



# Ps and Qs

## Porterville Quilters

### President's Message

Dear club members,

Another month has passed and exciting things have happened and will continue to happen with the support of all our busy quilters.

Last month was our 1<sup>st</sup> visit as a club to Sierra Hills to display our Opportunity Quilt and to share our works with the residents there. They were so appreciative. Check out OUR website [www.portervillequilters.com](http://www.portervillequilters.com) to see the report and pictures of us there on National Quilt Day – March 19<sup>th</sup>! We are invited back for next year as well.

I think this is my favorite time of year (except for our taxes). The mountains are green and the or-

ange blossoms are truly fragrant. This is an exciting time for growth in the Valley. I hope you enjoyed the BEST OF THE VALLEY Quilt Show in Lindsay and hope that if you entered that you did well.



Our VP Sheri is back attending our meetings (she has been a busy girl) and will be presenting our VP Challenge. She has many exciting programs to share with us in the next few months. In the meantime, keep stitchin'.

Phyllis

### Meeting Minutes: March 17, 2016

**Call to Order:** 10:05 a.m.

**Flag Salute:** 10:05 a.m.

**Welcome:** 50 members present / 2 guests

**Sunshine:** Josie Flasberger announced March Birthdays: Kathleen Stafford, Carole

Stowe, Gail Januska and Georgia Goode

**Recording Secretary Report:** Report was approved by Becki Eaton seconded Carol Lapham-Bartlett as written in the Newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Priscilla Summers reviewed the

report.

**Correspondence:** No report given.

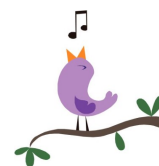
**Ombudsman and Parliamentarian:** No report given.

**Sierra Hills:** Phyllis Taylor reminded members of the Sierra Hills event on March 19<sup>th</sup>. We will display our Oppor-

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tunity Quilt. Members may also sell their quilts.

**March Program:** Margaret Smith introduced Sue Nylander who will be demonstrating her Postcard Workshop following the meeting.

**Little Quilt Recipients:** Margaret Smith introduced Mary Lopez and Elva Beltran whose organizations receive our Little Quilts. They expressed their appreciation for all our donations.

**Best of the Valley:** Karen Ervin again reminded everyone that she still needs do-cents and ticket sellers for the show. A sign up list is available. The show is April 8-10 in Lindsay.

**Website:** Phyllis reminded everyone that the website is up and running.  
[www.portervillequilters.com](http://www.portervillequilters.com)  
Please visit it.

**Mystery Quilt:** Sandy Whaling corrected some errors in the previous instructions regarding strip cutting and distributed Clue #2.

**Block of the Month:** Marianna Moss drew the winner of the March Block: Janice Poe was the winner. Carmen Friesen demonstrated the April block.

**Venues:** Priscilla Summers and Doris Pyland discussed upcoming venues for the Opportunity Quilt.

**Opportunity Quilt Ticket Distribution** was discussed

by Doris Pyland. Packets are being distributed. Be sure you have 24 tickets in your packet.

**Money Jars:** Carmen Friesen made scissor holders for the jars. Members were asked to sign up for future jar gifts.

**Pot of Gold Raffle:** Noeleen Paskwitz described all items to be raffled including hand-made wooden ruler holders, potholders, a book, table top-pers, table runners, blocks, a tote bag and dolls. Members contributed **\$324.** for the raffle items. Our largest raffle contribution to date.

**VP Challenge:** Phyllis reminded everyone to sign up for the VP Ostrich Challenge. The center piece will be shown at the April meeting.

**April 21<sup>st</sup> Program** will be Cindy Seitz-Krug: Tips and Tricks for Better Machine Quilting. Her Workshop is Beginning Machine Quilting.

**Show and Tell:** quilts etc. were displayed by Phyllis Taylor, Leslie Kennard, Janice Poe, Sally Castillo, Tommie Thomson, Lynette Stover, Sandra Dauer, Margaret Smith, Noeleen Paskwitz, Juanita Loftus and Damien Loftus and Priscilla Summers.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Carole Puccino, Recording Secretary

- **Car Show:** The Rollin' Relics car club will host a car show at Veteran's Park in Porterville on May 14th. The fun starts at 10:30 a.m. and concludes at 3:00 p.m. The Porterville Quilters will sponsor a booth for this event and quilters are invited to sell any sewing and quilt related goods. Contact Phyllis Taylor for more information.
- **Red Bud Festival:** The Arts Alliance of Three Rivers is holding the Redbud Festival in Three Rivers on May 7-8. The Redbud Festival will again host an Art Quilt Show. Quilters from throughout the region are invited to enter panels with the theme "The Inspired Stitch." Inspiration Stations and a gourmet food court are just a couple of the great new features to enjoy this year. For more information visit [www.artsalliancethreerivers.org/redbud-festival](http://www.artsalliancethreerivers.org/redbud-festival)
- **Baskets and Gourds:** The California Gourd Society is holding a two-day conference with classes on weaving titled "Baskets and Gourds-Containers of Our Culture VI" in Visalia on April 22-24. Contact Toni Best at [tonibestbaskets@gmail.com](mailto:tonibestbaskets@gmail.com) for registration information or visit [www.calgourd.com](http://www.calgourd.com) under "events" for a brochure.
- **Quilt Show:** The Seven Sisters Quilt Show is scheduled for June 25 and 26 at the Alex Madonna Expo Center in San Luis Obispo. Hours are from 9 a.m.—5 p.m. on Saturday and 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Parking is free for this event. Visit [SevenSistersQuiltShow.org](http://SevenSistersQuiltShow.org) for more information.

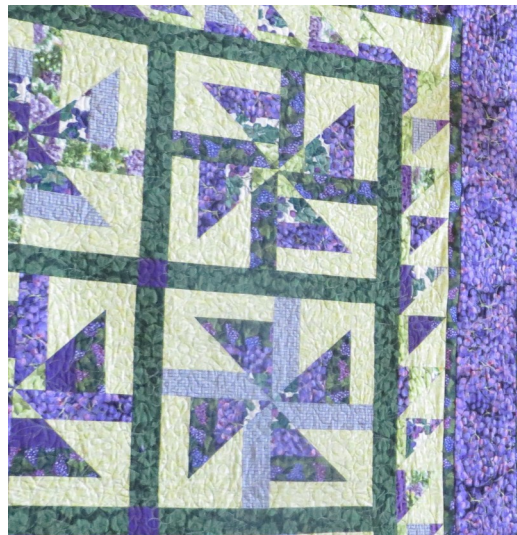
## Show and Tell: Quilting Our Names in Cloth



### First row, left to right:

Janice Poe shared her blue and white quilt; Tommie Thomson presented her stars-on-point quilt; and Mariana Moss displayed a heart wall hanging. **Second row and below picture:**

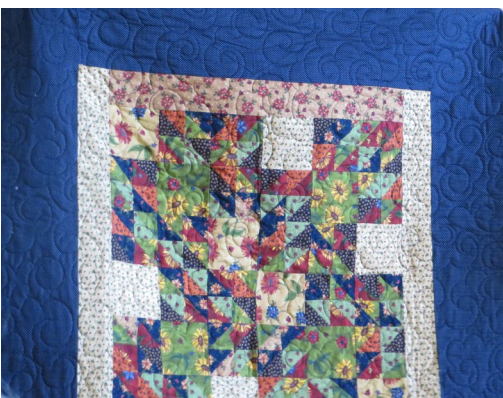
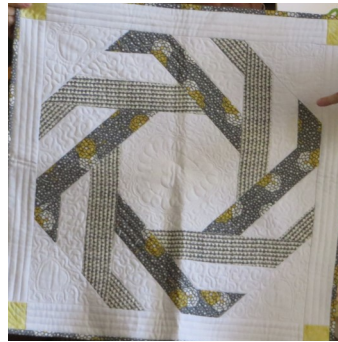
Georgeanne Borjon shared a blue and white pinwheel quilt. A detailed picture of the blocks sits underneath. **Third row, left to right:** Sally Castillo shared her latest quilt; and Lynette Stover showed us her square-in-a-square quilt. Well done, quilters!



# Show and Tell: Quilting Our Names in Cloth



**First row, left to right:** Christmas tree quilt made by Noeleen Paskweitz; Angel quilt made by Sandra Dauer and Mary Valine. **Second row:** three cradle quilts made by Doris Pyland, Sally Castillo, and Noeleen Paskweitz; and Phyllis Taylor shared a Santa wall hanging. **Third row:** Leslie Kinnard displayed a sampler quilt; Phyllis Taylor also shared a sampler quilt. **Fourth row:** Juanita Loftis showed club members her latest quilt; Mariana Moss shared a wall hanging with colorful birds; and Priscilla Summers modeled a quilted jacket she made. Good job, quilters!



## Club Committee News



**Mystery Quilt:** Sandy Whalen asks member who are participating in the mystery quilt activity to contact her. She needs to clarify some of the instructions for you.

s/he has a few options: (1) The club member can take the tickets, sell as many as s/he can, and return any unsold tickets and money raised to the chairperson at the end of the year; (2) The club member can buy the tickets herself and turn in the money to the chairperson; (3) Or, if selling or buying the tickets presents a hardship, the club member can decline to participate in the raffle sales.

**Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales:** Each year, club members receive an envelop with 24 raffle tickets. The club member is asked to sell the raffle tickets one-at-a-time for \$1 each or six-at-a-time for \$5. When the club member receives that envelop, prepared by the Opportunity Quilt Raffle chairperson,

The goal every year is to sell as many tickets possible. The funds raised through the sales constitutes a major part of the funding for the following year's budget. Ticket Sales envelopes were distributed during the March meeting. If you didn't receive your, contact Doris Pyland or Priscilla Summers. Let's get those tickets sold, ladies!



**Cradle Quilts:** Each year Noeleen Paskweitz coordinates the making of dressed cloth dolls, doll quilts, pillows, and mattresses, which are then paired with doll cradles, and given to local needy children. The Cradle Quilts works in collaboration with the San Joaquin Fine Woodworkers Association, who supply a wooden cradle for each doll made. Noeleen's goal for 2016 is to deliver 125 "sets" to the woodworkers. A set consists of a doll, dress, mattress, pillow, and quilt. You can help with this work by taking a kit, which Noeleen will provide. The kit includes a quilt top, batting, backing, and fabric for the binding, mattress, and pillow. The quilt must be no smaller than an 18 inch square and no larger than a 24 inch square. Any quilt which fits those dimensions will work. The pillows should measure 4 x 5 inches and the mattress 5 x 16 inches. The quilt may be quilted by hand or machine, tied, or enveloped. When finished, the items should be turned in to Noeleen. Twice during the year, the Cradle Quilts Committee conducts a Pot 'o Gold raffle for quilting related items plus a wooden cradle with a doll set. At the March meeting, the Pot 'o Gold earned \$324! Another Pot 'o Gold is scheduled for September.

### April Birthdays

- 4-4 Carmen Friesen
- 4-7 Laurie Jackson
- 4-08 Jan McCusker
- 4-11 Darlene Parker
- 4-15 Rose Johnson
- 4-16 Shirley Hickman
- 4-17 Tanya Wolfe
- 4-26 Dotty Premo
- 4-28 Josie Flashberger

*Happy birthday,  
quilters!*



Josie's Longarm  
Machine Quilting

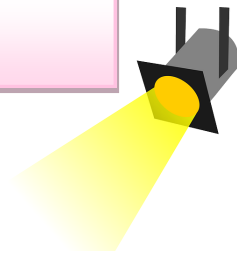


Ridding the world of UFO'S  
(Unfinished Objects)

Josie Flashberger

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## In The Spotlight



Our mystery quilter for the month of April was born and raised in Porterville. She retired from public school teaching, is married, and has one grandchild. Her hobbies include sewing, crafting, gardening, reading mystery novels, cooking, scuba diving, and traveling (but not always in that order). She has no pets right now -just the fish in the pond and birds that visit in the yard.

Our mystery quilter thinks creativity is an important healthy outlet in these busy days. Quilting is a great traditional art: productive, relaxing, satisfying, comforting, and a way to control something when our lives may seem out of control. It's also a way to connect with other strong creative women in one's family history.

Only a few people know ... she LOVES dishes! She has several sets from eBay and she uses them when she has a crowd for family holidays.

Something funny: one time when she was very pregnant, she was at an Easter program rehearsal at church. She heard an ice cream truck outside and took off running. Everyone else came running down the aisle chasing her, thinking she was going into labor or needed help. She wasn't. She was just chasing the ice cream truck!

Do you know who our mystery quilter is? First club member to identify our quilter and email me with the correct name, wins a prize. (Board members are not eligible to play.)

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## Mark Your Calendars



- **April Workshop:** Cindy Seitz-Krug will be the presenter for the April 21 meeting and the April 22nd workshop. She will be presenting *Tips and Tricks for Better Machine Quilting* during the meeting and *Beginning Machine Quilting* for the workshop. Contact Sheri Cates for a supply list for this workshop.
- **May 19 General Meeting:** Annual potluck and Little Quilts raffle. Members will provide food according to the following guide—if your last name starts with **A-F**, please bring a main dish with enough to serve six (6) people. If your last name begins with **G-L**, please bring a salad of your choice. Members with last names beginning with **M-P**, please provide either bread and butter **or** an appetizer. The end of the alphabet, **R-Z**, please bring a dessert. Contact Sheri Cates if you need clarification. **BOTV entries:** if you entered a quilt in the show, please bring it to the meeting to share.
- **June 16 General Meeting:** Guest speaker will be Tiffany Hayes. Her topic is titled “Confessions of a True Quilt Addict.”
- **July Meeting and Workshop:** Ellen Jordan and Co-presenters will discuss the Civil War and quilt blocks popular during its duration and after. After the meeting, a workshop assembling quilts for the Quilts of Valor program will take place. Materials to make the quilts will be provided.
- **July General Meeting:** Past Block-of-the-Month winners are asked to share quilt(s) they have made with the blocks they've won.

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## Getting to know you . . . Who are these quilters?



**First row, left to right:** Karen Andris is prepared for the meeting; Terry Gómez really doesn't want her picture taken; and Carmen Friesen claims Irish heritage for the day. **Second row:** Leslie Kennard is very stylish for St. Patrick's Day; Doris Williams listens intently; Karin Callahan also listens to the speaker. **At right:** RaeLynne Dyar is giving us "the granny look."

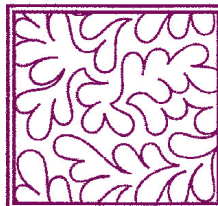


**For the next meeting re-member to bring**

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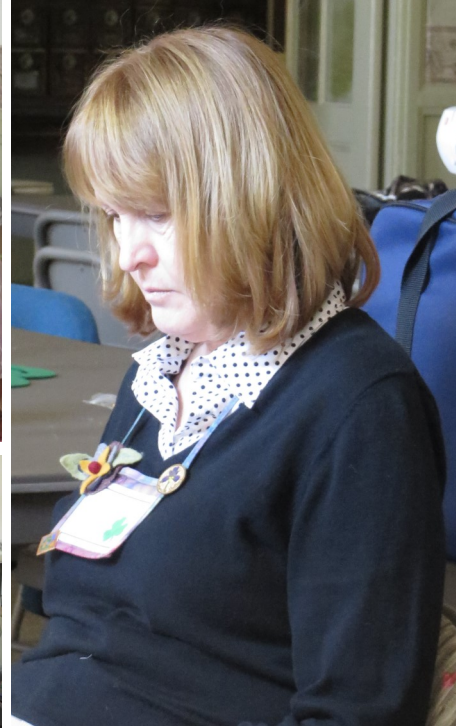


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- Name tag
- Spare change for jars
- UFOs to show
- Show and Tell items
- Block of the month
- Your smiling self!

## Send Your Friends Some Postcards!



**First column, top to bottom:** Workshop instructor Sue Nylander, examples of postcards made during the workshop. **Second column:** Karen Ervin and Cathy Proctor at work. **Third column:** Candy Boulton listens as Sue gives instructions.

Sue Nylander held a postcard making workshop after the March 17th general meeting. Sixteen quilters stayed to participate in making cards using a small kit that was provided with the class fee. Each quilter brought her own scraps to use for the cards, and could augment her scrap stash with scraps provided by Sheri Cates and Sue, the instructor. In all, participants enjoyed the project and each others' company. Thank you, Sue!



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## Vice-president's Ostrich Challenge

### Let's Review, One More Time . . . . .

This year Vice-president Sheri Cates is conducting an **Ostrich Challenge**. An Ostrich Challenge is like a round robin, except like an ostrich, it does not take flight, it stays with you. You will be doing all the sewing on your quilt top. Each month you will be given a set of directions for the 'round.' You may choose to "stick your head in the sand" and pass on one round (but only one round).

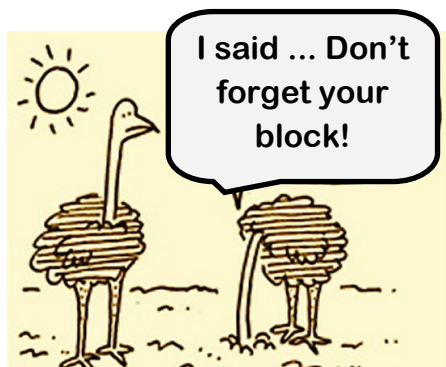
**How to start:** Create a block with fabrics of your choice. The block size should be a square from 6½" to 24½", your choice. You are welcomed to use a leftover block from another project or an orphan block. **Plan on showing your block at the April 21st club meeting.** (This is the only time the club members will see your block until your top is revealed in October.)



For six months, starting in April, each round will be announced in the newsletter and at the monthly club meetings. You may cover as few as two sides or all four sides of the center block. You have a month to complete the round or you may choose to be an ostrich. Remember, you can only be an ostrich for **one** round. Do not show your progress on the top to anyone. You will be revealing only the final project. September will be the last monthly round.

In October, you will show your flimsy (an un-quilted top) at the club meeting. Of course we expect to see the flimsy quilted and bound in the future, but you won't be rushed at this time.

So, . . . get ready! Sit up! Don't put your head in the sand! Join in the challenge and have fun!



## The Harvest Bounty

### As a reminder . . . . .

In October, the Porterville Quilters will conduct a fundraiser titled *The Harvest Bounty*. Every club member's participation is needed to make this fundraiser successful.



Participation is easy: make as many items throughout the year that you would like to donate to the club. These items will then be placed for sale in October, but not as a silent auction. Instead, each quilter will purchase raffle tickets, put their name on each ticket (mailing labels are great for this), and place the tickets into containers for the items you like. One ticket will be drawn for each item, and that item will go home with the winner at the October meeting.

Though it is early in the year, it's time to start making the items you wish to donate. Suggests include, but are not limited to: kitchen items (dish towels, pot holders, aprons, table runners and table toppers, wall hangings, fabric baskets, utensil caddies, napkins), quilting items (Pop-up trash caddies, sewing machine mats, rotary cutter cases, scissors cases, fabric totes, name badges, small storage zipper bags of all sizes, totes of all sizes), bathroom accessories (embroidered towels for make-up removal, wall hangings, tissue box covers, storage boxes made of fabric), other household items (pillow cases, decorative says, lamp table toppers, sofa pillows, pet quilts) and, of course, Christmas items and decorations. If you are struggling with what to make, just ask "what would I want to receive?"



Let's put a new needle in our machine, colorful thread on our bobbin, and get started on our Harvest Bounty "stuff." October will be here before you know it!

## Porterville Quilters

Established in 1983

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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, May 2, 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 internet at:  
[www.portervillequilters.com](http://www.portervillequilters.com)

## Little Quilts: Serving the Community

Ever wonder what happens to the Little Quilts we make?



Elva Beltran -PACC

Margaret Smith, Little Quilts Committee Lead Chair, contacted a few of the organizations that receive the committee's donated quilts to answer that question for club members.

The Porterville Area Coordinating Council (PACC) provides services and resources to families in need. That includes supplies such as diapers, donated clothing, and

bedding; water to homes with dry wells; rent assistance; parent education; and connecting families to other area resources. These services and resources are provided at no charge to families. The little quilts donated to PACC are given to local area children, nursing homes, and dialysis patients.

Mary López, Children's Services Coordinator for the Family Crisis Center, shared that often children are involved with child welfare ser-



Mary López

vices or the court system in some way when they arrive at the Family Crisis Center. They (and their families) may arrive in good order or due to an emergency situation. In either case, the children may feel apprehensive at their new surroundings. The center provides each child with a quilt and a teddy bear to ease their tension.



As a 'thank you' to the quilting club, the children made 'handprint flowers' in small pots for display during meetings.

Donated quilts—that's one way the PQs provide serve to the Porterville area community.