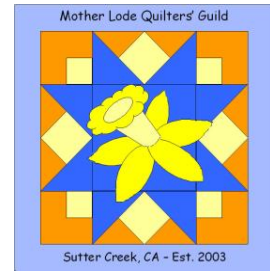


Mother Lode Quilters' Guild Newsletter



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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 November 24, 2025

From our MLOG President – Carlene Drake

As I come to the close of my term as president, I would like to thank you for the privilege of leading the guild. It's been fun. I would also like to thank everyone for their support through my cancer journey. I wish everyone a healthy and happy holiday season celebrating with friends and family.



From our MLQG Vice President – Trudy Bauman

Only 35 days until Christmas! If that didn't scare the bejeezus out of you nothing will. I'm waiting until the last possible moment to make my gifts. It means I will either be very late for Christmas 2025 or really early for Christmas 2026.

This will be my final newsletter as MLQG Vice President. I've done my duty as VP, President (2x!) and Secretary. I'm looking forward to my retirement, sitting at a table and enjoying all of the new board members. I want to thank them all for volunteering and trying something new. I liked every job I have had on the board, well maybe not secretary, and hope the new members will too!

So, here's wishing everyone in the guild an amazing holiday season and I look forward to seeing everyone again in the New Year.

**Mother Lode Quilters' Guild
General Membership Meeting
October 27, 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

Members: 23 Guests: 2

Approval of previous months minutes: 1st Trudy, 2nd Rebecca

Visiting Guild: Pioneer Quilters Guild from Loomis. They will be hosting their quilt show on November 14, 2025 at the Mahany Center in Roseville.

Correspondence: The ARC is asking for a donation for their raffle fundraiser, this is their only fundraiser for their program. Dawn Schaff volunteered up a quilt she had made.

Witches Walk: Becky reported we sold \$506 in items including \$180 of pre-sale items. Costs were \$122, leaving us with a net income of approximately \$380.00. Members that volunteered shared that we could do a better job with our displays with some minor changes next time to boost sales and show items better. People that were attending the event included families and single witches. In the future, we should sell items geared more towards specific audiences. Possibly sell simple aprons, bags and mom and child items.

Quilter's Yard Sale: Becky made a correction to the last reporting of profits due to the cleaning fee. It was previously reported we made \$700 when we actually made \$826.00.

Elections: 25 ballots were handed out and it was unanimous decision for all positions. Our new officers will be: President-Penni Parsons, Vice President-Rebecca Albin, Treasurer- Joanne Coss and Secretary-Terrie Van Syoc.

Treasurer's Report for the third quarter: Becky shared the third quarter report, in which there weren't any questions. She then proceeded with the proposed budget and clarified some of the proposals from the guild members.

Trudy demonstrated how to make a re-usable washable Swiffer duster. Remember, use your pinking sheers on your microfiber to help with those pesky strays. It was a great demonstration, and I see our members filling many stockings this year with Swiffers.

Challenge Quilts: No more than 100" perimeter. Include red, white and blue with any other colors you wish. Remember, it is the United States 250th birthday so keep it to a patriotic theme.

Country Store: Thank you all for your continued donations to our country store.

Comfort Quilts: Sherry reported Mar will be back in November, but she was able to donate 26 quilts since September. Recipients included ATCAA, the Renal Center, Kit Carson and the Pregnancy Center.

Membership: Dues will be due in January 2026. They will be \$35 and we are anticipate needing to raise the dues in 2027.

Opportunity Quilt: It was reported that a visiting guild has been secured for November. It was confirmed our next meeting will be Monday, November 24, 2025.

Hospitality: November is our Thanksgiving potluck, please remember to bring your items.

Quilt Show: Terrie reported they are anticipating their next meeting on November 9, 2025 and the quilt show has been secured for Saturday and Sunday 10/3/2026-10/4/2026. The name will be: Stars, Stripes and Stitches in honor of the 250th birthday of the USA. Featured quilter will be Stitchin' by the River. Donna is working on securing vendors. We raised the entrance fee from \$7 to \$10 to align with other guilds. Another meeting will be held in January. We may be able to place a banner for two weeks prior across from the Post Office. All of our baskets are done except for one.

Minutes continued

Upcoming Programs: For March, we have Jane Hollworth, who does collage quilting.

Treasurer's Report: We started the month with \$13,282.34. We had a big donation and income of \$1,437.63, expenses of \$223.19, leaving us with \$14,496.78.

New Business: Lorrie inquired about bookmarks to hand out and Carlene confirmed that now that we have secured the dates of the quilt show; we can start working on publicity items.

Show and Tell

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm



November Potluck Penni Parsons – Rhonda Simpson

For those members who haven't signed up to bring a dish for the potluck, please use this as your guide.
If your last name begins with:

A-I: Main Dish; J-R: Salad or Bread; S-Z: Dessert

The following is the list of members who signed up at the October meeting:

Main Dish:

Penni Parsons-Chicken & Dressing
Trudy Bauman
Carla O'Dell – Ham

Salad:

Rebecca Albin
Suzy Morton
Rita Maddock

Sides:

Misty Hall
Mary Beth Porter
Becky-Green Bean Torte
Dawn Schaaf-Baked Potatoes
Heather Beers
Kathy Beach
Sherry Phinney

Dessert:

Lorrie Albin
Sherry Duke
Rhonda Simpson
Donna Swanner

Other:

Chloe Albin-Rolls/butter
Mary Olmstead-Bread/butter

Witches' Walk Anelie Belden

We had a wickedly fun time at the Witches Walk in Sutter Creek!! Many Witches, goblins, Sorcerers and non-human characters also!! Our booth was full of Fall and Halloween treasures. Carlene, Trudy and Becky were a huge help in setting up, selling and tearing down. A big thank you to them and Donna and Carla. We had a fun time!!

Happy Halloween to everyone!!



Country Store Heather Beers

Happy November everyone. First, I would like to say during this month that we are reminded to look at our blessings I want to thank all of you for welcoming me to this special group. I feel blessed to be a part of a group that has similar feelings of giving back to the community along with expressing themselves with art. It is so wonderful.

A quick update on the project I decided to try. I have contacted individuals in Altadena. They have a program named ornamentsforaltadena@gmail.com. Their vision is exactly what I have been looking for. I will have mailed to them 134 ornaments and 50 stockings. Thanks to my sister and girlfriends we will make a little difference in somebody's life. It feels good.

Come January I will start encouraging items for the Country Store boutique. For now, enjoy preparing those last-minute gifts and getting ready for hopefully a fantastic holiday season.

Smiles, Heather

Cradle Quilts Rita Maddock

Yes, it is that time of the year to make cradle quilts! Christmas is just around the corner and Terrie and Chet Van Scyoc have already constructed and stained 12 cradles that are donated to the Nexus Youth and Family Services Angel Tree Program. This means these beautiful cradles need quilts! Quilts sizes vary but the basic measurement is a fat quarter or a little larger. Please bring your donated quilts to the October or November meetings. Let's delight a child this Christmas!!!

Amador County Fair 2026 Becky Podesta

The dates and theme have been announced for the 2026 Amador County Fair. The theme is: **"More Cowbells!"**

Fair dates are Thursday, July 30 – Sunday, August 2.

So, get your thinking caps on and your creative juices flowing and enter some items.

Membership Kathy Beach – Rebecca Albin

The October 27, 2025, meeting was attended by 23 members, along with two guests from the Pioneer Quilt Guild.



Treasurer's Report Becky Podesta

October Treasurer's Report

\$ 13,282.34	Beginning Balance
\$ 1,472.67	Income for October
\$ 223.19	Expenses for October
\$ 14,531.82	Ending Balance



Wishing you all a Peaceful and Joyous holiday season. Thank you for all of your support and contributions to the newsletter this past year.

Stay safe and healthy!!

Suzy

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jackie Kneeland	11/9
Dawn Schaaf	11/12
Donna Swanner	11/12
Mary Bush	11/22
Rita Maddock	11/24

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Let's Get Acquainted Rhonda Simpson

Each month Rhonda is going to interview a member. This month's interviewee is Terrie Van Scyoc.

MLQG: Where were you born?

TVS: Actually, I am a long time Amador County girl. I was born on Travis Air Force base because my father was in the military but I was raised in Jackson.

MLQG: Wow! Do you also work here?

TVS: No, my husband Chet and I own a business in Sacramento called R/C Country Hobbies. We recently sold it to our manager and his wife, but I work at the shop one to two days a week depending on the new owner's schedule. Over the next ten years we are helping them transition.

MLQG: Where did you and Chet meet?

TVS: We met at Perko's. His family owned it and I was a waitress and he was a cook. Dating an employee was frowned upon so we kept it quiet for a while. We've been married 43 years. We have a daughter Robyn and four grandchildren.

MLQG: When did you start quilting and when did you join the guild?

TVS: I've been sewing since I was a young girl. I learned in Bluebirds and 4-H. I learned embroidery from one of my grandmothers and love to incorporate that skill into my quilts. I'll use coloring books that we sell at our store as inspiration. I'll find a picture I like and trace the image onto fabric using a light box to mark for embroidery. I've made three of my four grandchildren's quilts using embroidery. I really started quilting with the tools we use today when I took a class from Anelie Belden in about 1999 at her shop Sew Much Fun and learned piecing and applique. There are so many different processes for making a quilt. I do appreciate traditional quilts that are used. I don't usually make quilts that will hang on my wall. I joined MLQG shortly after they started in 2003.

MLQG: Do you have other hobbies besides quilting?

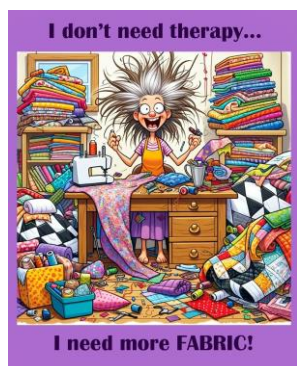
TVS: Yes, I say I'm either in my kitchen, barn or sewing room. I love to cook and bake. I have three horses right now one of which I show. I had Quarter Horses and Appaloosas in the past. I am showing a Quarter Horse in Reining right now.

MLQG: Do you pre-wash your fabrics before using them?

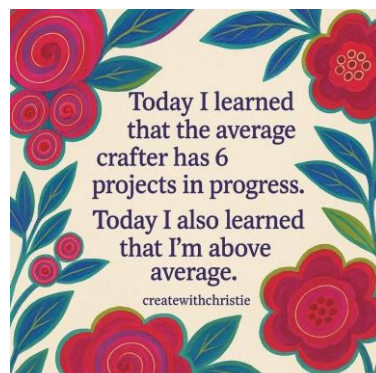
TVS: Yes. I'll pre-wash and iron before I bring them into my sewing room to quilt with them. The sizing is so different from each piece that I purchase, I just want to ensure the fabric is clean and won't bleed. That avoids any problems I'll have with the quilt I give someone.

MLQG: Do you sew with or without shoes?

TVS: I sew with my shoe off but don't walk around bare footed. My feet are so tender! I do like the way the pedal feels when I sew.



October Show and Tell



Pioneer Quilt Guild of Loomis
Opportunity Quilt