Porterville Quilters Newsletter

March 2021 Ps and Qs

President's Message

It seems like forever since we've been together. I miss you all and the joy and laughter we all shared. I hope with the vaccines we will get closer to meeting again.

I've started sewing again. I think that I, like so many others, have been so overwhelmed that I just didn't sew or quilt anything. I've been so concerned about keeping our club together. What a worry! Keep our club in your thoughts!!

The Board met on March 2, at Jenny's house. Laurie states that the response to our requests for donations has been pretty good. Remember, we're trying to keep our club open, so we can meet again. Laurie said there were no questions regarding the budget, so we will accept it as presented.

Karen E. said there will be a Fresno Home Show on May 21, 22, 23. We won't know if we can participate until April.

Rusty Roots has an outside event with a free booth for us on March 20^{th} .

The Ag. Center has a show May 15 & 16th, and Sept. 18 & 19. We'll let you know more when we can. We got a lovely letter of thanks from The Family Crisis Center for the donations of Little Quilts.

Please remember that the Little Quilts group is what enables us to be a non-profit club. Thanks you to all of you who participated in providing Little Quilts with time, work, fabric and skills.

We would like to know if any are interested in meeting in a park. You would have to bring your own chair, snacks, drinks, etc., just to get together. We don't know of one where there is a restroom open. E-mail your response to Priscilla.

We drew a name for the Floating Feather Block of the month, and the winner was Jan McCusker.

We also drew a name for the Folded Star, and the winner was Becki Eaton.

The 2021 Opportunity Quilt, made by Phyllis Taylor, was named *Mosaic Magic*.

Our next Board meeting will be May 72, 2021 @ 10:00 at Jenny McKinsey's home.

Stay safe, and be well, until we can meet again.

Karen Andris

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Reminders & Thanks

- Thank you for your donations!
- Let Priscilla know if you would like to meet in a park for an outdoor meeting.
- Get your March BOM supplies from Doris.
- See thank you letter on page 3!



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Member News

Juanita Loftis had COVID-19 but is some better now.

Josie Flashberger's phone number is incorrect in our Membership Book. Please update with the following: 559-310-1437.

Darlene Byars new phone 559-359-9826

and address:

Cradle Quilts

The club will again this year be having the Cradle Quilt project.

This is a community service that is very much needed at Christmas time. If you would like to make a small quilt or two to donate we would appreciate your help.

Finished quilts are to be no smaller than 19x19 inches or larger than 21x21 inches. I will

Sierra Hills Darlene Byars, Rm 111 2500 W. Henderson Ave. Porterville, CA 93257

Marlis Bownfield is using the P.O. Box listed in Lindsey, not her street address.

Karen Ervin is planning our first meeting as Potluck, Show and Tell, and socializing.

Also, the Paint Chip Challenge is still open to show at the 1st meeting. No date set as yet.





Little Quilts

Dear Quilters,

Yes, Little Quilts is meeting every other Tuesday and Hillside Church. We are happy to have Christie Zepeda and Peggy Polecat join us to help in making the Little Quilts.

We want to thank our quilt members for all your hard work and help with those beautiful little quilts and little quilt tops. So far we have delivered 28 Little Ouilts to Battered Women's Shelter. The quilts that are for adults and not children go to

the Cancer Center.

Thank you,

We are in need of backing for some of the quilt tops. It takes about a yard and a half. Also, we are in need to people to help make Little Quilts, or you can pick up one of our Little Quilt kits and return it as soon as you are able. I want to say I/we miss all of you very much and hope our club can meet again soon.

As you may know we are very small in numbers but mighty in what is being done for the kids

and adults that are sooo much in need.

A great big THANK YOU!!!

Hugs to you all,

Ann Haas, Jody Mead, Peggy Polecat and Christie Zepeda.

P.S. Oh!!! how we miss you Darlene Byars and hope you get well soon and join us at Little Quilts.

Anne, Jody, Peggy and Christie



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Healthy Start Family Resource Center "When you need help, a place to begin"

December 4, 2020

Porterville Quilters C/O Lynette Stover 11301 Road 248, Apt E Porterville, CA 93257

Dear Lynette Stover and Porterville Quilters,

We wish to convey our sincere appreciation for the hand-sewn quilts and dolls, which were received at our Healthy Start Family Resource Center recently. Thank you for continuing the yearly tradition of providing gifts for the children of Lindsay. The quilted bags with activities provided this year, were also an immediate hit with the children.

On behalf of Lindsay Unified School District, as well as our staff, we want to wish you and your Quilting group and their families, a most safe and joy filled holiday season.

Thanks again! Linda Ledesma, Director



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March 2021 – Block of the Month

Questions: Doris 791-9078

Scrap Buster Block - All from Your Stash!



CUT: Great way to use up some left overs.

- Cut 12 2 1/2 inch squares from your fabric stash: white, cream, pale gray or beige in light color fabrics.
- Cut 13 2 1/2 inch squares from your fabric stash in medium to dark prints.

SEW: Scant quarter inch seams.

 Sew two light squares to <u>one</u> print square - <u>make two</u> Start to lay out block as indicated in diagram A. below.



- A. Lay out diagram
- 2. Sew two light squares to three print squares make two.

March 2021 – Block of the Month

Scrap Buster Block - Continued

- 3. Sew two light squares to five print squares make one.
- 4. Lay out as shown in diagram A. above. Press seams. I like the seams pressed one way and then the opposite in the next row. I press and starch at this point. The corners will be full squares and trimmed off when the block is sized up.
- 5. Join the rows together. <u>Back stitch</u> at the beginning and end of each row. Press seams out from center row.
- 6. Lay out block on point and square up block to 9 inches. See diagram B. below.



B. Turn on point and trim block to 9 inches...be sure to leave a quarter inch seam allowance all around. (When sewn the block will measure 8 1/2 inches)

These are fun and easy so why not make two or three and use up those scraps? Place finished block(s) in a baggie with your name and drop off at Calico Mermaid by May 5^{th} . Drawing for blocks will be held on May 7^{th} .

Show and Tell

Dorís Pyland Table Runner



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Porterville Quilters Club

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 1881 Porterville, CA 93258 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.



Club Officers 2021

President: Karen Andris Vice President: Karen Ervin Treasurer: Laurie Jackson Recording Secretary: Jenny McKinsey Corresponding Secretary: Ashley Cooper

March Birthdays

Brenda Amyx Carol Stowe Diana McKay Georgia Goode





"Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, May your bobbins be full, And your seams be straight, too."







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