Mother Lode Quilters' Guild Newsletter

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Meetings are held the 4th Monday of each month, except May and December, starting at 6:30 pm at the Sutter Creek United Methodist Church in Sutter Creek

Remember to wear your name badge, bring Comfort Quilts, Show and Tell, Blocks of the Month, and snacks, when it's your turn. See you April 27, 2015

From our MLQG President – Rita Maddock

We had a great speaker, Sue Rasmussen, at our last meeting and I am looking forward to hearing Carrie Fondi on the *History of Hawaiian Quilting*.

Suzy Morton, Mary Beth Porter, Terrie Van Scyoc and I will be going to NCQC (Northern California Quilt Council) on Wednesday April 15 to select the speakers for the rest of the year. If you are interested in NCQC you can go to their web site at **NCQC.net**. A list of all the teachers from Northern California are listed as well as the teachers that will be presenting at their April meeting. You can also see the *Showcase of Opportunity Quilts* on their home page. It is fun to see what other guilds are designing regarding Opportunity Quilts. We will put ours in as soon as it is done.

In March, Juliene Hiatt, Kathie Perrin and I were able to go to the El Dorado Arts Council State Parks Quilt Show. We were surprised that there are 278 CA State Parks. Of those State Parks there were 52 quilts. These pillow case size quilts were spectacular and often three-dimensional. We really enjoyed the show.

From our Vice President – Suzy Morton
April Speaker – Carrie Fondi

Carrie Fondi will be our speaker at the April 27, 2015 meeting of the Mother Lode Quilters' Guild. She will speak on the History of Hawaiian Quilting. She has been quilting since 1992 and has studied with many master Hawaiian quilters. Carrie teaches Hawaiian Quilting across the United States. She will share the stories of how Hawaiian quilting began, the meanings behind the patterns and the superstitions and kapu (taboos) in making Hawaiian quilts.

2015 Opportunity Quilt – Gaylene Lichty

We had our second workshop on Sat. March 21 at the Mesa Del Oro Community Hall in Sutter Creek and again it was very successful. We had 10 ladies sewing, ironing, cutting and helping and even Curt DeRosia had copies of the patterns needed made.

Linda worked on the embroidery patterns with her machine to perfect the placement. Again, Anelie did a wonderful job organizing us into groups to do specific parts of the quilt. We are still within our budget on this project so far.
A big thank you to the following ladies who came to the workshop: Anelie Belden, Linda DeRosia, Rita Maddock, Juliene Hiatt, Bunny Smith, Mary Beth Porter, Mary Bush, Merry Smith, Dorothy Pressnall and also thank you to Curt DeRosia for his help. We have a great team of talented ladies and they are all very much appreciated.

Linda and her embroidery group, which includes Merry Smith, Bunny Smith, Juliene Hiatt and Mary Bush, will be meeting at the Sewing Cottage on April 8th. They will continue to work on the embroidery parts of the quilt, which is quite extensive, but they are making great progress. We still have a lot of work to do, but with the determination and hard work from our members, I know this will be one of the most beautiful quilts and will bring a lot of ticket sales.

As soon as we know the next workshop date, we will send out e-mail to all members.
Also a special thank you to Juliene for putting out special e-mails to the members

Next Month Reminder

Our May meeting will be held on May 18 because Memorial Day falls on our regular meeting day of May 25.

Membership - Becky Podesta

We had 28 member, 4 guests and 1 new member at our March meeting. We have a total of 43 members paid to date.

Please welcome Kathie Perrin as a new member. Please add her to your new list:
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209-295-1866 BD: 7/28

I hope you picked up your new 2015 membership list at our last meeting. Stop by our table and pick yours up if you missed it.

Happy Birthday to You

Lorrie Albin	4/27
Sammie Belden	4/21
Ulla Van Gerrevink	4/14

Hospitality – Bunny Smith

The following members have volunteered to bring goodies:
Sammie Belden
Ulla Van Gerrevink
Kathie Perrin

Newsletter deadline May 2
Email to Rita Maddock -- Ritamadd@aol.com

Upcoming Events

Please take time to check the end of this newsletter for information on two events: A special weekend, May 30 and 31 with Anelie and Marcia Harmening for a Gold Country Quilt Retreat and one from Meissner, July 17-18, with Jenny Dorn.

For dates of upcoming quilt shows, read the minutes under the communications section.

Mark Your Calendar for this Saturday, April 11 from 10:00 – 2:00 to help Comfort Quilt Chairs, Carla and Carol, to consolidate donated fabric downstairs at the Methodist Church.

Sue Rasmussen and three of her quilts.

Linda DeRosia, Gaylene Lichty, Bunny Smith, and Mary Bush having fun at the Opportunity Quilt construction workday.

Thread Shredding and Breaking

Because we guarantee every spool of thread we sell, we occasionally receive an e-mail or a telephone call from a customer who has experienced a problem. We consider each e-mail and telephone call an opportunity to educate our customers and correct the problem. Very rarely are we unable to solve the problem. While we realize that once in a while a machine just does not like a particular thread, those cases are rare. A machine in good working condition should be able to run any good quality thread. Some machines require more training than others. The more contact points (places the thread touches) between the spool/cone and the needle, the greater the amount of tension will be placed on the thread. Home machines might have six or seven contact points whereas some longarm machines have over 20.

It is very frustrating when someone says, "My machine does not like that thread" and when I offer to help them take some steps to correct it, they respond saying, "I don't want to adjust my machine." That makes about as much sense as refusing to change channels on your television set because you might not remember how to go back to the original channel. Machines are meant to be adjusted. That is why all machines have some type of tension adjustment systems. By far, the majority of problems can be solved by looking at three areas: -- Increase the needle size -- Loosen the tension settings -- Slow down

1. Needle Size. Using a too small needle is like lacing up a shoe and trying to push the shoelace through a too small eyelet. The easiest way to select the best needle size is to cut about 18 inches of thread and thread it through the needle. Holding the thread at each end, tip the thread angle up, then down, and see if the needle moves down the thread. If it gets stuck, the needle might be to small. If you worry that a larger needle will leave a large hole, remember that those needle holes will close around the thread with a good shake or with washing.

2. Tension settings. Machines are factory preset for construction sewing. In most cases, that means using a 50 or 60 wt. strong polyester thread. When we quilt or embroider with a medium or heavier thread or a sensitive thread, it is essential to loosen the upper tension settings, even if your machine has automatic tension adjusting. Think of it as changing channels on the TV. The tension adjustment will allow you to get the metallic thread channel, the trilobal polyester thread channel, the delicate cotton channel, and so on. It's like going from plain vanilla to Baskin-Robbins!

3. Speed. We live in a fast society. Machines are made to go faster and faster and our time is valuable. Proper speed is a critical component of successful quilting. Going too fast will apply undue stress on the thread. Start out at a slow speed and gradually increase until you find the best speed for the thread and design you are creating.

from Bob Purcell of Superior Threads

Mother Lode Quilters' Guild
Sutter Creek, California

Minutes
March 23, 2015

Call to Order – the meeting was called to order by President Rita Maddock at 6:31 PM.

Officers – Rita Maddock, President; Suzy Morton, Vice President; Donna Swanner, Treasurer; Janis Beach, Past President; Carla O'Dell, Secretary. All present.

Membership and Guests – 28 members present, 1 new member and 4 guests.

River City Quilt Guild displayed their "Worlds of Wonder & Whimsy" quilt. Tickets were $1 each or 6 for $5.

Previous Minutes – The February Minutes were accepted as written.

Speaker – Suzy Morton introduced Sue Rasmussen from Simi Valley with "A Desperate Housewife's Quilt Journey".

Next month will be Carrie Fondi from Reno with "Hawaiian Quilting History".

Door Prize - was won by Nancy Horst-Jones.

Communications
1. Thank you card from Barbara Wieland (Sierra Gold Quilters) for bus trip to San Jose.
2. Pine Tree Quilt Guild "Springtime in the Pines" quilt show May 2 – 3, 2015. Nevada Co. Fairgrounds, Grass Valley.
3. Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma County "Wine Country Quilt Show and Boutique" June 6 - 7, 2015. Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building, Santa Rosa.
4. Pine Needlers Quilt Guild "Pine Needlers Quilt Stroll" June 13, 2015. Main Street, Groveland.
5. Sierra Mountain Quilters Assn / Sierra Blooms Quilt Show June 13 – 14, 2015. Oakhurst Community Center, Oakhurst.
6. Gold Bug Quilters' Quilt Show Sept 11 – 13, 2015. Cameron Park Community Services Center, Cameron Park.
7. River City Quilters' Guild "Worlds of Wonder & Whimsy" quilt show November 20 – 22, 2015. Scottish Rite Temple, Sacramento.

Treasurer's Report
Beginning balance $11,394.22; total deposit $476.00; total expenditures $1,000.48; ending balance $10,869.74.

It was moved by Janis Beach and seconded by Linda DeRosia to remove former officers (Becky Podesta, Dawn Schaaf and Mary Beth Porter) from the bank account signature cards and replace with Suzy Morton and Carla O'Dell. Motion carried.

Committees

- Block Party – Dawn Schaaf reported that she has not received very many blocks back, she still has more blocks at $1each. She will introduce the next block at the April meeting.

- Sunshine – Mary Beth Porter is on the verge of pneumonia but getting better. Barbara Haymond doing well and is up and walking. Beverly Ortiz had a lumpectomy and is doing very well.

- Publicity –

- Parliamentarian –

- Comfort Quilts / Pet Beds – Two boxes of material were brought upstairs so that members could take material home. We will have a cleanup workshop to go through the remainder of these boxes to disburse more material. Any scraps will be given to RayMona Cunha for pet beds. The date is Saturday, April 11th from 10:00 to 2:00. Please mark your calendars.

  Pam Tremelling donated her comfort quilt.

- Opportunity Quilt – Gaylene Lichty reported that there were 10 ladies working on the opportunity quilt last Saturday, March 21st. There will be another workshop this Saturday, March 28th at the Sewing Cottage.

- Newsletter – President Rita continues working on the newsletter. Still need a chairperson.

- Show & Tell and Raffle Drawing.

Old Business

Bus trip to San Jose was successful and enjoyed by all who attended. Thoughts of more bus trips in the future. Maybe once a year.

New Business

-None-

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM by President Rita Maddock.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla O'Dell
Secretary

Gold Country Quilt Retreat

Join in the fun weekend learning new quilting techniques and making new friends. Teachers will be Marcia Harmening and Anelie Belden. Pick the teacher and project you would like to make and enjoy a 2 day workshop for making your project.

Date: May 30 & 31 2015

Time: Class instruction is from 10:00 to 5:00 The classroom stays open until 9:00 pm if students desire to stay and work.

Location: Sutter Creek- Days Inn Conference rooms

Cost: $ 145.00- The fee includes the workshop fee, snacks and Lunch for both days.

To sign up - Mail payment to Anelie Belden 19475 Lockwood Lane. Please include your name, address, e-mail and phone number

or please contact Anelie Belden at anelie@earthlink.net or 209-418-8543

Marcia Harmening- Classes Tuscan Vineyard or Autumn Cross Quilt size is 74.5" x 92"

Tuscan Vineyard

Tuscan Vineyard- Bold and rich autumn batiks imbue a feeling of fall in Tuscan Vineyard. Cascading foliage with delicate tendrils and berries add a softening touch to this autumn beauty. Students will learn Marcia's unique Stitch and flip method of appliqué. My ruler of choice for this quilt is the EZ International Companion Angle Ruler designed by Darlene Zimmerman which measures 5 1/2" from the tip to the base.

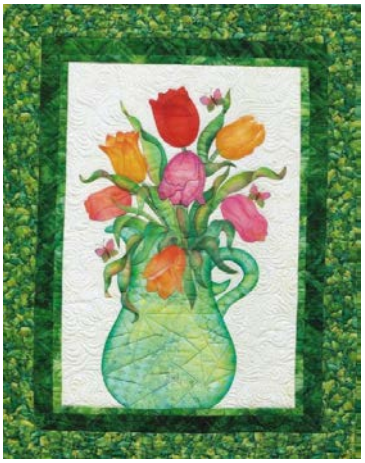
Autumn Cross Strip piecing fans will be delighted to discover Autumn Cross. Rich, fall batik strips are joined with light segments to create this fall sensation. Directions offered for throw, twin, and queen size quilts. My ruler of choice for this quilt is the EZ International Companion Angle Ruler designed by Darlene Zimmerman which measures 5 1/2" from the tip to the base.

Autumn Cross

Anelie Belden- Come learn how to paint on fabric using Tsukineko Inks and other media. Spring Tulips Wall Hanging 25" by 32"

We will be creating a Spring Bouquet of Tulips. While painting the flowers students will learn the technique of shading colors, blending two colors, creating highlights, and controlling the darkness of a color. This project is a perfect project for those who want to learn the basics of using fabric inks. Once the painting is complete we will learn how to quilt the design to bring it to life! Students who have a project from a past class can bring it to complete them.

Students who have started an ink painting project in a previous class can bring it to finish it up. This would include finishing the painting and or the quilting of the project. Anelie will assist in helping you getting your project done!



Save the Date! July 17-18

YouTube Quilting Sensation

Jenny Doan

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