

Porterville Quilters Newsletter



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Editor: Priscilla Summers

President's Message

We are welcoming four new members this month; Carlie Attebury, Candy Boulton, Verna Garver, and Linda Hunter!

Rusty Roots was March 3rd & 4th at the Tulare Fairgrounds. Thank you Diana and Jim McKay for setting up the Opportunity Quilt. Thank you to all of you who braved the cold weather to sell opportunity tickets. Best of the Valley is April 14th & 15th. Be thinking about becoming a docent and /or selling Opportunity Quilt tickets.

Georgia Goode presented an awesome presentation on owning a quilt shop. It was very informative and everyone truly enjoyed it. Thanks Georgia for the insight of owning a quilt shop!

After the meeting, a variety of soups were served for lunch. It was delicious. Then after lunch, six members presented different demonstrations of machine embroidery techniques. There are so many unique possibilities that can be done on an embroidery machine. Thank you everyone for the great demonstrations!

Be ready for a fantastic presentation and workshop by Sue Marcotte at our March 16th meeting!

Two local heroes will be presented with quilts at Sierra Hills on April 12th at 2:00pm.

Our next board meeting is April 4th. Please join us or let me know if you have information or concerns that need to be addressed. See you all on the 16th!



March Birthdays

- Brenda Amyx
- Minnie Landsdale
- Sue Riley
- Carlie Attebury
- Diana McKay
- Dana Ferguson
- Georgia Goode
- Beverly Hundsdorfer



Next Meeting Reminders

- \$\$ for BOM, jars and workshop signup.
- BOM if you made one
- A copy of the UFO form and contract
- Supplies for workshop if attending.

Meeting Minutes, February 16, 2023

President Sue Riley called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. followed by the flag salute.

Welcome/Sunshine: Doris reported we had 51 members and 6 guests present.

Recording Secretary: The January 19, 2023, meeting minutes were published in the newsletter; there were no corrections or additions.

Karen A. made a motion to accept the minutes. Margaret seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Corresponding Secretary: No correspondence received.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning checkbook balance: \$15,947.88; Ending checkbook balance: \$16,534.09

Doris made a motion to accept the report as corrected. Becky E. seconded the motion. Motion passed. Phyllis audited the treasurer's books, which were found to be in order.

VP/Programs: Janet reported Georgia Goode will present today's program on owning a quilt shop. Following the business meeting there will be embroidery machine demonstrations by six members, along with a \$6 soup lunch. March 16 - Sue Marcotte will present a trunk show and, after the meeting, have a fabric postcard workshop (cost \$20, which will include lunch). April 20 - Arlene Arnold will present "The Journey from Kentucky to California" and hold a workshop the next day on her Lucretia's Journey quilt (cost \$25 including lunch). UFO forms are due by the March meeting.

Committee Reports:

Membership - 59 members have paid their dues (including 6 new members). The Membership Directories will be given out next month.

Cradle Quilts - Lynette asked that cradle quilts be no more than 20"x20" this year. Book bags (for a recorder & music book) will be given out by the Tulare Co. Symphony to students in grades 3-5 at rural schools. Lynette has the book bag instructions.



Little Quilts - 27 quilts were given to three local organizations. Terry will keep track of how many quilts are completed every month. Next meeting: February 28, Hillside Church, 9 a.m.-12 noon, all are invited.

Local Heroes - Sheri reported Jan and her sister Jill donated back to us their dad's Local Heroes quilt. Several tops are ready to be quilted.

Mystery Quilt - Karen A. signed up those members interested. There will be four fabrics and it's free. A show of completed mystery quilts will be at the November meeting.

Bus Trip - Carmen announced several 2023 quilt shows and asked members to consider which one they would like to attend.

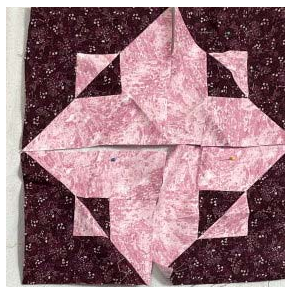
Harvest Bounty - Will take place at our September meeting. Carmen asked mem-

Meeting Minutes, February 16, 2023 continued

bers to start thinking about ideas for this fundraiser.

Newsletter - Priscilla asked Committee Chairpersons to look at our website (portervillequilters.com), and let her know of any changes that need to be made.

Block of the Month - Adella announced there will be a Show & Tell at our January, 2024 General Meeting by block of the month winners who have completed their quilts. Lori Jackson demonstrated the February block of the month. Ethel Quiram won the January blocks.



Old

Business:

Best of the Valley - Friday & Saturday, April 14-15. The quilt entries have closed but the Challenge "Tell Me a Story" entries are due by March 1. Docents will be signed up in March.

Treasurer's Computer - The Recording Secretary read the amended motion by Terry Gomez from the January 16 General Meeting: "approve purchasing for the Club Karen Ervin's new laptop for \$500 and the old Club computer, if it is compatible." The President called for a vote and the amended motion passed.

New Business:

Committee Chairpersons

*Opportunity Quilt Tickets - We need someone to be in charge of the setup/takedown of our quilt/stand, table & chairs at venues this year.

*Spring Clean Fundraiser (May) - Carmen volunteered to Chair. Thank you, Carmen!

*Christmas Party - We still need a Chair for our end-of-the-year party. Please consider volunteering or a group could volunteer and have fun planning over the next 10 months.

Jars: Jar money was collected, prize winners were announced and the free standing lace hearts and bookmarks were given out. Thank you, Ethel Quiram!

Announcements:

Celebration of Life for Tricia Shelton will be held Saturday, March 4, 12 noon-3 p.m., at El Nuevo Mexicali on Prospect.

The meeting closed with show and tell.

Next Board Meeting: February 28, 2023, Pizza Factory - 11:00 a.m.

Next General Meeting: March 16, 2023, 10 a.m., First Congregational Church

Respectfully submitted,

Georgia Ogas,
Recording Secretary

Local Heroes

There will be a Local Heroes Presentation for two local veterans at Sierra Hills on April 12 at 2 pm. Honored will be Leroy Kelley (nominated by Darlene) and David (nominated by Rose).

Program ~ Georgia Goode



Georgia Goode of
Calico Mermaid



Amazing Embroidery Demonstrations

Carmen ~ tile quilts



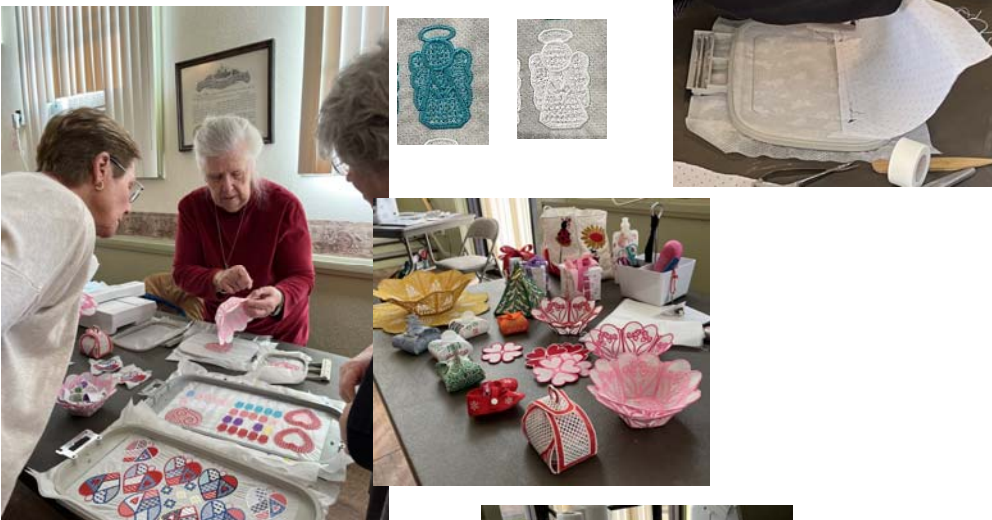
Brenda ~ labels



Sue ~ bags



Ethel ~ thread only



Terri ~ rope bowls



Georgia ~ variety



Show and Tell



Programs and Workshops

Programs: March, April, May 2023

March 16 Sue Marcotte Trunk Show
Cradle Quilts Pot of Gold
Workshop: Fabric Postcards Sue Marcotte 12:00-4:00 At the church
Lunch: included in \$20.00 for workshop

April 20 Arlene Arnold The Journey from Kentucky to California 1864 Little Quilts

April 21 **Workshop:** Lucrecia's Journey 10:00-4:00 At the church

Lunch included in \$25.00 for work shop

May 18 Potluck: Get to know your fellow quilters
Spring Clean Carmen Friesen

Postcard Class: Cost \$20.00 Let me know by March 14 if you want to attend.
Janet Alexander 559-359-1771 Call or text.

Lucrecia's Journey Class: Cost \$25.00. Signup Sheet will be available at the next meeting

Postcard Class Supply List **March 16, 2023 12:00-4:00 at the church**
Sue Marcotte Instructor Cost: \$20.00 Includes Lunch

What the participants should bring:

1. Sewing Machine with regular foot and possible decorative stitches.
2. If doing the edge in the class: a denim or "heavy duty" needle
3. If doing the edge in the class: an edge stitch foot or overcasting presser foot
if you don't have one of these, you can use Sue's machine
4. Thread 28-40 wt.
5. A postcard is 4" x 6", so a plain piece of fabric for the backing (the side on which you write).
Your fabric piece should be at least 5" x 7"
6. Top fabric that is also at least 5" x 7" Choose from:
 - a. A delightful pattern, or
 - b. A section from a quilt or ? that you are willing to cut up, or
 - c. Heavier plain fabric you would like to paint on, or (see what Sue is bringing #8 below).
 - d. Paper piece a design (at least 5" x 7")
7. Thin batting, if you want your postcard to have a quilted look.

Sue is bringing the following if you don't want to lug your machine or other goodies:

1. Her Brother sewing machine that has the special edge foot. If you don't want to lug a machine you are welcome to use hers for a quick quilting and/or edging on your postcard.
2. The stiff stabilizer cut to 4" x 6" for each of you.
3. Misty fuse.
4. Glues.
5. Paints and fabric markers.
6. Some embellishments.
7. Drawing pens and pencils.
8. A fabric paper you can paint on.
9. An iron and pressing board.

You can find tutorials on You Tube ahead of time to help you picture what you will be doing. I like one on Saroy.net.

Club Information

Club Officers 2023
 President: Sue Riley
 Vice President: Janet Alexander
 Treasurer: Jenny McKinsey
 Recording Secretary: Georgia Ogas
 Corresponding Secretary: Diana McKay

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The purpose of the Porterville Quilters Club is to create, stimulate, maintain, and record an interest in all matters pertaining to the making, collecting and preserving of quilts and to establish and promote educational and philanthropic endeavors through quilts.

Recorder Bag Project

Next school year, the classrooms of rural Tulare County will echo with the sound of “Recorder music”. Recorders are small flute-like musical instruments, and you are invited to join in the fun of making cloth bags for them in our Recorder Bag Project!

In the 2023-24 school year, the Sequoia Symphony Orchestra and the Tulare County Office of Education are partnering to bring the Link Up program to Tulare County’s rural schools. Link Up is a youth music program developed by Carnegie Hall and offered to over 600,000 students in 40 states and 9 countries annually. As part of the Link Up curriculum 3rd-5th grade Tulare County students will receive a music book and a recorder instrument. They will be taught to play several songs which they will perform alongside the Sequoia Symphony Orchestra in a special concert during the orchestra’s 65th season next spring.

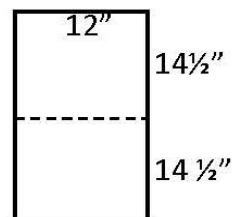
During the Link Up program, our local students will need a bag to carry and keep their music books and recorders safe as they transport them to and from their classes. So, over the next few months we will be sewing these special bags and they will be made available to participating students when the program begins this Fall.

For more information on the Recorder Bag Project, contact Lynette Stover at 559- 781-3166. For more information on the Link Up program, contact Kate Stover - kate.stover@tcoe.org.

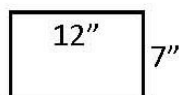
Kid's Book Bag Instructions

Bag = Cut fabric 29" x 12"

Fold fabric in half



Pocket = Cut fabric 12" x 7"



Handles = Cut two - 3" x 12"

1. Pocket - top of pocket

Fold down 1/4", fold down again 1", press and stitch down
 Open bag and measure 1-1/2" from fold line
 Place bottom of pocket on the 1-1/2" mark
 Pin bottom and sides of pocket to bag
 Stitch stich bottom of pocket to the bag
 Mark pocket at center (from top to bottom)
 Stitch center and sides of pocket to bag to create two smaller pockets.

2. Bag – Sew side seams (French seams)

Pin wrong sides together, stitch 1/8" seam
 Turn bag right side out; sew second 1/2" seam down both sides

3. Handles – On each handle

Sew right sides together, leave ends open
 Turn so seam is in the middle, press

4. Bag - Top of bag

Turn down 1/2" and turn again 1", press, pin

5. Handles -

Mark 3" from each side seam
 Centered at 3" marks, slip each end of handle 1/2" into double turn-down and pin
 With center of handle in bag, stitch around bottom of turn down
 Repeat with other handle

6. Finish top -

Flip handles out of bag
 With handles out, top stitch around top of bag
 Reinforce connection point of the handles with cross stitches

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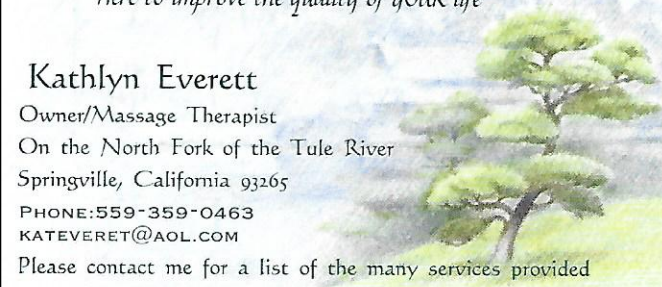
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