

PORTERVILLE QUILTER'S NEWSLETTER

April 2026

President's Message

Well, March didn't bring us much rain, but hopefully we'll see a little more in April. Regardless, the days are getting longer and the weather has been beautiful. I hope your days have been sunny, warm, and enjoyable!

April brings us to Spring Clean! Bid sheets are attached in this newsletter. Please print and fill in the requested information to set with each of your items. We have more bid sheets at the meeting in case you need more. You can take your items downstairs when you arrive. We will have our first "shopping" session early in the program, however if you arrive to the meeting early, you can get first dibs at perusing the goodies!

For those of you who attended the apron workshop last month, we would love to see your projects! Please bring them and show them off at Show and Tell! You could even model them if you would like! One other event we're looking forward to is our New Members' Tea which will be on May 7th at Carmen's. We'll have more details for you soon. Remember, this Tea is not exclusively for new members. It is an open invitation to all of us to enjoy a good time of fellowship and getting to know each other better. It is also a good time to invite a friend to come and see what a friendly, welcoming group of people we are and learn what our Club is all about. I would encourage you all to come and have a great time!

***"April showers bring May flowers—
and more daylight hours for sewing!" Author Unknown***



April Birthdays

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

Upcoming Events

- General Meeting & Spring Clean: April 16th
- Board Meeting: April 27th @ 10:00 Jenny Lynns
- New Member Tea: May 7th @ Carmens' house
- Annual Potluck & sew May 21

Contact Info

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From our Vice President

Workshops are Fun!

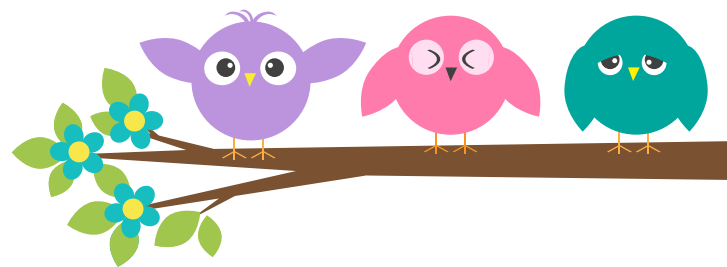
The workshops offered by the Porterville Quilters club are designed to provide members with new ideas, techniques, and practice with troublesome methods. The workshop presenters are experienced quilters who have proficiency in many areas. They introduce and demonstrate patterns and methods that may be new to workshop participants, or just offer experienced quilters time to practice to improve their skills.

On March 20, club members had the opportunity to work with local, long-time quilter Priscilla Girard. At the club's monthly meeting, Priscilla presented a lecture on the evolution of aprons and had models show examples of many. She followed up with an apron making session on the following day.

Participating quilters made a no-strings, reversible apron using a pattern provided by Priscilla. Quilters enjoyed the activity and comradery of the workshop. Many of the quilters finished the apron and have been asked to wear their creations to the next meeting. If you haven't taken the opportunity to attend a workshop, you have missed out on the fun, the expertise of an experienced quilter, and the fellowship of working with other quilters. T

The next workshop is scheduled for June 19. The workshop, titled The Starch Method to Applique, will be taught by Dana Lahargoue. The cost is \$30 + a \$10 materials fee.

Carmen Friesen, VP



Minutes for the month of February 2020 submitted.

Motion to accept as written by Margarette S. 2nd by Doris P. Discussion: Accept as written Motion passed

Treasure Report: Ferral B submitted the financial Report for review. Terri W motioned to accept as written. 2nd by Diana M. Discussion to accept as submitted: Motion passed

Correspondence: Lynette S. reports that an invitation has be sent to all members to attend the 15th year of business at Calico Mermaid: 10 till 2pm

Invitation to attend the 59th West Coast Mennonite Relief Sale and first ever quilt show. Friday April 10, 4-9pm @ Fresno Pacific University

UFO Contracts: Carmen- contracts go to Jeanie

Spring Clean: Bring your items to the April General Meeting, "it's time" Get your items together and start cleaning out your sewing room: donate

New Members Tea: April Friday the 16th, anyone is invited to get to know our new members. Will be at our club meeting place: First Congregational Church: Porterville

Ellen J. Shared the Valley of the Oaks Opportunity Quilt. Tickets are available to purchase if interested.

Opportunity Quilt: Rusty Roots @ Tulare County Fair Grounds - date pending. Still looking for venues to set up quilt: Any Ideas?

Workshop Friday March 20th: Stringless Apron

Inventory was completed: Thank You Karen Andris! Still looking for the door hanging: anyone know where it may be?

Little Quilts: Terry reports that 61 quilts were delivered this month. Shared some of the quilts during the meeting.

Boutique: Ellen J. and Becki - Discussion of pricing of items. Encouraged members to start making projects for the October sale.

President Report: Kathy B.

Board meetings will be held the last Monday of each month. April meeting will be held at Jenny Lynn's @ 10:00.

President Challenge: Encourage each member to make (1) by 40 X 50 quilt top. Batting will be provided and quilting is provided

New computer has been purchased for the use of the newsletter: Carol C. has the computer

Show and Tell: Joyce, Becky, Diana, Sandra, Doris, and Terri

Thank you, ladies!

Adjourn: 11:47

Submitted by Carol Cole, Recording Secretary



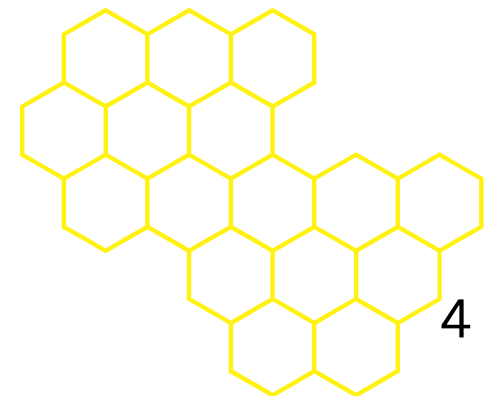
Harvest Boutique News

There is a little more than 5 months till our sale! Remember, this year our boutique will take place on Saturday, October 3.

We still want you to list your item on the appropriate clipboard and also on a price tag with your name. Pin the tag to your item and show it to us at show and tell, please. If you forgot to do that last month, please bring those items back this month so we can catch up. We will be glad to help you with that.

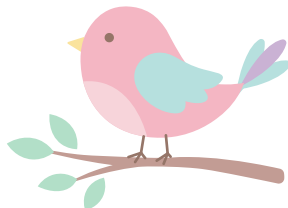
If you are willing to help price items during meetings, please let us know. Also, if you think of items you want to make that are not on the price list, please add them.

Thank you,
Becki Eaton and Ellen Jordan





No Strings Apron





In Memory of Sue Marcotte

Born September 28, 1945, Compton, CA - Died March 25, 2026, Springville, CA

Sue married Larry Leon Marcotte on June 17, 1967; they were married 57 years. They were unable to have children of their own; Sue's children were her "students." She was a teacher for 38 years, teaching primarily 6th grade students. Sue also taught science, but her real passion was art. During the last 18 years of her career she taught in Porterville, CA at the Burton School District. Her final assignment was at Jim Maples Academy, where she taught both Science and Art, directed plays, and painted many murals on the outdoor classroom walls. While she may have retired, she never quit teaching in various ways.

Her hobbies were training, riding and showing their Peruvian Paso horses and participated in numerous parades and won ribbons. She fell in love with art quilts, rising far above her own expectations and others as well, winning countless ribbons and currently has one art quilt traveling across the US with the SAGA (Studio Art Quilts Associates). Her quilts have been entered into local quilt shows, winning ribbons in various categories, many won 1st prize recognition.

Sue had such passion for art: Oil, acrylic, watercolor, pencil etchings, silk, even wax, you name it, Sue designed it, painted it, embellished it. There was nothing too small or too big when it came to art; that includes a full-size fiberglass white heifer cow. She also did commission work.

Sue has left her mark in Springville; she designed the weathervane on the park's gazebo; she created designs used specifically for the Apple Festival T-shirts; and designed and painted murals in the men's and women's bathrooms at the Springville Veteran's Memorial Building.

Sue, at one time had a vast collection of sea otters; she became a member of Friends of the Sea Otter and wound up donating more than half her collection to them.

For numerous years she was an advocate for CASA of Tulare County for a young boy who she continued to stay in contact with.

She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Eta Zeta Chapter, an educational sorority. Locally she was active in Dancing Threads in Porterville and Sew N Sews in Springville, CA. She was a member of the Porterville Quilters, Porterville, CA, and Springville Community Club, Springville, CA.

Surviving relatives: Sister, Kay Tally, nieces Debra Tally Branson and Laura Tally Webb all residing in Durango, CO, and numerous grand nieces and nephews.

Proceeded in death: Her husband, Larry Leon Marcotte and her parents: Omer Bertrand Roy and Mildred Lucile (Peterson) Roy.

Services will be held on Saturday, May 23, 2026, where there will be a grave site service at 11 :00 am; Crabtree Cemetery, Globe Dr. Springville, CA. Immediately following the service a Celebration of Sue's life will be held at the Springville Veteran's Memorial Building, 35994 Hwy 190, Springville, CA.

In lieu of flowers, Sue requested that donations be made in her memory to: Mantel Cell Lymphoma Research, Wall Street Plaza, 88 Pine Street, Suite 2400, New York, New York 10005

Services provided by Myers Funeral Services, Porterville, CA To plant trees in memory, please visit the Sympathy Store. Published by The Porterville Recorder



In Memory of Darlene Byars
July 26, 1943 - Feb. 28, 2026



With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Darlene Kay Byars. Darlene passed away in her home at Sierra Hills in Porterville. Born in Los Angeles, California to parents Irvin and Marjorie Grant, Darlene attended California State University, Los Angeles acquiring a bachelor's degree in education. Darlene accepted her first teaching job in Porterville and taught 2nd grade at Westfield Elementary School for 35 years. Darlene met her husband, Wallace Byars, a Porterville native, while working at school. Darlene and Wally enjoyed a long, happy marriage of 47 years.

Darlene was involved in her community. She participated annually in the Porterville Celebrates Reading event and was a member of the Porterville Quilters, Porterville Garden Club, the Applebee Ladies, the game group at Sierra Hills, and more. Darlene will be remembered for her gentle kindness, her passion for teaching, quilting, and The Beatles, and her devotion to family. She will be dearly missed by all. Darlene was predeceased by her parents, her husband Wallace and her sister Judy. Darlene is survived by her three daughters, Sharon, Elaine, and Tammy, 7 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, 1 great, great, grandson, a nephew John, and a niece Debbie and Debbie's son and daughter.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 14th at 12:00 PM at the Myers Funeral Hall across the street from the Myers Funeral Chapel at 248 North E Street in Porterville.

We Appreciate our Sponcers!
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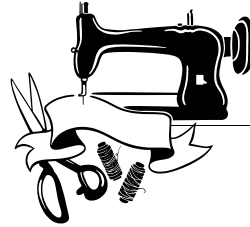
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