



# Porterville Quilters Newsletter

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## President's Message

Doesn't it seem like the year is going by fast? May is here already!

On April 12th, Shari Cates presented David L Edwards, a retired veteran, with a quilt.

Rose Johnson nominated David for his service. Porterville Quilters were also in attendance.

We had a fascinating presentation by Arlene Arnold along with her dog Glory Hallelujah. She showed us her amazing antique quilts as she told the story of Lucretia's journey from Kentucky to California. She had everyone living Lucretia's journey as she told her story.



The next day was a workshop on the quilt "Lucretia's Journey," designed by Arlene. It was a great day of cutting, sewing, and fellowship.

Janet's program this month is a "Get to Know your fellow quilters" potluck along with our Spring Clean.

Remember to attach a bid slip to your items with your starting bid. You can print out bid slips. There will also be bid slips at the back table.

Our next board meeting is May 30th. Please join us or let us know if you have information or concerns that need to be addressed. See you all on June 15th!

Sue Riley

## May Birthdays

Ethel Quiram

Jacque Ireton

Sherry Loftis

Doris Pyland

Karen Ervin

Brenda Head



## Next Meeting

### Reminders

- \$\$ for Spring Clean, BOM, jars, and workshop signups..
- BOM if you made one
- Spring Clean items with bid sheets .



*Beautiful strips of blocks completed at the Workshop!*



*May Block of the Month*



*Jar prizes!*

## Meeting Minutes, April 20, 2023

**Call to Order at 10:10 a.m. by President Sue Riley who led the flag salute.**

**Welcome/Sunshine:** Jan reported we had 48 members and 3 guests present. Signup sheets were available at the Welcome Table for Friday's Lucretia's Journey quilt workshop, the May 18 potluck and June doll workshop. We sang Happy Birthday to Carmen, Laurie, Jan, Kathy, Rose, Shirley, Jennifer, and Dotty.

**Recording Secretary:** The minutes from March 16, 2023, were published in the newsletter. There were no corrections or additions. Doris Pyland made a motion to accept the minutes; Becki Eaton seconded it. Motion passed.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Diana reported we did not receive any mail the past month.

**Treasurer's Report:** The March Financial Report was printed on the back of the agenda.

March Income:	\$1130.00
Expenses:	\$1151.48
Register Balance:	\$17,878.94

Jenny reported we made \$271 selling Opportunity Quilt tickets at Best of the Valley Quilt Show. Karen Andris made a motion to accept the report as printed; Carmen Friesen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**VP/Program:** Janet introduced Arlene Arnold (and her dog Glory Hallelujah) from Colusa, Ca. Arlene was dressed in pioneer clothing and brought her amazing antique quilts (circa 1820-1875). She started making quilts at an early age (inspired by log cabin quilts), and over the years has been adding antique quilts to her collection (mainly from EBay).

The Porterville Quilters were privileged to hear Arlene share Lucretia Epperson's 1864 journey from Kentucky to California through the pages of her diary. As she read the stories about the hardships



(thieves, sickness, death, meeting Native Americans, climbing steep mountains, little food and money), Arlene would display and weave one of her many quilts into Lucretia's story. Arlene's knowledge of antique quilts and her humor were a real treat!

A workshop by Arlene was held the next day at the church.

### Committee Reports:

**Membership** - Karen E. passed out more 2023 membership directories.

**Cradle Quilts** - Lynette had kits for cradle quilts and book bags available.

**Little Quilts** - Terry reported 26 quilts will be given out to different organizations this week. Quilt kits were also available.

**Mystery Quilt** - Karen A. passed out more instructions.

**Bus Trip** - Carmen announced the cost for the Long Beach Quilt Festival trip on July 7 would be approximately \$90-\$105.

**Harvest Bounty/September & Spring Clean/May** - Harvest Bounty will be September 21. For the Spring Clean, Carmen explained we should bring sewing-related items we no longer need or have room for (fabric/notions/unfinished & finished projects/equipment, etc.) with a silent auction slip attached to each item. Items \$75 & over will be 50/50; under-\$75 sales go to the Club.

**Scholarship** - Only one application was received. Georgia Goode will let us know when the award will be given.

**Block of the Month** - Carmen demonstrated her red, white & blue Cross My Mind block. Joyce Bartlett won the March block of the month.

### Old Business:

**Antique Tractor Show, April 22 & 23** - Canceled.

**New Business:** None.

**Jars:** Jar money was collected and lucky winners Anne, Stephanie, Terry, Karen, Sandra, Peg, Beverly and Georgia, plus Arlene, got to choose a free standing lace prize.

# Meeting Minutes, April 20, 2023, continued

## Announcements:

Bylaws Committee (Doris, Priscilla & Margaret) - will be reviewing Club Bylaws for updates.

California Heritage Quilt Project - Arlene reported this organization is documenting California quilts & quilters, and sending this information to the International Quilt Museum in Lincoln, Nebraska. (check out their website: [www.chqp.org](http://www.chqp.org)) They will also be at the Long Beach Quilt Festival in July doing appraisals.

## Upcoming Programs/Workshops -

May 18 - Potluck (sign up today) and Spring Clean silent auction fundraiser.

June 15 - Becki Eaton will present a doll show at our June meeting and hold a doll-making workshop afterwards. (\$20, including lunch)

## Show & Tell:

Best of the Valley entries by Phyllis, Doris, Ellen & Sandra were shown and the judges' critiques read. Congratulations to Doris & Ellen who won BOV ribbons! Jenny, Lynette and Becki also shared their UFOs, cradle quilts and little quilt creations.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

**Next Board Meeting:** May 1, 2023, Pizza Factory - 11:00 a.m.

**Next General Meeting:** May 18, 2023, 10 a.m., First Congregational Church

Respectfully submitted,

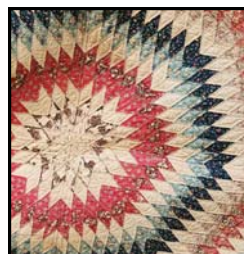
Georgia Ogas,  
Recording Secretary

*Best of the Valley  
Entries and Awards!*



# April Program ~ Arlene Arnold

Close-ups show the incredible hand stitching.



# Show and Tell



## Local Heroes

This presentation took place at Sierra Hills. Veteran David Edwards was presented with a quilt at this time. Rose Johnson nominated David and introduced him. David was presented with a quilt and pillowcase and thanks for his 24 years of service as a Marine.

The club board as well as 20 residences from Sierra hills were present as well as Raul Sanchez from Bristol Hospice, a volunteer coordinator for Veteran Affairs out of Fresno, David's father-in-law (a veteran himself), and David's neighbors.



### Master Sergeant David. L. Edwards

Enlisted July 1, 1975.

- My first duty assignment was Marine Corps Security Guard Duty in Bermuda. Primary Job in Marine Corps was Infantry.
- Was assigned to Headquarters BN Camp Pendleton.
- Five years as a Marine Corps Recruiter in Maryland and Delaware.
- Stationed in Hawaii for three years with BN 3rd Marines.
- Was the Staff NCOIC over the Education Center in El Toro.
- Spent one year on a small island in the Indian Ocean called Diego Garcia.
- I left there and was stationed in the 29 Palms and was deployed to Somalia for five months.
- After returning to 29 Palms, I met my beautiful wife, Leslie Wilkins.
- I was then assigned as a Marine Cadre at Naval Air Station Dallas, TX.
- It was eventually closed, and I was transferred to join Naval Base Fort Worth as the Anti-Terrorist and weapons instructor.



I retired on July 1, 1999 after 24 years of service.

## Little Quilts

Little Quilts continues to do well. On the 1st of May we delivered 29 quilts to four different organizations. This is because members have been very helpful.

Our meeting days for May are the 16th and the 30th.

*Another one of Arlene's antique quilts.*



## Programs and Workshops

May	Potluck: Get to know your fellow quilters	August 17	Terry Gomes	Rope Baskets
	Spring Clean: Carmen Friesen			Little Quilts
June 15	Becky Eaton: Doll Show			Lunch
June 16	Workshop: Doll Making by Becky Eaton	September 21	Harvest Bounty	Carmen Friesen
	Lunch	October 19	Barbara Daniels	A journey as a quilter
July 20	Sheri Cates Quilt of Valor Quilt presentation			Cradle Quilts
	Workshop: quilting for Quilt of Valor	October 20		Thread painting
	Lunch			Lunch
		November 16		Election of Officers
		December 21		Christmas Lunch

### Spring Clean

The Spring Clean will take place at **our next meeting on May 18, 2023**. Be sure to bring the items you are donating with a completed bidding slip attached. As you arrive for the meeting, put your items on the tables set up for the auction.



There's still time for you to look through sewing tools, fabric stash, unfinished projects, quilt kits you know you won't (can't, don't want to) finish, and other sewing related items you no longer need or use. These are the "things you will donate.. Any item priced over \$75 can be sold on a 50/50 basis (50% to the club, 50% to you) A bidding slip that you can copy is included in this newsletter. Call Carmen Friesen if you have questions.

### Harvest Bounty

Harvest Bounty is Scheduled for our **September 21st meeting**. This is a chance to show off your sewing and quilting skills and to shop early for the Holidays. The event takes place during our regular meeting and is loads of fun.

All items donated need to be finished and 'gift ready.' Examples of items for the Harvest Bounty include lap quilts, tea towels, pot holders, totes, bags, purses, pillow cases, rope bowls, aprons, and seasonal décor. Your donation can, of course, be something not on this list. Be sure you are working on your donations now so you won't be rushed and stressed as we approach our meeting in September. Call Carmen Friesen if you have questions.

# Club Information

## Club Officers 2023

President: Sue Riley

Vice President: Janet Alexander

Treasurer: Jenny McKinsey

Recording Secretary: Georgia Ogas

Corresponding Secretary: Diana McKay

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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.

### Porterville Quilters Silent Auction

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Seller: \_\_\_\_\_

Minimum bid: \_\_\_\_\_

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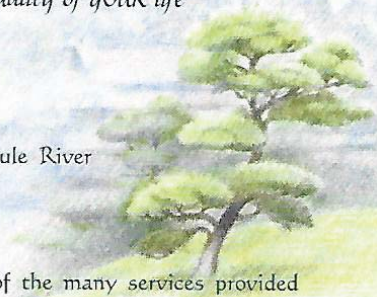



Lynette and Janet selling Opportunity Quilt tickets at Best of the Valley Quilt Show.

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