

Porterville Quilters newsletter

OCTOBER 2026



From our President

Happy Fall Y'all! So, I spoke too soon in last month's newsletter about cooler days! Looks like the "warm" weather is sticking around a bit longer. Wishful thinking I guess.

Our August meeting was not only fun, but informative. I appreciate all of you who shared the ideas you discussed during our games. The Board has been discussing them and we hope that you will see that we are taking your suggestions to heart in the coming months.

September brought us a wonderful presentation and workshop! We are very grateful to Brenda for sharing her stories, her quilts, and her talents! The workshop on Friday was a lot of fun and we all learned a lot!

And now it's October! The Boutique went well and was well attended. Thank you to ALL who participated in any way from making the items, donating materials, setting or cleaning up, making and serving refreshments, to publicizing our event. It could only have been a success with all of you participating! I look forward to the report at our upcoming meeting! We will be having an in-house mini Boutique during our October meeting for those of you who were not able to attend on the 3rd and for those of you who may still want to do a little more shopping!

We have an **unexpected opportunity** to display and sell tickets for our **Opportunity Quilt!** I have secured us a space during the Springville Apple Festival (October 17th) at the Springville Church of the Nazarene's Craft and Yard Sale to set up our Opportunity Quilt booth. In addition to the Opportunity Quilt tickets, we will have a few of the Boutique items for sale as well. I will need volunteers who can work the booth for an hour or two between 8:30 - 4:30. If you are willing and able to work the booth, please respond to the eBlast Carol has sent out.

There has been a change in our October program. Unfortunately, Rebecca Haley will not be able to be our presenter this month. I can explain more at the meeting. However, Sheri Cates has generously arranged a program for us! She has invited another Local Hero to be our presenter at our October meeting! Hearing from our Local Heroes and seeing them receive their quilts is always a highlight for us. I hope you will not miss it! See you on the 15th! Kathy

Becki E 10/4
Kathleen G 10/20
Amy N 10/10
Clara P 10/5
Lynette S 10/20



Celebrating 250 Years of Freedom

Our nation is commemorating 250 years of liberty. We pay tribute to our veterans through the Local Heroes program. This year, we are excited to invite our honorees to ride on the float during the Porterville Veterans Day Parade on November 11th. We welcome anyone who would like to lend a hand with the decorations to join us!





Post- Harvest Boutique News

Thank you everyone who participated in the Harvest Boutique 2026. Our total inventory was 730 items, which was very close to our total items in 2025. The displays looked full and shoppers were buying. We received many compliments on the event. There was even a line to pay at one point.

We will bring back your items for a “pop-up boutique” at our October 15 meeting. It will be in the “fireplace room,” the lower room of the church. If you come at 9, please help us set up. You will be able to shop from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and at break time.

At the end of the meeting, please take your items that have not sold, cut the price tag off and leave it in container marked “Not Sold”. Then you may take your item home. Thank you so much. Ellen

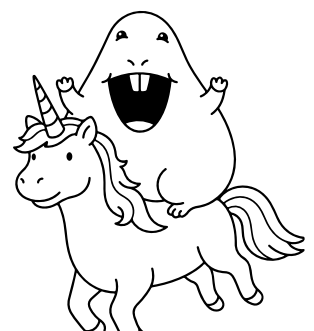


From Becki: I would like to thank all the members who helped out with the Boutique. Those who provided items to sell, those who helped out on Friday with the setup, and those who helped out on Saturday with the sale and cleanup. I was very pleased with the results, and I hope that you are too. We will have the remaining items for sale at the next meeting on October 15th, so you can purchase things if you like. When the sale is through, you may take home any unsold items that you made. Thank you again for all your efforts and help.

Becki Eaton



Upcoming Events
Club Meeting: 10:15
Board Meeting 10/26 @ Jenny Lynn's





Stack & Whack



October 15th
Club Meeting

Join us for a
special ****Local
Hero****
presentation,
followed by an
exciting ****Boutique
Sale****!

ANNOUNCEMENT

TICKETS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
WILL BE ****\$10.00**** FOR BOTH MEMBERS AND
GUESTS.

DATE: DECEMBER 17, 2026
FOR ANY INQUIRIES, PLEASE REACH OUT TO JANET
ALEXANDER.



Porterville Quilters General Meeting 8/20/26

- Call to Order: 10:00 AM - Flag Salute
- Sunshine: We welcomed 41 members and 1 guest, Ashea, who visited today; she was last year's scholarship recipient. A special welcome to our new member, Karen Hook—her contact information will be shared separately.
- *August Birthdays were acknowledged.

Old Business:

- July Minutes Review: Motion to accept by Margaret S, seconded by Georgeanne B. Motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report: Ferral presented the report for the period from 7/1 to 7/31. Motion to accept by Sandra D, seconded by Amy Newton. Motion passed.
- Block of the Month: July's blocks were given to Valerie. Kathy B presented the August block (Cats).

Correspondence:

- We received a thank-you card from the Camp Nelson Mountain Festival committee along with an application for the 2027 event.
- An advertisement from Common Threads Quilt Guild inviting us to their Boutique on October 3rd, coinciding with our event, offers a chance for a fun shop hop.
- Congratulations to Zoe for winning the Basket Drawing! The basket was provided by Connie S.

Boutique:

- Scheduled for October 3rd. Advertising is underway; please distribute flyers around town.
- Consider how to arrange items for sale and submit your ideas to Ellen or Becki. Don't forget to label your contributions with your name.

Luncheon Report:

- The next meeting date will be communicated soon. Please confirm your table setup with Janet Alexander.

Little Quilts:

- On the third Tuesday of each month, members work on items for In-Home Support Services.
- Ashea shared her experience attending CSUB and her efforts in making stuffed animals sent across the states. Last year's scholarship recipient contributed by donating seven handmade elephants. Thank you! A total of 60 quilts were delivered to the community.

Honor Quilts:

- Sheri expressed gratitude to the club for their involvement in creating quilts and pillowcases.

Float:

- The committee will meet next week to decide on decoration details and to contact the Veteran (Art and his wife) about participating in the float. President Kathy showcased the completed Porterville Quilters Banner, noting that tabs will be added for visibility on both sides.
- Kathy mentioned the need for a projector and screen, as presenters have frequently requested them. A motion was made to purchase both for up to \$400.00, first motion by Karen E, seconded by Phyllis. Motion passed. Connie suggested purchasing adapters as well. An advertising board is now available at the club for buying, selling, or trading items.

From the Floor:

- Shirley Hickman shared how meaningful the club has been in her life, both socially and in learning new skills.

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Memorial Scholarship:

Margaret announced that the funds raised for food (specifically sandwiches) at Jenny M's service will be allocated to the scholarship fund. She expressed gratitude to everyone who contributed food and helped in the kitchen. Memorial Scholarships in memory of Jenny M and Janice P have been established, each valued at \$100.00. The motion was made by Terry and seconded by Doris, and it passed successfully.

As the year comes to a close, we will be looking for committee chairs and officers. Please reflect on how you can contribute to the club and reach out to Terry G for any inquiries.

Vice President's Report:

Carmen reported that \$147.00 was raised at the Mountain Festival on ticket sales for the Opportunity Quilt. A big thank you to all who participated and assisted at the booth.

The upcoming showing of the Opportunity Quilt will be held at Calico Mermaid on September 10, 11, and 12.

Our Annual Retreat is set for this Friday, September 18th, from 9 AM to 3 PM, and a meal will be provided at the FCC.

Carmen will lead a program and raised a thought-provoking question for the members: What do we want from our club?

Suggestions from Club Members:

- Move the show and tell session before the business meeting.
- Have the Board manage the January Budget off-site.
- Schedule meetings on Saturdays and evenings for those who cannot attend during the day.
- Offer additional classes and trunk shows featuring our members.
- Focus on teaching programs while minimizing business discussions to prioritize enjoyable activities.
- Teach and mentor newcomers.
- Consider hosting the Boutique every other year.
- Organize a quilt show that highlights our members' quilts, with vendors and food.
- Advertise on Facebook to engage the community and promote the Local Heroes Program.
- Introduce other crafts such as felting and crocheting.
- Provide beginner skill classes in the evenings (Blocks).
- Contemplate changing the club's name, as our activities encompass more than just quilting.
- Join the Chamber of Commerce, which meets at 10 AM at the Theatre.
- Enhance our community presence, including participation in the Veterans Day Parade.
- Reach out to community organizations like 4H and Girl Scouts as well!

September General Meeting

Call to Order: 10:02 Attendance: 42 members and 3 guests

September birthdays: Margaret S. and Cathy P.

Member Georgeanne B.'s sister passed away: Keep her in your thoughts.

Carmen introduced Brenda McCutcheon. Brenda presented her trunk show of quilts and wall hangings she has made over the past 5 years. She used the Stack and Whack method and will be teaching a class tomorrow at the Westwood Clubhouse.

There is a Communication Board in the entryway that we will be using to post information or items for trade, buy, and sale.

Committees: It's that time of year. Please think about getting involved by serving on a committee. Join in with a buddy. It will be fun.

Little Quilts: Over 200 quilts were delivered this year. They are in need of quilt tops, size 40 in by 50 in. Little Quilts will be needing a new leader next year. After several years of service, our current leaders will be stepping down. Georgia G. from Calico Mermaid donated a quilt made from a panel; it will go to Little Quilts.

Block of the Month: Della shared that ticket sales have been low and wants input to make the block of the month more interesting. How can we improve our monthly block? Consider a sample block for each month that will give you a complete quilt by the end of the year. Now, if you win a monthly drawing, you cannot win again for the year. Consider if you win more than once to share with someone you know who will want it.

Do you want to be the committee leader for the block of the month? Talk to Della.

Kathy E. presented the next block (make a 10 in square).

Linda P. won the August Blocks. Congratulations.

Show and Tell: Terry G. shared a Big Block and shirt that was taught last month. Becki E. shared her shirt. Kathy B. shared 2 shirts. Valerie S. and Ellen shared a Christmas wreath. Valerie S. also shared her Pumpkin Quilt.

Lynette shared her Santa on the Beach done at the Jolly Jingle and a Cat table runner.

Christie shared 3 quilt tops. Carmen shared an apron, chicken pot holders, pillowcases, and pumpkins made for the Boutique.

Break

11:18 Review of last month's minutes: the budget was not attached to the Aug. General Meeting Notes and will be reviewed next month.

Luncheon report: Table hosts will be receiving instructions on what they will be responsible for. The cost for the meal will be \$10.00 for members and guests.

Correspondence: Note received for the Sierra View Cancer Center—thank you for the donated quilts.

Carmen: Our Opportunity Quilt was shown at the Calico Mermaid during the “shop hop”; \$210.00 was collected. The quilt will be shown at Rusty Roots coming up November 2nd—will need people to sign up to man the booth.

Next month Becky Haley will be here and will have a trunk show.

Boutique: Set up volunteers are needed—will need 3 cashiers in the AM with help with a calculator. There will be 2 shifts AM and PM. Please see Ellen if you can help.

Leftover Boutique items will be for sale at the next General Meeting.

Veteran's Day Parade: We will have a float with our Local Heroes recipients. If anyone wants to assist in decoration, see Carol, Karen, or Terry. We will be decorating on the Friday or Saturday if needed prior to the Parade on Nov 11th.

11:45 Meeting adjourned.

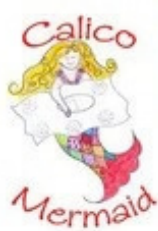
Typed and submitted by Carol Cole, Secretary.

Brenda McCutcheon
Guest Speaker



**Brenda shared her projects
since the last time she
came. Such beautiful work...**





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