

# Mother Lode Quilters' Guild Newsletter



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Meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 19, 2025

## Reminder- May meeting is May 19

### From our MLQG Vice-President-Trudy Bauman

Happy May! I hope everyone has fun plans for Memorial Day weekend. I'm sure I'll be doing what I do best, absolutely nothing!

There is a change of plans for the May meeting. I had originally planned a Swiffer event where we would make washable Swiffers out of fleece and microfiber cloths. I have decided we will have a fabric free-for-all instead. This is due to the untimely passing of a prolific quilting friend of my mine. Ruth Dragash was a client of Shannon's and I was privileged to do her quilt bindings. Ruth loved bright colors and bold prints. She left behind a wealth of fabrics and quilting supplies. Her husband of 60 years, Mike, was at a loss and decided to let Shannon and I clear out Ruth's sewing room. His only stipulation is that the fabric and quilting supplies be a donation and are not to be resold.

Instead of making Swiffers, I will be bringing boxes and boxes of fabric and we will use the time to go through each one. Feel free to take what you want. Because these items are donations, I ask that the majority be used for comfort quilts or Country Store items. If something makes its way into your stash, I won't tell.....

Don't miss the June meeting. We will have a Zoom lecture from a Aurifilosopher and she sent swag! Those who attend the meeting in person will get goodies from Aurifil.

See you on the 19th!

May



## Hospitality Penni Parsons Rhonda Simpson

Sherry Duke  
JoAnne Coss  
Sammie Belden  
Amy Summers  
Ulla Van Gerrevink  
Dawn Schaaf



Rebecca Albin	5/1
Rhonda Simpson	5/12
Bunny Smith	5/28
Becky Podesta	5/31



## Membership Kathy Beach – Rebecca Albin

There were 28 members and 2 guests at the April meeting. It was great to see everyone.

The name tags have come in! Please see membership at the next meeting to get yours if you have not already received it.

## Treasurer's Report Becky Podesta

Treasurer's Report April 30, 2025

\$ 15,914.81	Beginning Balance
\$ 286.80	Income
\$ 1,831.48	Expenses
\$ 14,370.13	Ending Balance April

## Misc Donation Info Lorrie Albin

If you have glasses and/or glass cases you no longer need/want, please bring to Lorrie Albin at the next meeting. These items will be donated to a medical mission in Africa.

On another note: continue to bring your books/magazines that you no longer want/need. They can be left on the free table for members to take. Any books/magazines left on the table after the meeting will be taken to the book store to be sold and profits will go to the Guild.

## IN MY SEWING ROOM *thou shalt not ...*

... ask when it will be finished  
... cut anything with my fabric scissors  
... request that I hem your pants  
... speak to me when I have seam ripper in hand  
... tell me I have too much fabric  
... push buttons on my sewing machine  
... bring me your clothes to iron  
... pull on any loose threads  
... wonder aloud why I'm still in my pajamas  
... come looking for food—this is not the kitchen



## Country Store Heather Beers

Well, the Spring flowers are a blooming and we are all "Achooing". Love the scenery but not the allergies.

I will return with the witch hat pin pattern and pot holder patterns next meeting. Thank You Carla for giving me some pot holders last week. I appreciate everyone's support of the Country Store.

We are still looking for someone who would like to help organize additional activities that are revenue generating such as craft fairs, etc. I am more than willing to help somebody but I just can't take it all on at this moment.

I look forward to seeing you all on the third Monday in May. May the force (of your sewing machine) be with you. Smiles

**Mother Lode Quilters' Guild**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Officers – President** – Trudy Bauman (substitute) **Vice President** – Trudy Bauman, **Treasurer** – Becky Podesta and **Secretary** – Terrie Van Scyoc (Substitute)

**Order** - Meeting was called to order at 6:34pm

**Members** – 28 members present and 2 guests

**Visiting Opportunity Quilt** – Two members of the Antelope Quilters' Guild brought their quilt “Night Before Christmas”.

**Treasurer Report** – Becky reported that our annual renewal is due for the storage unit and the cost has gone up considerably. The new price is \$1560.00 a year. She is not sure that we can find any other place that may be cheaper. She asked the members for ideas on any events that we can sell items to bring income to the guild in the non-quilt show years. She mentioned that the Mountain Men Days will be selling craft booths next year and we should consider participating. There could also be possibilities in other events like the Farmer's Markets, trash to Treasure and The Witches Walk. The ending checkbook balance was estimated to be \$14,230.00.

**NCQC** – Anelie announced that the July NCQC meeting is going to focus on ways to grow your guild. She encouraged members to attend some of the seminars being offered as most guilds are losing members and looking for ways to add membership.

**Boutique** – Heather brought a cute witch's hat pin pattern that would be a great small item for us to offer at the Witches Walk in Sutter Creek next October. She also asked for volunteers to take over any events outside of the Quilt Show as she is too busy to take these on. It would be things like Becky listed above.

**Quilters Tips –**

Becky Podesta gave a demonstration on Anelie's clever way to make 8 Half Square Triangles in any size you need. She also had a sample of a quick way to put together the Disappearing Pinwheels block.

Trudy Bauman read a list of 7 tips for Perfect Piecing.

May meeting – Trudy will show us how to make a washable Swiffer. You can bring a Swiffer handle, sewing machine and some fleece

**Break**

**Sunshine** – Meeting night was Lorrie Albins birthday so we all sang Happy Birthday to her as her beautiful cards always cheer us up on our special days.

**Newsletter** – Suzy will need your articles turned in by May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Fabric Sale** – Kathy Allen is having her annual fabric sale on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Classes** – Anelie announced she will be teaching her Quilted Jacket class on 5/9 at the Zola Exchange. Please sign up with her if you are interested. She also reported that Sierra Gold quilt guild is having Jenny Lyon teach a machine quilting class. There are openings and any Mother Lode members are welcome to sign up. Her lecture is 5/13 and the class is 5/14.

**Show and Tell** – A number of members had items to show and tell. Heather Beers, the self-proclaimed “Slowest Quiltmaker in the World”, she even brought 3 quilts to show!

Meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm

Respectfully submitted by;

Terrie Van Scyoc

Substitute Secretary Mother Lode Quilters' Guild

**County Fair**  
**Becky Podesta**

Amador County Fair 2025, The Happiest Place on Dirt, July 31 – August 3.

Hopefully everyone is working on fair entries! The fair is not far off and we need help filling the hall with our beautiful quilts and other handmade items.



## **Let's Get Acquainted**

### **Rhonda Simpson**

Each month Rhonda is going to interview a member. This month's interviewee is Rebecca Albin.

**MLQG:** Where were you born and if out of Amador County, when did you arrive here?

**RA:** I was born in Sacramento but moved to Jackson in 1985 when I was five. I moved to Fair Oaks in 2016 and boy was that a year!! I almost died, my father and father-in-law both passed away and many close friends and my marriage took a turn towards the disastrous. It's the year that has made me the strongest. Like my mom says, "this too will pass".

**MLQG:** Certainly not a year to repeat! Working while this was happening?

**RA:** Yes, except for the hospital stay, I worked at PK Willis, where I coordinate car repossessions and before that worked in the vault at Jackson Rancheria, where I can honestly say I've touched 12.5 million dollars at one time.

**MLQG:** Car repossessions! What state has the most repossessions?

**RA:** East Coast due to the amount of parking tickets people would receive.

**MLQG:** Makes sense. Got kids?

**RA:** Yes, I have twin daughters, Chloe and Sydney. Both started out as junior members of this guild, but Chloe is now the youngest member, she is very creative and loves to bake and is a pastry chef. Sydney has her master's in game design and does body piercing. She is well known in the community and has recently been invited to Chicago to do specialty piercings. I was also their leader for Girl Scouts.

**MLQG:** Girl Scouts?

**RA:** Yes, I'll receive my 40-year pin next year. I love that the goal of Girl Scouts is to teach girls to lead. I learned public speaking in Girl Scouts along with camping, archery, skiing and public speaking. I attended public openings and met many public figures, including congressmen.

**MLQG:** How long have you been quilting?

**RA:** I've been a member of MLQG since 2008 and usually donate about 90% of the quilts I make. Although, I have a few tops to finish.

**MLQG:** Best and most challenging part of quilting?

**RA:** Definitely finishing the quilt, I have more than a few tops finished and just need to be quilted, but truly enjoy the creative part of quilting.

**MLQG:** Got any other hobbies?

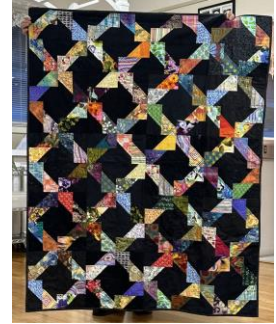
**RA:** Yes, I spent summers with my grandma in Fort Bragg, who believed you should learn a skill. She taught me to do painting, woodwork, leather work, hand embroidery and cross stitch. When I returned the next summer, I had to show her I could still complete the skill.

**MLQG:** Do you pre-wash your fabrics before quilting?

**RA:** No, I do not pre-wash my fabrics.



## April Show and Tell



## Upcoming Quilt Shows



**Sierra Mountain Quilters  
Guild**  
**Mountain Magic Quilt Show**  
**May 17 - 10am - 5pm**  
**May 18 - 10am - 3pm**  
Oakhurst Community Center  
39800 Road 425B  
Oakhurst, CA 93644





# Quilts By Kat

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Spring

ONE DAY  
ONLY!

# SALE



May 24<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM-4:00 PM



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SALE FABRICS PRICED \$7/YARD  
ALL OTHER FABRICS PRICED \$11/YARD

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