



# Porterville Quilters



## Message from the President

We have a budget! The bus trip to Road to California in Ontario was fun and we had a nice lady bus driver. Lots of vendors and plenty of amazing quilts including one by our member Becky Haley. It was nice to share the trip with ladies from the Valley Oak Quilt Guild. We have volunteers to head the Welcome/Sunshine committee,

thank you E.Q., and the Mystery Quilt Committee, thank you Karen Andris. There was a discussion at the January meeting about continuing making Book Bags to give to children at Christmas, but we would need a chairperson for that committee if we are going to do them again. I hope all our members

who have been ill have recovered and are able to be at our next meeting. Looking forward to seeing you and what we can accomplish in the year ahead.

Becki Eaton



### FEBRUARY

- Juanita Loftis 2/5
- Gail Cosart 2/13
- Linda Hunter 2/21
- Karen Reader 2/24

## Meeting Minutes January 18 2024

President Becki Eaton called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., followed by the flag salute.

**Welcome/Sunshine:** JoAnn Bishop reported we had 35 members and 5 guests present. Ethel Quiram is our new Welcome/Sunshine Chairperson. We sang Happy Birthday to Janet Alexander,

Stephanie Bullock, Ellen Jordan, Geneva Owen, Janice Poe, and Berniel Williams.

**Recording Secretary:** A motion by Karen Andris, seconded by Margaret Smith, to accept the December 21 meeting minutes was passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** December income - \$22.00 Expenses -

\$3303.04 Reg. balance - \$12,257.99.

A motion by Doris Pyland & seconded by Terry Gomez to accept the treasurer's report passed.

**Corresponding Secretary:** We received a thank you from the Family Crisis Center.

**VP/Programs/Workshops:**

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### VP/Programs/

**Workshops:** Due to illness, the nametag workshop after the meeting has been postponed.

Carmen will let participants know the new date. Upcoming programs and workshops will be printed in the newsletter.

### Committee Reports:

- **Christmas Party** - Thank you to Ellen Jordan and her committee for a great Christmas luncheon! There were 69 in attendance.
- **Bus Trip, 1/19/2024, Road to California/Ontario** - Margaret reported there are a few open spots due to illness.
- **Best of the Valley/ April 12 & 13/ McDermont, Lindsay** - Quilt entry forms with a picture of the quilt are due February 14; Challenge quilt entry forms and the item are due March 1. See Karen Ervin if there is an interest in being a Best of the Valley Associate.
- **Membership** - Karen reminded every-

one it is time to pay the \$30 Club dues (by March 1 if you want to be listed in the membership book). Please give dues to Karen with the completed membership form.

- **Little Quilts** - Terry invited everyone to Little Quilts, which meets at Hillside Church, 9-12 noon, on Tuesdays, starting on January 30. Congratulations to JoAnn Bishop who donated the most quilts last year and received a gift, as did four others who donated quilts/tops. Little Quilts will present the program at the February Meeting, sponsor a raffle, and have a workshop afterwards making quilted hearts/I Found a Quilted Heart Project.
- **Opportunity Quilt Tickets** - Jenny explained the OQ tickets, which will be passed out to members at the February Meeting. The sign-up sheets to help sell tickets at the Visalia Home Show on February 2-4 and at Best of the Valley on April 12 & 13 were passed around. Jenny also passed around a sign-up sheet for do-

cents at Best of the Valley.

- **Opportunity Quilt 2024** - The suggested and voted upon name of this year's OQ is. . . . . **YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE!!!**
  - **Hospitality** - Christie thanked everyone who brought refreshments last year and encouraged members to sign up for monthly refreshments at the Welcome table.
  - **Mystery Quilt** - Karen Andris volunteered to again Chair this committee. The reveal of completed mystery quilts will be in November.
  - **Block of the Month** - Adella demonstrated the January block of the month, and explained the BOM procedure. Joyce Bartlett won the November anniversary/signature quilt blocks. Copies of 2023 BOM patterns are available for \$2.00.
- Old Business:**
- Committees Without Chairpersons**
- Cradle Quilts** - We no longer receive cradles from the SJV Woodworkers, and dolls are not as popular as they

once were. Jan suggested changing the name to better describe what we make, e.g., the book and music bags we have been sewing and donating.

**\*Historian** - We haven't had a historian for a few years. Most of our information/newsletters can be found on our website.

### New Business:

- **2024 Proposed Budget** - Treasurer Phyllis Taylor went over the budget explaining the changes/increases in the highlighted line items. We discussed possibly opening up Harvest Bounty to the public to increase income. A motion by Jan McCusker, seconded by Linda Pettit, to approve the proposed 2024 budget of \$17,624.00 was passed.

**Jars:** The sign-up sheet to make the monthly jar prizes was at the back table. Congratulations to the eight winners who received sewing items for their prize!

**Show & Tell:** Past block-of-the-month

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winner's showed off their beautiful, completed quilts.

**Announcements:**

Doris Pyland let us know that her sister Marlene's 6600 Janome, small Brother sewing machine, sewing table, and accessories are all for sale (\$1500).

Next Board Meeting: **February 7, 2024, Jenny Lynn's - 11:00 a.m.**

Next General Meeting: February 15, 2024, 10 a.m., First Congregational Church.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgia Ogas, Recording Secretary



**2024 PROGRAMS**

Date	Program	Workshop
February 15	Speaker for Little Quilts	Making Hearts, Little Quilts Raffle, Material Sale
March 21	Speaker: Dr. Susan Geringer A Stranger in a Plain World	Name Tag Bag with Carmen Friesen
April 18	Spring Clean	
May 16	Potluck	



**2024 PROGRAMS: continued**

Date	Program	Workshop
June 20	Speaker: Claire Marks	June 21: Claire Marks Foundation Paper Piecing
July 18	Local Heroes: Sheri Cates	Local Heroes Quilts with Sheri Cates
August 15	Barn Quilts: Margaret Smith & Janet Alexander	Making a Barn Quilt with Margaret and Janet
September 19	TBA	
October 17	Harvest Bounty: Carmen Friesen	Little Quilts Raffle
November 21	Election of Officers	
December 19	Christmas Program and Lunch	





## Block of the Month

Della Rapp, chairman of the Block of the Month Committee, asked 2023 Block of the Month winners to show the club the quilts they had made from the blocks they won. Several members took up the challenge and displayed the completed quilt or flimsy.

Each month a volunteer presents a block that members buy, take home and make, and return the following month. The club then conducts a raffle for blocks made. Members may only win once a year. Beautiful job, quilters!



**Left top:** Peg Murry shared her quilt made with blocks she won  
**Left middle:** Della Rapp also shared her quilt  
**Left bottom:** Sandra Dauer showed her quilt top. At left is a detailed view.  
**Above:** Helen Landeros completed and showed her bird quilt



## Block of the Month: continued



**Top row:** Kathy Everett completed a quilt with the blocks she won, while Joyce Bartlett completed a flimsy.

**Left:** Ellen Jordan shared her quilt

### FYI— Committee Chairs

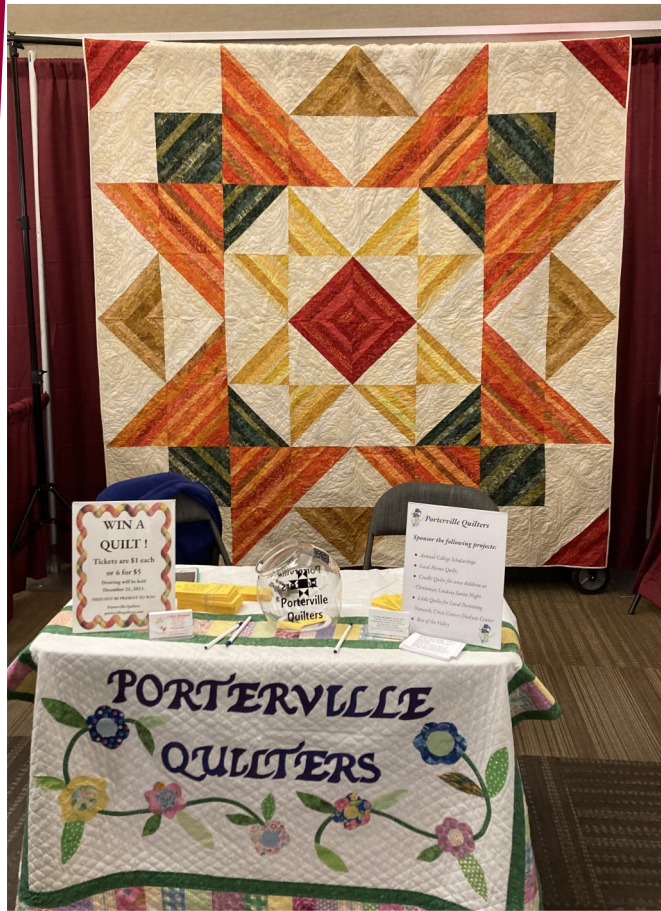
Committee	Chairman
Bus Trip	Margaret Smith
Block of the Month	Adella Rapp
Hospitality	Christie Hulse
Inventory	Amy Newton
Little Quilts	Terry Gomez, Karen Ervin
Local Heroes	Sheri Cates
Membership	Karen Ervin
Newsletter	Carmen Friesen
Opportunity Quilt 2024	Jenny McKinsey
Opportunity Quilt 2025	Doris Pyland, Noeleen Paskwietz
Publicity	Karen Andris

### FYI—Committee Chairs

Scholarship	Ellen Jordan
Telephone	Amy Newton
Mystery Quilt	Karen Andris
Welcome/Sunshine	Ethel Quiram (EQ)



## Announcements



Jenny McKinsey, Chairman of the Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales Committee, needs four (4) club members willing to serve as docents at the Best of the Valley Quilt Show held in Lindsay, CA, on April 12—13.

Contact Jenny via phone or email or see her during the next meeting if you can help out on any of these dates. Other opportunities to help with ticket sales include:

- Rusty Roots Craft Show, March 9-10, Tulare County Fair Grounds (TCFG);
- Best of the Valley Quilt Show, McDermont House, Lindsay; and
- CA Antique Farm Equipment Show, April 19, 20, 21, at TCFG.



The Porterville Quilters former president, Sue Riley, passed away in 2023 after a surgical procedure. Her family held a Celebration of Life for her on Friday, February 2, in Porterville.

The club had prepared blocks to make a 'thank you' quilt for Sue's tenure as president, which is a tradition within the club. Sadly, Sue passed on before the quilt was completed.

The club decided to use the blocks to make three smaller quilts to present to the family instead. The quilts were presented to Sue's children, Michael, Kevin, and Heather during the celebration.

Member Jan McCusker took the lead in arranging for the quilts to be made and presented to the family during the celebration. Thank you, Jan.



## Announcements

### Little Quilts Workshop

Little quilts will be having a workshop after the monthly meeting on February 15. As announced in January, we will be making quilted hearts. This is a fun project and hopefully everyone will enjoy it. You will need to **bring your sewing machines and usual things like thread, scissors, small cutting mats, and Pinking Shears**. We supply a heart template, fabric, batting, and some embellishments. We will also be having a raffle that day; we will have 2 quilts to raffle. Meeting days for the month of February will be on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup>. We will be providing Pizza for lunch. No charge. Come on out and help!



### Fabric Sale!

At the next meeting on February 15, a fabric sale will be held by Little Quilts. The fabric was donated by Dr. Sampath, Sue Sampath's husband, when Sue passed away. The fabric will be organized in bundles, with yardage indicated on the package. The bundles will be priced at **\$3 a yard** (NOT \$3 a bundle). For instance, if a bundle has 8 yds. X \$3 a yard, the total price is \$24. You will not be permitted to break up a bundle or ask to cut the bundle into smaller pieces.

A few kits will also be available for purchase at a reduced price (vs original price). The pricing for this quilt shop grade fabric is very reasonable! Be sure to look for this sale!

### Name Tag Bag Workshop



The January **Name Tag Bag workshop** that was postponed will now take place on **March 21**, after the general meeting. Carmen Friesen, who is presenting the workshop, reminds participants who are taking the workshop to have their materials prepared and quilted. The name tag bag can be completed during the workshop if the materials are prepared and ready to sew.

Also remember that lunch is **not** provided. Be sure to pack a lunch or snack to tide you through the afternoon.

### Membership Update

Karen Ervin, Chairman of the Membership Committee, reminds club members that membership dues must be paid by March 1 in order to be listed in the Members' Directory. A membership form appears on the last page of the newsletter for your convenience.

There is still time to either have a new picture taken or to submit a new picture. If you submit a picture, it must be emailed to Karen by March 1. If you would like, Karen is available to take your picture during the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. This is the **absolute last time** that Karen will be taking members' pictures. Make sure you take advantage of this opportunity!

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥

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.



We are on the web!  
[www.portervillequilters.com](http://www.portervillequilters.com)

**PORTERVILLE QUILTERS  
 ESTABLISHED IN 1983**

*P O BOX 1881  
 PORTERVILLE CA 93258*

**Current Club Officers**

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

The next meeting of the executive board will be on **March 6, at 10:00a.m.** at Jenny Lynn's, 670 Plano Street in Porterville. All members are welcomed to attend.



**Porterville Quilters Membership Form for 2024**

**Membership Dues: \$30 per year**

Name		
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip
Home Phone	Cell	
Email address		
Newsletter sent by (check one)	Email	Post office
Birth date	Husband's name	
Picture in directory? (check one)	Yes	No
Paid by	Check #	Cash
Chairman Signature		