



Porterville Quilters



Corresponding Secretary
Brenda Head and Presi-
dent Becki Eaton



March Birthdays

- Brenda Amyx (21)
- Dana Ferguson (27)
- Georgia Goode (28)
- Beverly Hundsdorfer (31)
- Minnie Lansdale (5)
- Diana McKay (25)



President's Message

Here we are with spring fast approaching. The flowers and trees are starting to bloom and the hills are a beautiful spring green.

This time of year always inspires me. It is a beautiful time of year in our area and makes me want to create. Hope it does for you too.

We have so many projects we can work on: the Mystery Quilt, the Vice President's Challenge, Little Quilts, Book Bags, items for Harvest Bounty, and your

own UFO list.

This should also be a good time to go through our supplies and separate all the things we no longer want and set them aside for Spring Clean.

So let's get started and remember to bring your finished projects for Show and Tell.

Happy Saint Patrick's Day and Happy Spring.

Becki Eaton, President

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President Becki Eaton called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. followed by the flag salute.

Welcome/Sunshine: EQ reported we had 39 members and 2 guests present.

Recording Secretary: The January 18 minutes were published in the newsletter. A motion by Karen Andris, seconded by Jan McCusker, to accept the January minutes was passed.

Treasurer's Report: After

discussion, a motion by Lynette Stover, seconded by Candy Boulton, to accept the Treasurer's report printed on the back of the agenda passed. Phyllis encouraged members to cash checks they receive from the Club as soon as possible.

Corresponding Secretary: Brenda reported the Club received dues, and a thank you card from the Family Crisis Center.

Vice President: Janet ex-

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plained the 2024 **UFO contest** for all members and had forms for participants to fill out and return to her by the April meeting. Prizes will be awarded in December. **VP Challenge** – This year's Challenge is open to all members, and requires at least one pieced star (any kind) as the focus of the quilt, table runner, wall hanging, etc. (minimum 36" x 12" - or larger). Members will vote on entries at our November meeting and prizes will be awarded. The rules will be published in the newsletter.

February Birthdays: We sang "Happy Birthday" to Georgeanne Borjon, Gail Co-sart, Linda Hunter, Juanita Loftis, and Karen Reeder.

Program:

Local Heroes – Jenny McKinsey introduced Veteran Rob Boulton, who was a teacher and principal with Porterville Unified. Rob shared some of his background and spoke of his family's long history of service to our country, beginning with the Civil War, the World Wars, and his 4-1/2 years in the Air Force. He even shared his faded Porterville Military Banner with us! Jenny presented Rob with a beautiful patriotic quilt and pillow case. Thank you, Rob, for your service to our Country!

Parenting Network, Inc. –

Terry Gomez introduced Director Flor Martinez who gave us an overview of the many family services they provide for the community and passed out a list of the resources with contact information. Flor was very appreciative of all the quilts they have received from us and have given out to families in need. Project Fatherhood Facilitator Billy gave a wonderful testimonial about receiving one of our quilts when his family was in need. He still has the quilt and his daughter's quilt. Thank you, Flor & Billy, for your presentation!

Break: Little Quilts held a raffle and a sale of Sue Sampath's donated fabric with proceeds from the sale split between Porterville Quilters and Tulare Valley Oaks Clubs. Congratulations to Amy, Janet, Kathy E., Sandra, Jenny, Shirley and Diana who won the raffle drawings!

Committee Reports:
Bus Trip/Road to California – Becki reported the trip was a success and very enjoyable.

Membership – Last day for pictures – see Karen Ervin. March 1 is the deadline for dues/form if you want to be in the membership book.

Best of the Valley/April 12 & 13/Lindsay – "Besties" Challenge (24"x18" or 18"x24") entry forms & quilt are due March 1. The BOV Committee is looking for Associates to help before and during the show – let Karen

Ervin know if you are interested. We need one more docent for the show; if interested, contact Jenny McKinsey.

Opportunity Quilt – Jenny reported we made \$376 at the Visalia Home Show. Next is Rusty Roots on March 9 & 10, and we need OQ ticket sellers. Contact Jenny if you can help.

Hospitality – Sign up at the Welcome table for refreshments next month.

Mystery Quilt – Cost is \$6.50, there are only nine steps, and it is "very easy." Contact Karen Andris for more info.

Block of the Month – Adella demonstrated February's block (for Priscilla), and Terry won the drawing for January's blocks. Joyce Bartlett, who won the signature blocks last month, has some blank blocks for members to sign. She will complete the quilt and donate it to a quilter who is no longer able to attend meetings.

Old Business:

***Book Bag Committee** – Brenda Head volunteered to Chair this Committee (previously Cradle Quilts).

***Harvest Bounty** – Carmen Friesen and Carlie Attebury are co-Chairmen. This open-to-the-public event is scheduled for Saturday, October 5, at the Congregational Church.

***Nametag/Bag Workshop** – Carmen will be holding this rescheduled workshop after the General Meeting on March 21. She reminded participants to have their prep work sewn to-



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gether before the workshop.

New Business:

***Thank you to the Camp Nelson girls and Ferrel Hubbard** who presented a \$100 check to Porterville Quilters to be used for scholarships in memory of Dottie Premo.

***March 6 Board Meeting** – Will be held at Ethel Quiram’s sewing place (corner of 630 N. Sunnyside & W. Doris Ave.).

Jar Prizes: Congratula-

tions to Brenda, Janet, Dana, Kathy B., Ellen, Candy, and Peg who all won a nifty sewing bag, courtesy of Linda Pettit.

Show & Tell: Thank you to Sandra Dauer and Valerie Simonich who shared their cute quilts with us.

Workshop: “I Found a Quilted Heart” class with Terry and Karen was held after the meeting.

Announcements:

*Janet announced a sewing retreat at St. Anthony’s in

Three Rivers, 2/26-29, with openings for anyone interested.

*Is anyone missing a quilt top that was left at the November or December Meeting? Janet will bring it to the March meeting.

Next Board Meeting – March 6, 10 a.m. at EQ’s **Next General Meeting** – March 21, 10 a.m., Congregational Church Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgia Ogas, Recording Secretary

Honoring Our Local Heroes: Capt. Robert Boulton, USAF, retired



Pictured at far left: Rob Boulton stands in front of the opportunity quilt as he introduces himself to the quilting group.

Pictured at left: Rob stands with the quilt given to him by the Porterville Quilters to honor his military service.

Rob Boulton came with his city military banner, which has faded and so was taken down by the city. His memories and pride of service have not faded.

In 1971 Rob was teaching sixth grade at Olive Street School when he was drafted by the Army. With the help of an Air Force recruiter he went into pilot training as a Second Lieutenant. At that time, to be an officer, you had to train to be a pilot unless you were in ROTC or from the Air Force Academy. That was a six year commitment. Teaching and staying State-side were priorities, so after five months of pilot training in Mississippi, he made the decision



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to leave pilot training and was assigned to Titan II missiles and stationed in Tucson, Arizona.

There were eighteen missile silos around Tucson and he was a Deputy Combat Crew Commander at the Alternate Command Post working 24 hour shifts, two or three times a week. The silos were deep under the desert and held two stage rockets capable of hitting any target in the world.

After four years of service he was discharged in July of 1975 with the rank of Captain and returned to his teaching career in Porterville.

Rob is one of five generations of military service: Great, Great Grandfather, Civil War; Grandfathers and Grandmother (Army nurse) WW I; Father WWII (Pearl Harbor survivor, USS California); and Rob Vietnam War. He is proud of his own and his family's service in times of war and very

grateful for the recognition given by the Porterville Quilters along with the honor of receiving their beautiful quilt.

The Porterville Quilters are proud of Rob and thank him, and his family, for their years of military service to the America.



Quilters Making a Difference



Pictured left: Guest speakers Flor Martínez, Program Manager, Parenting Network, Inc., and Billy Soto, a former participant and now program trainer in the Project Fatherhood program.

The Parenting Network, Inc (PNI) and its member centers provide a comprehensive and proven approach to improving self-sufficiency for entire families, not just individuals. The centers are community-based, family strengthening centers that offer programs for all of Tulare County. The PNI encourages collaborative communities of practice, and provides

measurable outcomes of service delivery.

Representatives of the network, Flor Martínez and Billy Soto, presented information on the services offered to families in Porterville. Those services are varied and extensive and include a clothing closet and food pantry, youth and teen groups, par-

ent-to-parent support group training, Early Start education programs, just name a few. Billy Soto offered a personal testament of the network's power to drive change. Mr. Soto participated in the Project Fatherhood program and took the training to heart in his life. He so believes in the training, he

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has become a trainer for Project Fatherhood.

The speakers were invited to present the Parenting Network Inc. information to the club by Terri Gómez. Terri feels that club members need to know how some of the Little Quilts made by the quilters support the community. The charity quilts made by club members are given to families in need through the Parenting Network. In the last few years, the Porterville quilters have donated at least 100 quilts per year to local service organizations.

Faces to Know



Phyllis Taylor (at left) is a long time club member and is currently the club's treasurer. Phyllis has also served as club president. Any receipts for reimbursement should be turned in to her.



Ethel Quiram (E.Q.) is the club's Welcome/Sunshine chairman. EQ will meet you with a smile and a sign-in sheet as you enter the building on meeting day. Let EQ know if there is a death in a member's family so that she can send a sympathy card.



Terri Gómez (at left) is currently the Little Quilts Committee chairman. The Little Quilts Committee meets on Tuesdays

Show and Tell



Pictured above: Sandra Dauer shared a lap quilt she made to donate.

Pictured above: Valerie Simonich showed a very cute block she is working on. Many quilters want instruction on how it's made.

from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon, at the Hillside Community Church, 1091 W. Linda Vista Ave. in Porterville. Club members are invited and welcomed to join Terri in making charity quilts.



2024 Programs—revised

Date	Program	Workshop / Activity
January 18	Budget; Budget Review	
February 15	Speaker: Little Quilts	Little Quilts Raffle, Fabric Sale
March 21	Speaker: Dr. Susan Geringer— a Stranger in a Plain World	Badge Making with Carmen Friesen
April 18	Spring Clean	
May 16	Potluck	
June 20	Speaker: Claire Marks	
June 21	Workshop with Claire Marks	Foundation Paper Piecing
July 18	Local Heroes with Sheri Cates	Local Heroes Quilts
August 15	Barn Quilts with Margaret Smith and Janet Alexander	Margaret Smith and Janet Alexander
August 16	Workshop: Making a Barn Quilt	
September 19	Trunk Show with Carmen Friesen, Examining Art Quilts	
September 20	Workshop: Whimsical Art	Carmen Friesen
October 17	Harvest Bounty—Carlie Attebury	
November 21	Election of Officers	
December	Christmas Program and Lunch	



Little Quilts: For Your Information

The Little Quilts committee continues to work hard. We have about 30 quilts to deliver in the next week. Thank you to all who have donated. **We are changing our meeting schedule:** we will be meeting weekly from now on as we have a lot of tops donated and we have to get them done. We have a some very small quilts 32x32 donated and will be doing a challenge starting in April for members who will take these and complete them to a 30x50 quilt top. We appreciate the help we receive from the members.



Best of the Valley Schedule: Docent and Ticket Sales

Times	Friday, April 12 ticket sales	Docent	Times	Saturday, April 13 ticket sales	Docent
Set-up Jenny on					
10 to noon	Jan McCusker Kathy Everett	Jenny McKinsey Diana McKay Becki Eaton	10 to noon	Ellen Jordan Stephanie Bullock	Adella Rapp Kathy Everett
noon - 2	Ferrel Hubbard Dana Ferguson	Jan McCusker Joyce Bartlett	noon - 2	Adella Rapp	Stephanie Bullock Ellen Jordan
2 to 4	Jenny McKinsey Carmen Friesen	Christie Hulse Ferral Hubbard Georgia Ogas Sally Castillo	2 to 4		Carmen Friesen Lynette Stover

Please Note: Green = Ticket Sales for opportunity quilt; Orange = Docents

Event takes place at the McDermont House, 365 N. Sweetbriar Avenue, Lindsay CA



Items of Note from the Porterville Quilters' Board

- Two volunteers per meeting are needed to help during the "Show and Tell" portion of meetings. The volunteers would hold up the shared quilts on the stage, while the quilter, standing on the floor level, shares information about the quilt. If you can help out, see Becki Eaton.
- Sign ups for treats aren't working. So the process is changing. Birthday Month people will now be responsible for providing snacks for the meetings, with the exception of December. December birthdays will provide snack in July since December is our luncheon month. This change starts in March. **If you celebrate your birthday in March, it's your turn to bring snacks to the March meeting.**
- The sign-up sheet for the Jar Prizes is missing. If you have it or know where it is, please see Becki Eaton.
- Welcome/Sunshine chairman Ethel Quiram (EQ) will have a small raffle gift at her table each meeting. The goal is to raise more funds for the club.



From the Vice-President's Desk



Vice President Challenge 2024

The Vice President challenge is a quilt project contest for anyone in the club to participate in. The VP coordinates the contest and determines the rules. At the end of the contest a winner will be determined by a vote of the club at the November meeting. A prize will be awarded for the favorite quilt project.

Rules for the 2024 Challenge

Size: the quilt project must be at least 36 inches by 12 inches. The project may be larger but not smaller. The project is to be finished with the binding completed.

Design: there must be at least one star pieced block pattern. The choice of the star pattern is up to you. You may include applique or embroidery but the focus of the project is to be the star pattern.

Colors: the project is to include traditional Christmas colors: Red, green, white, silver and, or gold. You may use other colors but only as accent pieces. You do not have to use all of the colors. If you use a pattern, please indicate the name of the pattern. There is no sign up sheet for the VP Challenge.

I thought that a Christmas theme would give you something to use at Christmas or to give as a gift.

Happy quilting!



UFO

The UFO (Unfinished Objects) Challenge is a fun way to encourage yourself to finish any unfinished projects you have. It is open to anyone in the club. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the contest at the November, 2024, meeting. The prizes will be awarded based on how many UFO's you have finished.

Worksheets for the UFO Challenge, which list the projects you hope to finish, are to be given to the Vice President by the April 2024 meeting. Each person will list on the worksheet the projects they have started and wish to finish by the November 2024 meeting. This contest is limited to projects you have already started by the April meeting. Each finished project (the project is to be quilted and binding finished) is to be shown at a "Show and Tell" during a club meeting. When you finish a project you will fill out a form indicating which project you will be showing that day and give to the Vice President.

The Vice President will have the forms available at the head table during the March meeting. If you have any questions please give me a call. Janet Alexander, Vice President 559-359-1771.



Porterville Quilters

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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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 **April 4 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.

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