

Porterville Quilters

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President's Message

This a really a busy month. Do you remember when May 1st was "May Day" when we would sneak up to the neighbors porch and leave a small bouquet of flowers, knock on the door then run away? You don't? Maybe you are not as old as I am.

Then there is May 5th, otherwise known a Cinco de Mayo, but it really is the Mexican celebration and remembrance

of the Battle of Puebla. May 12th is Mother's Day this year and National Nurses Day. Have you remembered the special Mothers and Nurses in your life?

May 16th is our Pot Luck meeting and luncheon at 10:00 am at the Congregational Church Social Hall. What are you bringing, your best main dish, salad or dessert? This should be a

lot of fun.

May 27th is Memorial Day when we remember and thank all those who gave their lives for our freedoms, It certainly is true, "Freedom isn't free".

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting and see what you have been working on at Show and Tell.

Sincerely,

Becki Eaton



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- Ethel Quiram-5
- Jacque Ireton-14
- Sherry Loftis-14
- Doris Pyland-16
- Karen Ervine-23
- Brenda Head-25

Reminder:

May birthdays are providing snacks for the meeting this month.



Meeting Minutes: April 18, 2024

President Becki Eaton called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. followed by the flag salute.

Welcome/Sunshine: EQ reported we had 42 members present and 1 guest, Terri Webb, who joined our Club! Welcome!

Recording Secretary: The March 21st minutes were published in the newsletter. A motion by Diana McKay, seconded by Jan McCusker, to accept the minutes was

passed.

Treasurer's Report: There were no questions. A motion by Lynette Stover, seconded by Doris Pyland, to accept the Treasurer's report as printed on the back of the agenda was passed.

Corresponding Secretary: Brenda reported we received a request for a scholarship, and a charge for our computer domain.

Vice President: The

annual Spring Clean silent auction was held downstairs, and UFO lists were turned in at today's meeting. Next month is the **Club pot-luck** with the following food designations – **A-E dessert, F-L salad, M-Z main dish.** Janet cautioned everyone not to bring huge portions.

The June 20 meeting program will be a lecture by Claire Marks on paper piecing with a workshop the next day.

April Birthdays: We

Meeting Minutes: April 18, 2024—continued

sang “Happy Birthday” to Carmen Friesen, Kathy Everett, Shirley Hickman, Laurie Jackson, Jan McCusker, and Jenny McKinsey.

Committee Reports:

Scholarships – Ellen Jordan reported the committee met and chose two girls from Porterville High School who had sewing in their background. The Club is giving out two \$500 scholarships this year.

Opportunity Quilt – Jenny thanked everyone who helped sell tickets at Best of the Valley. We made \$242! The next event is the Calif. Antique Farm Equipment Show in Tulare, April 20-21, Booth #51; Jenny filled the sign-up sheet with volunteers. She also had [opportunity quilt](#) tickets for members who want to sell or purchase them.

Membership – The 2024 membership directories were distributed.

Little Quilts – Terry reported LQ finished 10 tops which will be taken to the ladies at Sierra Hills to tie. She also asked for longarm volunteers to quilt some quilts.

Hospitality – Christy reminded everyone of the meeting refreshments change – members should bring snacks to meetings their birthday month. December & May birthdays should bring them in June or July.

Mystery Quilt – Karen A.

passed out the next step and reminded all MQ sewers to make sure their seams are ¼”.

Newsletter – Carmen asked members to get articles to her by the 7th of the month so she can get the newsletter sent out by the 10th. She is still working on getting newsletters to a few members who have trouble [receiving](#) them by email.

Harvest Bounty – Will be held Saturday, October 5, at the Congregational Church fellowship hall and will be open to the public. Carmen encouraged members to start thinking about and sewing items for our sale. Carmen and Carlie are working on publicity.

Best of the Valley – Congratulations to our winners Ellen Jordan (1st/Challenge), EQ (Viewers’ Choice/over 80), Sue Riley (3rd place), Sue Marcotte & Sandra Dauer. All BOV entrants were asked to bring their quilts to share in May.

Block of the Month – Carmen entertained us with her version of the instructions for this month’s BOM, Casablanca. Congratulations to Kathy Billiou who won March’s BOM.

Old Business: None

New Business:

***Monthly Door Prize** – Becki announced that starting in May, EQ will have a door prize

(or two) at the Welcome/Sunshine table. Members can purchase a ticket for \$1 to get into the drawing.

***Christmas Party Chairman** – Becki asked for a volunteer to please consider overseeing our Christmas party.

Jar Prizes: Congratulations to Lynette, Stephanie, Cathy P., Jackie, Sandra, & Laurie who each won two bowl cozies, courtesy of Karen Ervin. Becki asked if anyone had seen the missing signup sheet for monthly jar prizes and drew up a new signup sheet for members interested in donating these prizes.

Show & Tell: Karen A., Joyce, Lynette, Ellen, Sandra, Shirley H., and Stephanie displayed their beautiful quilts.

Announcements: Diana McKay invited everyone to the Veterans’ Hall on Olive, Saturday, 4/20, 5-7, for free hamburgers & hot dogs.

Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 1, 10 a.m. at EQ’s (corner of 630 N. Sunny-side and Doris Ave.)

Next General Meeting – Thursday, May 16, 10 a.m., First Congregational Church – **POTLUCK!!!**

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgia Ogas, Recording Secretary



Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales



Porterville Quilters sold opportunity quilt tickets at the Antique Tractor Show on Saturday

and Sunday (April 20-21) held in conjunction with the Rusty Roots show. Volunteers sold tickets in the amount of \$307 in one and on-half days! Jenny McKinsey, Opportunity Quilt Committee chairman, has no other ticket sales events planned until October, 2024, when she will be asking for volunteers again. A 'shout out' and 'big thank' goes to the members who volunteered to help out by selling tickets for the day and one-half.



Connie Smith working a shift selling tickets at the Rusty Roots show on April 20. Connie said she had a great time.

Coleslaw Recipe

Many club members asked for Jenny McKinsey's coleslaw recipe at last month's meeting. Jenny has kindly agreed to share. **Jenny's Coleslaw**—

- 1 Bag coleslaw
- Marie's Coleslaw Dressing (found in Town and Country with the iceberg lettuce) I'm sure other stores carry it.
- Add: pineapple and/or diced apples and/or cranberries for added flavor
- Mix together and refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Enjoy!



Reminder

Club potluck has the following food designations - **A-E dessert, F-L salad, M--Z main dish.** Janet cautioned everyone not to bring huge portions.

Little Quilts

Karen Ervin and Terry Gómez delivered quilts and knitted hats to the Lindsay Police Department in April. The quilts and hats were greatly appreciated by the Police Department.

The quilts donated to various local service groups in Tulare County are made by members of the Porterville Quilters. The Little Quilts committee meets every Tuesday at Hillside Community Church, 1091 W. Linda Vista Ave., Porterville CA. The group meets from 9:30 a.m. till 12:00 Noon. There is always work to be done so volunteers are appreciated. All members are welcomed,



Karen Ervin and Terry Gómez presented quilts to members of the Lindsay Police Department. The officers were very pleased to receive them.



Show and Tell: April 18, 2024



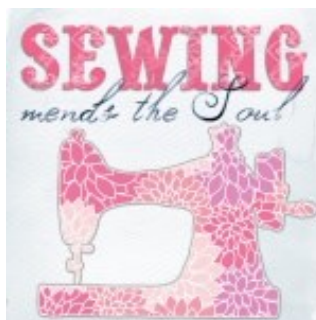
Top row: Sandra Dauer shared two quilts with club members during Show and Tell.

Middle row: Shirley Hickman, a long time Porterville Quilters member and local author, made a quilt for a friend's grandbaby.



Bottom row: Stephanie Bullock is ready for next Christmas with her Christmas Village quilt. However, Stephanie said this was **last year's** Christmas quilt, just a little late.





Top row and first picture of middle row: Lynnette Stover, a long time member and quilting instructor, shared three quilts. She has been s busy quilter! The “Mario” quilt was a bit hit with club Members.

Pictures to the right: Ellen Jordan also shared a quilt top she had recently made.



Show and Tell



Top row and first picture in middle row: Karen Andris, another very busy quilter, shared three quilts she has completed. The 'hat' quilt was a favorite.

Remaining pictures (3): Joyce Bartlett showed a table runner featuring blocks on the back, and a simple 9-patch quilt featuring a puppy

VP's Monthly Report:

May 16 Potluck

The Porterville Quilters will hold their annual potluck luncheon on May 16 during the monthly meeting. The following lists what each person should bring according to the first letter of their last name:

- A-E Desserts
- F-L Salads
- M-Z Main Dish

June 20 Speaker: Claire Marks

June 21 Claire Marks Workshop Foundation Paper Piecing

The sign up sheet for Claire Marks foundation paper piecing class will be at the next meeting. The cost of the class is \$40.00. Lunch will be provided. Payment is due when you register for the class.

July 18 Local Heroes Sheri Cates

Workshop to follow the meeting to work on quilts for Local Heroes

Little Quilts

Karen Ervin and Terry Gomez will have more of Sue Sampath's fabric and other items that were her's for sale at the May 16 meeting. The club continues to donate Little Quilts (25 quilts in April!) along with knitted hats (done by (Kendee's knitting group). We continue to meet every Tuesday at the Hillside church from 9 am to 12 pm. If you are making a little quilt, and need fabric you are welcome to come by and pick some up. We want to thank everyone that helps us complete our quilts



Tip of the Month

Having a hard time ironing creases out of your fabric? Jenny McKinsey gave me this tip and Terry Gómez said this is used at Little Quilts to iron quilt backings. Mix 1 cup of white vinegar with a gallon of water. Put the mixture in a spray bottle, spray your fabric and then iron.

I will be putting a tip in the newsletter each month. If you have a good tip let me know. Either text, email me, or give me a hard copy. If you just tell me verbally I probably won't remember it.



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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

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The next meeting of the executive board will be on Wednesday, **June 5 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.

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