Mother Lode Quilters' Guild Newsletter

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Meetings are held the 4th Monday of each month except for May, which is the 3rd Monday, and there is no meeting in December. Meetings begin 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, and Block of the Month. When it's your turn, bring snacks.

See you September 28, 2015

From our MLQG President – Rita Maddock

RayMona & Rita at PIQF with Sue Green's quilt from Sierra Gold Quilt Guild.

RayMona and I had a great time viewing ALL (we think) of the quilts from Pacific International Quilt Fest in Santa Clara. We also visited ALL (we think) of the vendors!

October is election night for the Executive Board. Be sure to read the bios on pages 3 and 4.

October is also the night we make the decision as to where we donate MLQG funds. Donations are one area that makes our guild unique. I am so proud of our guild.

PIQF Best of Show

From our Vice President – Suzy Morton

Lisa McKissick, aka **Tool Time Girl**, will be speaking at our October meeting. In her presentation, she will entertain and inform the audience with over 30 of her favorite tools and corresponding quilts. There will be rulers, cutters and marking devices and a few exceptional gems along the way. Lisa is a pattern author, retail buyer and quilter with over 20 years of quilting experience.

Also joining us will be Jeff Johnson of **Cut with Confidence**. He will be available to sharpen your scissors, pinking shears, knives, etc. He charges $10.00 for scissors/pinking shears and $4.00 for knives (serrated included). He will be doing this during our meeting. So bring your scissors and knives to the meeting.

2015 Opportunity Quilt – Bunny Smith & Diane Krisman

Stars of the Mother Lode quilt will be traveling on the following dates:

Guild of Quilters CCC
Concord
Nov 16 6:30 pm
Rita Maddock

Independence Hall Quilters
Arnold
February 22, 2016
Need someone

As more dates to travel with the **Stars of the Mother Lode** get scheduled, we will need volunteers. It is fun meeting other quilters and enjoying their meetings.

Up Coming Quilt Shows

November 7 & 8, 2015
Tuleburg Guilt Guild
Stockton Auto Mall
3158 Center Cir, Stockton CA
For more inf call: Heidi Murphy
(209) 815-2225

November 14 & 15
Pioneer Quilters Guild
Roseville Sports Center
Mahaney Park in Roseville, CA
www.pioneerquiltersguild.org

November 20-22, 2015
River City Quilters' Guild
"Worlds of Wonder & Whimsy"
Scottish Rite Temple, Sacramento
www.rivercityquilters.org

January 21-14, 2016
Road To California
Ontario Convention Center
Ontario, Ca
500 vender booths/900 quilts
www.road2ca.com

Cradle Quilts

The Gold Country Wood Workers have asked us again this year to help them by donating doll cradle quilts for their wooden cradles. That are requesting 12 quilts. The size of the quilt should be about the size of a fat quarter. The quilts and cradles will then be donated to the Angel Tree program and distributed at Christmas. Please bring these quilts to the October meeting. We will be taking the quilts to the Gold Country Wood Workers on November 11. Last year we had 28 cradle quilts.

Hospitality-Bunny Smith

Here are the members that signed up for snacks for the September meeting:

Nancy Horst-Jones
Donna Swanner
Linda DeRosia
Chris Zetterberg
Gaylene Lichty

Membership – Becky Podesta

We had 36 members present and 7 guests. New printed membership lists will be available at the next meeting. They are also attached to the mailing of this newsletter.

Happy Birthday to You

Beth Arnold 10/14
Olive Lessner 10/14
Lola Thomas 10/18

Next MLQG Newsletter article deadline is November 5.

Nominee Bios

Bio for Carla O'dell
Nominee for MLQG President 2016

I was born in San Francisco after the war when my parents came from Italy. I was raised in San Jose, and moved to Amador County in 1990 after the Loma Prieta earthquake. I have 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

I recently retired from a local insurance company after 22 years. I enjoy reading, sewing (of course) since Home Ec in 7th grade and quilting for the last 4 years. Also, I enjoy baking and recently learning how to work with gourds.

Donna Swanner was my first friend up here when she was my daughter's Brownie and Girl Scout leader.

Bio for Becky Podesta
Nominee for MLQG Treasurer 2016

Hello everyone, my name is Becky Podesta. I have been a guild member for about six years. I am interested in being your next treasurer.
I am a retired person, but worked for the County of Amador for 36 years as an Accountant and Assistant Auditor-Controller. While working for the County I worked with payroll, audits, taxes, special districts, accounts payable, budgets and other tasks.

I discovered quilting a few years before I retired. I started taking classes, which I still take, striving to learn new skills and improve my techniques. I love fabric, the feel, the colors, the prints. I also love books, patterns and tools.

I have two grown children, and two grandchildren. I enjoy making quilts for my family. My husband and I enjoy traveling and he is a very patient person sitting outside quilt shops we find in our travels, as I search for yet another wonderful piece of fabric.

I was the guild treasurer two years ago. I feel it is the only job on the board I am competent to fill. Please consider me as you mark your ballot. Thank you.

Bio for Suzy Morton
Nominee for MLQG Vice President 2016

Hi! My name is Suzy Morton and I'm a candidate for Vice President of the Mother Lode Quilters Guild.

Amador County has been home my entire life. I grew up in Jackson and attended Jackson schools. My mother sparked an interest in sewing for me when I was about ten years old. I started making doll clothes and when I was 12, Mom helped me make my first dress and I was hooked. From then on I made a lot of my own clothes. When my children were no longer receptive to homemade clothes, I had to look for another outlet for sewing. Along came quilting. I joined MLQG about 6 years ago and have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know other members and share our passion for sewing.

I retired in July 2013 after 24 years of working for the Amador County Auditor's Office. Since retiring, I spend my time sewing (of course), puttering around my house and coaxing my sister to go shopping with me. My husband, Mark, is the Fire Chief for the City of Jackson. We have three children and six grandchildren. Our daughter, Kim, is the Clerk-Recorder for Amador County. Our son, Keith, is an Anesthesiologist and lives in Wyoming and our daughter, Jessica, is a Surgical Technician.

Mark's passion is duck hunting and mine is sewing. We have a small cabin at a duck club in Gustine, CA. While Mark is doing the duck "thing", I sew. We have been slowly remodeling a bedroom at home into my sewing room. It's almost where I think it should be. At least for now!!!

B*io for Donna Swanner*
Nominee for MLQG Secretary 2016

I am running for the office of secretary for the Mother Lode Quilters Guild, and to give a little history about myself. I have lived in Amador County for 43 years. I attended Sutter Creek Elementary and Amador High School. I met my husband at Jack's Chevron when it was located on Main Street, back in the days when you got your gas pumped for you. I would pay the extra money Jack charged for gas just to watch him pump my gas. We have two children, both happily married and two grandchildren, with the third on the way. Ahoy it's a boy! (working on the Sail Away Quilt).

I have been involved or attempted so many different hobbies, oil painting landscapes, cross stitch, knitting, sewing, scrapbooking, bead weaving, and wire wrapping, and saving the best for last – quilting. I can say I have thoroughly enjoyed learning this process with more techniques and adventures to explore in the future, and also increasing my stash!

I have been a member in the guild now for three years. I am very impressed with this organization. The community service this organization provides makes me proud to be a member.

At our September meeting, four members did demonstrations. Pictured above, RayMona Cunha sewing on a 222 Featherweight and Becky Podesta demonstrating how to make a machine-cleaning stick. Not shown was Trudy Bauman demonstrating Sashiko and Juliene Hiatt demonstrating the 505 basting spray.

Below are two samples of the quilts from PIQF Not only was the piecing exquisite but the quilting was amazing.

Mother Lode Quilters' Guild
Sutter Creek, California

Minutes
September 28, 2015

Call to Order – the meeting was called to order by President Rita Maddock at 6:32 PM.

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

Butte Fire – Donna Swanner is employed by Amador County Social Services and has been working many hours with the Jackson Rancheria and the Red Cross in helping the community during this terrible fire.

Nancy Horst-Jones said they were without electricity for several days and lost everything in their freezer. Chris Zetterberg said the fire came within 250 feet from his home. His neighbor's house burned down. Linda DeRosia said they were evacuated and so was her mom Beverly Ortiz.

Heather Beers, one of our members, has a friend and quilter who lost everything. She lived in Mokelumne Hill. Heather asks if we could please put a few things together so that her friend can start sewing again. It can be pins, material, etc. Can be dropped off at the sewing cottage and Carla will pick up.

Membership and Guests – 32 members present, 3 guests.

Loomis Quilt & Fiber Guild displayed their opportunity quilt "Lilies of Loomis". Tickets were $1 each or 6 for $5. The drawing will be April 23, 2016. Each member received a ticket for a drawing at the end of the evening for a bean bag. The winner was Suzy Morton.

Previous Minutes – The August minutes were accepted as written.

Speaker – Tonight's speaker from ATCAA became ill so was unable to attend our meeting.

Our speaker for October will be Lisa McKissick from Petaluma who will be discussing "Tool Time Girl" and the different sewing tools we can use.

Suzy would like to arrange a workshop with Helen Hardwick on binding techniques. This may be scheduled around April 2016 for those interested.

Door Prize - was won by Sydney Albin.

Communications

1. Independence Hall Quilters of Arnold – Mountain Heirloom Quilt Faire XXXVIII, October 9-11, 2015 at Ironstone Vineyards in Murphys.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance $7,856.31; total deposit $532.00; total expenditures $107.20; ending balance $8,281.11.

Committees

- Elections – Need to replace Donna, Treasurer and Rita, President. Becky Podesta is willing to take the Treasurer position. Rita described the President's position/duties.

- Bylaws – Reviewed the Bylaw changes. It was moved by Mary Beth Porter and seconded by Chris Zetterberg to accept the new Bylaws and their changes. Motion carried.

- Block Party – Dawn Schaaf drew Carla's name for the new blocks. Next month will be American/USA blocks to be given to Janis Beach for the Victory Village Quilt.

- Sunshine & Historian – Lorrie Albin – Will send a get-well card to Beverly Ortiz.

- Publicity – Carla O'Dell –Ledger Dispatch and KVGC.

- Parliamentarian – Mary Rose Olmstead – no report.

- Comfort Quilts –Mary Beth Porter – Eleven cradles will be made again this year and we are asked to make cradle quilts for them. They should be fat quarter size (18 x 22) and need to be brought to the October meeting. Any more than the eleven will be donated to the Angel Tree.

- Pet Comfort Beds – RayMona Cunha – no report.

- Opportunity Quilt Displaying – Bunny Smith – need someone to display our Opportunity Quilt on the following days and locations:

  - Independence Hall Quilters in Arnold on February 22, 2016
  - Golden Valley Quilt Guild in Citrus Heights on September 22, 2016

  Opportunity Quilt sales so far are $1,385.00.

- Quilt Show – Terri Van Scyoc – no report.

- Newsletter – Rita Maddock – Newsletter goes out on the 2nd Monday of each month so please try to get your articles in early.

- Show & Tell and Raffle Drawing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM by President Rita Maddock.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla O'Dell, Secretary

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