional teachers to present in 2027. She also brought an article from the local newspaper that was quilt related.

Vice President - Rebecca brought the list of Sierra Gold classes that they would like to open up to our members. There were 3 upcoming classes that may still have openings.

Chloe has a list of members who want a Guild name tag made. These should be ready by the show. Rita brought samples of the clothing protectors that we donate to the Kit Carson Senior home. They have a need for many and she asked that members make some to turn in by the end of the year. She brought a few patterns to share.

Guest Speaker– Kathy Allen presented her new fabric and pattern lines. These collections will go online soon and sell out fast. She wanted to give us all a first chance to buy.

Break – Ice Cream Social

Quilt Show – Anelie reported that Dawn had 90 entries. We can fit about 30 more. Members can sponsor outside quilters to add entries. Please contact Dawn soon. She went over the rules for placing the yard signs.

There have been 10 Veterans quilts turned in and only 4 applications. She encouraged members to seek out local Veterans so that the guild can continue our donations after the show.

Anelie asked that all members post on their social media about the Quilt Show. There is a poster on our Facebook page that you can re-post.

Donna reported that she has a full slate of vendors.

Rebecca encouraged members to sign up for volunteer positions at the quilt show. There are openings during the show and on Sunday for takedown and clean-up.

Quilt show yard signs were brought and members were asked to take and display around the County.

Rebecca also reported that the city has replaced the old swamp coolers in the Auditorium and the review is that the room stays nice and cool now.

Carlene handed out Challenge quilt entry forms. Your items can be turned in at the September meeting or at the show when you bring your quilts.

Terrie passed around the Silent Auction donation sheet and asked that members please get their item to her before the next guild meeting. She reported that the banner will go up in downtown Sutter Creek on the 6th of September and remain through the show. The Insurance rider for the show has been submitted to the City of Sutter Creek and she will confirm receipt later this week.

Heather thanked members for the items submitted to the Boutique.

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

Webmaster – Rita reported that the website will be updated with all of our new meeting and Quilt Show information.

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 September meeting.

Newsletter – Articles for the newsletter should be turned in by September 10th.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted by;

Terrie Van Scyoc

Upcoming Quilt Shows



Flying Needles Quilters' Guild

Sept. 26 – 10am – 5pm

Sept. 27 – 10am – 3pm

Yolo County Fairgrounds

Expo Bldg.

1250 Gum Ave.

Woodland, CA 95776

www.flyingneedlesyolo.org

Diablo Valley Quilters

Sept. 26 & 27 – 10am-4pm

Shadelands Center for Community Arts

111 N. Wiget Lane

Walnut Creek, CA 94598

www.diablovalleyquilters.org

Mother Lode Quilters' Guild

Stars, Stripes & Stitches

Oct. 3 – 10am – 5pm

Oct. 4 – 10am – 4pm

Sutter Creek Auditorium-18 Main St.; Sutter Creek

Sutter Creek Community Ctr-33 Church St.; Sutter Creek

www.mlqgsuttercreek.org

River City Quilters' Guild

Oct. 9 & 10 – 10am – 5pm

Oct. 11 – 10am – 3pm

Scottish Rite Masonic Center

6151 H Street

Sacramento, CA 95819

www.rivercityquilters.org

Dirty Quilting Definition

Dirty quilting is a relaxed, low-stress approach to making a quilt that prioritizes finishing and the pure joy of sewing over absolute perfection. Instead of stressing over precise measurements, sharp points, or perfectly aligned seams, you let go of strict rules and embrace a more freeform process



Country Store – Heather Beers

Thank you everyone for your continued support of the Country Boutique/Store. We are on a roll. We have a ton of work to get set-up and pretty for the show.

I am looking for a few things to help with set-up

Either shower curtain rods or tension rods that could be borrowed Thursday through Sunday. We need one that would be 77 inches and 3-4 that extend to 55 inches. If you have any please let me know ASAP.

Pant hangers - in the past we used these to hang table runners and I just don't know how many we have right now.

Some of those wooden stakes (no dirt on them) that we could put signs on and raise the eye to catch people's attention.

Please know if you planned on bringing fabric to the next meeting for the show I can't promise it will make it to the show. Time is a huge factor at this point.

I currently have in the area of 28 tubs of stuff in my husband's office. We have stuff in storage including display items and fabric. We will need to get that stuff on Thursday afternoon. The unit closes at 7PM so that will be push.

I am so excited for our show. Smile everyone and let's make this the best show ever.

Let's Get Acquainted Rhonda Simpson

Each month Rhonda will interview a member. This month's interviewee is Pamala Grant

MLQG: Where were you born?

PG: I was born in Vallejo and lived in the same house my parents lived and died in.

MLQG: That's kind of cool. When did you move to Mokelumne Hill?

PG: My husband Gary (who was the best man in my first marriage) and I moved here in the late 90's, about 1997 or 98. I have two kids, a daughter and a son, who sadly passed away in 2017.

MLQG: I'm sorry to hear that. Did you have a career?

PG: Yes, I worked in the accounting department for Chevron from 1969 to 1974 in Concord but also worked for Stockbrokers in San Francisco. My first job was with United Crusade in accounting.

MLQG: What kind of hobbies do you have?

PG: I like to garden and have 42 hydrangea and 20 rose bushes. I also have Irises. I like to cook and recently learned to make salsa. There's just something about getting vegetables from your garden and making something. I like baking and just started to make sour dough bread. I was also a certified scuba diver. I did night diving, navigation and was a dive master coordinator. I dove for abalone without my scuba gear while just holding my breath. We'd dive for abalone and grill them with spices and soda crackers and an egg, then have a feast on the beach. I've always wanted to get into ocean photography but couldn't spare the expense for the equipment. When grands were little, I made stuffed animals for them, I had more patience back then. I learned to sew in grammar school and have always enjoyed it. Especially while in school, clothes were too expensive to purchase, so sewing was the solution.

MLQG: What kind of quilts do you like to make?

PG: Easy ones! My first quilt was called Costa Maya and just recently finished a Log Cabin Sampler using mostly blues and am going to show it in our upcoming quilt show. I made my husband a quilt with his old t-shirts from the 70's which was fun, seeing a Grease Lighting t-shirt in a quilt was something else. I've been quilting for 20 plus years and find I'd like to get better at what I call "fussing" or being more proficient at quilting.

MLQG: What's the best and least favorite part of quilting?

PG: I dislike binding and just paid Trudy to bind my Log Cabin Sampler quilt. The best part for me is seeing the finished project. It gives me such a sense of accomplishment.

MLQG: Do you wear your shoe on or off when you're sewing.

PG: Definitely off!

Membership Kathy Beach – Chloe Albin

The August meeting was attended by 31 members and three guests. We also welcomed Kathy Allen from Quilts by Kat. Name tags have been ordered and hopefully will be ready by the Sept meeting.



Hospitality Sharon Murphy Norma Hayden

Only one person signed up for September.

Mary Beth Porter
Norma

We all enjoy the refreshments at our meetings. Please, don't be shy, sign up and bring something to share.

Thank you to everyone who, each month, brings something whether they have or have not signed up.

August 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 – **Make sure that your quilts have a SLEEVE and label for our show.**
You will be turning them in on Friday Oct. 2nd between 9am and 11am.

Show Boutique – **September meeting is last day to turn in items.** 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 – **September meeting is last day to turn in items.** 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 – **Please turn in your items at the September meeting to Terrie.**

Quilt Challenge – Carlene will not be at the Sept. meeting or the Quilt Show. **Please turn in your Challenge entry to TERRIE at the September meeting or with your quilts at the show on Friday Oct. 2nd 9am to 11am.** If you have a story or picture that inspired your project you may turn that in also so that it can be displayed at the show. **Let's have a great Patriotic showing!**

Town Merchants – Small quilts have been placed in the participating merchants in Sutter Creek. The quilts have a postcard attached and there should be a poster in the window. If you have questions, please ask any one of us at the meetings or email us. Your friendly Quilt Show Committee; Anelie, Terrie, Dawn, Carlene, Heather, Rebecca, Donna, Trudy and Becky



Treasurer's Report
JoAnne Coss

Treasurer's Report August 31, 2026

\$15,326.41	Beginning Balance
\$ 1,349.21	Income
\$ 376.39	Expenses
\$17,052.01	Ending Balance

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Mary Beth Porter	9/4
Jodi Finch	9/19
Norma Hayden	9/22
Pamala Grant	9/23

New Storage Space

Rebecca Albin

