

Porterville Quilters

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February Birthdays

Ann Baker	2/19
Georgianne Borjon	2/20
Gail Cosart	2/13
Christie Hulse	2/16
Linda Hunter	2/21
Juanita Loftis	2/5
Karen Reader	2/24

Reminder

February birthdays are providing snacks for the February meeting.



President's Message

Well, we are off to a good start for the year. All our committees are filled, the budget is balanced and Jenny has the year all planned out for us with programs. The speaker system seemed to work better but as members we need to practice a little more courtesy to our group. When someone is talking with the microphone,

please try not to talk until they are finished. The only negative thing I heard about the speaker situation was people talking and not able to hear speaker.

Time for me to make an apology to everyone that was at the meeting. I made a couple of booboos. With the discussions related to jar prizes,

basket raffle and Christmas gift exchange I did not ask for discussion or a vote. Tack it up to nerves or whatever but that was my mistake, and these issues will be addressed at our upcoming meeting.

To all of you, have a great month and keep on quilting.

Karen Ervin
President



Meeting Minutes: January 16, 2025

Call to Order:

10:03am

Flag Salute: Led by President Karen Ervin

Karen announced some changes for this year: Seating changes with the PA system in a different location; she plans on having a "get to know you" segment at meetings; we will

continue the jar donations for the Christmas party but will discontinue the table prizes for the jars; A \$1.00 ticket raffle basket will be donated by individual members each month: the funds go into the general fund; She encouraged members to shadow an office or commit-

tee chairman as a way to learn that particular office or chair; She is going to have a suggestion box for members to make recommendations; she will be asking for tips and techniques; for safety reasons show and tell will be from the floor with two quilt handlers on the stage.



Meeting Minutes: January 16, 2025

Welcome/Sunshine: 42 members present that included two new members: Carol Cole and Zoë Milam and one guest: Rebecca Kirkman.

Birthdays: Janet Alexander, Ellen Jordan, Geneva Owen, Janice Poe and Stephanie Bullock.

Minutes: Motion: Margaret Smith, Second: Georgia Ogas. Approved

Treasurer's report: Motion: Jan McCusker, Second: Diana McKay. Approved

Correspondence: Thank you notes from Becki Eaton, Sierra View Hospital and Family Crisis Center.

Vice President: Jenny McKinsey handed out a list of the programs and workshops for the year.

Old Business: Committee chairs needed for Opportunity Quilt tickets, Harvest Boutique, and Christmas Luncheon.

Break

New Business: The 2025 Opportunity Quilt was named: Cathedral Window. The treasurer went over the proposed 2025 budget. She suggested that we discontinue printing the budget on the back of the agenda for economic reasons. She went over the line item changes with explanations. After member discussion the motion to accept was made by Terry Gomez. Second: Becki Eaton. Approved.

Block of the Month: Block presented by Della Rapp. November block was won by Karen Andris.

Miscellaneous information and announcements:

VP Challenge: 18x18, 18x24 or 24x24, theme Fallen Leaves; See Jenny for handout.

Christmas Lunch Chairs: Jan McCusker and Linda Pettit

Spring Clean Chair: Carmen Friesen

Mystery Quilt: Becki Eaton

Opportunity Chair Tickets: Karen Andris and Diana McKay

Boutique Chair: Kathy Billiou and Ellen Jordan

Membership dues are due in February to be included in membership book. If you want a new picture see Karen Ervin or Teri Webb.

Raffle Basket: Won by Becki Eaton. Carmen

and Connie will donate basket for February.

Three Rivers retreat announced by Janet Alexander; if interested contact her for dates and price.

Diana McKay announced the American Legion on Olive is collecting items for Los Angeles fire relief. Accepting donations 9am-4pm on Monday at the American legion hall on Olive.

Show and Tell: Zoe Milam and Lillie Nicholson

Next Board Meeting: 1:00 pm Tuesday February 5 Hillside Church

Next general meeting: 10 am Thursday, February 20

Meeting adjourned: 12:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris Pyland
Recording Secretary

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Get To Know Our New Members

We welcome **AMY NEWTON** who joined Porterville Quilters in 2023! Amy grew up in Phoenix, AZ, where she enjoyed running around in the desert, riding horses, floating the Salt River, and attending concerts. College brought Amy to California; she earned a teaching credential and took a job at a one-room school in Woody, CA,

where she met her husband of 35 years. Amy spent 25 years working in Delano and became friends with Sue Riley who got her interested in quilting and crafting. After coming to a meeting to hear *Lucrecia's Journey*, saw the trunk show, and all the amazing quilts created by our members, Amy was excited to learn quilt making. Amy's mom (who

was a tailor) taught her to sew as a kid on a Featherweight plus her Ohio grandma was a quilter. (Amy says it's in her blood!). Other jobs include stable cleaner, hostess/cashier, waitress, nanny, and swim instructor. Hobbies are gardening, reading, walking the dog on the beach, and outdoor adventures with her

husband. Amy says, "Your/Our Club is great and I'm thankful to be a part of it! Thank you for taking me in!" And we are all thankful you decided to join us!



Block of the Month Volunteers for 2025

Month	Block Presenter
January 18	Adella Rapp
February 20	Connie Smith
March 20	Carmen Friesen
April 17	Ashley Cooper
May 15	Valerie Simonich
June 19	Joyce Bartlett
July 17	Lynette Stover
August 21	Kathy Everett
September 18	Karen Andris
October 16	Ellen Jordan
November 20	Stephanie Bullock
December 18	NO BLOCK
January 2026	Adella Rapp



Little Quilts Committee News

Little quilts have been busy this last month. We were able to deliver 5 quilts-a-piece to 7 different agencies and an additional 11 quilts to the fire victims in LA. We are so ready for our raffle at club meeting this month, please bring \$\$ to bid on items.

About the workshop: we have put together several sandwiches that will be sewn, turned, trimmed, ironed and sewn again into completed quilts. If any of you would like to practice your quilting skills, you can also do that.

Bring to the workshop:

Sewing machine, bobbins, and scissors

We will have cutting mats, irons, and fabric sandwiches for you to sew.

We are so grateful for all your help with this project. Please remember to bring a sack lunch.



2025 Programs and Workshops

Month of Year	Program	Friday Workshops
January 18	Budget Presentation and Discussion	
February 20	Little Quilts Program and Raffle Workshop following the meeting	Workshop following the meeting: bring your sewing supplies and your lunch
March 20	Juanita Cairns: Trunk Show	March 21: Precision Cutting- \$30 10 students minimum
April 17	Spring Clean: Carmen Friesen	April 18: New Member Tea: Chairman
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	\$30 10 student minimum/20 max
November 20	Election of Officers Mystery Quilt Reveal UFO Winners VP Challenge Reveal Committee chairmen sign-ups	
December 18	Christmas Luncheon: Jan McCusker and Linda Pettit Opportunity Quilt drawing and 2026 quilt reveal	Sponsor a needy family

This chart is presented for your information and as a reminder of club activities.



Committee Chair Volunteers 2025

Committee:	Chairman:
Newsletter	Carmen Friesen
Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sale for 2025	Karen Andris and Diana McKay
Mystery Quilt	Becki Eaton
Potluck	Jenny McKinsey
Membership and Directory	Terri Webb
Harvest Boutique	Kathy Billiou and Ellen Jordan
Christmas Luncheon	Jan McCusker and Linda Pettit
Spring Clean	Carmen Friesen
Block of the Month (BOM)	Della Ray
Little Quilts	Terry Gomez
Hospitality	Christie Hulse
Scholarships	Georgia Goode
Welcome/Sunshine	Jan McCusker
Local Heroes	Sheri Cates

The Porterville Quilters' Board extends a heartfelt "thank you!" to club members who have volunteered to chair a committee.

The fund raising and charity work of the club cannot be done without the members, so it is imperative that members step up to lead in doing the work.

If you are interested in chairing a committee but aren't sure of the details, time commitment, and work involved, consider shadowing a committee chairman to learn the job as it is done. Shadowing will make taking on a committee a little less scary and overwhelming.

To date, the following committees do not have a chairman: Opportunity Quilt preparation for 2026, Bus Trip, and Inventory.



Announcements

Harvest Boutique

In February and March, we will have an "inspiration table". If you have purchased or were given a handmade gift that really "knocked your socks off"--something that you think shoppers of our 2025 boutique would buy, please bring it to our "inspiration table" during our meeting. Let's come up with new, enticing items for this year's boutique and inspire each other. Thank you, Ellen and Kathy-co-chairs

Share Your Quilting Tips

Submit your favorite sewing/quilting tips and tricks to Car-

men Friesen, Newsletter chair, for publication in the newsletter. Help other members learn and grow.

Raffle Basket

A gift basket will be raffled during each meeting. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5, The proceeds will offset costs of the Christmas Luncheon. Carmen Friesen and Connie Smith are providing February's basket. Volunteers are needed for future months. Let Karen Ervin know if you can provide one.



Show and Tell



First row (above): new member Zoe Milam shares an apron she recently made; Lilian Nicholson brought a San Francisco 49ers quilt to share. Lovely!



At left: Karen Ervin shared 2 quilts—a pine tree motif and a three fabric quilt. Great work, Karen!

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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 announced during the next general meeting on Thursday, February 20, by President Karen Ervin.

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.

2025 Membership Form

Fill out the form and have it ready to present to the Membership Committee Chairman during the January meeting. Membership dues are \$30 per year.

Porterville Quilters Membership Form for 2024		
Membership Dues: \$30 per year		
Name		
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip
Home Phone	Cell	
Email address		
Newsletter sent by (check one)	Email	Post office
Birth date	Husband's name	
Picture in directory? (check one)	Yes	No
Paid by	Check #	Cash
Chairman Signature		