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Porterville Quilters Newsletter

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President's Message

We finished 2023 with a wonderful Christmas luncheon. I hope everyone who attended had a good time.

A big "THANK YOU" to all who helped make it possible. I hope you all had a nice Christmas with family and friends and are ready to begin a new year!

Last year we accomplished a lot and with a lot of co-operation and hard work we should be able to accomplish as much or more for 2024!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to chair a committee, they are the heart of what we do and all we are able to contribute to our community. We still need someone to volunteer to do Welcome Sunshine and Mystery Quilt.

I am looking forward to working with all of you and our new board of directors for a productive, interesting and fun year ahead.

Becki Eaton, President



Berniel Johnson

Ellen Jordan

Janet Alexander

Darlene Lowe

Janice Poe

Geneva Owen

Meeting Minutes: December 21, 2023

President Janet Alexander called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m., followed by the flag salute.

Janet read a history of the Club.

Welcome/Sunshine: Sixty-five members and guests were present. We sang Happy Birthday to Joyce, JoAnn,

Sheri, Ana, Noeleen, Linda P., Adella, Priscilla, and Christie.

Recording Secretary: The minutes from the November 16 Meeting were published in the newsletter. A motion by Phyllis Taylor, seconded by Georgeanne Borjon, to accept the minutes.



A BIG THANK YOU TO ELLEN JORDAN AND HER COMMITTEE for organizing, preparing, stressing, and doing an overall EXCELLENT-JOB on this year's Christmas Party!!!

Corresponding Secretary: No correspondence was received.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

VP/Programs/Workshops: Janet reported she has almost all of the 2024 programs/workshops ready.

UFOs - Georgeanne, Becki, Phyllis, and Lynette each received a gift for completing several of their unfinished quilts.

Committee Reports:

- *Christmas Party* - Ellen thanked all of the table hostesses (Janet, Becki, Linda P., Lilly, Jenny, Terry, Georgia G., Sue and Ferral) whose beautifully-decorated tables added to the festivities.

- *Bus Trip*, 1/19/2024, Road to California/Ontario - We now have 38 signed up with room for 2 more.

Contact Margaret if you know of someone who would like to go. A wait list will be established if needed.

- *Membership* - Start paying annual dues in January. Karen Ervin will have membership slips to fill out and return. To be listed in the membership book, dues must be paid by March 1.

- *Best of the Valley* April 12 and 13 at McDermont, Lindsay - Quilt entry forms are due February 14; Challenge quilt entry forms ("Besties" 18 x 24) are due March 1. Becky Haley will be the featured artist.

- *Cradle Quilts* - Lynette delivered 31 cradle quilts/dolls to the

Lindsay PD for Santa Night and 200 music book bags to the County Office of Education for music students in elementary schools.

- *Little Quilts* - Terry reported 191 quilts were given out this year, including the ones on display downstairs (which were really nice!).

- *Local Heroes* - Sheri announced a member recently presented a quilt to a Local Hero, and an application has been received for another quilt.

- *Opportunity Quilt* - Jenny reported the Club exceeded this year's budget goal of \$3000, selling \$3233 in tickets!!!

- *Block of the Month* - Adella thanked all the members who volunteered to present a block in 2024. She will have copies of all the 2023 patterns available for \$2. A January show-and-tell will be held by past BOM winners.

- *Inventory* - Doris completed the Club inventory for 2023 and thanked all who assisted with it.

- *Name Tag Workshop* - Carmen reminded everyone (especially new members) of the name tag/bag workshop on January 18 after the Meeting. She will embroider the name tags, and has class information available.

Old Business:

- 2024 Committee Chairmen - Chairmen are still needed and should be at the January 2

board Meeting.

Christmas Party Activities

- Opportunity Quilt drawing and reveal of our beautiful 2024 Opportunity Quilt (THANK YOU Becki, Phyllis, and Sheri). CONGRATULATIONS to Angela Dodd (Janice Poe's daughter) who won the quilt!

- Door Prizes! Lots of winners! Plus the Gift Exchange! Lots of presents! Table Favors - Yum!!!

- A Delicious Lunch catered by Freddy Q's - with Costco pies for dessert (in honor of former member Sue Sampath, paid for by her husband)! Assisting were 4 servers from Monache High School!

- Even Christmas Music by a flute duo of Janet and Carlee!!! Thank You, it was lovely!

- Installation of the 2024 Officers (by Doris Pyland): Becki Eaton, President; Janet Alexander, Vice-President; Phyllis Taylor, Treasurer; Georgia Ogas, Recording Secretary; and Brenda Head, Corresponding Secretary.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 7, at 10:00 am at Jenny Lynn's on Plano in Porterville.

Next General Meeting: January 18, 2024, 10 a.m., First Congregational Church

Respectfully submitted,

Georgia Ogas,
Recording Secretary



Annual Christmas Luncheon



The Porterville Quilters held their annual Christmas luncheon at their year end meeting on December 21. Eight members volunteered to host a table, decorate it, and invite fellow quilters to join her for lunch. The luncheon was catered by Freddie Q's Catering and featured both deep pit beef and ham. Club members relished the meal and desserts served.



Musical accompaniment for the meal was provided by the club's very own Vice-president Janet Alexander and club member Carlie Attebury. They played Christmas carols on flute and took requests. The music certainly made the entire event very merry. Thank you Janet and Carlie!



Top left: Snowmen were the theme for a table

Middle left: Red robins were the motif for this table. Brenda Amyx and Janice Poe enjoyed that setting.

Bottom left: Vintage Christmas balls and glassware were featured at the table that Shirley Hickman and Verva Garver enjoyed.



Porterville Quilters Club Welcomes New Executive Board



New board members from left to right: Phyllis Taylor, Brenda Head, Georgia Ogas, Janet Alexander, and Becki Eaton.

New club officers were installed during the December meeting. The new officers were elected in November and invested in December. Member Doris Pyland, emcee for the installation, likened each officer's task to a quilt block that fits into a quilt to create a harmonious whole. She asked each officer if they were up to the position's work. Each elected officer solemnly agreed they were. Installed were Becki Eaton- President, Janet Alexander –Vice president, Georgia Ogas –Recording Secretary, Brenda Head –Corresponding Secretary, and Phyllis Taylor –Treasurer. The executive board meets each month.

2024 Opportunity Quilt Revealed



Club members Sheri Cates, Becki Eaton, and Phyllis Taylor presented the 2024 opportunity quilt to club members at the December meeting. The quilt, pictured at left, is a king size and a modified Texas star pattern.

The quilt will be named at the January meeting, so get your thinking caps on.

Ticket sales on this opportunity quilt constitutes a major fund raising activity for the club. Volunteers will be needed to help sell tickets on the quilt at different venues. Be prepared to step up to volunteer a few hours of your time to help out. A call for volunteers will go out at the club meetings when necessary. Dates to sign up for Opportunity Quilt sales: February 2, 3, and 4 - Visalia home show at the Visalia convention center; March 9-10 - Rusty Roots at Tulare Fair Grounds; April 12-13 - Best of the Valley in Lindsay; April 19-21 - Antique Tractor Show at the Ag Center; September 21-22 -Visalia home show at the Visalia convention center and; November 9-10 Rusty Roots at the Tulare Fair Grounds. There may be other opportunities to sell tickets to come up.

2023 Opportunity Quilt Winner!



Angela Dodd was surprised on December 21 when she was informed that she had won the Porterville Quilters 2023 opportunity quilt. She was especially surprised because she hadn't entered the drawing! Her mother, club member Janice Poe, had bought tickets and entered Angela into the drawing. Angela's favorite color is purple, which is the main color of the quilt. She reportedly loves it! Congratulations, Angela!

Club Membership Dues

It's that time of year! It's time to start paying annual dues in January. Karen Ervin will have membership slips to fill out. The membership form is also printed on the last page of the newsletter. In order to be listed in the membership book, dues must be paid by March 1.

Local Heroes Presentation

Larry Joiner was presented a flag-themed quilt, made by club members, in appreciation for his military service during the 1970s. The quilt was presented to him on behalf of the club by Janice Poe.

Larry was a Navy seaman, a boatswain's mate, and a proud shellback aboard the USS Horn from 1970—1973. Off the coast of Viet Nam, the Horn's crew and Larry, shot illumine shells for 30 days, turning night skies into day so that ground forces could see. The ship visited places like Hong Kong, Tokyo, Singapore, and Bangkok for refueling. That gave Larry many opportunities to see the world. After six months, the ship would head home for six months, then head back to southeast Asia. Larry did that turnaround for four years. Larry is a pretty good artist and was selected to paint an insignia on the side of the ship: a dragon's head! Again, thank you for your service, Larry!



From the Vice-President's Office

Programs for January, February, and March, 2024

Month	Program	Workshop
January 18, 2024	Budget Year 2024: Planning and Review	Name Tag Bag—Carmen Friesen
February 15, 2024	Local Heroes Presentation Little Quilts—Speaker Little Quilts Drawing	Little Quilts—Terry Gomez Bring your machines. Stay and sew!
March 21, 2024	Dr. Susan Geringer: A Stranger in a Plain World	



- Volunteers are still needed to sign up for the monthly jar prizes. The prizes are intended to be small, handmade items given as prizes for donations to the jars. A sign up sheet will be available at the next meeting.
- UFO (Unfinished Object) challenge sign ups need to be filled and turned in by the February meeting. See Janet for the forms.
- Vice-President's Challenge: Janet will have information for this challenge during the January meeting.



**IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT**

From the Treasurer's Office

Due to the increased cost of mailing (and it is increasing again) it **may be** necessary for members wishing to receive the Newsletter by mail be charged \$1.00 per mailed Newsletter or \$12.00 per year for this additional member service. This is actually less than the actual cost of the printing, envelopes, and postage needed to send these out.

We will have printed Newsletters available at the meetings if you do not elect to pay the extra fee. Please see the Treasurer at the next meeting you attend to pay for and request this mailing.

Thank you!

From the Newsletter Editor's Office

On behalf of the Porterville Quilters' club, I would like to extend a heart-felt "thank you" to Janet Alexander, the club's Vice-President. Janet stepped in to carry out the duties of the **both** the Vice-President and President when previous President Sue Riley stepped down due to health concerns. Janet exemplifies what leadership and hard work are all about. Thank you, Janet!


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ESTABLISHED IN 1983


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sponding 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.

The next meeting of the executive board will be on **Wednesday, February 7, 2024, 10:00 am, at Jenny Lynn's, 670 Plano Street, in Porterville.** All club members are welcomed to attend.



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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