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, Show and Tell, and Block of the Month. When it's your turn, bring snacks.

See you May 18, 2020

April showers bring May flowers, as the saying goes. I hope everyone is staying safe and yet still able to go outside and enjoy the spectacular weather we've been having.

I have to say that "social distancing" has brought out some interesting ways to connect with people. My neighbors down the street like to sit out on their upper deck and carry on conversations with their neighbors across the street, who are out on their porch. Another couple hosted a dinner party. The hosts ate on their deck, the guests ate down in the parking area. Our Wild Wednesday group even experimented with ZOOM as a way of having a group meeting. It was fairly successful but pointed out the need to have a really good internet connection.

I decided I disagree with what is considered an "essential" business during this time of Covid-19. Are not quilt shops essential? Do they not provide the high-quality cotton necessary to make a decent face mask? Did not quilters jump into the fray and start sewing masks as soon as the need was expressed? Quilt shops should be open! Just sayin'.

It's starting to look like our April meeting will have to be cancelled due to the ongoing shelter in place requirements but I will send out an email later in the month to confirm.

And let's all take a moment to send prayers and good thoughts to Anelie Belden who underwent breast cancer surgery. We love you Anelie!

From our MLQG Vice President-Carlene Drake

I hope all of you are staying busy with your sewing and quilting projects. It does help to have a hobby that allows us to contribute to the needs of the current crisis instead of just having to sit back and worry. It's still uncertain when we will be able to have our next meeting. We still have Jenny Lyon on the calendar for our May 18th, meeting, hopefully that will be able to happen. We will also work on our country store items with Heather at a future meeting. Until we can meet in person, stay safe and stay well.

Amador County Fair 2020 Juliene Hiatt

Although the fairgrounds are currently closed and the staff is working from home the Amador County Fair Board is still planning on a fair for July 23 - 26. "Roaring into the 20's" is this year's theme. The divisions and classes are the same as they were last year. The premium book is scheduled to go online on May 1. The really good news is the fees are going back to \$1.00 per entry. With all this extra time to quilt and the lower fees I hope there will be twice as many quilts as we had last year.



Block of the Month Dawn Schaaf - Linda DeRosia



If you have purchased the current block, please finish it and bring it to the next meeting. If enough blocks are returned, we will draw two names.

Also, Linda and I hope to have our next block ready to sell at the meeting.





Treasurer's Report Becky Podesta

\$ 10,813.92 Checkbook Balance at beginning of meeting

\$ 413.00 Income for February

\$ 1,810.76 Expenses for February

\$ 9,416.16 Checkbook Balance end of February

Since the Guild did not meet for March our checkbook balance remains at \$9,416.16, Linda DeRosia, Mary Mahoney, Bunny Smith and Becky Podesta met in March and all financial transactions for the calendar year 2019 were reviewed. The committee, of Mary and Bunny found no abnormalities.



Hospitality Janis Beach Mary Beth Porter

Mar Douglas Carlene Drake Dawn Schaaf Ruth Carter Heather Beers



Ulla Van Gerrevink 4/14 Sammie Belden 4/21 Lorrie Albin 4/27

Country Store-Heather Beers

I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe and healthy. These are difficult times and I hope you feel comfortable to reach out if you need anything.

I personally have been busy providing childcare and sewing masks and now scrub hats for healthcare workers and family. If anyone needs help with transporting masks or scrub hats to those in need please let me know and I will try to help.

Let me know if you would like some help with a pattern. Please feel free to call or email me.

I believe that we will weather this storm and then be looking forward to our quilt show. With that in mind, and because I had some things prepared before this shelter in place, I have 10 dog stockings prepared to be cut and made. I am providing the felt and pattern and all you need to do is add some embellishments. If you need a distraction please let new know and I will try to arrange to get these to you. I have also been working on a cute child's apron that I will try to get ready if someone would like that please let me know.

I think of you all and pray we soon will be able to gather and be grateful for all the good in the world.

Jenny Lyons – Featured Quilter Golden Threads Quilt Show October 3-4, 2020

Be sure to mark your calendar for our May 18th meeting with Jenny Lyon. She will be giving her lecture "Quilting as a Contact Sport" and giving a trunk show of her award-winning quilts and garments! You won't want to miss this meeting! Here's sneak preview of some of her award-winning work!







MOTHER LODE QUILT GUILD 2020 QUILT CHALLENGE

The inspiration for our quilt challenge will be the front cover of a magazine. Choose any magazine that inspires you. It could be a travel, food, gardening even quilt magazine. Use anything on the front cover to come up with your design.

Project Must be quilted. 100" Maximum circumference. Can be smaller. This can be a table runner, wall hanging or a small quilt, it is up to you. **Magazine should be on display with the quilt.**





















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