

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 January 27, 2025

From our MLQG President-Carlene Drake

January always brings thoughts of new beginnings and organization. I do try to set some goals for my quilting for the year as it helps me to stay on track. This year my main goal is to complete quilts for two graduating seniors in my family. Then I'll add a few small projects that catch my eye and feed my creative urges. I'm also going to try to organize my scraps. What are your goals for this year?



From our MLQG Vice-President-Trudy Bauman

Happy 2025 MLQG members! It's a new year with new challenges and expectations. I will be sitting in for Carlene for the next few months while she recovers from breast cancer surgery. That means I get to do double duty as President and Vice-President, lucky me!

There is no speaker this month so I thought it might be fun to discuss how to organize your sewing room. Even if you don't have a dedicated sewing room, there are always tips to making your space more functional. I also think we need to look at our UFOs and WIPs. I know I say this every year but the older I get, the more disturbing my accumulation of UFOs have become and it's time to get some of them done! If you have a particular organizational tip, please bring your ideas to the meeting to share with the group.

February will feature Anelie Belden, world traveler and quilter extraordinaire, as she discusses her 3-month long trip to Germany and what it was like to teach a quilt class in German.

In March our featured quilter is Lola Newman of Stitchin' by the River. She specializes in hand embroidery with a vintage feel and her work is really charming and very interesting. She will be at the Sacramento Sewing and Craft show in March if you want to see her work.

The 2025/2026 Opportunity Quilt is done! It is quilted, bound, sleeved and I even made a pillow case for it! It is ready to go visiting so help out Mary Beth and Rita and volunteer to take the quilt to other guilds. Now all we need are the raffle tickets.....

This article was entirely too long! See you on 1/27 for our first meeting of 2025!



Hospitality Janis Beach-Mary Beth Porter

I misplaced the list. If you signed up to bring refreshments, please do so. If you didn't sign up and want to bring something, please do so.



Membership Kathy Beach – Rebecca Albin

Happy New Year!
There were 26 members in attendance at the November meeting.
Don't forget to bring your \$35.00 membership payment to the January meeting.
Membership is having everyone update all information. So, if you have not already updated your information with membership in the last few months, please make sure to fill out our updated form. We want to have an accurate membership list for the new year.



Country Store Heather Beers

Happy New Year Everyone!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. I was very blessed to have numerous opportunities to build memories with my family and friends.

As we head into this new year, I hope we all can gather together and appreciate what we have. Although I should be writing about the Country Store, I need to pause and say my heart is broken for all the people in Southern California. I lived down in Glendale for 14 years.

If you are in need of a diversion, then making items for the Country Store may be for you. As I have mentioned before, pot holders were the big mover. It would be great to stock up on this hot mover. I think the pot holders with a loop to hang is helpful. I will bring a couple different patterns I have.

Please be safe everyone. I appreciate each and every one of you. Let's have a fabulous 2025. Smiles

Amador County Fair 2025 Becky Podesta

The Amador County Fair is coming up fast! The dates are changed this year. The fair will be held July 31 – August 3.
This year's theme is "The Happiest Place on Dirt". Get inspired and start creating!
I am hoping to see Pokerville Hall filled with beautiful quilts.

Anyone Want to Make This Quilt Carla O'Dell



If anyone is interested in making this quilt, please see Carla O'Dell.



**Mother Lode Quilters' Guild
General Membership Meeting
November 25, 2024**

Officers present: President Carlene Drake, Vice President Trudy Bauman, Treasurer Becky Podesta, Secretary Misty Hall

The president called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Attendance reported: 26 Member's Present; 0 Guests

Meeting Minutes: Trudy approved the previous minutes; Rita seconded the approval.

Membership: Membership dues are due. \$35 cash or check or \$37 square payments

Opportunity Quilt: Trudy and Carlene shared the opportunity quilt has been quilted and Tacy is currently working on the order for tickets.

Correspondence: We received a postcard from Anelie while she is on her travels in Germany. Received a Thank You card from the Amador Pregnancy Center. Folsom Quilt Show postcards. Alameda Quilt Guild, their gallery is on display.

Quilt Challenge Winners:

1st Place- Mar. 2nd Place Carla O'Dell, 3rd Place- Rita

2026 Quilt Challenge: Red, White and Blue- Celebrate America; can add additional colors

Comfort Quilts: If anyone is interested in taking over, it would be appreciated. Quilts went to the Yuba City Dialysis center as well as our local dialysis center.

Webmaster: Rita will update the website once we have all the information for the new Opportunity Quilt and will post the winner of this past quilt.

Programs: March- Stitchin' by the River, vintage hand embroidery. June- Oral Officer

Treasurer: The budget was approved by Rita and seconded by Terrie with a motion to move forward. Carlene shared we received an email to purchase a quilt estate, however, after reviewing the items, it was decided it was not something the guild could take on at this time. Jocelyn Courtney, the Graze Restaurant curator brought some intriguing information. She stated they are welcoming quilt members who are interested in showing off their quilts or fabric garments to showcase in the restaurant. If you want to sell your items, 20% would be a donation with 10% to Graze and 10% to the guild. If anyone is interested, please reach out to Carlene.

Trudy shared with the guild how to make a Swedish Star Ornament, a fun no-sew activity.

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 pm.



Let's Get Acquainted Rhonda Simpson

Each month Rhonda is going to interview a member. This month's interviewee is Suzy Morton.

MLQG: Where were you born and do you have kids, grandkids?

SM: Technically, I was born at a hospital in Sacramento but spent my entire life in Jackson (except one year away at San Joaquin Delta Junior College in Stockton). I have been a widow since April 2023 and have 3 children and 8 grandchildren.

MLQG: So, you've seen a lot of changes to Jackson?

SM: Yes. I have a running joke with my siblings about where the first Safeway they remember was. They've been in a few locations around town but the strangest is where it is now because it used to be the location of a logging facility. It was always off limits but now being able to enter the area is unusual.

MLQG: How long have you been quilting?

SM: I've been quilting since 2007 but have been sewing since I was 10. My mother taught me to sew on her Singer and I loved that machine. I remember Mr. Nichols, the Singer salesman, would come to Jackson from Lodi about once a month and do any maintenance on her machine. However, I've grown to love my Viking machines.

MLQG: What did you do to fund your love of sewing?

SM: I worked (unpaid child labor) at the Amador Ledger when my dad owned the paper. He sold it in 1977 and I went to work from 1980-1981 for the new owners. I worked at Wells Fargo Bank for 8 years but ended up at the Amador County Auditor's office for 24 years until I retired in 2013 to watch my grandson, Vinnie. Interesting though, I spent my first year of retirement in bandages with a torn rotator cuff and a torn tendon in my foot. After I healed, my husband, Mark, had back surgery.

MLQG: Do you have other hobbies besides sewing and quilting?

SM: Yes. I also love to do machine embroidery. I just made the cutest kitchen towels with Christmas ghosts for my daughter to give as a gift. I also love Shabby Fabrics and I'm currently making one of their monthly paper pieced mini hanging quilts. I crochet and love jigsaw puzzles, especially puzzles by Charles Wysocki.

MLQG: What do you like best about quilting and what's your least favorite?

SM: I love watching how the quilt pieces come together. Sewing the pieces to make patterns is very calming for me. I'm not a big fan of picking out my colors. My oldest daughter, Kim, has a great talent for it and helps me out. I can tell her what colors I want to start with, and she'll go from there and the end quilt is always a beautiful quilt.

MLQG: Do you like a silent sewing room?

SM: No, I prefer having music play or I'll have the TV on for the noise.

MLQG: Do you pre-wash your fabrics?

SM: No. I've never pre-washed any fabrics I've sewn with. Even when I was making garments.



Mar Douglas

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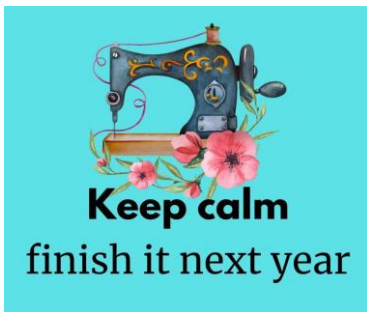


Treasurer's Report Becky Podesta

Treasurer's Report for 2024

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| Beginning Balance 1/1/2024 | \$14,793.44 |
| Income for 2024 | \$15,387.08 |
| Expenses for 2024 | \$12,851.88 |
| Balance 12/31/2024 | \$17,328.64 |

November Show and Tell



Upcoming Quilt Shows



Road to California
January 22-25
 Ontario Convention Center
 200 E Convention Center Way
 Ontario, CA 91764
roadtocalifornia.com

Folsom Quilt & Fiber Guild
January 31 – February 2
10am – 4pm
 Folsom Community Center
 52 Natoma St.
 Folsom, CA 95630
folsomquilt.org