



Porterville Quilters



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President's Message

Due to illness, club president Karen Ervin isn't able to provide a message this month. Carmen Friesen will, instead, review schedules, provide reminders, and share club news with members.

We received very sad news this week. Club member Minnie Lansdale passed away last week, just before her 85th birthday. Though Minnie had been ill lately, her passing was unexpected. The Porterville Quilters extends condolences to Minnie's family. I'll provide information on any funeral arrangements as I receive it.

On Page 2 of the newsletter there is a reminder of important dates. Please make sure to read it.

A short blurb on the *Spring Clean* (happening in April) appears on Page 3. Its time to clean out our sewing rooms! So take a look at that information.

I expect that you have started work on your Harvest Boutique donations for this year. If not, take a look at the inspiration table the boutique committee has set up for you. Or talk to the co-chairs. I'm sure they have ideas.

Enough for now. I'll see you at the meeting.



Happy Birthday!

March Birthdays

Brenda Amyx	21
Dana Ferguson	27
Geogia Goode	28
Beverly Hundsdorfer	31
Minnie Lansdale	5
Diana McKay	25

Meeting Minutes: February 20, 2025

Call to Order: 10:05 by Vice President, Jenny McKinsey

Flag Salute

Welcome/Sunshine: 39 members and one guest, Verva Adams.

Birthdays: Georgeanne Borjon, Gail Cosart, Linda Hunter, Juanita Loftis and Karen Reader

Minutes: Motion to accept: Karen, 2nd Valarie. Motion approved

Treasurers report:

- Discussion on rent expense. Motion to accept: Valarie, 2nd Terri. Approved
- Motion to reimburse Phyllis for cost of Post Office key (\$17) Valarie, 2nd Lynette. Approved

Correspondence: Thank you card from Sierra View Medical Center.

Vice President: March meeting program: Juanita

Reminder —

March birthdays are providing snacks for the March meeting.





Meeting Minutes: February 20, 2025—continued

Cairns trunk show

- **March 21** workshop: Juanita Cairns - we still need some additional sign ups.
- **April meeting** will be April 24th due to a conflict with the Church's Easter week.

At this meeting we will have our annual Spring Clean event. Clean out your sewing room with your unwanted items. All items are donated to the club except if they are priced over \$75 when the proceeds are split 50/50.

- **April 18th**. New member tea held at the Imagine center (located on South Main) from 1-2:30. All new members from the past few years are encouraged to come.
- **May**: Annual potluck lunch.
- **June**: Bag workshop with Jenny

Program: Terry gave a history of our Little Quilt Program. We then played *Quilto*: Prizes were donated by Terry and Karen.

Membership: Terri Webb announced that she needed the dues as soon as this month to be included in the membership booklet.

Opportunity Quilt: Volunteers needed for the Rusty Root event to sell tickets.

Mystery Quilt: Becki had the first instructions: \$15 to participate.

Block of the month: New block presented by Connie called Double Bow Tie; Winner of this month's block, Joyce.

Old Business:

- **Jar Prizes:** Motion to have no jar prizes: Shirley H., 2nd Ferral. Approved
- **Door Prize:** Motion to move from general fund to Christmas lunch income in treasurer's report: Kathy, 2nd Becki. Approved
- **Gift Exchange:** Motion to continue as in the past: Kathy, 2nd Laurie. Approved
- **The Porterville Quilters Harvest Boutique:** motion to accept as the name of the event. Also, this year's boutique will be held on Nov.

1, 2025. Doris, 2nd Becki. Approved.

New Business

- **Motion: Deceased members:** Anne Haas and Helen Landeros will be honored with a \$100 each to the scholarship fund. Margaret, 2nd Terry. Approved
- **The Porterville Quilters Harvest Boutique** committee discussed some ideas and showed some items to the club members and encouraged members to make items for the event.
- **Winners of the Little Quilt drawing:** Connie, Beverly, Shirley W. Linda H., Joann, Valarie, Connie, and Linda H.
- **Winner of the Door Prize basket:** Christi – Basket was donated by Carmen and Connie.

Show and Tell: Carmen and Ferral

Meeting Adjourned at 12:28

Respectfully submitted
Doris Pyland, recording secretary



Dates to add to your calendar:

- The April meeting has been rescheduled to **April 24th**. Make sure you change that on your planner.
- New members' tea is scheduled for **April 18th**. Contact Jenny McKinsey for info.
- Porterville Quilters' Harvest Boutique has been scheduled for **November 1st**. Let's be ready!





Porterville Quilters Harvest Boutique



At far left: ideas for items for Harvest Boutique

At left: table décor—a pumpkin, table topper, rope bowl, and teddy bears.



Kathy Billiou and Ellen Jordan, co-chairs for the Harvest Boutique Committee, are again asking members to share items you have purchased, made, or were given— a handmade gift that really “knocked your socks off”-- something that you think

shoppers of our 2025 boutique would buy. Bring it to the “inspiration table” that is set up during our meeting.

Also, Kathy Billiou shared two links with items that could be made for the boutique (a Christmas present block and a mixer cover). Below are a few

more links to help inspire you:

Picnic Tote: [Picnic-Tote-Sewing-Pattern-Optimized-for-Printing.pdf](#)
[Picnic+Tote+Templates.pdf](#)

Potholder: [Oven-Mitt-Pattern-from-SewCanShe-Optimized-for-Printing.pdf](#)

The Spring Clean is Coming!

The Porterville Quilters’ annual Spring Clean will be conducted during the April meeting on April 24. This presents members with an opportunity to clean their sewing room of unwanted fabric, patterns, and other items they no longer use or want. Quilters donate those items to be sold with proceeds benefiting the club. There is also a 50/50 option. Any item priced and sold at \$75 or more will split the proceeds between the seller and the club. Usually items donated are sewing related, some leeway can be made for other items. So,



let’s get to cleaning those sewing rooms up!



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Little Quilts Committee Workshop: Pitching in to Help

The Little Quilts Committee held a workshop after the February meeting for members to pitch in making little quilts that are donated to various Porterville area groups. The committee shares quilts with the Porterville Women’s Center, Parenting Network, Cancer Dialysis Center, and the Lindsay Police Department just to name a few. Little Quilts also donates quilts by special request. For example, the committee sent quilts to victims of the Ashville, N.C. floods and the Los Angeles fires. Last year over 200 quilts were donated!



At left: Lynette Stover works at quilting a little quilt.
Below: Jan McCusker is busy.



At left: Linda Pettit and Janice Poe tie finished quilts.
Center, below: JoAnn Bishop is working on a quilt top.



At left: Doris Pyland takes quilt making very seriously.
At right: Noeleen Paskwietz is working away.





Show and Tell: We Keep Working!



At left: An un-named quilt made by Carmen Friesen.
Below: Ferrel Hubbard shared a sweet alphabet quilt.



At left: Shirley Hickman shared a quilt.

Be sure to bring in your finished projects to share. And don't hesitate to look happy as your picture is taken. You are celebrating an accomplishment! 😊

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Porterville Quilters' Treasurer sent the budget report with plenty of time to publish it in the newsletter. However, due to problems with my computer I haven't been able to convert the budget into a format for the newsletter.

I haven't been able to solve the problem and the newsletter is very late. Therefore, I'm sending it without the report. I'll try to have copies available for the meeting so that you get a chance to study it. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Carmen Friesen



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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

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 at 9:00 am, Monday, April 7, at Karen Ervin's home at 100 S. Westwood #16, in Porterville. Club members are free to attend.



2025 Programs and Workshops

March 20	Juanita Cairns: Trunk Show	March 21: Precision Cutting- \$30 10 students minimum <b style="color: red;">--Canceled
April 18	New Member Tea: Chairman	Contact Jenny McKinsey for Information <b style="color: red; font-size: 1.2em;">Postponed
April 24	<b style="color: green;">General Club Meeting—new date	Spring Clean: Carmen Friesen
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	

