



# Porterville Quilters

## President's Message

Happy June!

Here we are on the threshold of Summer. That is a great time to stay indoors and sew where it is cooler. Hopefully everyone is working on projects for Harvest Bounty. There are lots of small projects one can make to sell. It will be great if our initial public sale goes well and sets the stage for more to follow.

Little Quilts meets every Tuesday from 9:30 to-12 noon at the Hillside Community Church 1091 W. Linda Vista Ave. Porterville. They can always

use an extra pair of hands.

Brenda Head has cut out a lot of book bag kits and these go together very quickly. Be sure to pick up some of those kits at the next meeting.

We also have the mystery quilt, block of the month, and Vice President's Challenge to work on just in case we run out of other projects.

Be sure to bring your completed items for Show and tell at the next meeting. Have a creative summer.

Becki Eaton



## June Birthdays

Jody Mead 3

Anne Haas 9

**Reminder: June and December birthdays are providing snacks for the June meeting.**



## Meeting Minutes: May 16, 2024

President Becki Eaton called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. followed by the flag salute. Alison McLaughlin, one of our scholarship recipients, was introduced. She plans to attend Cal State Monterey in the Fall.

**Welcome/Sunshine:** EQ

reported we had 40 members present. She had birthday cards for Jackie Ireton, Sherry Loftis, Doris Pyland, Karen Ervin, Brenda Head, plus EQ, and we sang Happy Birthday to them.

**Recording Secretary:** The April 18 minutes were published in the newslet-

ter. A motion by Karen Ervin, seconded by Cathy Proctor, to accept the minutes was passed.

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



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passed.

### **Corresponding Secretary:**

Brenda reported we received a thank you from Sierra View for all the quilts and knitted caps, and information on the Pacific International Quilt Festival in Santa Clara July 24-27.

**Vice President:** Janet asked members to please text or email her *Tips of the Month* for the newsletter.

Our annual potluck will be enjoyed after the meeting.

### **June 20 meeting program**

- will be a lecture by Claire Marks on paper piecing with a workshop the next day for \$40. Lunch will be provided. Janet has the supply list and is still taking signups.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **\*Christmas Luncheon**

**Committee** – We still need a chairperson! If no one volunteers, we will probably have a potluck.

**\*Scholarships** – At the PHS Scholarship Night, Becki gave out our two scholarships to Makinsey Hyder and Alison.

**\*Opportunity Quilt** – Jenny has tickets available for members to sell or buy (voluntary). No events are scheduled until September.

**\*Membership** – Let Karen E. know of any corrections to be made in the directory. Invite your friends to join our Club!

**\*Little Quilts** – More of Sue Sampath's fabric is for sale, plus some scraps are on the free table & in a tote.

**\*Book Bags** – Brenda reported she received four book bags, and had kits and patterns available.

**\*Local Heroes** – Sheri reminded everyone there will be a presentation at the July meeting with a workshop afterwards.

**\*Hospitality** – Christy thanked everyone who has brought refreshments this year.

**\*Mystery Quilt** – Karen A. had the next two steps available.

**\*Newsletter** – Carmen was happy to report only two members did not receive their newsletter by email this month.

#### **\*Harvest Bounty/**

**Saturday, Oct. 5** – Open to the public. Setup will be on Friday, Oct. 4. We discussed selling inexpensive items, small quilts, and other handmade items.

**\*Block of the Month** - Sue Marcotte presented *Wintering Over* (a bird block). Congratulations to Carlie Attebury who won April's block. Adella re-

minded everyone if they already won a BOM during the year, put another member's name into the drawing.

### **Monthly Door Prize Drawing:**

Get your tickets at the sign-in table (\$1 each or 6 for \$5). EQ donated a Missouri Star Christmas box filled with wrapped gifts. Winners Karen E. and Jackie each picked a prize!

### **Old Business:**

#### **\*August Program & Workshop/Barn Quilts**

Margaret displayed an 18"x24" patriotic barn quilt she made. The boards will be prepared beforehand and workshop participants will only need to draw a pattern and paint it! The program will include the history of barn quilts.

### **New Business:**

**\*Get to Know Our New Members Questionnaire** – Georgia Ogas will be gathering information from our new members for a monthly article in the newsletter.



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**Jar Prizes:** Congratulations to our lucky winners who received a cute, little, hand-made doll from Becki Eaton!

**Show & Tell:** Thank you to our members who shared their beautiful quilts with the rest of us!

### **Announcements:**

#### **Best of the Valley Quilt Show**

– Terry shared the sad news that no one has stepped forward to fill the vacant chairman position, and there will not be a Best of the Valley Quilt Show. There are other, smaller quilt shows in the area where we can enter our quilts.

#### **Next Board Meeting**

– Wednesday, June 5, 10 a.m. at EQ's (corner of 630 N. Sunnyside and Doris Ave.)

#### **Next General Meeting**

– Thursday, June 20, 10 a.m., First Congregational Church

The meeting was adjourned, and we enjoyed a scrumptious potluck!!!

Respectfully submitted,  
Georgia Ogas, Recording Secretary



New member **Valerie Simonich** shared a block in March

## GET TO KNOW OUR NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Porterville Quilters, **CLARA PEYRON**, who joined us this year!!! Clara was born in Richmond, California, and raised in McFarland. Her parents were ministers, plus her dad worked for the Kern County school system. Clara has one son, and a sister who lives in Porterville and has a son, Sheriff Michael Boudreaux. Her hobbies include baking, working in her yard, and taking care of her 4 dogs, 4 cats and husband, Rodney. Clara's mother was a quilter and seamstress. She is just now learning these skills, attends Little Quilts and is being trained by Karen Ervin. Thank you, Clara, for joining Porterville Quilters. We hope you learn to create, enjoy, and maintain the art of quilt making .

We welcome **VALERIE SIMONICH** to Porterville Quilters, who also joined us this year!!! Valerie was born in Iowa, moved to Arizona, then Orange County, California (which she considers her home), and finally to Tulare County at age 16. Being the only girl in the family, she grew up with three brothers. She has been married to John Simonich since November, 1987 (after meeting on a blind date), and has four stepchil-

dren. After working for Tulare County for 27 years (spending most of her career in the Dept. of Child Support Svcs.), Valerie retired in 2018. Growing up, Valerie's mother and grandmother made most of her clothes and, at age 9, Valerie's mother taught her to sew (which kept her busy during summer school breaks). She remembers her mother and grandmother hand piecing quilts and her father making a wood quilt frame for them. Valerie began quilting about two years ago with bench pillow kits offered at Calico Mermaid. She also became interested in machine embroidery and has used end-to-end quilting on a few quilts with her Luminaire. A Scan N Cut has helped save time with appliqueing. Other hobbies/interests include woodworking, wreath making, painting, garment sewing, reading (she belongs to a book club), and traveling. Valerie has enjoyed our Club; "everyone has been so nice." As a new quilter, she is looking forward to learning from our ladies to help develop her skills (like keeping a steady ¼" seam - such a challenge!). Thank you, Valerie, for joining us! We hope our Club will help you enhance your quilting making and keep you inspired.



## Harvest Bounty: Changes Coming in 2024

Big changes are coming to the Harvest Bounty club fundraiser in 2024. In previous years, the event was held during a regular monthly meeting and open to club members. In an effort to grow the fundraiser, Harvest Bounty will now be held on a Saturday and open to the public as well as club members.

This change will require more involvement from the committee chair and from club members. Some of the changes discussed thus far include:

- Adding a bakery section to include candy, jellies and jams, cookies, and bread;
- Increasing the variety of items sold to include merchandise beyond sewing and quilting;
- Asking club members to make more than 1-2 items and asking members to contribute baked and canned items to insure that more merchandise is available for sale; and
- Requesting more volunteers to help with set-up, clean up, cashiering, and sales during the event.

This year's Harvest Bounty co-chairmen are Carmen Friesen and Carlie Attebury. They will be discussing details

with members during monthly meetings and asking for assistance to succeed with the proposed changes. Carmen and Carlie will also be talking with club members about roles and tasks they will need to take on to make this event a success. The first annual Harvest Bounty that will be open to the public and club members is scheduled for **October 5, 2024.**

The Harvest Bounty is one of the main fundraisers for the Porterville Quilters. Any revenue generated is posted to the general fund to carry out the club's activities. All members will benefit from a successful event.



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## 2024 Programs: June, July, August, September

Date	Speaker/Topic	Workshop
June 20	Claire Marks	
June 21		Foundation Paper Piecing. Lunch will be provided
July 18	Sheri Cates: Local Heroes	Workshop to follow the meeting to work on quilts for Local Heroes
August 15	Margaret Smith and Janet Alexander: Barn Quilts	
August 16		Barn Quilt Workshop
September 19	Carmen Friesen: Art Quilts Trunk Show	
September 20		Whimsical Quilt Art Workshop Carmen Friesen
October 4	Set up for Harvest Bounty Sale	
October 5	Harvest Bounty Sale Opened to the public	
October 17	Regular Monthly Meeting Program to be announced	



## Nuts and Bolts: Information for you

### Little Quilts

Some of our more elderly members no longer attend club meetings or committee work sessions due to fragile health. In an effort to involve those 'house-bound' members, Terry Gómez, chairman for Little Quilts, shared that she is arranging for the Little Quilts Tuesday work group to meet at a local assisted-living facility to include 'home-bound' club members in tying quilts.

Terry will share the date and time for meeting with members tying quilts so that you can attend to help and to make those 'house-bound' members feel involved in club activities. What a nice gesture!



**Book Bags:** Brenda Head, Book Bags chair, has a new pattern for bags. See Brenda for the pattern if you are interested.

**Clare Marks Workshop:** There is still time to sign-up for the Foundation Paper Piecing workshop on June 21. Cost is \$40 and lunch is provided. See Janet Alexander for supply list and payment.

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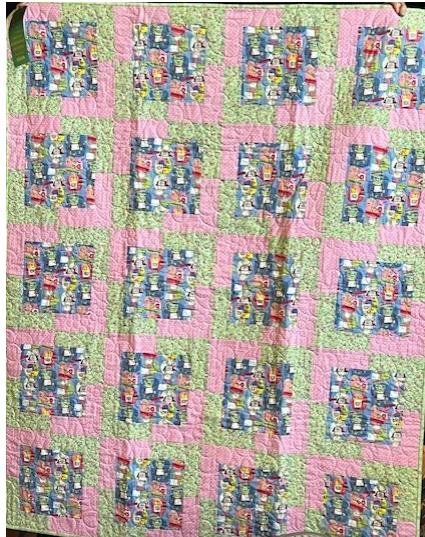
# Show and Tell: Quilters Sharing Their Talents

**Top row:** Joyce Bartlett    **Middle row:** Phyllis Taylor    **Bottom row:** Ellen Jordan





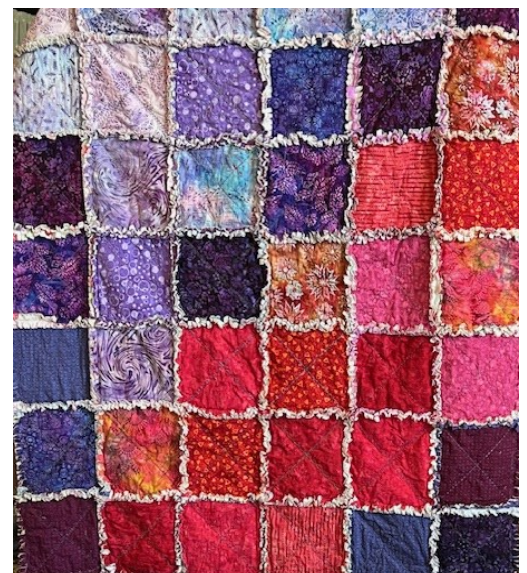
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**Top:**  
Sandra  
Dauer

**Middle:**  
Georgina  
Borjon

**Bottom:**  
Sue  
Marcotte





# Show and Tell: Quilters Sharing Their Talents



Kathy  
Everett



**Middle row**  
Jenny McKinsey  
Karen Andris  
**Bottom row**  
Ethel Quiram





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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

- 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, **July 3 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.



## Nuts and Bolts: Information for you

### Scholarship Winner



Allyson McLaughlin

McKinsey Hyder and Allyson McLaughlin were each awarded a \$500 scholarship by the Porterville Quilters recently. The scholarships are intended for college expenses in the coming academic year.

Allyson dropped by during the monthly meeting to thank members. Congratulations!

### Workshop Preview

Margaret Smith shared a barn quilt painting that she and Janet Alexander will be teaching for the Porterville Quilters as a workshop on August 16. Several choices



of patterns will be offered to participants to select from to paint on a 24' x 24" wood panel. Further details (cost, supply list, etc.) will be shared during future meetings.