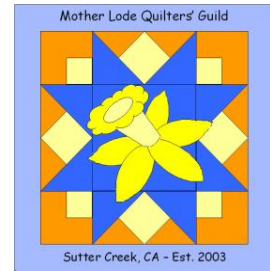


Mother Lode Quilters' Guild Newsletter



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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 September 22, 2025

From our MLOG President – Carlene Drake

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From our MLQG Vice President – Trudy Bauman

It's September! Where did the summer go? Is everyone ready for all things pumpkin spice? I know I'm not but that could change along with the weather.

This month's meeting will feature a lecture and trunk show by Karen Bolan entitled, "Learn With Every Quilt". She will discuss her quilting journey and what she has discovered along the way.

In October we will finally make washable Swiffers! Hopefully you have been collecting Swiffer handles as well as fleece and microfiber cloths. If you don't have microfiber cloths, the Dollar store has them and I'm sure they will work fine! I hope to have machines stationed around the room so there won't be too much waiting.

See you on the 22nd!

Dress a Child Around the World

Rita Maddock



Our guild is about giving back to others! Rebecca and Lorrie Albin have cleared unused yards of material that has been in our storage or donated. It is now time to send the material on for continued use. I have a friend who belongs to a sewing ministry at Christ the King-St. Stephens Church in Pleasant Hill. They sew dresses and shorts out of 1-yard pieces of material and embellish them. Their dresses and shorts are donated to the poor, disadvantaged, and children affected by disasters in the U.S. and around the world. In the 13 years since this ministry has begun, children in 32 countries as well as here in the United State have received new dresses and shorts, for a total of 25,300 outfits. Rebecca and Lorrie delivered 7 plastic tubs of material to me, and I have passed the tubs on to my friend. They were very happy to receive the material. Here is a sample of the dresses.

Message from Mar Douglas

Greetings from Strasbourg, France. I want to thank my quilt guild for sponsoring me at the Amador County Fair! For the first time ever, I won first place for one of my quilts. It was the one that I almost didn't make because of the yellow background! My son, Mike, sent me my winning check!!

Mid-September I will be going to the European Annual (30th anniversary) Quilt Show in Alsace area of France, held in 4 villages. I have signed up for 2 courses. I hope I get some good photos to send back to Sutter Creek!!

Thank you, also to Sherry Phinney for taking my quilts to the fair and bringing them back home!!

For Donation

Grace Z44 Hand Quilting Frame



I have a Grace Z44 hand quilting frame that I would like to donate to someone who is interested in doing hand quilting. It is in excellent condition. I live in Mt. Aukum and would need a person to pick it up.
Judith Haney



Mother Lode Quilters' Guild
General Membership Meeting
August 25, 2025

Officers Present: President Carlene Drake, Vice President Trudy Bauman, Treasurer Becky Podesta, Secretary Misty Hall Absent: Past President Anelie Belden

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

Approval of Previous months minutes: 1st Mary, 2nd Kathy

Membership: 28 members, 3 guests: Tara, Frank and Marta

Witches Walk: We did get a business license. Anelie is requesting volunteers for set up (1) 1:00-2:00 pm and tear down (1) 5:00-7:00 pm. Turn in your donated items by the September meeting, for everything to be priced. Heather pulled Fall/Halloween themed items from the storage unit. Any unsold items will be placed back into the country store for future sales.

Quilter's Yard Sale: A business license is not needed. Please sign up for a table to sell your goods. Each table is \$40, and you can team up with someone for a table if needed. The guild makes its money from table sales. The country store will have a table if anyone is available to help with it. Take some fliers to put up and share, we are going to put some in the Sutter Creek shops as well.

Dress a Child Around the World- Rita shared that she donated fabric to this great organization, it is a charity group. They make clothing for children in Africa and use embellishments to add cute touches to each piece. If you have any leftover ricrac or ribbon the non-profit group can use them for embellishments. See Rita for additional details.

Quilts by Kat: Kathy is happy to sell us all the products she brought with her today; she has fabric and Aurifil thread available. She is the only person that sells Aurifil thread in Amador County.

Comfort Quilts: FYI Trudy was able to order 96" Hobbs Heirloom 80/20 batting for guild members to use for their comfort quilts.

Opportunity Quilt: Becky offered to donate bamboo batting for our opportunity quilt. Dawn donated the quilt kit from Material Girlfriends and Dawn will quilt all the circles. Marybeth shared we are booked through to the end of the year and will call to see what happened to tonight's visiting guild,

Country Store: Heather thanked everyone for following the theme. If anyone needs the witch pin pattern or potholder pattern, Heather has them available. On a side note, she has a goal to donate 20 Christmas stockings and ornaments. If you would like to donate with her, she brought a template for the stockings. She made gnome ornaments with the string donated by the Albins. She made tags for all the items we sell in order to try and give us a brand name.

Webmaster: Rita is updating the website.

Upcoming Speakers: September-Karen Bolan; Trudy (washable swiffers)- October. If you have 7x10 fleece bring it with you to the October meeting. Dollar Store has microfiber that you will need as well.

Minutes - continued

Publicity: We are going to look into putting the quilter's yard sale in the Ledger Dispatch.

Sierra Gold Quilt Guild Show: Is happening the first weekend in October. If you can, go and support our sister guild.

Treasurer's Report: Starting balance \$12,551.29, ending balance \$12,318.09

New Business: We need a nominating committee for the upcoming board member elections. Carlene volunteered to be the volunteer from the current executive board. Rebecca Albin and Penni Parsons volunteered as well. If needed, Zoom can be utilized for meetings.

Bylaws: They will need to be reviewed and updated this year. Rita and Trudy both volunteered to take this on. Rita shared they should be reviewed and updated every two years.

Challenge Quilt: No more than 100" perimeter. Be sure to include Red, White and Blue and any additional colors you would like. There are no restrictions on colors, but you must include the Red, White and Blue. It is going to be the 250th Birthday of the U.S.A. so try your best to make it fit the theme.

Show and Tell

Cradle Quilts: Each year, Terri and her husband make 12 cradles. Rebecca shared they were given a donation of dolls, and we can pair these up with the cradles. We will need a minimum of 12 cradle quilts donated for this year; fat quarter size.

Meeting adjourned: 8:24 pm.

Witches' Walk Anelie Belden



If you would like to join in on the spooky fun.... we will have a booth as a fundraiser for our guild. Let Anelie know if you would like to help.
Sutter Creek Saturday - Oct 25th -
1:00pm - 7:00pm. Our booth is in the Auditorium.

Upcoming Quilt Shows

Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival
Sept. 25 & 26 - 10am - 5pm
Sept. 27 - 10am - 4pm
Alameda County Fairgrounds
Building A
2005 Valley Ave. Gate 8
Pleasanton, CA 94566
www.quiltcraftsew.com

Sierra Gold Quilters' Guild
October 3 - 10am-5pm
October 4 - 10am -4pm
Amador County Fairgrounds
18621 Sherwood St.
Plymouth, CA 95669



Ladies of the Lake Quilt Guild
October 4 - 10am - 5pm
October 5 - 10am - 4pm
Lewis Hall
Lake County Fairgrounds
401 Martin St.
Lakeport, CA 95453
www.llqg.org

Country Store Heather Beers

I am so excited for our participation in The Witches Walk. The membership has done a great job making items. I hope this is a great success. Cross your fingers.

The Country Store continues to appreciate everyone's support. Please keep in mind adding an extra item when you are making gifts for the holidays or having fun with your machine. The next few months are very busy so just do your best. I will be putting on the big push once we hit 2026.

Smiles and enjoy the coming Fall. My favorite season. Smiles



Members Opportunity Quilt Tickets ! Becky Podesta

Just a friendly reminder all guild members are required to sell/purchase 30 opportunity quilt tickets for each quilt the guild raffles off.

Less than half of our members have turned in their ticket stubs and money.

If you haven't gotten your tickets yet, please see Tacy Z to get them.



Hospitality Penni Parsons - Rhonda Simpson



If you signed up for refreshments, please bring them.
Or, if you didn't and want to bring something, that's fine too.

Membership Kathy Beach - Rebecca Albin

This evening's meeting welcomed a total of 31 attendees, including 28 members and 3 guests. We were delighted to have Kathy Allen from Quilts by Kat, who showcased her wonderful things.

Treasurer's Report Becky Podesta

August Treasurer's Report

\$	12,551.59	Beginning Balance
\$	334.00	Income
\$	378.50	Expenses
\$	12,507.09	Ending Balance

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mary Beth Porter	9/4
Norma Hayden	9/22
Pamela Grant	9/23

Let's Get Acquainted Rhonda Simpson

Each month Rhonda is going to interview a member. This month's interviewee is Carlene Drake.

MLQG: Where were you born and how long have you lived in Amador County?

CD: I was born in San Francisco and at 3 days old I was taken to Sacramento to live with my adopted family. Shortly after that we moved to Lone where my dad worked at the Preston facility. Sadly, my dad was murdered when I was fourteen years old, by two inmates who stole his car to escape. We then moved to Southern California. I attended college there and married my first husband. Unfortunately, he was killed in a car accident. I was a part of the Sierra Club Hiking group where I met my husband, Eugene. We moved to Sutter Creek in 2017.

MLQG: I'm so sorry for your losses. Did you ever find your birth family?

CD: Yes, they live in Michigan. My parents ended up getting married and I now have three brothers and two sisters. I've been in contact with them for years. Sadly, all my adopted family members have passed away.

MLQG: What line of work did you go into?

CD: After graduating I taught a combination class with 3rd and 4th graders. I ended up going back to school to study library sciences and started a second career at Loma Linda University in their medical library where I did research for medical professionals and eventually ended up in their administrative department.

MLQG: Wanna talk about your cancer?

CD: Sure. I was diagnosed in October of last year and had my surgery in January. Chemotherapy was from February to June and I just finished radiation treatment, which I received two 15-minute treatments as opposed to one 15-minute treatment which is more common. My next move will be estrogen blockers. I had an invasive lobular cancer which is different from ductal where in the tumor are more difficult to detect. I had to make a lot of decisions about my treatments but feel I made the right ones for me.

MLQG: You look well Carlene and you're a strong person. Other than quilting, what other hobbies do you have?

CD: I like to knit and was part owner of a shop named Knitting with Sandra. I've sewed my own garments for years, I make quilted bags/totes and I like photography. I've traveled with Arizona Highways Photography Workshops and Sheography Workshops since 2012 and I've been on some great trips with them. One included white-water rafting the Grand Canyon. At the end of the eight-day trip, we were helicoptered out of the canyon.

MGQG: How long have you been quilting? What's the best and least favorite part of quilting for you?

CD: I've been quilting since 2017 because I was drawn to the colors of a more modern quilt. I like the process of making something but don't appreciate the actual quilting.

MGQG: Do you sew with your shoe on or off and do you pre-wash your fabrics?

CD: Definitely, no shoe and I only pre-shrink my fabrics if they're going to be washed a lot.

Quilters' Garage Sale/Witches' Walk Carlene Drake

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I ran the first time with my Fitbit on. It detected me running, and asked if my life was in danger or if fabric was on sale again!!

August Show and Tell

