

# Ps and Qs

## Porterville Quilters

### President's Message

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Hello quilters,

The Holidays are coming like it or not! Are you ready? Hopefully HARVEST BOUNTY gave you a good start to your Holiday giving. It was a wonderful success for the club.

HOLIDAY Boutique is now on our schedule for this month - so different from last month.

This event allows you to "clean" out your projects that have been hiding in your stashes that you know you will never finish but someone else will

love. Donate them to the club and allow another interested person to enjoy and complete a bargain project.

I have totally enjoyed being your President for all of 2016 and look forward to our 2017 election of officers this month. Getting to know each of you better and helping to make our club prosper has been a fun challenge. The Board you voted on for me share this responsibility with has been a great asset to Porterville Quilters.

Everyone is very willing to



serve. I love being a part of Porterville Quilters. Please continue to enjoy the journey with me. Make sure you renew your membership early so that you are included in the 2017 members directory. There's a renewal form in this newsletter. In the meantime . . . . Keep stitchin'

*Phyllis*

### Meeting Minutes: October 20, 2016

**Call to Order:** 10:00 a.m.

**Flag Salute:** 10:00 a.m.

**Welcome:** 45 members present / 4 guests

**Sunshine:** Josie Flashberger announced the October Birthdays: Becki Eaton, Carole Puccino, Cleta Adams, Karin Callahan and Lynette Stover.

**Recording Secretary**

**Report:** The September minutes were accepted as published in the Newsletter on a Motion by Becki Eaton and seconded by Doris Pyland.

**Treasurer's Report:** Priscilla Summers reviewed the Treasurer's Report which was then accepted on a Motion by Karen Ervin and seconded by Jodi Mead.

**Correspondence:** Brenda Hughes reported on upcoming quilt shows and reminded everyone that flyers are available on the back table. There are bookmarks for the Road to California show there also..

**General Business:**

**Upcoming Events:** VP Challenge participants



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revealed their quilts. 29 members signed up for the Challenge and 15 members completed their projects. All participants were given 14x14 UFO containers for their efforts. Upcoming events in Nov. (finished and unfinished items for the Nov. Holiday Boutique) and the Mystery Quilt will be revealed in November.

**Block of the Month** winner was Darlene Byars. Sheri Cates then demonstrated next month's Block of the Month which is a nine patch..

**Slate of Officers:** Doris Pyland announced the nominated Slate of Officers: President Phyllis Taylor, Vice President Sheri Cates, Treasurer Carole Puccino, Recording Secretary Teri Gomez and Correspondence Brenda Hughes. Members were asked to consider these nominees and to decide whether they may want to recommend other nominees or possibly volunteer their own services. The final Slate of Officers will be named at the November meeting and voted on.

**Standing Committees:** Phyllis Taylor asked that members consider signing up for open Standing Committee positions. A sign up sheet was made available.

**Little Quilts Raffle:** Margaret Smith reported that the November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of Little Quilts has been canceled.

**Cradle Quilts:** Noleen reported that Cradle Quilts will be dressing dolls at Calico Mermaid on Tuesday October 25<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and encouraged members to help out.

**Money Jars** - The winners were again chosen randomly from the sign-in list and prizes were given to the winners. Ellen Jordan earlier displayed how to make pumpkins from the fabric which the winners received. Directions were also included.

**Harvest Bounty:** Handmade items were displayed and members bid appropriately. Over 50 items were presented. Over \$1,100 was collected. GREAT JOB LADIES!!!!

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Show and Tell** Members displayed their quilts.

Adjournment at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Puccino, Recording Secretary



### Nuts and Bolts

- It's time to renew your membership! A membership form is located on Page 7 of the newsletter for your convenience.
- Final Tally: the Harvest Bounty fund raiser had over 70 items sold and added \$1,271 to the club's account! Very well done, quilters!
- Details and the Silent Auction form for the Holiday Boutique can be found on Page 4. It's more efficient and easier on everyone if you are prepared for the boutique.
- The Spotlight was on Carmen Friesen during the month of October. Ellen Jordan and Becki Eaton both correctly identified Carmen as the



mystery quilter!

- As a reminder: Page 51 of the club's current by-laws state: The committee will present a slate of officers at the October general meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted in October and/or November and voted at the November general meeting.

#### Checklist for the next meeting:



- Name tag (or 25¢)
- **Holiday Boutique items to sell**
- **Your mystery quilt**
- Spare change for jars
- UFOs to show
- Show and Tell items
- Block of the month
- Your smiling self!

#### Josie's Longarm Machine Quilting



Ridding the world of UFO'S  
(Unfinished Objects)

Josie Flashberger  
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# Show and Tell: Stories told in Cloth



**From top left, down the page:** Karen Ervin, Becki Eaton, Geneva Owen and Shari Cates displayed quilted items during Show and Tell.

Photos are courtesy of Georgia Goode and Becki Eaton.



## Holiday Boutique

It's time to clean out your sewing room! The club will hold a Holiday Boutique at the November meeting and needs donations. You can decide to outright donate items or to sell them and split the sales 50/50 with the club. Clean out your sewing rooms and donate items that you don't want, can't use, or are just plain tired of. Let's get rid of those items we don't use or will never use! Just copy the slip shown below and pin or tape it to your sale item. Try to arrive a few minutes early with your item(s) to the November meeting so that they can be displayed. Oh, and bring spending money!

### Porterville Quilters'

### Silent Auction

Item:

Member:

Minimum bid:

1.

2.

3.

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10.

## Mark Your Calendar



- November 17 Meeting:** The **mystery quilts** will be revealed during the meeting. A **Holiday Boutique** will be conducted. The boutique affords members the opportunity to sell (50/50) or donate usable craft items to the club. Clean out your sewing rooms and donate items that you don't want, can't use, or are just plain tired of. **Elections** for new club officers will be discussed and a slate of officers named for elections. Doris Pyland is the Nominations Committee Chairperson. Contact her if you want to nominate someone for an officer's position, want to provide input, or would like to serve as an officer. November is also the last month of the year for UFOs and Show and Tell.
- December 15 Meeting:** The Christmas Potluck and gift exchange will take place during the December meeting. More information will be provided during the November meeting regarding what to bring for the pot luck and how the gift exchange will be conducted.



*Happy Thanksgiving*

**Editor's Note:** Thank you to members Georgia Goode and Becki Eaton for providing pictures for the newsletter in my absence.

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## Cradle Quilts Committee Comes Through!

Noeleen Paskwitz, chair of the Cradle Quilts Committee, conducted a workday on October 25th at the Calico Mermaid. She asked club members to help her sew dresses on the dolls which will go to the San Joaquin Valley Fine Woodworkers. In all, 104 dresses were sewn on dolls. Noeleen's assistants pictured in the second row are: on left—Margaret Smith, Lynette Stover, Sally Castillo, and Priscilla Summers. On right—Helen Landeros, Karen Andres, Janet Alexander, Linda Pettit, and Doris Pyland. A big 'thank you' from Noeleen!

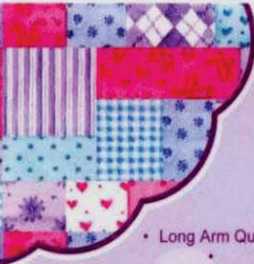


All pictures are courtesy of Georgia Goode.

### November Birthdays!

- 11-25 Candy Boulton
- 11-26 Marlis Brownfield
- 11-29 Helen Landeros





## Moss Creek Quilts

- Long Arm Quilting
- Attribute Quilting- the art of writing words on your quilt
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Pictured below are some of the VP Challenge completed tops.



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## VPs Challenge Revealed!

This year Vice-president Sheri Cates conducted an **Ostrich Challenge**. An Ostrich Challenge is like a round robin, except like an ostrich, it does not take flight, it stays with the quilter. Participating quilters did all the sewing on their quilt tops. Each month participants were given a set of directions for the 'round.' Quilters were given the option to "stick your head in the sand" and pass on one round (but only one round).

This gave quilters a chance to try new techniques or methods. Each participant created a block (a square from 6½" to 24½"). Each month thereafter a clue was given for the month. The quilter interpreted the clue and worked on her quilt top. The original blocks were shown in April and the finished tops in October.

The instructions for 6 rounds were: 1) Box me in. 2) Less is more. 3) Star light, star bright. 4) The road less traveled. 5) Round and round we go. 6) Diamonds are a girl's best friend. Twenty-five quilters took the challenge and 11 completed the quilt top. Great job, quilters (and Sheri)!



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## Club Officers

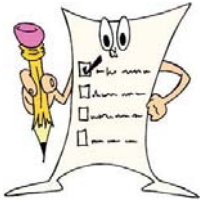
- **Phyllis Taylor**, President
- **Sheri Cates**, Vice-president
- **Priscilla Summers**,  
Treasurer
- **Carole Puccino**, Recording  
Secretary
- **Brenda Hughes**, Corresponding  
Secretary

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.

The next meeting of the executive board will be on **Monday, December 5, 2016**, at the Calico Mermaid Quilt Shop, 122 North Main Street in Porterville at 9:30 a.m. (Please use the rear entrance.) All members are welcomed to attend.

We're on the web! Visit us at [www.portervillequilters.com](http://www.portervillequilters.com)



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 \_\_\_\_\_