

Carmen Friesen, Editor

Ps and Qs October 2017

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Porterville Quilters

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## President's Message

Dear quilters,

They say time flies when you are having fun. I guess I have been having a wonderful time because it seems that yesterday was January.

The next few months will fly by just as fast. We have so many exciting things to look forward to: Harvest Bounty, the VP Challenge and Mystery Quilt reveal, club elections, and our December meeting at Nuckols Ranch.

We are a busy and active club and I love that about us. We do so many things for the Community: Cradle Quilts, Little Quilts, Senior Pro-

jects, Local Heroes, and also things to help ourselves learn more about our love for quilting. We conduct the Block of the Month, the UFO's Challenge that drives us to complete projects that we have put aside for one reason or another, and the Mystery Quilt and VP Challenge also push us to be creative .

Our programs this year have also inspired us (and sometimes have made us in awe of other's talents). We continue to learn and appreciate each others talent - that's the joy I get from quilting. I hope you feel that joy, too.



Keep stitchin'

*Phyllis*

*Harvest Bounty*

October 14, 2017

Bring a friend!



## Meeting Minutes: September 21, 2017

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

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

**Welcome:** 61 members present, 5 guests

**Special Guests:**

George Sell and his wife Barbara. Jeanie Loscotoff presented George with a Local Heroes Quilt made by Sally Castillo and given to him by the Porterville Quilters . George joined the armed ser-

vices in 1965 and served in Vietnam from 1967-68. He was very grateful for the quilt. When he saw a PBS Special recently about Vietnam it made him think of the quilt and again expressed his

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gratitude. He stated that he wished to donate \$100 to our club. It was later agreed that we would earmark the money for our Local Heroes fund.

**Sunshine:** Linda Pettit announced September birthdays. A get-well card was sent to Karen Ervin who had shoulder surgery.

**Recording Secretary Report:** Terry Gomes was absent. However Carole Puccino took her place. She asked for a motion that the report be accepted as published in the Newsletter. Doris Pyland sec. by Carole Puccino. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Carole Puccino reported on the income and expenses for August. There was a discrepancy in the Expense total which was corrected. A motion by Doris Pyland sec. Kathy Proctor to accept the Treasurer's Report as corrected. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Jo Ann Bishop reported that she received correspondence from Kings River, and a flyer for the Road to California. There was also correspondence from the Orange Blossom Guild regarding their Quilt Show.

**Upcoming Programs** Sheri Cates displayed a pattern from the Retreat. Harvest Bounty will take place in October. Also, the Vice President's Challenge quilts will be revealed. Lynette will be in charge of the Block of the month in October. The Mystery Quilts will be revealed in November.

**Cradle Quilts:** Noeleen Paskweitz held the Pot of Gold Raffle. She collected \$265 from the raffle.

Camp Nelson Women's Club displayed their Opportunity Quilt and sold tickets to our members. The raffle will be held in November. 2017.

**Standing Committee Signups:** Phyllis thanked the members who signed up for the various committees. There were still a few vacancies and members who still wished to volunteer should see her.

**Bus Trip to Santa Clara:** Carmen Friesen gave the latest news regarding the bus trip. Twenty-six people have paid for the trip with another few yet to pay. There's still plenty of room if other members still want to go.

**Program:** Becky Haley presented the program for the meet-

ing. She discussed color choices for quilts using the color wheel. Club members then painted their own color wheel while learning about primary colors, secondary and complimentary colors, and contrasting colors.

**Thank you:** VP Sheri Cates extended a 'thank you' to this month's hostesses—Cathy Proctor, Darlene Byars, Juanita Loftis, Doris Pyland, and Priscilla Summers.

**Nominating Committee:** President Phyllis Taylor announced she has appointed Georgeanne Borjon to form a group to present a slate of nominees for next year's offices. Phyllis explained that Georgeanne will present a slate of nominees at the October meeting; take nominations from the floor at the November meeting; and ask for a vote at the November meeting. New officers will be installed during the December meeting. Contact Georgeanne if you are interested in running.

**Show and Tell:** Club member displayed their completed work.

**Adjournment:** 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Carole Puccino

## Nuts and Bolts



- **Pacific International Quilt Show (PIQS):** There's still time! There's still room on the bus! The bus trip to Santa Clara for the PIQS leaves Porterville on October 14 from the Asia Gardens parking lot at 6:30 a.m. Cost is \$65. You can still partici-



pate! Contact Carmen Friesen for registration and payment.

- **Harvest Bounty:** Our harvest fundraiser, featuring items handcrafted by our members, will be held during the October meeting. Tables will be set around the room with every donated item

available by silent auction. If you still have Harvest Bounty items, bring them early and set them up.

- **Dancing Threads** is having an art quilt show at Porterville College from October 2-25. A "Meet the Artist" reception will be held on October 5th from 5 to 7 p.m. The public is invited.

# Mark Your Calendar



- October 7:** The Orange Blossom Guild will hold a Holiday Boutique from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Grange Hall in Visalia. Grange Hall is located at 327 N. Shirk Road.
- October 14:** Bus trip to the Pacific International Quilt Show in Santa Clara. See Carmen Friesen for more information.
- October 19:** PQs general meeting. VPs Challenge reveal, Harvest Bounty. If you still have Harvest Bounty items, bring them early and set them up. See Sheri Cates or Becki Eaton. BOM presenter-Lynette Stover
- November 6:** PQs board meeting at the Calico Mermaid in Porterville 9:30 a.m. Please use the back door when entering.
- November 16:** PQs general meeting. Mystery Quilt reveal, nominations for officers for the 2018 year to be presented, program is a series of mini-workshops. A series of 6 mini-workshops will be presented by club members. Attendees will sit at one station (and remain there) while a sewing/quilting technique is presented. Instructors will rotate to cover all 6 stations. Attendees do not need to bring any supplies. All needed materials will be supplied by the club. BOM presenter– Karen Ervin. Be there or be square!
- December 4:** PQs board meeting at the Calico Mermaid at 9:30 a.m. Members are welcomed to attend.
- December 21:** PQs general meeting and Christmas Luncheon at Nuchols Ranch.

## Timely Tips: Let us hear you and see you



**How to use a microphone**—in order for your audience to hear you clearly while speaking using a microphone, try

- Holding the microphone about 2-3 inches from your mouth. Think of eating an ice cream cone: keep the microphone in front of your mouth as if you're going to take a bite of it.

- When you turn your head, turn the microphone with you. Keep it in front of you, otherwise your voice fades.



**How to have your picture taken**—in order for the newsletter editor to get the best picture of you possible, try

- Slowing down as you introduce yourself to the club members,
- Displaying your quilt/wall hanging by standing in next to it; don't be shy of cuddling it, and
- Smiling when you speak; let everyone know how proud you are of your work!

### October Birthdays

- 10-4 Becki Eaton
- 10-5 Carole Puccino
- 10-19 Karin Callahan
- 10-20 Lynette Stover
- 10-16 Clea Adams

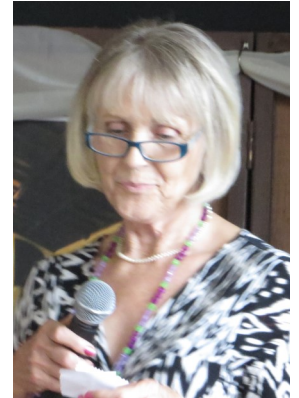


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# Show and Tell: Look What I Made!



**Pictured at upper left:** Ellen Jordan with her purse and Juanita Loftis with a small calendar wall hanging. **Upper right:** Jody Mead and her 'accidental landscape.' **Middle row:** Marleen Selchert displayed a quilt in black and white accented in red and Brenda Hughes shared a quilted jacket in blue.



**At left:** Two quilts donated to the Little Quilts Committee. The LQC meets every Tuesday at the Hillside Community Church from 9:30 a.m. until noon. Or feel free to make quilts on your own time for donation to the committee. See Carole Puccino for details.



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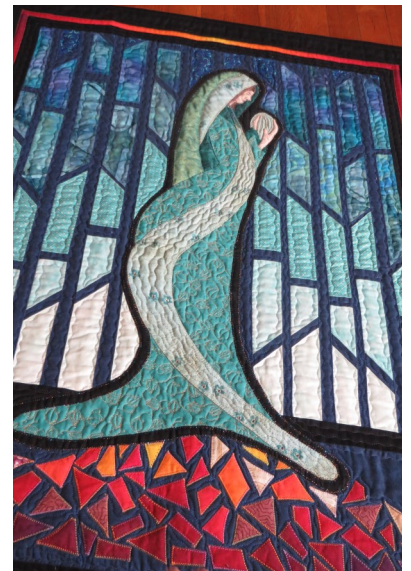


At right and above: Phyllis Taylor shared two quilts she completed. The 'hearts' quilts was made from blocks Phyllis received from club members as a gift last year.

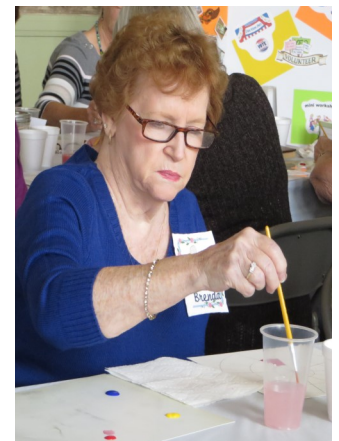
## Becky Haley: Understanding Color for Quilts



Becky Haley was the guest speaker for the September meeting. Becky shared a few of her quilts as she spoke about how she started quilting (with paper cut-outs) and what she does now (art quilts and Hoffman Challenge quilts). The three quilts below were made over the years in response to the Hoffman Challenge and several of her quilts are "on the road" with The Hoffman Challenge. Becky discussed how she makes her color choices and lead club members in better understanding how colors work together.



# Becky Haley: Understanding Color for Quilts



**Pictured in the first row:** Janet Alexander, Neva Owens, and Trisha Shelton listened very carefully while Becky Haley instructed the club members on making color and color choices.

After the instruction, club members were then asked to make their own color wheel.

**Second row:** Kathy Everett, Carole Puccino, Lynette Stover, Margaret Smith, and Brenda Head took to the task very seriously.

## Porterville Quilters' Ombudsman

If you have a comment, complaint, concern, or even a compliment, please speak with the club's Ombudsman Becki Eaton. She is your confidential contact between the membership and the board and will bring your information to the board to find the best way to address your concerns.



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# Quilts for Local Heroes



Jean Loscotoff, a Porterville Quilters member, nominated Mr. George Sell to receive a quilt to honor his service to America. Mr. Sell, and his wife Barbara, attended the September meeting to personally thank the club for the quilt (though he had already sent a 'thank you' card).

Mr. Sell shared that he served in the U.S. Army from 1965 to 1968 and in Vietnam from 1967-68. After his service in the Army, he worked in public service for Tulare County. "I've spent my whole life doing for others," he said. "I truly appreciate someone doing something special for me."

Before the meeting, Mr. Sell met Sally Castillo, who made the quilt given to him. Sally donated the quilt to the Local Heroes program.

Helen Landeros nominated and delivered a Local Heroes quilt to Mr. Charles Grayson. Mr. Grayson serviced with the U.S. Marine Corps from 1967 to 1970. During his service he worked in Vietnam as an engineer and helped keep Highway 1A open. The Highway was (and is still) the main north-south route in Vietnam and played an important role in the war. Helen stated that Mr. Grayson "teared up" upon receiving the quilt.



**First row:** Mr. George Sell; Mr. Sell with Sally Castillo. **Second row:** Sally Castillo, Mr. George Sell and Jean Loscotoff.



*Thank You*

## Sheri's Quilting Memories

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# Club News: Read All About It!



## Christmas Luncheon



Vice-president Shari Cates has announced details for the club's Christmas Luncheon to be held on during the club's regular meeting.

December 21 will be our holiday meeting at Nuckols' Ranch located at 13144 Road 216 in Porter-ville. Please plan to arrive at 10:30 a.m. (rather than at 10:00 a.m.). Lunch will consist of ham **OR** turkey (NOT both). The rest of the meal includes a vegetable casserole, salad, bread, and beverage.

Plan to bring a gift with a value of \$10 for our gift exchange game. For members with current dues paid, lunch will be \$13. (We will have jars for two more months to collect your change.) Non-members will be charged \$22. Please sign up at the October meeting with your lunch selection and pay at the October or November meeting.

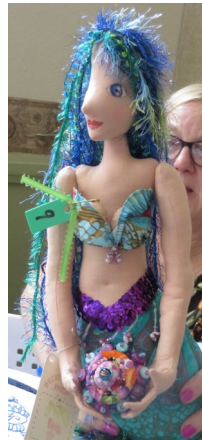
For more information, contact Sheri Cates.

## Cradle Quilts

Noeleen Paskweitz, Cradle Quilts Committee chair, held a Pot o' Gold raffle during the September meeting. The fund raiser made \$265 for the committee. Noeleen extends a 'thank you' to members who participated in the raf-

file, with a special 'thank you' to her assistant Sally Castillo.

Many winners walked away happy but the happiest had to be Cathy Proctor, who won both dolls!



## Standing Committees

President Phyllis Taylor circulated a chart listing the club's standing committees with job descriptions during the September meeting. She asked member to consider volunteering to chair one of the committees and explained that two or three people could taken on the task of chairing a committee, especially if the task was a time consuming one. At the end of the meeting, Phyllis thanked the members who

signed up for the various committees. There were still a few vacancies that need to be filled. Those include: Bus Trip, Historian, Hospitality, Opportunity Quilt for 2019, Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales, and Publicity. The recruitment chart will be circulated again during the October meeting. Consider volunteering. Your club needs you!

## Handweavers Show

The Handweavers of the Valley will hold a 'Show and Sale' on Saturday, October 28th, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. at the Exeter Memorial Building in Exeter. It's a great place to buy handmade Christmas gifts, plus you can meet the artists' that have made them. Visit the Weaver's web site at [HWOTV.com](http://HWOTV.com) for more information.

(Info courtesy of Cathy Proctor)



Both dolls were won by Cathy Proctor! Congratulations!

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## Club Officers

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- Sheri Cates, Vice-president
- Carole Puccino, Treasurer
- Terry Gómez, Recording Secretary
- Jo Ann Bishop, Corresponding Secretary



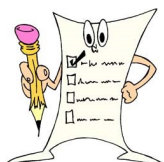
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The purpose of the Porterville Quilters Club is to create, stimulate, maintain, and record an interest in all matters pertaining to the making, collecting, and preserving of quilts and to establish and promote educational and philanthropic endeavors through quilts.

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, November 6, 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 2018 meeting you will not be included in the club's membership directory. Hurry, hurry!

## 2018 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 2018 meeting to be included in the membership directory.

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