



# P ' s a n d Q ' s

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## President's Message

How nice it is to be able to experience the beginnings of spring with a few reminders of winter still around us. The fields of poppies and other wildflowers covering our lower hills and the snow on the higher mountaintops make a spectacular drive to and from town.

I hope each of you is looking forward to the Best of the Valley Quilt Show this weekend. Come and support those who have entries. There will be many vendors to purchase from, old friends to greet, and 170+ quilts to enjoy. Don't forget our Opportunity Quilt will be there. Thank you to each of you who have volunteered to sell tickets and do cent. You are much appreciated.

Our April club meeting is a time for us to welcome The Material Girlfriends. They will be sharing their quilting disasters and are willing to give advice on fixing yours. We will also, be treated to a class on the Confetti Star at Calico Mermaid on Friday. There are still a couple openings with a bargain price for club members. I have my layer cake ready to go.

Don't forget our meeting is April 18<sup>th</sup>. Come and enjoy our guests.

*Sheri Cates*

## Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order / Flag Salute** 10:05 a.m.

**Local Hero Presentation:** Rae Lynne Dyar nominated and presented a Local Heroes quilt to Porterville Quilters Club member Clea Adams. Clea was a Psychiatric Technician in the Army.

**Welcome/Sunshine:** Georgeanne Borjon did the welcome for Jan McCusker (who was absent) and noted that there were 50 members present and 2 visitors (Kendee Gurunian and Maggie Huddleston).

**Birthdays:** Brenda Amyx, Minnie Lansdale, Pritha Thayapran, Carol Stowe, Diana McKay, and Georgia Goode.

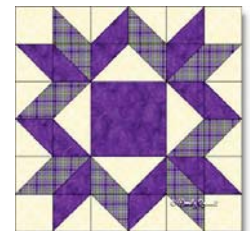
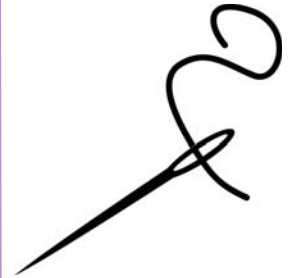
**Recording Secretary Report:** The minutes were published in the Newsletter. There being no corrections, omissions or additions, the minutes were accepted on a

motion by D. Pyland and sec. by D. Byars.

**Treasurer's Report:** P. Taylor reported that the ending balance in the checking account is \$20,607.36. The Treasurer's Report was then accepted on a motion by D. McKay and sec. by B. Eaton.

**Corresponding Secretary Report:** Shirley Hickman reported that she received a thank you card from her cousin Charles Langston. The Club received a thank you note from Jacquie Pennell-Meredith, who received a Local Heroes quilt last month. Jacquie wrote that she displayed the quilt in her office at Strathmore Elementary School to teach students about giving thanks to those who served in the military. The Club also received a thank you card from the Fam-

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### *Next meeting bring:*

- *Your quilting disaster questions & quilts for the Material Girlfriends.*
- *Change for Party Jars*
- *Your name tag (or \$.25)*
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## Meeting Minutes, continued

ily Crisis Center for our quilt donations, and a note from the West Coast Mennonite Relief Guild regarding its show on April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Susie Kissler sent information about the BOV show. They have 170 quilts with 5 PQ members contributing. There is also a Central Coast Shop Hop May 31<sup>st</sup> - June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Ryan's Smiles:** Taya Clark [see below] gave a moving presentation about Ryan's Smiles, which donates pillowcases to cancer victims, based on her 4 year old granddaughter's cancer treatment. She displayed many photos and gave statistics on the number of programs available at Children's Hospitals and UCSF. Following our meeting, a class will be held to

make standard sized pillowcases for Ryan's Smiles.

### General Business

Carmen Friesen spoke about the VP Challenge, the Spring Fat Quarter drawing, and table gifts. Our April presentation will be Material Girlfriends "Confetti Star" quilt. Classes available.

May is the month for our Pot Luck Lunch. A list of member food sign ups is on the rear table. In May we will be making License Plate Tote Bags, a Little Quilt Raffle and a BOV Showcase display.

Carmen also spoke about a possible bus trip to Livermore for a quilt show Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> and 29.

Sandy Whaling re-

ported that she has all of the docent slots filled for the BOV show.

Mystery Quilt will be a scrappy quilt 60" x 70". Cutting instructions are available for \$5. She suggested we use a one color palate. Opportunity Quilt tickets are still available. She reported that we collected \$809 in Opportunity Quilt tickets at the Fresno Home Show.

Rae Lynne explained the Porterville Reads program will be celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on April 13<sup>th</sup> at Vets. Park and asked for volunteers.

### Opportunities and Raffles

**Pot of Gold** raffle will be held at the end of the meeting.

**Block of the Month:** Darlene Byars presented the March Block of the Month which is a red/white/blue scrappy block. Instructions and fabric kits are available. Noeleen then drew the



## Next Meeting

Thanks to Laurie Jackson for presenting the April Block of the Month

and Sandy Whaling for the Jar prizes.!

## Happy Birthday!

- Carmen Friesen
- Laurie Jackson
- Jan McCusker
- Kathy Everett
- Rose Johnson
- Shirley Hickman
- Jennifer McKinsey
- Dotty Premo
- Josie Flashberger

## Hospitality Helpers

Assignments for hospitality for the April meeting are:

- Helen Landeros
- Minnie Landsdale
- Barbara Larsen
- Linda Letterneau
- Juanita Loftis
- Sherry Loftis
- Jean Loscotoff
- Darlene Lowe

We look forward to enjoying your delicious treats!



## Meeting Minutes, continued

name of the winner of the February block as Anne Haas.

**Fat Quarter Raffle:** Members who contributed spring fat quarters put their names in a basket and the winner of the fat quarters was Darlene Lowe.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Jars:** Winners of the table gifts were: Minnie Lansdale, Kathlyn Everett, Rose Johnson, Brenda Amyx, Jenny McKinsey, Marrianna Moss, Carole Puccino, Barbara Ryan and Sandy Whaling.

**Announcements:** Barbara Ryan announced that she gave away an old Kenmore sewing machine. Ellen Jordan announced that she was giving away several \$25 coupons for H&R Block.

**Pot of Gold Raffle:** \$240 collected. Winners were Geneva Owen (storage box), Rae Lynne Dyar (Basket), Sandra Dauer (shopping bag), Rose Johnson (grocery bag), Sheri Cates (placemat), JoAnn Bishop (Easter Bunny table runner), Janet Alexander (flag runner), Becky Haley (Becky Eaton doll), Darlene Byars (cradle and doll).

**Little Quilts:** Jodi and Darlene displayed several completed donated Little Quilts.

**Show and Tell Presenters:** Jenny Mckinsey, Sandra Dauer, Janice Poe, Doris Pyland, Kathy Everett, Joyce Bartlett, Cleta Ad-

ams, Ashley Cooper, Linda Pettit, Noeleen Paskwitz and Marrianna Moss.

**BOV Tickets Raffle:** Two admission tickets for the BOV show were won by Sue Sampath and Darlene Lowe.

With no other action to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Puccino,  
Recording Secretary



Making Little Quilts and Cradle Quilts is a great opportunity to test new skills, particularly free motion quilting (if you are so inclined). The projects are small and it feels good to get a project done so quickly. It is also a great opportunity to meet members and have a fun time.

Kits are available to make Little Quilts or Cradle Quilts. See Jody Mead or Darlene Byars for information on Little Quilts, and Noeleen Paskwitz or Sally Castillo regarding Cradle Quilts.





## Coming Events

**Apr. 5-7:** Best of the Valley Quilt Show, Lindsay, CA. Don't miss it!

**April 25-27:** Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival, Fresno.

**April 27:** Through the Vines Quilt Show, Paso Robles, CA

**May 2-4:** Heart of the Valley Shop Hop.

**May 16:** May Potluck. Last name begins with A-F bring Bread, Salad; G-M Main Dish; N-S Dessert; T-Z Salad & dressing.

**May 31-June 2:** Central Coast Shop Hop

**Apr. 13:** Porterville Celebrates Reading

**June 29:** Seven Sisters Quilt Show, San Luis Obispo, CA

**July 20:** Fresno Home Show

**Sept. 20-22:** Visalia Home Show

**Sept. 28, 29:** Quilting in the Garden, Alden Lane Nursery, Livermore, CA.

**Possible bus trip** - See photos on the web:

[www.aldenlane.com/events/quilting-in-the-garden](http://www.aldenlane.com/events/quilting-in-the-garden)

**Oct. 18, 19:** Harvest Shop Hop

## Three Local Heroes Receive Quilts

Letter from Local Hero Charles Spann:

*"To all that worked on my [q]uilt, Thanks so much! It is literally keeping me warm at night, and it warms my heart that you made it for me.*

*My daughter and I took a hike to the cross in*

*Simi Valley a few hours ago. I told her about the quilt that is now lying over the bed that I will sleep in tonight. We talked about the lack of recognition for all the young men like me that served in Vietnam and how acts like this means so much to us.*

*So again: Thanks So Much for the Quilt, Sgt Charles Lang Spann: USAF 823 Redhorse, Vietnam 1969 and 1971. Lived in Porterville from 1977 to 1989 working for the Forest Service."*



Local Heroes Charles Spann (left with his wife) and Member Clela Adams (below) at our meeting.



Left: Ashley, (Susan and Minnie not shown) presented a Local Hero quilt to church member John Robertson on Sunday! He was so surprised and moved to tears. John served 26 years in both the Navy and Army reserves! Thanks to Tricia who did the quilting.

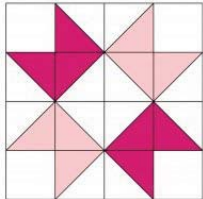
## Pot o' Gold





Show and Tell (continued next page)







# P's and Q's

## Editor's Tip of the Month

In my advanced age and weakened condition, I have a bit of trouble holding the ruler still for long cuts without slipping. I hate to waste fabric due to irregular cutting! I learned a simple trick from the Jordan Fabric Tutorials (<https://jordanfabrics.com>).

Take a 5 or 8 lb weight and place one end on the ruler and one end on the mat. The weight acts as a third "hand" and keeps the ruler in place while cutting. A weight with flat edges and has a rubber-like surface works best.



When you are done you can do some bicep curls. Ha Ha.



## Confetti Hunter Star



## Programs and Workshops

Date	Meeting Presentation	Workshop
<b>Apr. 18</b>	Overcoming Quilting Disasters ~ Material Girlfriends Lisa Norton & Lora Zmak	<b>April 19*</b> : Calico Mermaid Project Confetti Hunter Star
<b>May 16</b>	Spring Potluck; Best of the Valley Showcase; Little Quilts Raffle	Fabric License Plate Tote with Carmen Friesen
<b>June 20</b>	Another way to Appliqué ~ Lauri Britt; Fat Quarter Quarterly Drawing "Summer" Theme	<b>June 21*</b> : Calico Mermaid Apple Harvest with Lauri Britt
<b>July 18</b>	Spring Clean	Local Heroes Quilts
<b>Aug. 15</b>	Porterville Quilters Members' Showcase; Mary Lopez from Crisis Center; Little Quilts Raffle	Little Quilts Workshop <b>Aug. 16</b> : Annual Retreat (your own projects)
<b>Sept. 19</b>	Best of the Valley Featured Artist Showcase; Fat Quarter Quarterly Drawing; Pot o' Gold	Appliqué with Wool with Carmen Friesen (tentative)
<b>Oct. 17</b>	Harvest Bounty; Vice President's Challenge Revealed	Grocery Bags
<b>Nov. 21</b>	Barn Quilts—Suzi Parron; Mystery Quilts Revealed	<b>Nov. 22*</b> : Calico Mermaid Let's Paint a Barn Quilt with Suzi Parron
<b>Dec. 19</b>	Annual Holiday luncheon; Opportunity Quilt drawing; Installation of Officers	No Workshop

*\* Workshops on April 19, June 20, and November 22 will be held in collaboration with and located at Calico Mermaid.*

## Material Girlfriends

Material Girlfriends Lisa Norton & Lora Zmak (twin sisters!) are giving the April Club meeting presentation and will provide the workshop the following day at Calico Mermaid. The Club program will provide solutions to common quilting problems and help you solve yours (bring your questions and quilt examples!) Don't be shy!!

The Workshop class is Confetti Hunter Star in which participants will learn a "revolutionary technique that simplifies the cutting and piecing" of the block. No "Y" seams, or special rulers required. It will be lots of fun, as they have both humor and expertise. Humor is always good!!!

The price is \$45 for members, and \$85 for non-members and includes lunch, but not the pattern. Sign up at Calico Mermaid.



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The Porterville Quilters club meets on the third Thursday of each month at the first Congregational Church, located at 165 East Mill Avenue in Porterville. Meetings begin at 10:00 a.m. Guests are welcome. There is no charge for guests.

Board meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 9 am at Calico Mermaid, 122 N Main, Porterville, CA. All members are welcome. Please use the rear door.

## March Workshop - Ryan's Smiles







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