



P's & Q's

Porterville Quilters Newsletter

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Remember to bring...

- Block of the Month
- Name Tags
- Show and Tell
- \$\$\$ for Christmas Party Jars.
- Sewing Supplies for Panel workshop

Block of the Month

- Oct-Linda Letterneau
- Nov-Terry Gomez
- Dec-none
- Jan-2019-Karen Ervin

President's Message

September is here and a "surprise party" is planned for you at our general meeting as well as a panel workshop afterwards! Check our

newsletter for the supplies for the panel workshop. If you have decided to join this workshop and did not sign up last month, please drop Carmen an email so she can have plenty of food on hand for lunch.

Sally Castillo will be hosting the semi-annual Pot-Of-Gold raffle. I know the ladies have been busy creating items to tempt you to purchase tickets for an opportunity to take one or more of these beauties home with you.

The August Retreat proved to be a great time full of fun, sewing, food, and games with 29 ladies in attendance. This annual event continues to be one of my favorites. I love seeing all the creativity and inspiring projects others are doing.

As we look forward to the remaining months of 2018, I want to remind you about Harvest Bounty. Harvest Bounty is our boutique featuring items made by our members and donated for other members and their guests to purchase. I want to encourage each of you to plan on completing one or two items to donate to Harvest Bounty. Becki Eaton will be collecting those items, so please see her as you finish them up!

Continue working on your "Bake Off" projects for the

Vice President's Challenge and the Mystery Quilt. Both of these projects will be displayed in November. Of course, our board and 2019 committee chairpersons will be elected at our November meeting.

Our annual Christmas party, which takes the place of our general meeting, will be at Nuckols Ranch once again. We will have an optional \$10 gift exchange. (Wrap it pretty.) Please sign up at our September meeting.

See you on Thursday, September 20th.

Sheri Cates

**Regular Meeting
Porterville Quilters Club
August 16, 2018**

Call to Order / Flag Salute
10:02 a.m.

Welcome / Sunshine / Birthdays: Juanita Loftis reported that there were 54 members including 2 new members at the meeting. August birthdays were Sally Castillo, Sandra Dauer, Connie Smith, Karen Andris, Barbara Ryan, Marlene Selchert, Terry Gomez, Darlene Byars and Sandy Whaling.

Recording Secretary Report: Carole Puccino

reported an error in the July minutes as follows: Special Presentation "Dr. Owen Kim of Sierra View Hospital Cancer Center." There being no other corrections, omissions or additions, the Minutes were accepted as corrected on a Motion by Becki Eaton sec. by Rose Johnson.

Treasurer's Report: Phyllis Taylor presented and discussed the report. Karen Ervin noted that there was still an error regarding \$26 listed under Christmas Party income which should be listed as Misc. Income. Phyllis said she would correct it. The report was then approved on a motion by D. McKay sec. Karin Callahan.

Correspondence Report: JoAnn Bishop sent cards to Ellen Jordan who had trigger finger surgery and Kathy Everett whose mother passed away. She read a letter from our Local Heroes July recipient William Zeis. He expressed his gratitude for the quilt. Sheri Cates then informed everyone that he donated \$200 to our club. She also reported that Liz the bus driver from the Sisters Bus Trip thanked us. Liz Kaufman is doing better and should be home soon.

General Business: Sheri Cates reported in the absence of Carmen Friesen. Little Quilts received 3 finished quilts plus one each from Calico Mermaid, Doris Pyland, Karen Ervin and Becki Eaton. Ellen Jordan reported that members may enter art quilts in Grey Matters. Contact her for details.

We received our 5% rebate check from Calico Mermaid in

the amount of \$426.80 from sales of \$8,537.80 from PQ members

August – Retreat tomorrow. 9:30 – 3:30. Bring your own project. Lunch provided.

September -SURPRISE EVENT. See Sandy Whaling to sign up for the Visalia Home Show Sept. 21-23 to sell Opportunity Quilt Tickets. Mystery Quilt Step #6 available. Sept. 20th Panel program by Carmen. Pot o Gold. Signups for Christmas luncheon at Nucklos. \$22 per person to be offset by jar money.

October – Harvest Bounty. Bring your handmade items for sale. Give them to Phyllis or Becki.

November – VP Challenge "Bake-Off" presentations. Mystery Quilt presentations. Election of Officers.

December – Christmas Luncheon. \$10 gift exchange.

Block of the Month – Smith presented and demonstrated the August block entitled Nine Patch. The winner of the July block – Jodi Mead.

Old Business: None

New Business: Margaret Smith was nominated as head of the Nominating Committee. She and Sheri Cates will present the Slate of Officers at the November meeting.

We received a letter from the Tulare County Jr. Livestock Show and County Fair asking for donations for 4 awards totaling \$190. Motion by Lynette Stover sec. Dottie Premo to donate \$190 to the above stated organization to be awarded as needed either in our category or elsewhere. Motion carried.

We received confirmation of our Non-Profit Raffle

Registration for 2019.

August Program: The following club members presented their quilts: Becki Eaton – dolls; Noeleen – favorite quilts; Sheri – favorite quilts and Margaret Smith - favorite quilts and handbag.

Jars: Winners of the jar gifts (which were handmade miniature dolls by Becki Eaton) were Brenda Amyx, Anne Beveridge, Lois Cates, Terry Gomez, Anne Haas, Marianna Moss, Linda Petit, Carole Puccino, Marlene Selchert.

Little Quilts Raffle: A beautiful blue/yellow floral quilt that was started by Ursula Ruhs was won by Shirley Hickman. The handmade Becki Eaton doll was won by Jodi Mead.

Announcements: Rose Johnson announced the opening of a new boutique named Forget Me Not.

Show and Tell: The following members presented their quilts: Becki Eaton – Local Heroes Quilt, Georgeanne Borjon – Garden Gate UFO, Linda Pettit – pillows and table runner, Joyce Bartlett – Chinese lantern quilt, Ellen Jordan – Little Quilt - Little House on the Prairie, J. McKenzie - purse, Clea Adams – panel quilts, and Juanita Loftis – tote bag and 2 UFOs.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carole Puccino, Recording Secretary

Programs and Workshops

September 20	A surprise is planned!!!! . Pot of Gold raffle. Sign-up begins for the Christmas Party luncheon. Panel workshop immediately after the meeting. Sign up so we know how many to expect for lunch. Supply list is in this newsletter.
September 21,22,23	Visalia Home Show. We need eight people per day to sell tickets on our Opportunity quilt. Show is held at the Visalia Convention Center. See Sandy Whaling to sign up. Please consider helping out for this event.
October 18	Harvest Bounty (no free table this month). Please bring your handmade, gift ready donation for sale. This is one of our major fund raisers. Suggestions: Purses, table runners, tote bags, tea towels, pillowcases, mug rugs, pot holders, aprons, placemats, etc. If possible, please give Becki or Phyllis your finished items beforehand.
November 15	Vice President's challenge is going to be shown. Mystery quilt revealed and election of officers. Christmas party sign-up deadline.
December 20	December Lunch and \$10 gift exchange at Nuckol's ranch; Installation of officers, opportunity quilt drawing.

Upcoming Events

October 6	Common Threads Holiday Boutique – Hanford Fraternal Hall – 1015 N. 10 th Ave. – Hanford – 9am to 1pm - come early for best selection.
October 13	Orange Blossom Quilters annual boutique. 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Grace Lutheran Church – corner of Tulare & Conyer, Visalia Info: 559-967-1721
October 11-14	Pacific International Quilt Festival – Santa Clara Convention Center – Santa Clara

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 November meeting. See Carmen with your questions.

Christmas Party, December 20, 2018



Menu

Salad - Rolls and Butter
Ham or Turkey
California Casserole
Twice Baked Potato
Bread Pudding or Cake
Water, Coffee or Tea

Cost: Members: \$10 - Guests: \$22 (Nov. Meeting is last day to sign up and pay)
When you sign up you choose your entrée and dessert preference. Any extra dessert will be sold at \$2.00 per serving. So, bring a little cash.

Gift Exchange: \$10 value. Gift wrapped with your name inside the package so the giver can be thanked and their name is not lost in the excitement. Participation is at your discretion.

For additional information contact: Margaret Smith

Materials List: Panel Play Workshop

- A panel of your choice
- 3-4 coordinating fabrics of at least a 1/2 yard in length each, if you want a color coordinated quilt
- Your scraps stash and 1-3 coordinating fabrics, if you want a scrappy quilt
- Sewing and quilting tools, especially a long ruler
- Sewing machine
- Scratch paper and a pencil
- A calculator (or use you smart phone)

I suggest you visit the following resources to gather ideas for working with panels:

Pinterest– Use the search function to search for Elaine Kindred. She has a board titled ‘Quilting with panels’ where she presents 288 examples of layouts and designs

MSQC www.quiltingtutorials.com Use the search function to look for the “Quilting with Pan-els” “and the “How to add borders to panels” tu-torials

YouTube: Panel Quilting Made Easy! Jordan Fabrics, an 18 minute tutorial on cutting up a panel to make blocks

YouTube: Quick and Easy Quilt Using a Panel, a 20 minute tutorial on “growing” a panel into a quilt
A **general search** on the internet will also give you many results and examples you can review.



Show and Tell





Look at all the smiling faces! The retreat was great fun. Twenty nine quilters sewed, sewed and sewed and then, had a delicious lunch (Thanks, Carmen)



Trish's project produced lots of oohs and aahs!



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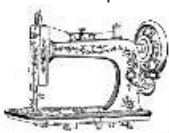
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The purpose of the Porterville Quilters club is to create, stimulate, maintain, and record an interest in all matters pertaining to the making, collecting, and preserving of quilts and to establish and promote educational and philanthropic endeavors 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 welcome. There is no charge for guests.

Next board meeting is Monday, October 1, 2018 at 9:00 am at Calico Mermaid. All members welcome. Please use the rear door.

Christa's Top 10 Tips for Domestic Machine Quilting: (Source www.quiltingcompany.com)

- 1) **Maximize your workspace.** Having enough room to work is one of the keys to successfully quilting on your home machine. Many manufacturers offer drop-in tables that allow your machine to sit flush with the work surface.
- 2) **Match thread weight to the proper needle size.** With so many choices for threads and needles, here's a general rule: use a size 80 needle with size 40-50wt thread, and a size 90 needle with a 28-30wt thread. Choose needles labeled as sharps, topstitch, or quilting over universal. These needles have sharp tips and will more easily pierce through all three layers of a quilt.
- 3) **Use the same color on top and in the bobbin.** With perfect tension, you should be able to use any combination of colors for the top and bobbin threads, but in reality, this is not always the case. If the two threads have high contrast, you may see little dots of thread either on the front or back of your quilt. You can also use invisible thread in the top or bobbin, just not both at the same time.
- 4) **Sketch it, quilt it.** Warm up before you quilt by sketching your quilting design on a piece of paper or on a photograph or printout of the quilt top. If you understand the flow of the thread path, you can mimic that motion on your actual quilt.
- 5) **Practice free-motion quilting daily.** Prepare several practice samples consisting of two 10" squares with a layer of batting in between. Fill one sample every day and date each sample. Within a week, you will begin to see a noticeable improvement.
- 6) **Embrace the walking foot.** Although free-motion quilting allows you to quilt beautiful, intricate designs while stitching in any direction, don't forget about the designs you can quilt with your walking foot. Instead of stitching in the ditch, try continuous spirals, organic shapes, and gentle wavy lines.
- 7) **Quilt on real quilts, then give them away.** Practice makes progress. What better way to learn by practicing on a quilt for someone who will love it and won't notice the imperfections?
- 8) **Press seams open for a flatter quilt top.** Contrary to popular myth, pressing seams open will not weaken your quilt top. Just lower your stitch length to secure the seams, and you can stitch in the ditch with no problems. Each time you quilt over a seam, it helps strengthen the quilt and you won't break a needle trying to quilt through lumps and bumps.
- 9) **Take the time to baste properly.** I find basting is the least enjoyable part of making a quilt, but it pays off in the end. All three layers should be as smooth and flat as possible. Spray basters can press the quilt on both sides to set the glue; pin basters should double the amount of pins they normally use.
- 10) **Develop a can-do attitude.** This is the last—but most important—tip. You only need to work with one-fourth of the quilt under the machine at any one time. Take your time with the process and remember—this is supposed to be fun.