

Porterville Quilters

Carmen Friesen, Editor

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President's Message

Hello club members,
Spring is right around the corner. How are all of you doing cleaning out your sewing rooms? I'm so looking forward to all the neat things that will be at our sale. We always need one more thing. Be ready to BID! Thank you to Carmen for heading this activity for us. Please remember to fill out your bid slips.

Now for boutique information: If you have items you have made and would like us to store them please bring to the meeting. There will be a free sew following the meeting. Bring anything you would like to sew on or some-

thing for the boutique to work on and spend time with friends.

If you would like lunch please let Ellen or Kathy know so they can provide enough food.

See you soon,
Karen



Ellen asks members, if they have any scraps of red, white, and blue fabric ((not necessarily patriotic) and don't mind sharing it to bring it to the meeting .



April Birthdays

Kathy Everett	9
Carmen Friesen	4
Shirley Hickman	16
Laurie Jackson	7
Jan McCusker	8
Jenny McKinsey	23
Terri Webb	25

Meeting Minutes: March 20, 2025

Call to order: 10:00 am

Flag Salute

Welcome/Sunshine: 36 members and one guest, Juanita Cairns

Happy Birthday: Diana McKay, Dana Ferguson, Georgia Goode, Beverly Hunsdorfer

Minutes: Motion: Valarie, 2nd by Georgia O. – Approved

Treasurer's Report: Motion Karen A., 2nd by Terri W. – Approved

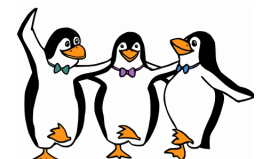
Correspondence: None, Lynette was absent

Vice- President's Report: None, Jenny was absent

Program: Juanita Cairns presented a trunk show along with a slide show.

Reminder –

April birthdays are providing snacks for the April meeting.



Meeting Minutes: March 20, 2025

Break

Old Business:

- April general meeting will be held on April 24th.
- At the April 24th meeting we will have our Spring Clean sell. You are encouraged to clean out your sewing room and bring any donated unused items to the club to sell. If any item is priced over \$75 the seller and club can split 50/50.
- Boutique Free sew: in the afternoon after the April 24th meeting bring your boutique items to sew on or the committee will have something for you to work on. \$6 for the lunch that the committee will provide.
- First Thursday in April (3rd) you are invited to sew at Kathy Billiou's home on the items for the boutique. Call Kathy at 559-539-8035 for details.

Committee Reports:

- Little Quilts: They have 60 quilts to deliver. Kendee was thanked for the knitted items she makes to go along with the quilts.
- Membership: Terri has the membership booklets. See her to pick yours up.
- Opportunity Quilt: \$299 earned at the Visalia Home Show, \$179 at the Rusty Roots show and \$38 at the Valley Oak club.
- Mystery Quilt and UFO: Becki is now taking care of the UFO and mystery quilt. See her to get the forms.
- Block of the Month: Square in a Square block presented by Carmen. Winner of this month's block was Dana Ferguson.

Basket Drawing: This month's basket was donated by Becki and Phyllis. It raised \$141 and was won by Clara Peyron. April basket will be provided by Linda P., Jan and Doris.

Show and Tell: Several members showed their completed quilts.

Meeting adjourned: 12:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Pyland, recording secretary

Next Board meeting: April 7th, 9:00 am at 100 S. Westwood, Space 16

Next General meeting: April 24th, at 10:00 am at the Congregational Church



Harvest Boutique News

Kathy Billiou, Harvest Boutique co-chair, has a few more boutique ideas for you to review. The following link will take to a site that has ideas and links to instructions for making the items:

[Harvest Boutique Ideas - Google Docs](#)

Contact Kathy for more information or for help with the link.

Below are additional ideas for boutique items



2025 Programs and Workshops

April 24	General Club Meeting—new date	Spring Clean: Carmen Friesen
May 15	Annual Potluck: Jenny McKinsey Free sew after the meeting	Free sew after meeting: bring your sewing supplies
June 19	The Bag Lady: Jenny McKinsey	June 20: Tote of small bag- \$30 10 Student minimum
July 17	Quilts of Honor: Sheri Cates Workshop following the meeting Little Quilts Raffle	Workshop following the meeting: bring your sewing supplies and your lunch
August 21	Technique Mini-Stations 1. Embellishments: Sue Marcotte 2. English Paper Piecing (EPP): Lynette Stover 3. Free Motion Quilting: Doris Pyland Sample of projects for Boutique	August 22 Retreat: Bring your projects to work on; 100 S. Westwood from 8:30am—3:00pm Potluck Lunch—salads, bread, water, tea, ice cream bars
September 18	Nancy Christian: Trunk Show— A Journey Through My Quilt Room	
October 16	John Egbert	\$3 10 minimum/20 maximum
November 1	Porterville Quilters' Harvest Boutique	9 am to 2 pm Volunteers needed
November 20	Election of Officers Mystery Quilt Reveal VP Challenge Reveal	Committee Chairman Sign-ups

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March Program: Learning From Accomplished Quilters



The Porterville Quilters were treated to a trunk show and lecture by guest Juanita Carins at the March meeting.

Juanita offered advice to fellow quilters that she has learned in her nearly 50 years of quilting. Her humorous presentation kept club members engaged and amused.

Juanita reminded us that it's the journey that makes quilting worthwhile.

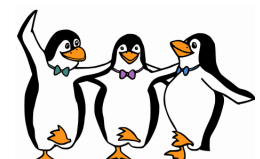
Her advice served as new learning for new quilters and reminders for experienced quilters and included:

- You don't start perfect and
- You need to do it over and over and over to gain proficiency.
- You need classes to learn new skills (and to meet oth-

er quilters).

- Challenges are opportunities to learn and to experiment.
- When you feel complacent or bored, try something new. Don't let WOMBATs (Waste of Money, Batting, and Time) frighten you because all quilters have them.
- Buy more than you need and have multiples of everything.
- Become a PFC (Professional Collector of Fabric).
- And remember: all quilters are STABLEs (have Stash Accumulation Beyond Life Expectancy). When your road ends, will your beloved quilting items go to people who will love them as much as you have.

All in all, good words to live by.



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Longarm Quilting and Rentals

sheris@sherisqm.com

354 N Porter Rd, Porterville, CA 93257
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995 N Reed, Reedley, California
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In Memoriam: Minnie Lansdale

Minnie Lansdale, born in Oakhurst, Oklahoma, and the daughter of Edward Houston Caves and Lucy Pearl Caves, passed away in Tulare, CA on March 4, 2025. She was one day short of her 85th birthday. Minnie was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years Herman.

Minnie was a faithful member of Grace Missionary Baptist Church where she sang in the choir. She was also a long-time member of the Porterville Quilt Club, and she made quilts for local military veterans. Minnie will be remembered for her steadfast love of life and her dedication to her family and friends.



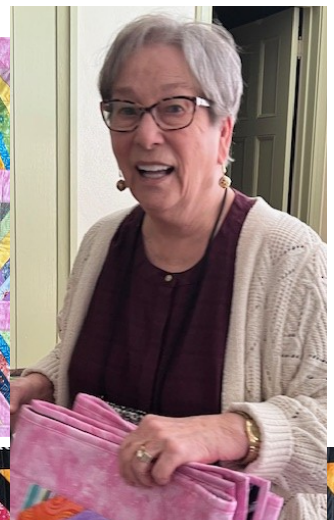
Show and Tell: Quilters Preparing for Spring!



Sandra Duer



Doris
Pyland



Karen
Andris



Carol Cole



Becki Eaton



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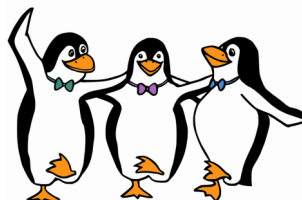
The purpose of the Porterville Quilters Club is to create, stimulate, maintain, and record interest in all matters pertaining to the making, collecting, and preserving of quilts and to establish and promote educational and philanthropic endeavors through quilts.

The Porterville Quilters Club meets on the third Thursday of the 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.

Current Club Officers

- Karen Ervin, President
- Jenny McKinsey, Vice-President
- Doris Pyland, Recording Secretary
- Phyllis Taylor, Treasurer
- Lynette Stover, Corresponding Secretary

The next meeting of the executive board will be at 9:00 am, Monday, April 7, at Karen Ervin's home at 100 S. Westwood #16, in Porterville. Club members are free to attend.



Spring Clean: Are You Ready?

The Spring Clean will take place at the next club meeting on April 24th. To prepare your donations, I'm asking that you print the bidding slips attached to the newsletter email, write in the information about your item (what it is, who is donating, etc.), and attach a bidding slip with an opening bid for the item. Tables will be set up in the Fireplace Room downstairs from the meeting hall for you to place your donations. This is a silent auction, meaning that if you want to bid on an item, you write your name on the slip with a bid. I ask that you bid in 25¢ or more increments. You will keep checking the item you want and continue to bid if someone outbids you until you reach your limit. When bidding comes to a close, you check your items to see which (if any) you won. A table will be set up where your purchases (treasures) will be totaled. You then pay the club Treasurer



er using cash or a personal check. The club does not accept credit cards, so be prepared. It's an easy, fun process. Let's make this a successful fund raising event by donating and shopping till we drop!

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