

# Ps and Qs

## Porterville Quilters



### President's Message

Happy SEW Year to one and all.

Another year has passed and hopefully the new year will bring us more good health and happiness and new sewing opportunities.

I am grateful for the beautiful quilt blocks that everyone presented me with at the last meeting as your outgoing President. I am thinking I will have a completed quilt to show you by years end.

The blocks are perfect - reds and hearts are a favorite. Thank you once again.

This year events are going to keep you busy. Sheri has a very full and exciting schedule to share with you at our January meeting.

We have many deci-



sions to make at our upcoming meeting, so hopefully you will be there to share in making them .

Keep stichin' and I will see you soon.

*Phyllis*



- **Important Reminder:** Your club membership dues must be paid by the January meeting to be included in the members' directory. The directories will be distributed during the February meeting. Don't miss out!
- **A volunteer is needed:** Eleven quilters have volunteered to embellish the change jars for 2017. These items are the monthly raffle prizes. One volunteer for the month of March is still needed. Please contact Sheri Cates if you are interested in helping out.

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Carmen Friesen, Editor

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### Meeting Minutes: December 15, 2016

Call to Order / Flag Salute: 10:05

Members Present: 43 members present, 0 guests

Welcome/Sunshine/Birthdays: Josie Flashberger reported the December Birthdays: Cathy Shaffer,

Maggie Rogers, JoAnn Bishop, Linda Letterneau, Sheri Cates, Carol Lapham-Bartlett, Leslie Kennard, Linda Petit, Priscilla Summers, Noeleen Paskweitz and Della Rapp.

Secretary's Report:

Darlene Byars made a motion to have the Secretary's Report approved as published in the Newsletter. Sec, by Doris Pyland. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Priscilla Summers read a letter from Calico



## Meeting Minutes: December 14, 2017—continued

Mermaid indicating that the proceeds from their quarterly sales from members of Porterville Quilters resulted in a check to the club of \$501.39. Income and expenses were then reviewed. A question regarding the line item *Earmarked for Scholarship*. Priscilla reported that the \$2,200 was carried over from last year. As of December all funds have been expended. Motion by Becki Eaton sec. by Karen Andris to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

**Correspondence Report:** Brenda Hughes reported that she had nothing new to report.

### General Business:

**By-Law Revision:** Motion by Doris Pyland sec. Rose Johnson to revise the bylaws to read as follows:

**By-Laws Article VIII, Sec. 2. Ad Hoc Committees, Nominating:** Nominating shall consist of three (3) members, the Chairperson to be appointed by the President at the regular September meeting, the other two members selected by the Chairperson from the membership at large. The committee will present a slate of officers at the October meeting. Nominating from the floor will also be accepted in October and/or November and voted on at the November general meeting. Motion carried.

At a previous meeting Rose Johnson informed the members of an

upcoming quilt opportunity at her church. Her club raised over \$5,000 in tickets. Rose Johnson won the quilt.

Also as a follow up, Phyllis Taylor reported that the Springville Community Club would like us to do a trunk show on February 23, 2017. It was agreed that we will present our quilts. Carmen Friesen, Phyllis Taylor and Becki Eaton and several others agreed to show their quilts. We may also sell them.

The Holiday Luncheon was held. Members brought many delicious dishes for everyone.

**2016 Opportunity Quilt:** The drawing for the 2016 Opportunity Quilt was held. Georgia Goode drew the winning ticket which belonged to our own Porterville Club member Karen Ervin.

**2017 Opportunity Quilt** was presented. The beautiful original designed pieced and appliquéd queen-sized quilt was made and quilted by Arlene Farrar. Members were asked to think of a name for the quilt which will be decided on at the January meeting. Tickets will then be printed.

Cathy Proctor suggested "Diamonds are Forever."

**Installation of Officers for 2017:** Phyllis Taylor thanked the present slate of officers for their support over the past year. Cathy Shaffer presented the new slate as : Phyllis Taylor

(President), Sheri Cates (Vice President), Carole Puccino (Treasurer), Terry Gomez (Recording Secretary) and Jo-Ann Bishop (Corresponding Secretary). Terry Gomez was not present, therefore Becki Eaton was a proxy for her position. Cathy described the duties of each position prior to their installation.

**Presentation of President's Gift:** Josie Flashberger presented Phyllis Taylor a gift of 43 squares hand made by the membership. The theme was hearts.

**Gift Exchange:** The gift exchange was presented and the table centerpieces were given to members who were chosen randomly from the sign-in sheet.

It was noted that applications for the Best of the Valley Quilt Show were on the table at the rear.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Carole Puccino



**Happy New Year!**

## Sheri's Quilting Memories

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## Nut and Bolts—continued:

- Carmen Friesen, the Bus Trip planner for 2017, is asking for ideas for bus trips this year. All quilters are asked to think about where they might like to go and to see Carmen with your ideas.
- It's very sad to report that club member Gwen Brown passed away recently. Gwen had been a member of the Porterville Quilter's for many years. She and her lovely work will certainly be missed.

## In the Spotlight

As always, the first quilters to identify our Spotlight quilter (by e-mailing me) receive a small prize. Only one correct answer counts (so only 1 prize per winner).

Our Spotlight quilter moved to California from Seguin, Texas, when she was just 5 years old (and she says, "That was a LONG time ago!"). She has 4 children, 12 grandchildren, many great grandchildren, and a pet dog, who keeps her company.

Our mystery quilter sews, crafts, and quilts to relax and says she has learned so much from her fellow quilters in the club. She feels it's a blessing to know so many sweet, talented ladies! She'll probably be quilting till the day she dies.

She quilts because it's fun and relaxing, and quilts make great gifts. She makes lots of baby quilts and receiving blankets. She first hand quilted when she was 14 years: she helped her mother hand quilt a wedding gift for her cousin.

No one in the club knows that when she was a teenager, she dated Darlene Byars cousin! They might have married but for 2 things: he didn't ask her and they were much too young!

Her funny story about herself comes by way of her 5 year old granddaughter. As they were dressing for bed one night, her granddaughter asked in a surprised voice, "Grandma! Are you wearing your bra backwards?" Our Spotlight quilter had to explain that her bras hook in the front (rather than the back) because they're much easier to fasten. The granddaughter learned a lot that night!



Do you know who she is?

## Mark Your Calendars



- **January 19:** Annual planning meeting -be prepared to help make decisions on the 2017 budget: your input will be needed to make decisions on various activities for the year.
- **February 16:** Little Quilts Raffle; Laurie Britt will present a program on landscape quilting. This program is followed by a two day landscape class on **February 17-18** at the Calico Mermaid. See Georgia Goode for details.
- **March 16:** Pot 'o Gold raffle; Trader's Dice Game (program), and the Vice President's Challenge will be issued.
- **April 20:** Pat Robertson is the planned speaker for the program. A workshop on 'quilt-as-you-go' is planned for **April 21**.
- **May 18:** Little Quilts raffle. Annual spring pot luck will take the program's time. This will be a chance for members to show off their culinary skills!
- **June 15:** Analie Belden, author of *Thoroughly Modern Dresden*, will be the speaker. A workshop on the 'jelly-roll split blade Dresden' will be held on **June 16**.
- **July 21:** A transformed event will be held. Titled *Spring Cleaning*, the event will be an opportunity to clean your sewing rooms for the benefit of the club. This was formerly know as the Holiday Boutique and was held in November.

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## 2017 Programs and Workshops

19-Jan	Business Meeting; Budget; Year Over-
16-Feb	Business Meeting; Little Quilts' Raffle;
16-Mar	Business Meeting; Pot of Gold Raffle; Program: Trader's Dice Game; VP Chal- lenge
20-Apr	Business Meeting; Program: Pat Robert- son Workshop: 4/21 Quilt As You Go
18-May	Business Meeting; Little Quilts' Raffle;
15-Jun	Business Meeting; Program: Analie Belden (Author of "Thoroughly Modern Dresden") Workshop: 6/16 Jelly Roll Split Blade
21-Jul	Business Meeting; Spring Cleaning Workshop @ church - Quilts of Valor
17-Aug	Business Meeting; Little Quilts' Raffle, Workshop: 8/18 RETREAT @ church
21-Sep	Business Meeting; Pot of Gold Raffle;
19-Oct	Business Meeting; Harvest Bounty; VP Business Meeting; Election of Officers, Mystery Quilt Revealed; Program: Mini Workshops
16-Nov	Workshops
21-Dec	Luncheon, Installation of Officers, Op- portunity Quilt

## For Your Information

Porterville Quilters: 2017 Standing Committees	
Bus Trips	Carmen Friesen
Block of the Month	
Cradle Quilts	Noeleen Paskwietz Sally Castillo
Historian	Carmen Friesen
Hospitality/Refreshments	
Inventory	Karen Ervin
Little Quilts	Carole Puccino
Membership and Directory	Karen Andris
Mystery Quilt	
Newsletter	Carmen Friesen
Opportunity Quilt - 2018	
Opportunity Quilt Tickets 2017	
Porterville Celebrates Reading	Darlene Byars
Publicity	Sandy Whaling
Scholarships	Georgia Goode
Telephone	Anne Haas
Welcome/Sunshine	Linda Pettit

### Josie's Longarm Machine Quilting



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*Happy  
Birthday,  
Quilters!*

## January Birthdays

Doris Williams  
Gwen Brown  
Berniel Jamieson  
Ellen Jordan  
Janet Alexander  
Darlene Lowe  
Barbara Miller  
Geneva Owen  
Janice Poe  
Tina Beers

# Installation of Officers



Cathy Shaffer, Emcee



Phyllis Taylor, President



Sheri Cates, Vice-president



Carole Puccino, Treasurer



Jo Ann Bishop, Corresponding Secretary

The newly elected officers for 2017 were installed into their positions during the December meeting of the Porterville Quilters' Club. Cathy Schaffer emceed the installation by comparing each officer's duties to a gem (ruby, sapphire, etc.) and concluded by saying that together those gems make a complete rainbow. Each officer works in concert with the other members of the board to make a whole body that undertakes the work of the club. Congratulations to the new officers! And 'thank you,' Cathy for presenting them!

**Editor's Note:** Not pictured is Terry Gómez, who did not attend the December meeting due to illness. Terry will be introduced to club members in the February newsletter.

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## Annual Christmas Luncheon

Members of the Porterville Quilters held their annual Christmas luncheon during their December meeting. This year the members elected to hold a pot luck rather than have the event catered. Members were afforded the opportunity to share a meal with fellow quilters to catch up on the latest news, show each other their latest quilting, and commune in a relaxed atmosphere. Whether the luncheon is catered, pot luck, or at a restaurant, the event is a favorite of the club members. Be sure to attend the January meeting to help decide what next year's luncheon will be.



**Pictured below:** the club provided a cake for dessert; many ladies dressed in festive outfits for the luncheon including Karen Andris, Dotty Primo, Anne Haas, and Georgia Goode. **Pictured at right:** Shirley Hickman and Sue Sampath catch up on the latest news; and so much delicious food was provided for the pot luck!





## 2017 Opportunity Quilt Revealed!

The Porterville Quilters' Club 2017 Opportunity Quilt was revealed during the December meeting. The quilt doesn't have a name yet (to be determined during the January meeting). It was pieced and quilted by former club president Arlene Farrar.

The new opportunity quilt is a queen size with a pillow fold over. It features a pieced star in the center, surrounded by appliqued leaves and flowers. The predominate colors are blue, green, and red on a white background. The quilt is heavily quilted to compliment the piecing and applique. Tickets and pictures for the quilt will be distributed to members shortly.

Club members were very impressed with the opportunity quilt and commented on the excellent, detailed workmanship and quilting. You nailed it, Arlene! Thank you so much for your lovely work on behalf of the club!



The 2016 opportunity quilt, titled **Crown of Daisies**, was won by a member of the Porterville Quilters' Club! The lucky winner was none other than our very own Karen Ervin. Karen, who fell in love with the quilt as she helped make it, was thoroughly surprised and thankful. Congratulations, Karen!

# Porterville Quilters Club

Established in  
1983

P.O. Box 1881  
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## Club Officers

- Phyllis Taylor, President
- Sheri Cates, Vice-president
- Carole Puccino, Treasurer
- Terry Gómez, Recording Secretary
- Jo Ann Bishop, Corresponding 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 always welcomed. There is no charge to attending guests.

[www.portervillequilters.com](http://www.portervillequilters.com)

The next meeting of the executive board will be on Monday, February, 2017, at the Calico Mermaid Quilt Shop, 122 North Main Street in Porterville. (Please use the rear entrance.) All members are welcomed to attend.



It's that time of the year, again! It's time to renew your membership. Even if your information hasn't changed, please print and fill out the form, then turn it (and the fee of \$30) in to the club's treasurer. Remember, if your dues are not paid by the January 2017 meeting you will not be included in the club's membership directory. Hurry, hurry!

## 2017 PORTERVILLE QUILTERS MEMBERSHIP & INFORMATION UPDATE

Please submit this form to the Treasurer with your \$30.00 dues. If you are only getting the newsletter, the fee is \$10.00. Put this application and your dues in an envelope and hand to the Treasurer. Dues must be paid prior to the January 2017 meeting to be included in the membership directory.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (If Different) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Husband's name \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate phone \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you do **NOT** want your photo in the club phone book \_\_\_\_\_