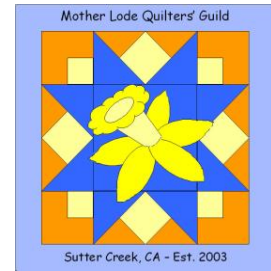


Mother Lode Quilters' Guild Newsletter



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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 and Show and Tell. When it's your turn, bring snacks.
See you May 18, 2026

Reminder-May meeting is May 18

MLQG President –Penni Parsons

"I'm a material girl—want to see my fabric collection?"

Now that the sun is shining, it's hard for me to stay inside. How do you balance it all? Really, I'd like to know.

I have all these projects that "I plan" to get started soon. Ha!!! It all may have to wait a bit longer. I hope you have something for "show and tell" this month because I don't.

Maybe it's a good thing that I will have to miss this next meeting. See you next month.

Quilt Show-October 3 & 4

MLQG Vice-President – Rebecca Albin

Happy May, and happy quilt show year! You know what that means—it's time for us, as the quilt show committee chairs, to reach out for your support as volunteers. We'll need help at the Amador County Fair, Quilt Show setup and teardown, and throughout the show itself. There are many different roles to fill, so if you're looking for something low-impact, please come talk to me and I'll help you find the best fit.

Beginning with our May meeting, I'll be looking for volunteers to arrive about an hour to hour and half early and help sort through the many binders we have stored in the closet.

It's a simple task that only involves separating papers; I'll take care of everything else. We will continue this each month until all the binders have been organized.

Our May meeting will feature guest speaker Sherri Nelson, who will be sharing information about the upcoming Sac BagNSew Expo in August.

The Sac BagNSew Expo is an event dedicated to bag making and sewing, showcasing a wide range of classes, demonstrations, and vendors from across the country.

Country Store – Heather Beers

Happy Mother's Day to all the mom's out there.

Well, as we get closer to our big show in October, please consider making some items for our Country Store. Think about what you would like to purchase at a boutique. Please consider using that for your inspiration.

I will do my best to bring ideas and patterns. If you have a request for a pattern I may have had before, please let me know.

I hope you all have a lovely May and remember, we will see you all on the third Monday of the month.

Smiles

Veterans' Quilts Anelie Belden

We have received 3 applications from Veterans in Amador County. They have information about their service, size and color of the quilt they would like. If you are wanting to make a quilt to give for our Veterans, please let me know! If you have already started a quilt, please let me know the colors and size. If you have not started, I can give you some details from the applications I am receiving so you can create it with them in mind. I did see several people raise their hands at the guild meeting but I did not write down names.

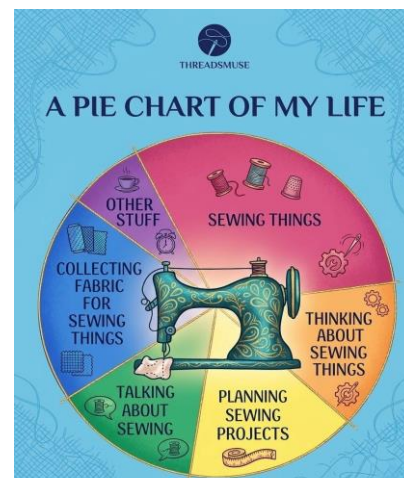
Please keep in mind we will be giving these quilts out at the quilt show and then will continue to have them given to Veterans throughout the year. So, if you have anyone you think would like to receive a quilt, give them the application (attached to the newsletter) to fill out. You can give them a self-addressed stamped envelope with my address on it so they can send it to me. Put your return address on the envelope.

I will not be at our April meeting and any applications or information can be given to Terrie VanSyoc.

Treasurer's Report JoAnne Coss

Treasurer's Report for April 2026

16,967.50	Beginning Balance
810.83	Income
568.26	Expenses
17,210.10	Ending Balance



Mother Lode Quilters' Guild
General Membership Meeting
April 27th, 2026

Officers present – President Penni Thompson, Vice President Rebecca Albin, Treasurer JoAnn Coss and Secretary Terrie Van Scyoc.

Order – Penni called the meeting to order at 6:29pm.

Membership - Reported 26 members present and 2 guests. The 2026 membership roster will be available at the May meeting. We are a month late this year as the January meeting was cancelled so we needed to leave an extra month for dues to be paid.

Treasurer - JoAnn reported a beginning balance of \$16967.50.

Minutes – Membership voted to accept the March minutes as printed in the newsletter. Pam Grant motioned to approve and Trudy Bauman seconded the motion.

Secretary – Terrie reported on receiving the following correspondence;

‘The Patchwork Players’ is the next book to be released by Jennifer Chiaverini. Marbles in Motion – Workshop with Sue Braverman of Wild Poppy Quilts. A virtual Zoom workshop on Saturday May 2nd. Zoom link was sent for anyone interested in registering.

Reno Quilt Show – June 11th thru 13th in Reno at the Grand Sierra Resort. 80 classes.

Sierra Quilters Guild of Sonora is accepting vendor applications for its show on September 19th and 20th.

Visiting Opportunity Quilt – The River City Quilters Guild brought both a quilt and a 1947 Featherweight that will be raffled off in their show this fall.

Opportunity Quilt – Trudy reported that our Quilt is not being shown anymore as it has visited most of our local guilds. It will hang at the County fair and at our Quilt Show.

Speaker – Sydney Albin presented for the “Knitted Knockers”, a group that she volunteers time and supplies to/for women recuperating from breast cancer. They make knitted breast forms to be used in a bra after surgery.

Break 7:05pm

Storage Unit – Rebecca presented her findings in searching for a larger, cheaper square footage and easier access storage facility. It was unanimously voted to have her move forward and pursue availability and pricing for a unit double to triple the size we currently pay for.

Meeting Location – Rebecca also reported on finding out that the Community center is available on the 4th Monday of every month and would like to talk to the Sutter Creek City manager about using it for the Guild. We would have to be sure that we could use the Church in May as we meet on the 3rd Monday that month. It is thought that there may be no charge, she will confirm. Carlene pointed out that the meeting rent money in the budget could be shifted to the larger storage unit.

Phone Tree – Suzy reported noticing a few numbers that were incorrect on the list and she fixed them.

Quilt Show – The quilt show committee would like to recommend that each guild member try to enter 3-5 items into the show. Each member can list their quilts in priority by number so that the quilt committee has an abundance of quilts and can complete the layout early. It is very difficult to be adding items late. Terrie showed samples of items that could be donated for the Silent Auction and then passed out the sign-up form. Terrie asked the membership to raise hands if they were interested in any workshop sewing days that would be held on meeting days. We would sew from about 11am till 5pm. About 12 members raised their hands. Rebecca will check with the community center to see if it is available this summer.

Carlene showed the completed Show post card and handed them out to members to disburse.

Veteran quilts – Terrie spoke for Anelie and reported that there were already 3 applications for Veteran quilts, and another turned in at the meeting. She passed out a sign -up sheet for folks to list the quilts they will be donating for the Veterans.

Publicity – Reported being busy on getting the Quilt Show dates into calendars and digital formats.

Sunshine Committee – Asked to have the birthdays of all of the new members.

Newsletter – Suzy would like to have submissions turned in by the 10th of May.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by;

Terrie Van Scyoc
MLQG Secretary

Let's Get Acquainted Rhonda Simpson

Each month Rhonda will interview a member. This month's interviewee is Mary Beth Porter

MLQG: Where were you born?

MBP: I was born in Phoenix, AZ because it had the closest hospital to the ranch my dad was a foreman on. We moved to Salinas, CA when I was 2 1/2. Then we moved to the Soledad Correctional Prison right before I started school. We lived there all during my school years.

MLQG: When did you move to Amador County and what did you do for a living?

MBP: We moved to Jackson in 1979. I took secretary classes for one year at a Junior College. I knew I could never sit at a desk all day. When having my hair frosted at a Beauty College, I realized I would like this type of College, so I went to beauty college and have loved it to this day. I married my husband Jerry in 1968; he had two sons from his first marriage. He adopted my son Jim and we had Jeremy in 1970. We were estranged from his sons for 24 years, but we now have a great relationship with them and their families, but they live in Canada. We have five grandchildren and one great grandson. I bought The Hair Cellar, a beauty salon, and had it for 7 years.

MLQG: Wow! That's quite an adventure. Where was Safeway when you moved here?

MBP: Safeway was where Grocery Outlet is now.

MLQG: Do you have other hobbies, other than quilting?

MBP: I love Styling hair and I love my clients because they have become my friends. I also love growing flowers. and love making little pockets which are little purses that can be used for many things.

MLQG: When did you start quilting?

MBP: I took 4-H when I was a kid and made things like napkins but started quilting in the late 90's. Anelie had a quilt shop on the corner where I would see all the watercolor quilts she would make and teach and I wanted to learn but worked when she taught classes. But in 1998 I got to take a watercolor class she was teaching at Sew Much Fun. When that shop closed, we started quilting at my church on Tuesday evenings. When she started teaching at the Sewing Cottage, I was still working and couldn't join them. I did make a watercolor quilt and it hangs in my church. A few years later I decided to give myself a day to quilt and Anelie made room for me in her Thursday Therapy group at the Sewing Cottage. Our group still meets at my church on Thursdays.

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

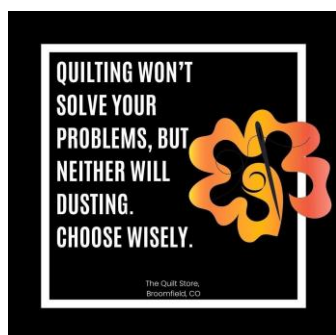
MBP: What I like best about quilting is picking out fabric for projects, and the wonderful friends I have made them for. The least is quilting the project.

MLQG: Do you pre-shrink your fabrics?

MBP: I prewash fabric if I think it might fade, especially batiks.

MLQG: Do you sew with your shoes on or off?

MBP: Sometimes I quilt with my shoes on and sometimes off!



Upcoming Quilt Shows



Carson Valley Quilt Guild
Stitching our Stars & Stripes
June 6 - 10am - 4pm
June 7 - 10am - 4pm
 Douglas County Community &
 Senior Center
 1329 Waterloo Lane
 Gardnerville, NV 89423
www.cvqg.com

Quilt Show - Reno
June 11 & 12 - 10am - 5pm
June 13 - 10am - 4pm
 Grand Sierra Resort & Casino
 2500 E. 2nd Street
 Reno, NV 89595

April Show and Tell



Three days since fabric. He says it's critical.



It's Quilt Show Year!!!

Stars, Stripes and Stitches

October 3rd and 4th 2026

Volunteers – Our Quilt Show succeeds because of our wonderful volunteers. Please think about where you would like to help. There will be signup sheets out soon at our meetings. It is all fun and you get into the show for free!

Quilts – We would love to have each of you try to submit 3-5 items. Any quilts that you have completed in the last two years are eligible to be displayed at our show this October. Our show is exhibition only and we welcome all quilts. Plan to have your top completed by the August meeting so that a picture can be submitted with your entry. August 24th is a HARD DEADLINE for entries. We do not want to accept any late entries as it makes the layout committee have to reorganize the rack layouts. Dawn has entry forms ready so that members can start to submit quilts. Please note if your quilt is FOR SALE, or FOR A VETERAN and your ORDER of PREFERENCE, starting with 1.

Show Boutique – Please try to work on as many items as you can for the boutique. If you plan to make a small project double or triple it and have a few to donate.

Country Store – Clean out the sewing room and stash for gently used items that can be sold or made into gifts by the Country Store crew. I have found that it feels good to pass on unused items.

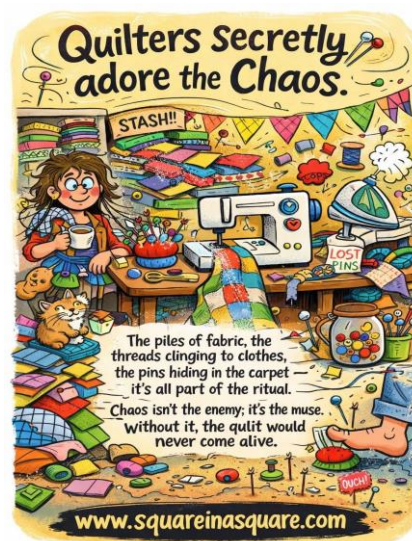
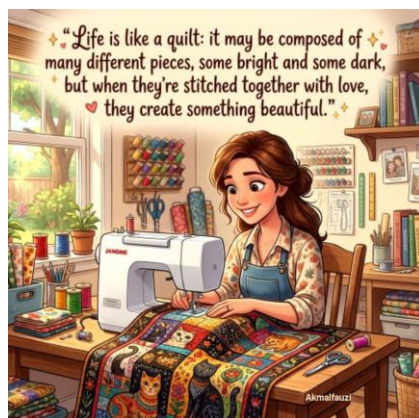
Silent Auction – Here is another place to donate all kinds of small items. We like to have 35-40 items to have a good auction. Signup sheet for this will be available at the April meeting and continue to September.

Quilt Challenge – Carlene has presented her Red, White and Blue Challenge for us all. Let's have a great Patriotic showing! You know the colors and the outside measurements should total 100 inches or less.

Town Merchants – We will be placing small items in businesses on Main Street Sutter Creek for about 5 weeks prior to the show. If you want to sell any items you may price them. It is all to promote our show. These items DO NOT have to be made in the last 2 years.

If you have any questions, please ask any one of us at the meetings.

Your friendly Quilt Show Committee; Anelie, Terrie, Dawn, Carlene, Heather, Rebecca, Donna, Trudy and Becky



Amador County Fair July 30 – August 2 Becky Podesta

The County Fair Entry Information is now available on the Amador County Fair webpage. Hopefully everyone is busy creating beautiful items to be displayed in the Pokerville Hall. I have heard some members state they don't enter because they fear the judging process. You can enter items to just be displayed and not judged. That being said, by far the majority of people walking through the hall looking at the beautiful items have no idea if it is perfect or full of errors. Many visitors simply enjoy the beauty and creativity of the entries, often fondly expressing memories of their mothers, or Grandmothers creating quilts or garments, with a big smile on their faces. This year there are again 9 divisions to enter and many classes under each division. I am attaching the entry information from the Fair. You need to know the size of your quilt perimeter.

Small, having a perimeter of less than 216 inches, Medium 217-299 inches and large 300+ inches. Other Quilted Items, would include garments, where you made the quilt, table runners, bags and anything else quilted that does not fit into other divisions.

We have seen several garments made by members, taking an already existing quilt and repurposing it into beautiful jackets. These items would be entered into - sewing - wearing apparel. There are many other areas where you can enter to showcase your talents. Our fair always needs more entries so consider entering this year.

Entry forms are now being accepted, but the deadline to enter is July 10th. The fee to enter is \$5 per item entered. Entries must be in place on Saturday July 25th, and judging is open to watch and is on Sunday July 26th, at 9 am. All items need to be picked up, with your claim ticket, on Monday August 3rd, from 10am – 4pm.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Rebecca Albin	5/1
Rhonda Simpson	5/12
Becky Podesta	5/31

Membership

Kathy Beach – Chloe Albin

We had a total of 30 attendees at our April meeting, including 27 members and 3 guests, among them the ladies from the River City Quilters' Guild showing off their amazing opportunity quilt and featherweight.

The updated membership list is attached. Please take a moment to review your information and confirm its accuracy. If you notice any errors, let Chloe or Rebecca Albin know at the meeting so we can make the necessary corrections.



QUILTS BY KAT
3RD ANNUAL
SPRING
SALE
MAY 30TH
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
14595 SURREY JUNCTION LN
SUTTER CREEK, CA 95685
NEW COLLECTIONS HAVE ARRIVED!!
SALE FABRICS PRICED \$7/YARD
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Contact us! quiltsbykat@gmail.com
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Norma Hayden

Becky Podesta
Trudy Bauman
Suzy Morton
Pamela Grant