

# Porterville Quilters



Carmen Friesen  
Editor

## President's Message

What an interesting speaker!!! Kudos to Janet for finding her. So sorry if you missed the March meeting with Dr. Susan Geringer.

With Easter behind us we can now get to work on our many projects. The April meeting is Spring Clean-please bring all the things you no longer want and some money to pick up things

others have brought to sell.

The frequent rains make good days to stay indoors and sew, the weeds can wait, or better yet let someone else deal with them. Then you can sew more.

Remember we are now using birthday months for treat providers and December people will bring treats in June as

we have only 2 June birthdays and we don't need treats in December as that is our Christmas luncheon meeting.

Hope to see you all at the April meeting on the 18th at 10:00 a.m. at the Congregational Church Social Hall. And remember to bring completed items for Show and tell.

Becki Eaton

## Meeting Minutes: March 21, 2024

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

**Welcome/Sunshine:** EQ reported we had 46

members and 1 guest present. Club pins are available for \$5 from EQ. We sang "Happy Birthday" to Brenda Amyx, Dana Ferguson, Georgia Goode, Beverly

Hunsdorfer, Minnie Lansdale, & Diana McKay.

**Recording Secretary:** The February 15 minutes were published in the newsletter. There were no

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## April Birthdays

Carmen Friesen	4
Kathy Everett	9
Shirley Hickman	16
Laurie Jackson	7
Jan McCusker	8
Jenny McKinsey	23

### Reminder:

April birthdays are providing snacks this month.

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corrections or additions. A motion by Doris Pyland, seconded by Karen Ervin, to accept the minutes was passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** There were no questions. A motion by Jan McCusker, seconded by JoAnn Bishop, to accept the Treasurer's report as printed on the back of the agenda was passed.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Brenda Head reported we received a note from Best of the Valley thanking the Club for once again being a sponsor. They will be awarding \$5000 in prizes this year.

**Vice President:** Janet reminded members their *UFO/Unfinished Objects* form is due at the April meeting (Janet has the forms). The rules for **UFOs** and the **VP Challenge** are printed in the March Newsletter. **April/Spring Clean** – Time to clean out your sewing room of no-longer-needed new or gently used notions, fabric, quilt kits, patterns, completed/partially sewn items, etc. 50/50 is available. Janet has bidding slips to attach to each item. **May/Club Potluck** – More information is forthcoming.

**Program:** Janet introduced Dr. Susan Geringer, retired

Department Chair of Marketing & Logistics and a professor at Fresno State, who currently lives on a ranch in Madera. Dr. Geringer has studied the Amish for over 35 years and has been able to live with an Amish family at least twice a year for up to two weeks at a time since 2016. She said most of what we see on TV or read about the Amish isn't true, and then gave an interesting narrative on Amish history and how her Amish family lives: For example, they are educated through the eighth grade by Amish women; they use a horse-drawn buggy for transportation, but if the destination is a distance away, the Amish will hire a driver/car to take them there; although they don't usually have phones in their homes, Dr. Geringer's family has a business on their farm where a phone is allowed. Dr. Geringer is a quilter and brought several hand quilted Amish quilts to sell (at reasonable prices). What a treat this was!

**Committee Reports:**  
**Book Bags** – Brenda H. reported she has received several book bags but needs more. She has a pattern available for those who would like to help with this project.

**Membership** – Due to unforeseen circumstances, the membership booklets will be delivered to members as soon as they are completed.

**Local Heroes** – Sheri has four tops ready to quilt. Several veterans' names have been submitted. Candy Boulton thanked the Club for the patriotic quilt presented to her husband, Rob, in March.

**Little Quilts** - Terry reminded members that donated quilts/tops should be at least 40"x 50", and reported they are still delivering quilts to local organizations.

**Opportunity Quilt** – Jenny had the tickets ready for members to sell or purchase (four books of tickets, \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5). We made \$226 at Rusty Roots and will be selling tickets at the Calif. Farm Equipment Show in Tulare from April 19-21. Contact Jenny if you can help.

**Hospitality** – Becki explained the change in refreshments. Members are now responsible for bringing meeting refreshments during their birthday month. December birthdays should bring snacks in June.

**Mystery Quilt** – Karen A.

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passed out the next step.

### Block of the Month –

Adella demonstrated March's block (for Georgeanne), and Helen Landeros won the drawing for February's blocks.

**Old Business:** None  
**New Business:** None

**Jar Prizes:** Congratulations to the seven winners who each won a cute fabric basket, courtesy of Brenda H.

**Show & Tell:** Phyllis, Sandra, Lilly, Karen A. and Ellen all shared their inspiring quilts with us.

### Announcements:

Sheri announced Peacock's in Visalia is for sale or closing due to a family death and illness.

Jenny announced Georgia Goode's birthday will be celebrated Thursday, March 28, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at Calico Mermaid, and Calico's 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be celebrated

on Saturday, March 30.

**Workshop:** Carmen held a badgemaking class for interested members after the meeting.

**Next Board Meeting –** Saturday, April 6, 10 a.m. at EQ's (corner of 630 N. Sunnyside and Doris Ave.)

**Next General Meeting –** Thursday, April 18, 10 a.m., First Congregational Church

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Georgia Ogas, Recording Secretary

**Reminder:** The club is holding the **Spring Clean** at it's next meeting. It's time to look through your sewing area to pull out items you no longer use or want. A bidding slip is on the back page for you to copy.

## Spring Clean



Vice-President Janet Alexander reminds all club members that the **Spring Clean** will take place at the next meeting on April 18.

It's time to look through your sewing area to comb through your stash, sewing notions, quilt kits, unfinished projects, and patterns to determine what you no longer need, want, or bought during a 'what-was-I-thinking' moment. Those items may be your 'trash' but new found 'treasure' to another quilter.

Janet will be at the church on **Wednesday, April 17, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon** to set up for the event. Take your items to the church at that time if that's more convenient for you. She will have bidding slips available to you.

## Thank you to our sponsors!



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## Dr. Susan Geringer: A Stranger in a Plain World

Dr. Susan Geringer was born and raised in Madera, California, and graduated from Madera High School. She received her Bachelor's and Master Degrees from California State University, Sacramento. She attended New York University for doctoral work, where she completed graduate research in New York's Costume Institute at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Susan completed her Doctorate in Business Administration at Henley Management College at Henley-on-the-Thames, England. After varied professional career, Dr. Geringer retired as a full professor and chairperson of the Department of Marketing and Logistics at Fresno State University.

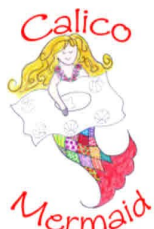
Vice-President Janet Alexander in invited Dr. Geringer to speak to the Porterville Quilters regarding her experiences living with the Amish in north eastern Pennsylvania since 2016.

Here are a few of the insights Dr. Geringer shared about the Amish culture:

- In the Amish world, you are Amish or English, regardless of your ethnicity, culture, or background;
- The Amish also refer to themselves as the Plain People;
- Much misinformation regarding the Amish exists in general culture;
- The so-called "vanity block" in quilts does not exist;
- An 'English' can be accepted and become a member of the Amish if a person is over 30 and undergoes a trial period that shows the Amish the wish to become Amish is sincere;
- The old order Amish are the most conservative Amish;



- "Rumspringa" (meaning 'running around') as portrayed on television, means young people stepping away from the Amish into the English world in order to make a decision about taking adult membership in the church, has been extremely misrepresented. Rumspringa is more of a time of courtship. Young people are regarded as having reached maturity and ready to find a spouse.



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## Dr. Susan Geringer: A Stranger in a Plain World: continued

Dr. Geringer concluded her talk by sharing quilts she had brought with her from her last visit to the Amish. The quilts were for sale and a few quilters walked away with hand quilted, Amish quilts.

Dr. presented an interesting talk and was appreciated by her audience. Thank you, Janet, for bringing Dr. Geringer to us!



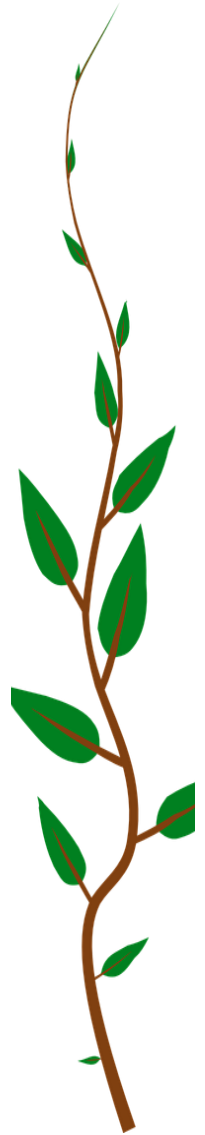


# Show and Tell: Sharing Our Stories with Quilts





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**Editor's Note:** My apologies to the quilters whose quilts were shared at the last meeting. While I was able to capture pictures of the quilts, I didn't get the quilters' names. I will try to make sure I get quilters' name in future so that I can credit you for your hard work.

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The next meeting of the executive board will be on Wednesday, **May 1 at 10:00a.m.** at E.Q.s Sewing Room at 630 N. Sunnyside, on the northeast corner of Sunnyside and Doris (look for a white security screen door) in Porterville. All members are welcomed to attend.

- Current Club Officers**
- Becki Eaton, President
  - Janet Alexander, Vice-President
  - Georgia Ogas, Recording Secretary
  - Phyllis Taylor, Treasurer
  - Brenda Head, Corresponding Secretary

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

The Porterville Quilters Club meets on the third Thursday of the month at the First Congregational Church, located at 165 east Mill Avenue, in Porterville. Meetings begin at 10:00 a.m. Guests are always welcomed. There is no charge to attending guests.

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