



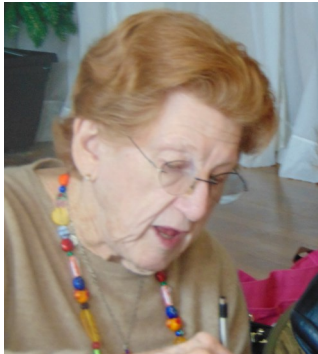
Porterville Quilters

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Carmen Friesen, Editor

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President's Message



Here we are halfway through 2024. Is it hot enough for you? San Joaquin Valley summers can be trying, but it does make the crops row. We do need cotton for the fabric we all use for our quilts.

Every Thursday, except meeting day, there is a workshop at 630 N. Sunnyside for any-

one who wants to help make items to sell at Harvest Festival which is on October 5th. Let Carlie Attebury or Carmen Friesen know if you plan to be there. The room will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and everyone needs to bring their own lunch. We hope to make this fund rais-

er a big success, with your help! For our July meeting please bring what you are making for Harvest Festival for Show and Tell along with any other items you have to show.

See you on July 18th at 10 a.m.!

Becki Eaton



July Birthdays

Kindee Gurunian	23
Brenda Hughes	23
Lillian Nicholson	23
Georgia Ogas	16
Phyllis Taylor	21

Reminder: July and May birthdays are providing snacks for the July meeting.

Meeting Minutes: June 20, 2024

Acting President Janet Alexander called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. followed by the flag salute.

Welcome/Sunshine: EQ reported we had 42 members present. She had a birthday card for Jody Mead, and we sang Happy Birthday

to her. Anne Haas, who recently passed away, also had a June birthday.

Recording Secretary: The May 16 minutes were published in the newsletter. There were no corrections or additions. A motion by Valerie Simonich, se-

conded by Georgeanne Borjon, to accept the minutes was passed.

Treasurer's Report: There were no questions. A motion by Diana McKay, seconded by Karen Andris, to accept the report as printed on the back of the agenda was passed.

Meeting Minutes: June 20, 2024—continued

Corresponding Secretary:

Brenda read a nice thank you note from one of our scholarship recipients, Allyson McLaughlin.

VP/Programs/Workshops:

Janet acknowledged the recent passing of long-time member and a Past President, Anne Haas, and also James Poe, husband of member Janice Poe.

July 18/Local Heroes – Sheri will do a presentation and hold a workshop after the meeting.

August 15 & 16/Barn Quilts –

Margaret Smith & Janet will present the program on the history of barn quilts and hold a workshop the next day, making an 18” barn quilt block. Cost is \$20. Sign up in July with Margaret & receive a supply list.

Tip of the Month:

Janet demonstrated the use a black light flashlight on white-on-white fabric to help reveal the pattern. Small flashlights were for sale for \$2.50.

Program: Claire Marks, from Exeter (raised in Hawaii), is an award-winning, professional quilter, pattern designer, long armer, artist, and much more. She started quilting 12 years ago and her passion for creating quilts of her own design has grown. Claire dazzled us with many of her colorful, sparkly,

foundation paper pieced master-pieces (has anyone found glittery spandex yet???) . She likes competition and just this year three of her quilts were displayed at AQS Quilt Week, Paducah, plus one quilt was on the cover of the 2025 AQS engagement calendar, which Claire had for sale, along with some of her original quilt patterns. It was an inspiring program and continued the next day with her excellent workshop on foundation paper piecing.

Committee Reports:

*Block of the Month – Kathy Everett presented a simple but striking 4th of July block. Congratulations to Phyllis Taylor who won May’s bird block.

*Little Quilts – Has around 50 finished quilts to deliver. Terry asked for long arming help with a few tops. More of Sue’s fabric was on the free table for anyone to take. LQ meets every Tuesday, 9-12, at the Hillside Church.

*Book Bags – Brenda H. reported she has 45 finished book bags with a goal of 100, and has kits and patterns available.

*Local Heroes – There will be a workshop after July’s meeting to work on LH quilts. All members are invited to stay. Bring a

sewing machine, tools, and thread. Fabric will be provided. For those who do not wish to bring a machine, there will be other tasks to do.

*Mystery Quilt – Karen A. passed out step #7. Steps #8 & #9 (the last steps) will be passed out in July.

*Newsletter – Carmen reported everything is under control.

*Harvest Festival/Saturday, Oct. 5 – Open to the public at the Congregational Church Social Hall, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Setup will be on Friday, Oct. 4, 9 a.m. Margaret will be directing the setup and will be in charge of baked goods. Carmen emphasized we need more items from all members to make this a success. Items can be sewing or quilting plus other craft items (& baked goods). Work days are scheduled for June 27 & July 11 (material & kits provided), 10-2, at “EQ’s Hen House,” 630 N. Sunnyside & Doris Ave. Please sign up and bring your sewing machine & tools, or drop by and pick up a kit or two to finish at home. Start bringing your finished items to July’s meeting (which will be stored at EQ’s place). Flyers advertising the sale will be available July 1.

Door Prize Drawing: Congratulations to winners Beverly Hunsdorfer & Terry Gomez

Meeting Minutes: June 20, 2024—continued

who each picked a prize from the Missouri Star Christmas box! Don't forget to purchase your ticket(s) from EQ at our meetings, \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Old Business:

*Christmas Luncheon Committee Chairperson – Currently there is no Chairperson; if we don't have a Chairperson by the July meeting, the Board decided we will have a potluck with the Club buying the meat, Dr. Sampath buying desserts, and members bringing salads and sides.

New Business: None.

Jar Prizes: Congratulations to our lucky winners Neva, Linda H., Terri W., Karen A., Sue, Candy, and Amy! THANK YOU Jackie Ireton, for providing the prizes!

Show & Tell: Several members shared their lovely quilts and table runners.

Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, July 3, 10 a.m. at EQ's (corner of 630 N. Sunnyside and Doris Ave.)

Next General Meeting – Thursday, July 18, 10 a.m., First Congregational Church

Meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgia Ogas
Recording Secretary

Harvest Festival



Time is moving quickly and I need to keep quilters up to date on details for the Harvest Festival.

- The following dates have been set for workdays: **July 11, July 25; August 1, August 8, August 22; September 12, and September 26.** The workdays are held at E.Q.'s sewing room at 630 N. Sunnyside. The room opens at 10:00 a.m. Bring your machine, quilting tools, and a lunch. Don't feel that you must attend every work session, just select one or two sessions/dates that are convenient for you.
- Please bring in completed Harvest items as you finish them. We are trying to keep an inventory and we are beginning to price all items. You may suggest a price for you item. Just pin a note to you donation.
- President Becki Eaton is asking that you bring in one or two things you are work-

ing on, finished or not, to the next meeting. The hope is that you will share ideas and inspire anyone who is struggling for ideas.

- I will have sign-up sheets for help that you can provide during the Harvest Festival at the next meeting. I will need volunteers to help with set-up on Friday, October 4, 9:00 a.m. until done. I will also need volunteers on October 5. I will need cashiers, salespeople, and a clean up crew. The Harvest is scheduled from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. You can sign-up for 1 shift, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. OR 11:30 to 2:00 p.m. And lastly, I need a clean-up crew, which will work from 2:00 p.m. until done. Please consider which job and time best suits your schedule.
- I will have flyers to hand out to club members for distribution. Please take few to put up in your churches, stores in your neighborhoods, workplaces, etc. I'll provide whole-page flyers and quarter-page flyers to hand out.

Thank you so much for your help and support. We're going to have so much fun!



Claire Marks:



Claire Marks, raised in Hawaii and currently from Exeter, is an award-winning, professional quilter, pattern designer, long armer, artist, and much more. She started quilting 12 years ago and her passion for creating quilts of her own design has grown. Claire dazzled us with many of her colorful, sparkly, foundation paper pieced masterpieces. She likes competition and just this year three of her quilts were displayed at AQS Quilt Week in Paducah, KY, plus one quilt was on the cover of the 2025 AQS engagement calendar, which Claire had for sale, along with some of her original quilt patterns. It was an inspiring program and continued the next day with her excellent workshop on foundation paper piecing.



Committee Reports

Bags for Kids

Make sure you have the an updated pattern for the bookbags made for kids. Brenda Head, committee chairman, said she has copies for you, if needed. Brenda also said she currently has about 45 bags, most of which she has made. She needs help in making at least 55 more. Brenda knows that members are very busy making items for Harvest Festival, but she would appreciate any help you can provide.



Tip of the Month

Addendum from last month: Ellen Jordan gave us smaller measurements for the vinegar water so you do not have to make a gallon. She measures a ¼ cup of vinegar and adds water to make a full cup and then adds it to a spray bottle. So two cups of this recipe could be added to a 16oz spray bottle.

At the board meeting the members thought it would be a good idea to have a tip about ¼ inch seams. One of the most im-

portant skills is to master is a consistent scant ¼ inch seam. There are several tools and techniques available for you.

- You can buy ¼ inch foot for your machine but they may not be accurate. You need to measure often while sewing to make sure you are achieving a ¼ inch seam.
- There are several measuring gauges at quilt stores and on line to measure your seam.
- Some quilters move their needle slightly to the right after measuring their ¼ inch in order to achieve a scant ¼ inch seam.
- Some people have even taped a small piece of cardboard on the plate in order to get an accurate seam. If all else fails you can draw a ¼ inch line on your fabric.

Cluck Cluck, an on-line shop, has a tape with measured lines you can place on your machine showing where to line up your fabric. Steady Betty, another on-line store, has a repositionable vinyl bridge which can be applied to your machine which also has lines to assist fabric placement.

Calico Mermaid also usually has these tools available.

Get To Know Our New Members



We welcome one of our newer members, **CARLIE AT-TEBURY**, who joined Porterville Quilters in 2023. Carlie was born in Lindsay, moved to Kansas at age 2, came back to California at age 14, and has been here ever since. She has been a barista, a teacher, a health care provider, and a veterinarian assistant. Carlie's mother is an excellent seamstress and taught her to sew at age 6, which sparked an interest in making clothing for herself. She has been quilting for 1 ½ years and says she couldn't live without her serger. Carlie is the granddaughter of member Ethel Quiram (EQ). Other hobbies include reading, embroidering, music (flute), horseback riding, and gardening. Preparing for the upcoming Harvest Festival has been taking up a lot of her time lately. Thank you for joining us, Carlie!

Show and Tell



Diana McKay



Georgeanne Borjon



Joyce Bartlett



Sandra Dauer



Brenda Head



Lillian Nicholson



2024 Programs

Date	Program	Workshop/Notes
July 18	Local Heroes —Sheri Cates	Workshop to follow meeting, description on last page.
August 15	Barn Quilts—Margaret Smith & Janet	
August 16	Barn Quilt Workshop	Description on last page of newsletter
September 19	Trunk Show—Carmen Friesen	
September 20	Whimsical Art Workshop—Carmen	Bring machine, tools, and scraps
October 4	Set up for Harvest Festival	
October 5	Harvest Festival—Open to Public	
October 17	Duties/Responsibilities of Officers and	Chairpersons
November 21	Election of Officers	Little Quilts Raffle
December 19	Christmas Program and Luncheon	

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Budget Report

PORTERVILLE QUILTERS 2024 MONTHLY REPORT			
	JUNE		BUDGET
INCOME			
ADVERTISING		\$ 300.00	\$ 385.00
BLOCK OF THE MONTH	\$ 21.00	\$ 192.75	\$ 320.00
BUS TRIP		\$ 3,086.50	\$ 3,000.00
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON	\$ 35.04	\$ 365.72	\$ 1,400.00
<i>Tickets sales</i>		\$ -	\$ 900.00
<i>Jar Money</i>	\$ 35.04	\$ 365.72	\$ 500.00
<i>Contingency Fund</i>		\$ -	\$ 600.00
Cradle Quilts		\$ -	
Donations		\$ -	
Pot of Gold		\$ -	
DONATIONS		\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00
Scholarships	\$ -	\$ 200.00	
General Donations		\$ 2,212.90	\$ 100.00
FUND RAISERS		\$ -	\$ 7,094.00
Harvest Bounty		\$ 97.45	\$ 2,994.00
Mystery Quilt		\$ 1,809.00	
Opportunity Quilt		\$ 306.45	\$ 3,500.00
Spring Clean		\$ 373.00	\$ 600.00
LITTLE QUILTS		\$ 2,050.00	\$ 300.00
MEMBER DUES		\$ 36.00	\$ 2,300.00
NEWSLETTER (10 member)		\$ -	\$ 100.00
PROGRAMS/WORKSHOPS		\$ 99.00	\$ 2,000.00
WELCOME SUNSHINE	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 25.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 96.04	\$ 8,955.87	\$ 17,624.00
		\$ -	
		\$ -	
EXPENSES			
AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS		\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
BLOCK OF THE MONTH		\$ 75.65	\$ 140.00
BUS TRIP		\$ 2,185.00	\$ 3,000.00
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON		\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
CONTINGENCY FUND		\$ -	\$ 100.00
CRADLE QUILTS		\$ -	
FAMILY CRISIS CENTER		\$ -	\$ 250.00
HOSPITALITY		\$ -	\$ 300.00
INSURANCE		\$ 508.00	\$ 500.00
LITTLE QUILTS	\$ 257.37	\$ 577.01	\$ 1,300.00
<i>Equipment</i>		\$ 156.74	
<i>Materials</i>	\$ 257.37	\$ 677.64	\$ 1,300.00
LOCAL HEROES		\$ 309.23	\$ 325.00
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY		\$ 412.75	\$ 170.00
MYSTERY QUILT		\$ 130.00	
NEWSLETTER	\$ -	\$ 58.78	\$ 247.00
<i>Copies (\$12.00 per mo)</i>		\$ 58.78	\$ 144.00
<i>Envelopes</i>		\$ -	\$ 5.00
<i>Stamps .68 ea x</i>		\$ -	\$ 98.00
OPERATING EXPENSES		\$ 187.38	\$ 378.00
OPPORTUNITY QUILT	\$ -	\$ 376.09	\$ 750.00
<i>Materials</i>		\$ 225.26	\$ 550.00
<i>Pictures/Posters</i>		\$ -	
<i>Enterance Fees</i>		\$ -	
<i>Tickets</i>		\$ 210.66	\$ 200.00
PROGRAMS/WORKSHOPS	\$ -	\$ 467.00	\$ 3,600.00
<i>General Exp / BUS TRIP</i>		\$ 467.00	\$ 3,500.00
<i>UFO's</i>		\$ -	\$ 100.00
RENT	\$ -	\$ 1,344.00	\$ 2,982.00
<i>1st Congregational</i>		\$ 850.00	\$ 1,900.00
<i>HillsideCom Church</i>		\$ 300.00	\$ 900.00
<i>Post office rent</i>		\$ 194.00	\$ 182.00
SCHOLARSHIPS			\$ 1,000.00
WELCOME SUNSHINE		\$ -	\$ 210.00
<i>Sunshine Mailings</i>			\$ 10.00
<i>Presidents Gift</i>			\$ 200.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 257.37	\$ 6,755.89	\$ 17,624.00
BEG REGISTER BALANCE	\$ 14,619.30		
INCOME	\$ 96.04		
EXPENSES	\$ (257.37)		
NEW REGISTER BALANCE	\$ 14,457.97		

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Current Club Officers

- Becki Eaton, President
- Janet Alexander, Vice-President
- Georgia Ogas, Recording Secretary
- Phyllis Taylor, Treasurer
- Brenda Head, Corresponding Secretary

The next meeting of the executive board will be on Wednesday, **August 7th at 10:00a.m.** at E.Q.s Sewing Room at 630 N. Sunnyside, on the northeast corner of Sunnyside and Doris (look for a white security screen door) in Porterville. All members are welcomed to attend.

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.

Local Hero's Workshop on July 18



Now is your opportunity to help with making the quilts the club gives to local veterans who have been nominated by family and friends. Please bring your regular sewing supplies: sewing machine and tools. Also bring a neutral thread color or red and blue. The club has a large sewing board, irons and, a cutting board that we will set up for your use. You may bring your own ironing and cutting supplies if you wish. We will be working on quilt blocks and pillow cases. You need to bring your own lunch. See you Thursday (July 18) afternoon, immediately after the July meeting.

Barn Quilts Workshop August 16



You can still sign up for the August Barn Quilts workshop at our July meeting. The cost of the class is \$20.00. The cost includes an 18"x18" inch board that has already been premiered, a pattern, Frog tape, and small containers for water and paint. You will need to provide your own paint, paint brushes (a 1 inch brush and a small artist brush), an 18 inch ruler or larger, and a pencil with a good eraser. We will discuss the supply list and answer questions at the meeting. Patterns will be available for you to choose which Barn Quilt you wish to make. You will be taught how to transfer the pattern to the board. Lunch will be provided.