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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 March 22, 2021 (ZOOM)

From our MLQG President-Anelie Belden

Hello Everyone,

Another month is flying by and we are looking like having meetings in person may become a reality soon. The board is working with the church to come up with a safe plan for meeting in person. So, stay tuned as we may be together in April!! That would be so nice as we have all missed each other.

If you have not come to a zoom meeting, I hope you will try to attend this Month. We have Jenny Lyon giving a lecture and she has become top in her field of teaching!! Perhaps you can join a friend and zoom together. She will be so entertaining and informative. I hope to see you there. With the information we have right now, it looks like the County Fair is planning on opening this year. SOOOOOOO, get your quilts out and ready to show. I am sure you have all been super busy sewing during your time at home. Barbara Haymond is once again willing to coordinate the volunteers to be at the fair selling tickets. She needs an assistant so please let me or her know if you are willing to help out.

Our Opportunity quilt is well underway thanks to Trudy!! Please be sure to contact her if you have time to do some paper piecing as we are hopeful to have this quilt done in time to enter it into the fair. We sure need the funds raised by this quilt as we did not have our quilt show last year.

I look forward to our meeting together again. It will be a huge celebration!! Until then, keep on stitchin'

From our MLQG Vice-President-Carlene Drake

Jenny Lyon will be presenting her lecture "Quilting as a Contact Sport" for our March meeting via Zoom. As the vaccines rollout and the number of cases continue to fall, we are hopeful that we are nearing the end of this pandemic and will be able to meet in person soon. For now, it's just good to see everyone on the Zoom meeting. Here's a couple more of Jenny's beautiful creations to enjoy. (See next page.)

Our April meeting will be "Member University". Several of our members will be demonstrating their techniques for binding quilts. You may learn some new tips for getting those quilts finished.



By Jenny Lyon

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Membership

Rita Maddock – Kathy Beach

Our Zoom meetings will continue as we are still unable to physically meet in person. Nineteen members and one guest attended our February Zoom meeting. It has been fun seeing members joining the Zoom meetings. We welcomed our new member Kim LaSavio. This is the last call for membership dues for the calendar year 2021. The dues are \$30 for the year and you can mail your dues to our PO Box listed on the front of this newsletter. We will mail you your membership card. So far, we have 30 paid members. Thank you everyone for sending in your dues. We look forward to seeing you on Zoom. If you need help using Zoom, please contact Carlene Drake. Until we meet again!!



Amador County Fair Barb Haymond

The date is: July 29-August 1, 2021
 The theme is: "Back in the Saddle Again"
 A Fair meeting was held March 8, 2021. More information to come.

Drive-By – Drop-Off Day Mary Mahoney

On Saturday, March 20th we will be holding another Drive By/Drop Off Day. Once again it will be held at the Church of Christ on Trent Way, just off New York Ranch Road and Ridge Road. It will start at 10 and last until noon.

Bring your finished items for Comfort Quilts, the Country Store, Block of the Month and items for the quilt show baskets. We will also be collecting for the Food Bank.

If you need batting for a Comfort Quilt call Donna Swanner in advance so she can cut what you need. If you have any questions give me a call. Mary Mahoney.

Treasurer's Report Becky Podesta

\$ 10,613.50	Checkbook balance beginning of February
\$ 518.25	Income for February
\$ 35.40	Expenses for February
\$ 11,159.35	Checkbook balance end of February



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Laurel Lissner	3/2
Suzy Morton	3/6
Linda DeRosia	3/15
Mary Rose Olmstead	3/19



Country Store Heather Beers

Thank you to all the members who picked up projects and dropped off fabric and projects at our drive by in February. Ten of the eleven baby quilt toppers were taken. Yay for that! I can make more. We got some great fabric for additional baby quilts kits I could put together. A big shout out to Mar Douglas and Dawn Schaff for contacting me regarding helping quilt the baby quilts. This is not my strength so I really appreciate the help.

In addition to the baby quilts, I feel we need more bowl cozies and pot holders. Mar took the balance of my precut bowl cozies projects but I could make more if there are people interested in making them.

My new project of the Eco-Friendly Popcorn Bag (picture below) had a couple people taking the pattern. I have finished making 11 of them. I feel like these could be a good mover. Thank you to all who are making them for our country store. I will make a label on how to make popcorn in them for the store.

I have some information on a possible festival we could sell our Country Store items and hope the guild board brings this to the next meeting. We will see because it does require a rental fee.

Please contact me so I can prepare for baby quilt toppers or precut fabric for bowl cozies. It takes time but I am more than happy to make these.

Life is good and I am blessed. I hope this Spring brings you all a bunch of happy days.



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Mother Lode Quilters' Guild
General Membership Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2021

Officers Present – President Anelie Belden, Vice President Carlene Drake, Treasurer Becky Podesta, Secretary Trudy Bauman.

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm.

Previous Minutes – Membership read and approved January minutes. A motion to approve was made by Anelie and approved by a show of hands from all members present.

Members and Guests – There were 19 members present via Zoom and one guest.

Ulla Van Gerrevink was the winner of the membership raffle.

Vice President – Jill Dalton from Fabric Garden in Sacramento was our featured speaker. She gave us a video tour of the shop and discussed what they offer in the way of fabrics, notions, and classes.

Treasurer – Becky reported a beginning bank balance of \$10,613.50. After dues received and Made in Amador items sold, the current balance is \$11,124.35.

An audit for the year 2020 needs to be conducted. Mary Beth and Bunny will assist Becky with the audit. Membership dues are due by the end of March. They can be mailed to Mother Lode Quilters' Guild, P. O. Box 649, Sutter Creek, CA 95685.

Secretary – A letter was received from Tammie Crabtree, Executive Director of Operation Care, thanking us for a 2020 contribution valued at \$100. We believe this was for the Christmas stockings MLQG made for Operation Care.

President's Message – The updated by laws approved as written by a unanimous show of hands. Approval was seconded by Kathy Beach.

Mary Mahoney organized a MLQG "drive – by" event on 2/20. A suggestion was made to have this as a regular event, the Saturday before each meeting. Carlene suggested a \$25 donation to the church for the use of their parking lot for our drive by events. The motion was unanimously approved by a show of hands.

Spin the Wheel for door prizes was used via Zoom. Winners were:

Bunny Smith - 1st prize

Anelie Belden - 2nd prize

Janice Beach - 3rd prize

Future Meetings – Per Kathy Beach, Creekside Church has begun holding in person services again. MLQG will provide health protocols to be approved by the church so that in person guild meetings can resume, hopefully by April.

Country Store – The suggestion to hold our Country Store at the Sutter Creek Farmer's Market was discussed. A majority of those present approved of the idea. Cost would be \$50; we would need volunteers to man the tables. We would provide our own tables and tents as needed. A date for the opening of the Farmer's Market has yet to be determined.

Heather reviewed items needed for the Country Store such as, bowl cozies, baby items, kitchen items in subdued colors (no chickens!), pot holders, crinkle toys, etc.

Opportunity Quilt – Blocks for our Opportunity Quilt, Downtown, were distributed at the drive-by. There are still blocks available so if you love to paper piece, see Trudy for a block or two. The goal is to have the quilt completed by the Amador County Fair.

Block Party – New blocks were distributed by Dawn and Linda. Winner of the previous Block Party Blocks were Rita and Ulla.

Comfort Quilts – Comfort Quilts were dropped off at the drive by event on 2/20.

Website Committee – Rita reported that our website crashed and had to be rebuilt. She will add information about Jenny Lyons, our featured speaker for March, to the website.

Sunshine Committee – Lorrie Albin will continue with the Sunshine Committee as well as Historian. She will send a get-well card to Juliene.

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Meeting Minutes Continued

Publicity Committee – Mary Beth will add speaker Jenny Lyons to the Ledger article for our March meeting.

Quilt tip: If you have an empty Aurifil thread spool, do not throw it away. Fit a small seam ripper in the hole of the spool, seam ripper pointing up. Place next to your machine when chain piecing as a quick way to snip the threads between the pieces.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Submitted by:

Trudy Bauman

Comfort Quilts Donna Swanner

At the February drop-off we only collected 1 comfort quilt.

I wanted to go over the process of the steps again for all of the members for this year. As an active member you are encouraged to donate one quilt in each calendar year to MLQG so they can donate to our community.

QTIP: use your birthday month as your yearly reminder.

Here is some approximate dimension for comfort quilts:

Crib 36"-45" x 45"-54"

Lap 54"-60" x 68"-76"

Twin 56"-64" x 84"-100"

Full 70"-80" x 84"-100"

The quilt needs to be quilted and bound. If you need batting please give me a call with the size, so I can cut for you. We can make arrangements to meet. For those of you that do not quilt we have several members that have volunteered to quilt your comfort quilt. Please contact either: Suzy Morton, Dawn Schaaf, or Linda DeRosia. They will let you know if they have time or if you need to move to the next person on the list. They will return the quilt to you for you to bind. If you would like to add your name to the list of quilters, please let Donna know.

Paperwork needs to be filled out, when turning in any comfort quilt, please feel free to print out, the attached Comfort Quilt Sheet. Donna will attach the label for you.

Show & Tell Carlene Drake

The following quilts and projects were shared during our February Zoom meeting.



Made by Heather Beers-Sold at Made in Amador



Mar Douglas



Anelie Belden



Anelie Belden



Mary Beth Porter



Anelie Belden