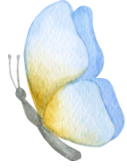


Porterville Quilters Newsletter

May 2026



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Well, "April showers bring May flowers" is the saying. We had some good rain in April. And with May comes warmer weather. My weeds are sprouting, again. I'm still waiting for the payoff with some flowers. How about you?

I just want to thank all of you for making our Annual Spring Clean a fabulous success! So many wonderful items were donated. Ferral will have our grand total at our upcoming meeting!

We had a nice send-off for Karen Andris. We hope she'll be able to come back and visit! She will certainly be missed!

By the time you get this newsletter, our New Members' Brunch will have happened. I hope many of you were able to attend. It's a great way to get to know each other, whether you are new or have been in the Club for years. I'm looking forward to a good report at the meeting.

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Of course! Please provide the text you'd like me to check, and I'll help you with any spelling errors.

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Be sure to read the Boutique Section! There are some changes coming to the procedures.

This month is our Annual Potluck and my mouth is already watering in anticipation.

You will find in this newsletter the "assignments" each of us were given to bring according to the playing card we received. If you were not at the April meeting bring a food item of your choice.

We will have our regular business meeting along with some fun and games, and, oh yeah, the Potluck! Hope to see you all there May 21st!

Kathy Billou, President

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



HARVEST BOUTIQUE NEWS

Karen Ervin has generously volunteered to store the Boutique items until October. So now when you bring your Boutique items for Show and Tell, we will be able to tag and inventory them and keep them instead of your taking them home again. if you don't want to show your items at Show and Tell Ellen and Becki will be happy to do that for you.

Our inventory lists are starting to fill up- Kudos to those who have already signed up. We have a nice collection of bowl cozies, four table runners. and lots of shopping bags, we could use place mats (sets of four please) more table runners and quilts of any size. If you don't know what to make we will have some kits available for an easy project with instructions. Our inventory lists are starting to fill up- Kudos to those who have already signed up. If you have fabric that would work well for a Boutique item, but are unable to use it, we will gladly accept donations.

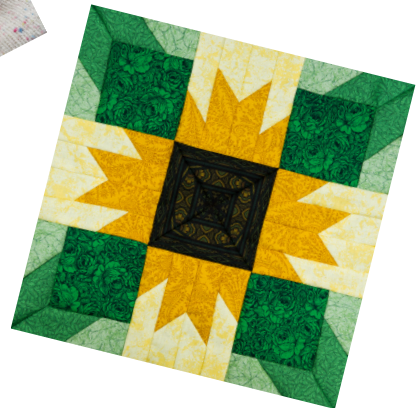


We only have 4 months more to get all this done.

This year's Boutique is October 3rd!!!

We really want it to be a success.

LET'S GET BUSY!!



We will miss you



Karen Andris will be leaving us to begin a new journey in Stockton, California. She has served our club with her heart. She has been a committee chairman for all projects. Her beautiful quilts, block of the month, purses and crazy dog and cat projects made her classes fun and educational. She began her teachings with "it's so easy" with tips that made sewing easier. To say she will be missed is an understatement. We do wish her the very best.

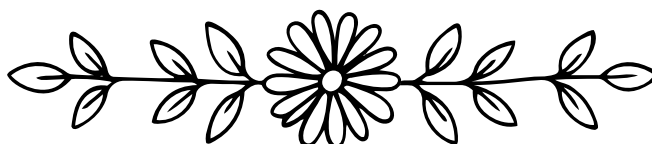


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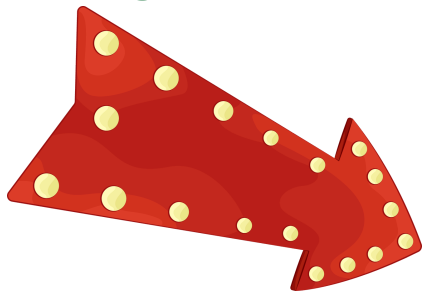
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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 21 Potluck & Boutique
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



SPRING CLEAN WRAP UP

HOPE YOU FOUND SOMETHING
SPECIAL IN THE SALE. MOST
OF ALL YOU MAY HAVE MADE
ROOM FOR MORE PROJECTS!



Announcements:

We will not be sewing after the
meeting on May 21st
June 1st Board Meeting at 10
AM @ Jenny Lynns
General Meeting June 18th

Show and Tell

No Strings Aprons



Message from Little Quilts

We have been busy as usual. This month we worked on fleece blankets for In Home Support Services (IHSS) clients. Then working with charity quilts. We hope to be delivering these soon.

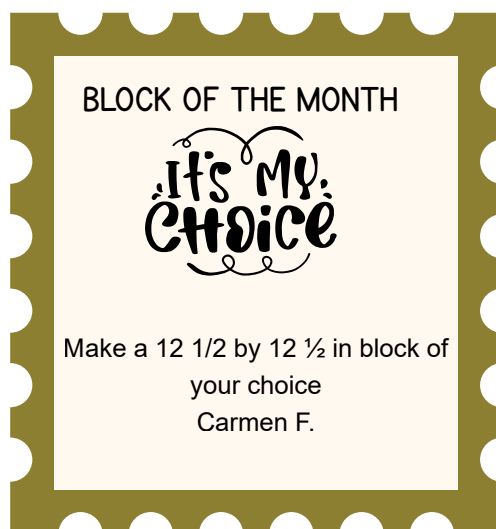


Thank you to everyone who Donated completed quilt tops. We could use more children quilts at this time.



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
Need help tying the quilts
Need children theme material (running low)
Get a kit from Terry G at the meeting and sew at home.





COMING
Soon

Starch Method Applique

ABOUT DANA LLAHARGOUE

From Dana's website: I'm a teacher of quality quilting instruction! I have been behind a sewing machine since I was 8 years old, pulling my Singer sewing machine in my red wagon over to Sears for lessons. I shortly began making my own clothes, bathing suits, prom dresses, and even my wedding dress. In 2001, I made my first quilt, "Hearts and Nine Patches", and as you can imagine my life went through a major change. Hand applique, very precise piecing and free motion quilting have become my passion and I was quickly obsessed (I feel like you all can relate). I had the privilege to begin teaching just 2 short years later in 2003. I love to teach all levels and all techniques; my current obsession being foundation paper piecing. I am a quilter who very much appreciates all aspects of quilt making from the pressing and cutting of fabric to the final stitch with the label on the back. Its all part of the quilt journey! My favorite classes are my beginning quilt classes and I get such a joy when a beginning student has that "ah ha" moment and I know that they are now part of the exclusive, wonderful club of quilting.

I am a Regional Safety Director for a large commercial general contractor by day and find my true calling in the evenings and weekends. I live in Northern California at the base of the foothills. I am a mom to a favorite daughter and a favorite son, and a grandma to 9 grandkids. My family loves dogs. We have a Labrador named Buddy and a rescue dog named Dora. Buddy even has a quilt named after him, "Dog Tooth Star". Yes, there is a story behind the name that involves him chewing pieces of my quilt in the making.

I very much enjoy the outdoors, hiking, kayaking, thrifting and antiquing and most of all watching my Granddaughter Maddie play soccer in college (she is a goalie). I so appreciate and have a huge love for antique quilt tops that have been orphaned. I hope that whatever quilter made the top they know that my mission is to admire, love and take care of it where they left off.

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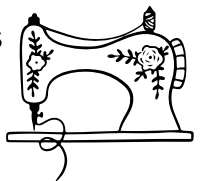
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Opening Reception May 21, 2026

From 5-7

Porterville Quilters
General Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2026

Call to Order: 10:04

Public Service Announcements:

- Please put your phone on silent
- Please cash checks received from the Treasure as soon as possible to make bookkeeping easier. Thank You

Flag Salute

Welcome Sunshine: Karen Ervin

Attendance 32 and 1 guest- welcome Ida Herrera.

Birthday wishes to Lawanna, Kathy, Carmen, Shirley, Laurie, Jan, Jennie M, Terry W.

Farewell to Karen A.

The Club wants to send Karen A. off knowing she will be truly missed. Lunch at El Nuevo Restaurant after the meeting, all are welcome. Party favors and pictures were taken.

Extra Hugs: in newsletter we will include a section that we will add the names of those who may need some encouragement or a friend. We can send out emails or mail cards etc. to show we are thinking of them.

Correspondence: Lynette S. shared a letter received from the Cancer Center thanking the Club for the quilts donated to patients.

Old Business/Announcements:

Little Quilts – Terry G. Shared quilts that have been finished. She asked that if you picked up a kit and did not sign for it, please let her know what number was on the kit. Request that information regarding dates they will meet and work on Special Projects be included in Newsletter. Special Projects will be worked on the 3rd Tuesday of the months of April, June, August, and October. Members may come work on quilts or other items that will comfort the patients. Christie made the first Quilt that was turned in for the Presidents Challenge. It was shared with the club. Thank you, Christie.

Spring Clean – Carmen: break to place bids of auction. 10:15 -10:35

Minutes review for the month of March – Carol C. Motion made to accept the minutes with the correction of UFO committee leader Jo Ann B. by Valerie S, 2nd Jan M. Motion passes unanimously.

Treasurer Report: Feral H. reports that all forms to the IRS have been completed and mailed return receipt. Request made for a beginning and ending balance for the month. Feral will provide. presented the month of March 1 thru March 31.

Motion Made to accept as presented by Carol Cole; 2nd by Lynette S. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Correspondence Thank you letter from Porterville Dialysis for items received from little quilts.

Vice President's Report – Carmen F. Carmen reports the Apron with no Strings workshop was successful. Those who attended modeled the aprons.

New Members Tea has been postponed to May 7th at 10:00 to 12:00 at Carmen's. Message her for directions.

Opportunity Quilt to be shown @ the Rusty Roots in August. Any suggestions of events to show please submit.

On May 19th a class to be taught By Dana L. She will be teaching the Starch Method of Applique. Please contact Carmen for cost and supplies needed.

Boutique –Items needed for the Boutique are everyday items that can be used, items that can be given as gifts, and items people can wear. Ellen has the clip board for pricing and registering items

Scholarship – Lynette S. reports there is 1 student who submitted an application who attends Summit Charter Academy. The application is on the Clubs website. Lynette request that a \$600 Dollar Scholarship be awarded. Motion made by Connie S. to accept the recommendation, 2nd Sherri C. All in favor and passes.

Scholarship fund: Club to put in \$100 each in the name of Sue M. and Darlene B.

First Terry G, Margaret S second. All agree, motion passes.

Newsletter- Carol C. request that items that go in newsletter be sent to the Clubs email and due by the 5th of the month. Article to highlight different person each month. Member's spotlight.

Please come see Carol C. if you have not received the email with newsletter, so we can identify the issues in email.

Kathy B. reports that a new quilt stand has been purchased. And the old one that is broken may be repaired if possible.

May Luncheon: Playing cards passed out:

Heart: Desert Diamonds: Main Club: Finger food Spade: Salad

Block of the Month: Carmen - Block to be 12 ½ by 12 ½. Any color or block you want. March Block was won by Terry G.

Della shared her new granddaughter is having a few problems. They will need care for a while. She is in Valley Children and will be home soon. Lilly Ann Mae Hugs and prayers

Christmas Luncheon – Carol C. No report at this time.

From the floor: Terry announces that some kits have not been checked out.

Bids closed out:

Show and Tell: Karen A donated several items to the club for the Boutique.

Connie S: baby Quilts, Valerie S: embroidered tea towels- Cuteness

12:04 Meeting adjourned

Typed and written by Carol Cole, Rec. Secretary