

# P'S & Q'S

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- Laurie Jackson
- Jan McCusker
- Rose Johnson
- Shirley Hickman
- Tanya Wolfe
- Dottie Premo
- Josie Flashberger
- Kathy Everett

#### Remember to bring...

- Birthday quilters a snack to share.
- Block of the Month
- Name Tags
- Show and Tell

#### Block of the Month

- Apr-Anne Beveridge
- May-Georgia Ogas
- Jun-Janet Alexander
- July-Darlene Byars
- Aug-Karen Andris
- Sep- Becki Eaton
- Oct-Linda Letterneau
- Nov-Terry Gomez
- Dec-none
- Jan-2019-Karen Ervin

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Spring!  
April is here with clear skies and beautiful green hills covered with wildflowers. Where else could you live with such beautiful scenery. A comment that I hear repeated many times at Calico Mermaid from customers, both quilters and non-quilters alike, is that our Porterville community of quilters are very talented, helpful, and just friendly. Porterville Quilters are very talented and lots of fun to be with. Every meeting you bring your experience and talent to share with club members and visitors. Your community service projects continue to amaze me in their creativity and abundance. I want to take this time to thank each of you for what you do and bring to Porterville Quilters. Looking forward to see you on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

*Sheri Cates*

**Regular Meeting  
Porterville Quilters  
March 15, 2018**

Call to Order 10:01 a.m.



**Welcome/Sunshine/Birthdays:** 41 members present and 4 guests.

Linda Petit reported **Birthdays** : Brenda Amyx, Minnie Lansdale, Sue Acob, Carol Stowe, Diana McKay and Georgia Goode.

#### **Purchase of sound system:**

Lynette Stover made a motion, sec. by D. Pyland to purchase a new sound system. After a discussion, the motion was tables until later in the meeting.

#### **Secretary Report:** C.

Puccino reported that the Minutes of the February meeting were in the Newsletter. There were no corrections, omissions or revisions. The Minutes were then accepted on a motion by Sandy Whaling and by Darlene Byars.

**Tres. Report:** P. Taylor reviewed the February report. The report was approved on a motion by Becki Eaton sec by Sue Sampath.

#### **Correspondence Report:**

We received a letter from Best of the Valley informing us that our quilt "Vintage Beauty" had been accepted for competition at the 2018 show.



## General Business:

## Programs and Workshops:

**March:** UFO contracts are available. Carmen again went over the guidelines. JoAnn Bishop will handle the project in the future. The March speaker is ill, therefore her program will be rescheduled. She then presented the VP Challenge. The topic will be "The Bake Off". Each challenge must be made from fabric and represent the theme of baked goods, including but not limited to pies, breads, cakes and cupcakes. It is due in October. Maximum size is 48x48 and minimum is 18x18. Entrees will NOT be judged. Sign ups will be next month.

Sandy Whaling presented the 2018 Mystery Quilt. Cost is \$5.00. She has docents for the Best of the Valley Show, however she still needs ticket sellers. A copy of the schedule will be included in the Newsletter.

**Block of the Month:** Ellen Jordan and Anne Hass presented the blocks. The February blocks were won by Georgia Ogas. Anne Haas presented the March block which is an applique tea cup. She suggested that the cups be made from colorful prints.

**Old Business:** Margaret Smith announced that our Holiday Luncheon will take place on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 at Nucklos Ranch Restaurant. The cost will be \$22. The menu will consist of ham and turkey, California casserole, half twice baked potato, salad, bread pudding and coffee or tea. Let

Margaret know if you have any dietary special needs. There will also be a cake donated by Georgia and Rae Lynn.

## Porterville Celebrates

**Reading:** Rae Lynn reported that volunteers are needed on April 14<sup>th</sup> to read to children. The Porterville Library will supply the books or you may bring your own. The reading is in one-half hour blocks of time.

**New Business** Calico Mermaid distributed \$10 Gift Cards to all members. They are to be used on your birthday month.

Sheri Cates announced that kits for the Local Heroes Quilt are available. Blocks will be completed for next month's meeting. Check off your name on the list at the table at the rear of the room.

**Sound System:** Lynette Stover made a motion sec by Doris Pyland to purchase a new sound system with a limited cost of \$500. It should be of good quality, lightweight with a head set, etc. Motion carried. Phyllis Taylor will handle the purchase.

**Show and Tell:** Displaying their quilts were Noleen Paskweitz table runners, Sally Castillo UFO, quilt as you go and paper pieced, Becki Eaton 2 UFOs, Jan McCusker secretarial stand, Georgeanne Borjon UFO and a block of the month by a class taught by Karen Andris, Janice Poe handbag, Linda Petit pillows and block of the month, Lynette Stover 2 UFOs and Lillian Nicholson a table runner

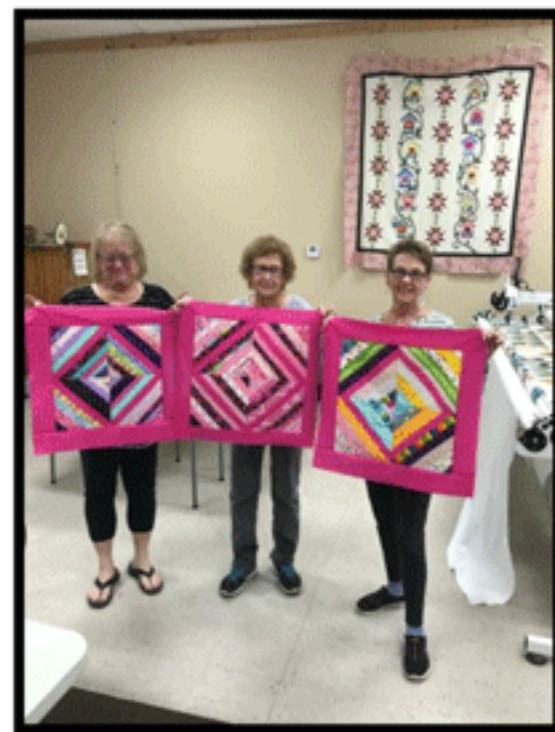
Break - food supplied by birthday women and Janice Poe, Linda Petit and Hostesses Ashley Cooper and Jody Mead. Lots of delicious food.

**Jars:** Sandy Whaling donated the gifts which were won by L. Cates, B. Eaton, E. Evert, K. Jackson, J. McCusker, L. Nicholson, G. Ogas, K Proctor, S. Sampas and D. Love.

**Cradle Quilts Raffle:** Total donations \$264. Great Job Noleen. Winners were Becki Eaton, Jodi Mead, Jan McCusker, K. Proctor, Lynn (new member), D. Byars, K. Everett, S. Whaling and Carmen.

**Adjourn:** 11:45 p.m.


Respectfully submitted,  
Carole Puccino



Georgeanne, Helen and Linda show off their cradle quilt tops from the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday workshop at Calico.



## Programs and Workshops

April 19	 <b>Little Quilt Coloring Blocks Workshop</b> right after the general meeting. Just bring yourself, no tools needed, lunch will be provided. Good time for fellowship and fun! Meeting program information unavailable at printing time.
May 17	Potluck
June 21	Susan Geringer power point presentation on Amish Life/quilts. Little Quilt Raffle.
July 19	Spring cleaning boutique. Local Heroes workshop
August 16 & 17	Information to come. Retreat held on following day.
September 20	Information to come
October 18	Harvest Bounty
November 15	Information to come
December 20	December Lunch and gift exchange; Installation of officers

## 2018 Vice President's Challenge



### ---The Bake Off ---

Your challenge theme for 2018 is "The Bake Off." Each challenge quilt must be made from fabrics and represent the theme of *baked goods*, including but not limited to pies, breads, cakes and cupcakes. You may use the technique of your choice (i.e. pieced, applique, embroidery, etc.) Your quilt may be

traditional, art, or modern and should measure no larger than 48" x 48" (minimum size 18"x18".) Your quilt must be made this year (in other words, you cannot use a quilt you have already made.) You are limited only in your imagination. Reveal date is the October meeting. A sign-up sheet will be at the April meeting. See Carmen with your questions. Good luck and happy quilting.

### To My Dear Quilting Friends:

I would like to thank all who sent cards, phone calls and prayers following the sudden death of my grandson, Jeremy Loftis.

Much Love, Juanita Loftis





## Upcoming Events

<b>April 13-15</b>	Best Of The Valley Quilt Show. For questions contact Suzanne Kistler, Chairman, (559)936-2204 or <a href="mailto:info@botvquilts.com">info@botvquilts.com</a> .
<b>May 4-6</b>	Heart Of The Valley Shop Hop– Call Calico Mermaid for details
<b>May 18-20</b>	SCICON Mermaid Retreat– call Calico Mermaid for details
<b>July 12-16</b>	Bus Trip: Sisters, Oregon July 12-16, 2018. <b>Only 3 seats left.</b> Total cost \$460 for 5 days. A \$100 deposit is required to hold your seat. Contact Sheri Cates for details and forms.

## Docent Schedule - Best of the Valley - Sandy W. 559-310-3569

Time	Friday, April 13	Saturday, April 14	Sunday, April 15
10-12	Becki Eaton Joyce Bartlett	Ellen Jordan Doris Pyland	Sandy Whaling Jody Mead
12-2	Carmen Friesen Linda Pettit	Cathy Proctor Lynette Stover	Sandy whaling
2-4	Noeleen Paskwietz Sally Castillo	Dianna McKay Darlene Byars	Richard Goode

## Ticket Sellers Schedule - Best of the Valley

Time	Friday, April 13	Saturday, April 14	Sunday, April 15
10-12	Georgeanne Borjon Jan McCusker	Cathy Proctor Lynette Stover	Carole Puccino Cathy Everett
12-2	Noeleen Paskwietz Sally Castillo	Carole Puccino Tricia Shelton	Jenny McKinsey Karen Andris Jody Mead
2-4	Karen Andris Darlene Byars	Doris Pyland Georgia Ogas	Ellen Jordan Brenda Head

## Quilting Tip

### Super Speedy Quilt Borders Quilting Hack...from Diary of a Quilter by Amy Smart

Let me tell you–this little gem saves me SO. MUCH. TIME. Of course, it may be a little controversial for those of you who have been quilting for years and years, but hear me out. This just might change your life.

Here's my confession: I don't measure or pin my borders. Ever. At all. True story. No math, no measuring, no pins.

**HOLD ON!** Before you picture super bad borders with waves and puckers and stretching and all that horrible-ness, let me state for the record that my borders are square, and the perfect length. No waves.

**Yep.**

So here's how it goes: I sew all my border strips together lengthwise to make one. long. strip. Then, I attach my walking foot to my sewing machine. Then, I sew my border on. I give myself an inch or so



of extra at the top, and when I get to the bottom, I give myself an inch or so there, too.

I cut off the rest of the long strip, and set it aside for the rest of the border and trim it using my ruler and rotary cutter to make sure it's square. Then, I attach the other borders. Usually I will do both sides before pressing and trimming, and then do the top and bottom.

**SO. FAST.**

None of this crazy town measuring and fussing with pins, and averaging, dividing, and yuck.

Just quick, easy, square, FAST borders. Every time. You should really get a walking foot. I mean it. (A walking foot is a presser foot for your sewing machine, that allows the top and bottom fabrics to feed evenly. It's like magic.)

*from Amy Smart, diaryofaquilter.com*

**Disclaimer:** I've never tried this so I'm unsure if it works...but it does sound interesting. Doris



Lillian's pretty show and tell quilt at the March meeting. Lillian is on the left and Becki is holding the quilt for viewing.





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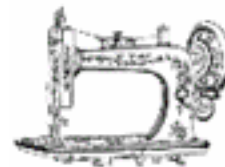
### Moss Creek Quilts

- Long Arm Quilting
- Attribute Quilting- the art of writing words on your quilt
- Quick turn around
- Lessons available

Marrianna Moss  
Owner  
559-359-9674 Cell  
559-535-5520 Home

### Custom Machine Quilting

- Happy to square up your quilt upon request
- Will provide Quilter's Dream Select Batting for a modest charge
- I use Glide, a polyester thread unless otherwise requested
- Other services available, reasonable prices



**Tricia Shelton**  
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## Porterville Quilters

Established in 1983  
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### Club Officers

- Sheri Cates, President
- Carmen Friesen, Vice President
- Carole Puccino, Rec. Secretary
- Phyllis Taylor, Treasurer
- JoAnn Bishop, Corr. Secretary

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.

The Porterville Quilters club meets on the third Thursday of each month at the first Congregational Church, located at 165 East Mill Avenue in Porterville. Meetings begin at 10:00 a.m. Guests are welcome. There is no charge for guests.

Good way to store rulers... picture and idea from Pinterest.

