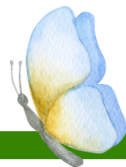


Porterville Quilters Newsletter

June 2026



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Can you believe we are half way through 2026 already?! Doesn't seem possible. We've done a lot this last six months and have lots more exciting events upcoming.

Thank you to all of you who provided the delicious foods for our May luncheon! I hope those who attended enjoyed the food and time of socializing! For those who were unable to attend, we missed you and hope to see you all soon!

Summer is upon us and some of you may be traveling, but I hope you'll be in town and able to attend our monthly meetings. We have some great programs scheduled. You won't want to miss them! On that note, I hope to see all of you for our June meeting, Thursday, June 18th. We have an exciting program on that day, followed by a workshop on Friday June 19th. Dana Lahargoue will be presenting 3 different ways to do the starch applique method. There is still room to sign up for the workshop if you have not done so yet. Call, email, or text Carmen for details.

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Please take a few minutes to review the Minutes and financial reports from the May meeting in this edition of the newsletter. In an effort to keep down printing costs, and as agreed upon on our membership applications, we agreed to receive information and notifications electronically (i.e. emailing the newsletters). Therefore, we are not printing them to hand out at the meetings. If you have any questions, bring them up at the meeting when it is time to approve, correct, and accept them into record.

I'd like to thank you all for your understanding and flexibility when changes in procedures or programs occur. Please understand that we are making adjustments in response to feedback from the Membership. We take your feedback seriously and are trying to make our time(s) together both productive and enjoyable. Please continue to provide us with your feedback as we continue through this year.

See you soon! Can't wait for Show and Tell to see all the beautiful things you've been creating!

Kathy Billou, President

"In this crazy quilt of life, I'm glad you're in my block of friends." Author unknown

May Birthdays

Karen Ervin 5/23
Brenda Head 5/25
Jacque Ireton 5/14S
Sherry Loftis 5/14
Doris Pyland 5/16
Ethel Quiram 5/5



HELP NEEDED

ISO (In search of) 2 ½ " by WOF strips for upcoming game. If you have any random strips of fabric you don't know how to use (like the little bits of fabric left over from most of our projects?), consider donating them for a game I am planning later this fall. Any color or pattern will work. Just bring them to the meetings. I'll have a bag to collect them!

Thanks Kathy

Porterville Quilters General Meeting

May 21, 2026

Call to Order: 10:00

Flag Salute

Welcome/Sunshine: attendance report

Karen 36 present

Karen A is moving today – we wish her the best

Ethel Q brought the cake for today- thank you

May Birthday Wishes:

Karen Ervin, Jacque Ireton, Sherry Loftis, Debbie Lopez,

Doris Pyland, Ethel Quiram

Public Service Announcements:

- Please put your phones on “silent”. Thank you!
- Please cash checks you receive from the Treasurer as soon as

possible to make bookkeeping easier. Again, thank you!

- Talking during meetings – Kathy’s husband Jim has made a new gavel to help call to order
- The Ombudsman position has been filled. Our past ombudsman has passed away. The board recommended a possible list for this position. 1 person was willing to hold this position. We will add a 2nd person soon to assist if needed.

Valerie S. Has agreed to hold the ombudsman position.

- When in conflict and you have brought to the person individual first (if appropriate).
- We have a new suggestion box for recommendations. It is located in the back of the room.
- Needed 2 ½ by with of fabric strips needed for a Presidents Project.

Old Business:

Minutes from April meeting – Carol

Motion made to accept as written by Doris P: 2nd Terry W. Passed unanimously

Treasurer’s report from April meeting – Ferral H. Motioned to accept Carol C. 2nd by Valerie S. Passes unanimously.

Correspondence – Lynnette: None

VP report – Carmen

New Members’ Brunch: Carmen’s house was a beautiful event great success. She shared her sewing oasis.

Spring Clean report: 570 dollars collected

Opportunity Quilt Venues: Camp Nelson Aug 1-2 Sat 10 am to 5 pm Sun 10 to 2 PM

Visalia home show

Reminders: memory quilt reminder to keep going.

Boutique items are needed- Karen E. has volunteered space for storing at her house so bring them in and share at Show and Tell. Fill out the donation sheet.

Committee Reports:

Basket - Sheri Cates, Terry Gomez, JoAnn Bishop

Little Quilts Kits - Terry G. Kits are in the back

Thank you to Becky E. and Kathy B. for tying We have collected about 100 quilts

Terry Web long arming. Next week will be working on children's quilts. Thank you all who are working so hard.

Mystery Quilt – Becki Next step was given out

Boutique - Becki and Ellen. Kits available in the back if interested in doing some.

Doris P shared her little quilt thank you Doris

Sherry L: Shared her little quilt: thank you

Valarie: donated Christmas wreaths and Dish towels

Ellen: shared crochet hat

Carmen: assemble a matt for cutting and holds all the things you may need: little bag and tote

Ellen: Now collecting (we have 4 months to go) Karen E has offered to keep tubs and you can bring them when you want and turn in the paperwork.

Joyce: shared luggage tag

Becky has yarn is needed

There is crochet club at the Porterville Library if you want to learn to crochet.

Yarn: 'I love this yarn' recommended You can find at hobby lobby

Christmas Luncheon – Carol On track

Janet A will be the contact person and asking for volunteers to be table hostess. If you want to participate it this call Janet.

Scholarship – Kathy B. Student from Harmony Charter Academy is the recipient for the scholarship.

Block of the Month: BOM - Della

Joyce: disappearing hour glass # 2. Use Any color you want

Aprils Block months: "anything you want" was won by Beck E.

New Business

Vice President Report - Carmen - June Program and Workshop

Dana L: kit is 30 dollars Sign up sheet at the table

August retreat here at the church. Lunch will be provided

Free sew or for the boutique,

Valerie will be teaching how to rework a man's shirt to make a blouse

Games and meetings

Program in August 21st is the retreat. Aug 20 is the meeting

On August 20th: Program yard sale

Rent table: 15 dollars per table, you bring and sale you keep money

Provide upfront cash and bags- receipts

July: local heroes sewing after meeting Sherry Cates

Games played to work in teams to get together and learn more about each other.

Show and Tell

Program: *Luncheon!! Enjoyed by all*

Adjournment 12:05

Reminders: Little Quilts meets every Tuesday 9:00am noon at Hillside Community Church, 1091 W Linda Vista Ave, Porterville

Next General Meeting: June 18, 2026 at 10:00am at First Congregational Church, 165 E Mill Ave, Porterville

Speaker: Dana Lahargoue, Starch Method Applique Workshop: Friday, June 19, @ Westwood Village Clubhouse Pre-registration required, See Carmen for Details

Next Board Meeting: Monday, June 1, 2026, 10:00 AM at Jenny Lynn's, 670 S Plano St, Porterville

Written and submitted by Carol C. Recording Secretary

HARVEST BOUTIQUE NEWS

This month, we would like to inspire you to make some children's items. We will have a sample of some of these at our meeting. They include a child's roll-up crayon holder, a tic-tac-toe game, and a memory game. Also, we will have a demo for a one seam potholder! Well, one seam and a little top-stitching! If you come to the June meeting early, Ellen will demonstrate this technique starting at 9:30 a.m. The demo only takes a few minutes and can be repeated as needed. The technique can be used to make several variations of pieced-looking potholders without the cutting and piecing. Additionally, there will be a sample of a QAYG (quilt as you go) potholder. Please bring your finished items to the meeting (especially those you've already priced and shown). Add new items to the inventory list and make a price tag. Wow us at "show and tell".

Remember, Karen Ervin will be storing our finished items, so from now on, you do not have to take them home.

We still need placemats (sets of 4); table runners (fall, Christmas, red-white-and-blue); and quilts of any size including wall hangings. Thank you and save the date: October 3, 2026!



**We will not be having the Yard Sale
In our August Meeting**

**There are a few openings for
Dana's Applique Class
Contact Carmen**



**We only have 4 months
more to get all this done.
This year's Boutique is
October 3rd!!!**

**We really want it to be a
success.**



**A message from our advertiser Claire Marks
When bringing and picking up your quilt please
schedule a time for pick and drop off. This will allow
her time to spend with you and the quilt.**





E for Ellen



Member Highlight Ellen Jordan

I was born in Charles City, Iowa to Muriel and Arthur Hillson. I was named Donna Ellen, but my parents always called me Ellen. I grew up in Whittier, California. I have one sister and one daughter.

By age 4, I was able to hand sew a running stitch on fabric and trace a picture. At age 8, I was begging to sew on my mom's Sears sewing machine. I made a gathered skirt with help. By junior high, I was sewing garments on my own. My mom sewed and knitted and her mom sewed and made hats. My dad's mom and sisters sewed and knitted.

After high school, I attended community college and then UC Santa Barbara, graduating with a BA in art (painting major and a minor in art history). I sold one painting while I was at UCSB, but I knew I wouldn't eat very much if I didn't have a "real" job, so I earned an elementary teaching degree and got my first teaching job in Lindsay. I taught for 35 years in Lindsay and one year in Porterville. During this time, I sewed clothes and costumes for my daughter and myself.

In 2009, I made my first quilt for a friend's baby shower. I didn't even know what a rotary cutter was before that. A friend, who was the home economics teacher, helped me with the cutting and getting started. The night before the shower, another friend gave me a short explanation by phone of how to finish the quilt by tying it with crochet thread. I attended my first quilt show in 2009. I joined Porterville Quilters in July of 2010. I did the Porterville Quilters's V.P. challenge in 2011 and was awakened to the fact that there were points and seams that were supposed to match. It was a challenge!

Then, I learned about art quilts; no matching points or seams! I entered my first quilt at Best of the Valley Quilt Show in 2013 and began entering their challenge category in 2014. I entered most of the BOV challenges until the show retired. I won a few ribbons, which is a compliment by the attendees. I belong to Dancing Threads art quilt group and Valley Oaks Quilt Guild.



2024 Dancing Threads
Art Quilt Group
Free Range Chicks



2024 Best of the
Valley Quilt Show Challenge, BFFs



2023 Best of the Valley Quilt
Show Challenge,
The Lost Sandal

Looking for something fun to do?
Calico Mermaid is offering classes.

Step into the Magic of the Jolly Jingle
Workshop!

Get ready for a merry mix of creativity,
sparkle, and holiday cheer!

Our Jolly Jingle Workshop at the Mermaid
is bursting with festive ideas and delightful
projects to inspire you for the upcoming
season.

July 14 – August 1
6 creative, talented teachers
16 enchanting class projects

Pick your favorites and make it your own:
Choose any 5 classes for \$150

Take individual (or extra!) classes for \$45
each

Registration is open now
Come create and learn with us, and sprinkle
a little holiday magic into your summer!



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530-789-2510

Table Runner Class Series

Popsicles
Saturday, August 8 10-4
Taught by Joyce
\$45 + kit

H Bag Class
Saturday, June 20 10-4
\$40 + pattern (handles included)

Calico Mermaid
Wonky Log Cabin Class
Saturday, June 27
10-4
\$40 + tool & supplies

Ethel had these
cakes made for
the potluck. See
how cute



Message from Little Quilts

This month we worked on charity quilts which we will be delivering soon.

Come join us on June 17 when we will be working on items for the Tulare County Shut-ins.

A quilt has been made for a 10 year old named Marcus who lives in Porterville. Marcus is fighting cancer for the second time. The quilt will be presented to him by Carol Cole.

**Thank you to everyone who Donated completed quilt tops.
We could use more children quilts at this time.**



Meeting every Tuesday @ 09:00
location 1091 Linda Vista Ave.
Porterville, CA

**Lots of ways you can help.
No need to bring your machine. They have some there to use.
We need help tying the quilts.
Need children theme material (running low).
Get a kit from Terry G at the meeting and sew at home.**

Our Vice President Carmen

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 18 - 19 Dana Lahargoue
Lecture: class @ Westwood Village
July 16 Local Heroes: Sheri Cates
sewing after meeting working
on local heroes quilts
August Annual Retreat
Sept 17 Brenda McCutcheon
Trunk Show
Sept 18 Stack & Whack @
Westwood Village



Announcements:
June Board Meeting on
June 29th @ 10 AM @ Jenny
Lynns

General Meeting June 18th



New Member Tea
Our Host Carmen
So Cute in her
apron



In remembrance of Marrianna Moss

September 30, 1941 – May 24, 2026



Marrianna Moss was born on September 30, 1941, in Aurora, Missouri, to Norris and Doris House. She was the oldest of three children.

On August 24, 1963, Marrianna married the love of her life, Ray Moss. Together they built a beautiful life filled with love, laughter, adventure, and family. They shared nearly 63 wonderful years together and were blessed with two children, Scot and Becky.

Marrianna dedicated her life to education and touched countless lives throughout her remarkable 47-year teaching career, including 30 years in Special Education. She began teaching in Long Beach, California, before she and Ray moved to Porterville in 1983. That same year, she joined the Burton School District, where she continued making a difference in the lives of her students until her retirement in 1999. Even then, her passion for teaching never faded. She continued substitute teaching until 2009 and remained a teacher at heart for the rest of her life. She loved helping her grandchildren and great-grandchildren with schoolwork and took great pride in their accomplishments. Years after leaving the classroom, former students would often stop her to share how much she had impacted their lives—a testament to the caring, patient, and dedicated educator she was.

Beyond teaching, Marrianna was an incredibly talented seamstress and quilter. There seemed to be nothing she could not create. From clothing and high school mascot uniforms to formal dresses and breathtaking quilts, her hands were always busy making something beautiful. If she couldn't sleep, you could often find her in her craft room, sitting at her sewing machine, creating another masterpiece. Whenever a new baby was expected, she immediately began making a special blanket to welcome them into the family.

When Marrianna and Ray built their home in Terra Bella, it included a large craft room designed especially for her. As her quilting projects continued to grow, so did her need for space. Ray lovingly converted their three-car garage into an extension of her craft room, leaving himself only a single-car garage for his own belongings. Later, they purchased a long-arm quilting machine so she could complete her quilts from beginning to end. If she wasn't at one of her sewing machines, she could usually be found beside Ray, working on a needlecraft project while enjoying his company.

Marrianna and Ray shared a love of travel and adventure. Together they explored the world, visiting numerous countries and traveling throughout the United States. Summers were often spent visiting family in Missouri or relaxing at Lake Havasu. They enjoyed motorcycle and camping trips through the desert, visits to national parks, and countless adventures together. To celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, they embarked on a memorable 21-day cruise through Europe.

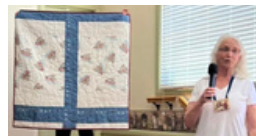
Perhaps Marrianna's greatest gift was the love she shared with Ray. Their marriage was a beautiful example of devotion, friendship, and unwavering commitment. Whether holding hands while walking together or Ray opening doors for her, their love was evident to everyone around them. As Marrianna's memory began to fade, Ray lovingly helped keep her memories alive through the stories and conversations they shared. Every night before bed, they would tell each other, "I love you to the moon and back," and "I love you infinitely"—words that reflected the depth of their extraordinary bond.

Marrianna is survived by her beloved husband, Ray Moss; her son, Scot and wife Deeann; her daughter, Becky, and fiancé Jason; and her grandchildren, Eric Moss and his wife Emma, Mikal Sanchez and his wife Jessica, Sabrina Sanchez, Corina Sanchez, and Garrett Parker; and her eight cherished great-grandchildren: William, Bradley, Caleb, Andre, Liam, Emily, Julian, and Amelia. Her brother Tom and his wife Brenda, her sister in "love" Ida House and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Norris and Doris House and her brother Charles "Chuck" House.

A life so beautifully lived deserves to be beautifully remembered. Marrianna's kindness, creativity, wisdom, and unconditional love touched generations of family, friends, students, and neighbors. Her memory will live on in every quilt stitched with love, every lesson taught with patience, and every heart fortunate enough to have known her. Though she will be deeply missed, the love she shared and the lives she touched will remain with us forever.

Though Marrianna's earthly journey has ended, her love story with Ray, her devotion to her family, and the legacy she created through a lifetime of service, compassion, and creativity will continue to inspire all who knew her.

Show and Tell



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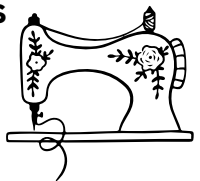
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