

Merry Christmas!



Porterville Quilters

Ps and Qs



President's Message

The Christmas season is definitely upon us. I am joyous and thankful for all the blessings in my life. I hope you all have a season of love and family.

Thank you all for the past year. Its been great. I also look forward to 2017 and the new things that we will accomplish together.

Our Christmas Pot Luck is a fun time to socialize with all the new friends we have made within club. Our 2017 Opportunity Quilt is absolutely gorgeous. The pattern and quilting was done by our past President Arlene Farrar. Take a moment to appreciate

the work that she has done for us.



I want to take a moment to thank the officers who are leaving the board. Priscilla Summers served as the club's treasurer for three years and did an outstanding job. She was willing to change to a new format for reporting the monthly budget, which greatly improved the reporting system. Thank you, Priscilla! Brenda Hughes served the club as corresponding secretary for almost two years. Brenda stepped in when our elected

corresponding secretary, Karen Christenson, passed away early in 2015. She has done a wonderful job for the club. Thank you, Brenda! Take some time at the next meeting to welcome our new board members: Terry Gomez and Jo Ann Bishop.

I wish each one of you a joyous Christmas and a safe and sane New Year! In the meanwhile,

Keep Stichin'

Phyllis



Meeting Minutes: November 17, 2016

Call to Order: 10:02 a.m.

Flag Salute: 10:02 a.m.

Welcome: 46 members present / 2 guests

Sunshine: Josie Flashberger announced the November Birthdays: Candy Boulton, Marlis Brownfield and Helen Landeros.

Recording Secretary Report: The October minutes

were amended as follows: Proposed Slate of Officers: Corresponding Secretary **Joanne Bishop**, They were then accepted as amended on a motion by Sheri Cates, seconded Doris Pyland.

Treasurer's Report: Phyllis Taylor reviewed the Treasurer's Report which was then accepted on a motion by Becki Eaton and se-

conded by Georgia Ogas.

Correspondence: Brenda Hughes reported on the Holiday A-Fair Shopping Spectacular at the Porterville Fair Grounds on Nov. 26th and 27th. Also the Camp Nelson Bazaar will be held on Nov. 25th and 26th from 10-4 each day at Camp Nelson Chapel on Nelson Drive. Springville.

General Business:

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Carmen Friesen,
Editor

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*Happy New
Year!*



Meeting Minutes: November 17, 2016 continued

Upcoming Events: November: finished and unfinished items will be auctioned off at the Holiday Boutique and the Mystery Quilt will be revealed. **December** Christmas Party. There will be a Gift Exchange with a \$10 limit. Place your name either on the bottom of the gift or inside the gift. The club will provide the meat, cake, paper products, beverages. Members will bring appetizers, salads, bread, etc. according to an alphabetical list available on a table at the rear of the room. The winner of the 2016 Opportunity Quilt will be revealed.

Mystery Quilt: Sandy Whaling coordinated the display of the member's mystery quilts.

Slate of Officers: Doris Pyland announced the nominated 2017 Slate of Officers: President Phyllis Taylor, Vice President Sheri Cates, Treasurer Carole Puccino, Recording Secretary Terry Gomez and Correspondence Secretary Joanne Bishop and asked for nominations from the floor for each position. There were none. The nomination was closed. A motion by Margaret Smith, seconded Becki Eaton to accept the Slate of Officers as presented was approved.

Standing Committees: Phyllis Taylor asked that members consider signing up for open Standing

Committee positions. Bus Trips, Little Quilts, 2018 Opportunity Quilt Committee, 2017 Opportunity Quilt Ticket Chairman. A sign up sheet was made available. Georgeanne Borjon will audit our books for 2017.

Block of the Month October's Block of the Month squares (52) were jointly won by Georgeanne Borjon and Carole Puccino. Doris Pyland then demonstrated next month's Block of the Month.

Holiday Boutique - Many beautiful handmade items were auctioned off. The total income was approx. \$335.

Money Jars - The winners were again chosen randomly from the sign-in list and prizes were given to the winners.

Old Business: None

New Business: None: The By-Law Revision was again revised to read as follows: By-Laws Article VIII: Committees, Sect. 2. Ad Hoc Committees: Nominating shall consist of three (3) members, the Chairperson to be appointed by the President at the regular October meeting, the other two members selected by the Chairperson from the membership at large. The committee will present a Slate of Officers at the **September** meeting. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted in October **and/or No-**

vember and voted on at the November general meeting. This revision will be published in the Newsletter and will be voted on at the December meeting.

Show and Tell Members displayed their quilts for the final time this year. There will be no Show and Tell at the December.

Adjournment at 11:53 a.m.

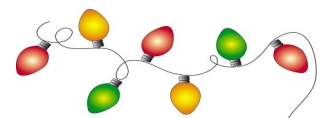
Respectfully submitted,

Carole Puccino



Nuts and Bolts

- Georgeanne Borjon will be auditing the 2016 budget and reporting the finding in January. Thank you, Georgeanne!
- For Sale: I have a Janome and a Featherweight sewing machine for sale. Contact me at 559-359-1135 or see me at Thursday's meeting. Phyllis Taylor
- Due to time constraints, Show and Tell and showing UFOs will be postponed until 2017.



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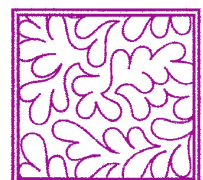
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Mark Your Calendars



- **December General Meeting:** The Opportunity Quilt Drawing will be held during the meeting. Make sure you have turned in all your drawing tickets to Doris Pyland. The installation of officers for the 2017 year will be held. The Christmas Luncheon and gift exchange will be conducted. There will be no time for Show and Tell or showing of UFO's, so hold onto your items for 2017.
- **January's General Meeting:** The general meeting will be held January 19, 2017. Most of the meeting will be taken up with planning for the year.

Christmas Party Gift

For club members who want to participate in the Christmas gift exchange, please do the following: buy a gift costing no more than \$10, before you wrap the gift you are exchanging, **write your name** on a slip of paper and include it with the gift. Wrap your gift. When you arrive at the meeting for the party, sign-in and put your gift under the Christmas tree. Instructions will be given at the party on how to collect a gift during the party. *Merry Christmas!*



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Let's Party! Details

The December, 2016, meeting will include a pot luck luncheon for attending members. The main dishes (spiral cut ham and roasted turkey) will be provided by the Porterville Quilters Jar Fund. Members are asked to provide the appetizers **or** bread/butter, salads, side dishes, and desserts according to the first letter of their last name as follows:


Letters A—F	Desserts
Letters G—L	Side dishes
Letters M—P	Salads
Letters R—Z	Appetizers OR bread and butter

The PQs will also provide a cake, so members providing desserts need to keep their contributions small. Each member should bring enough food to serve 6—8 people. Be sure to attend the meeting! You don't want to miss out on the great food!

Checklist for the next meeting:



- Name tag (or 25¢)
- Food for Christmas Pot Luck
- Gift for gift exchange (if you are participating)
- Your Christmas spirit!



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Show and Tell: Sharing Our Stories



First row, from left to right: Georgeanne Borjon shared a quilt that her grandmother stated and she (with the support and advise from friends) finished. Candy Boulton displayed a table runner called 'greased lightning.' Several quilters have made this pattern and it's interesting to see the various fabric choices.

Second row: Barbara Miller presented two lap quilts which she then donated to the Little Quilts Committee. **Third row:** Rose Johnson shared a quilt which was donated to her church's craft sale. The quilt was made, quilted, and donated by Sheri Cates. Sandra Dauer exhibited a quilt that she completed for friends.





Show and Tell: Sharing Our Stories



First column, top to bottom: Lynette Stover displayed an Irish change quilt in blues and whites that she made for her daughter. Kathy Stafford showed a 'lamb quilt' made in pinks for her granddaughter. **Second column:** The Little Quilts Committee shared two of the 24 dolls made and donated to the Cradle Quilts Committee. Each doll had coordinated fabric for the dress, mattress and pillow, and quilt! So cute! Darlene Byars presented her latest quilt top, which was made of colorful scraps. Kathy Stafford also shared a blue and white quilt she made for her son.





Mystery Quilt Revealed! It's a Mystery No More

Mystery Quilt Committee chairperson, Sandy Whaling, helped participating quilters reveal the mystery quilt in November. Fifteen club members started the project in February and five had at least the quilt top done by November. Quilters who shared their work at the meeting were Sandy Whaling (first row—green, pink and peach), Phyllis Taylor (first row—black, white, and jewel tones), Janice Poe (first row—pink and blue), Anne Beverage (second row—black, white, and red), and Becki Eaton (second row—yellows and blues). The pattern featured pieced butterflies. Each quilter selected fabrics in light, medium, and dark intensities, cut and pieced the block, and sewed borders according to clues given each month. As you can see, the results are impressive. A new mystery quilt will be started in 2017. The cost is \$5 to participate.



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Club News

Officers for 2017

A slate of nominees for club officers was presented to club members during the November meeting. Nominees for offices were: President-Phyllis Taylor; Vice-President-Sheri Cates; Treasurer-Carole Puccino; Recording Secretary-Terry Gómez; and Corresponding Secretary-Jo Anne Bishop. Club members approved the slate as presented, after nominations were taken from the floor. Congratulations, ladies, and thank you for consenting to serve the club!



Phyllis Taylor
President



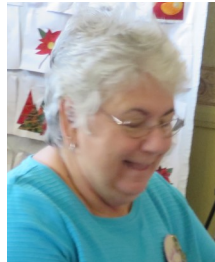
Sheri Cates
Vice President



Carole Puccino
Treasurer



Terry Gomez
Recording Secretary



Jo Anne Bishop
Corresponding Secretary

Cradle Quilts

Cradle Quilts chairman, Noeleen Paskwitz, is pleased to announce that her committee met the goal of 125 "doll sets" she established for the year. The committee completed 130 dolls, with quilts,

mattresses, pillows, and dresses! Noeleen wishes to thank all club members who helped with the dolls and quilts this year, with a special 'thank you' to the Little Quilts Committee.

Noeleen also announced that the Cradle Quilts Committee will meet every 4th Tuesday at the Calico Mermaid Quilt Shop in Porterville to work on dolls, dresses, quilts, etc. The first work session is scheduled for January 24, 2017. Mark your planners and join Noeleen.

Little Quilts

WOW what a great year we had! Little Quilts started the year with a move to Hillside community Church. We want to thank you, the members, for all your help. We donated over 200 quilts to Porterville coordinating council, Lindsay coordinating council, and the crisis center. We also added Tulare County Health and Human Services, as well as Tulare County Senior Christmas stocking project. Next year we will be working for the seniors as well as children in our community. We are so fortunate to be able to use our quilting skills to help those in need. We will be asking for everyone's help to next year so get ready.

December Birthdays

12-1	Cathy Shaffer
12-1	Maggie Rogers
12-2	JoAnn Bishop
12-2	Linda Letterneau
12-7	Sheri Cates
12-12	Carol Lapham-Bartlett
12-15	Leslie Kennard
12-15	Linda Pettit
12-16	Priscilla Summers
12-17	Noeleen Paskwitz
12-22	Della Rapp

Editor's Note: Thank you to all club members for your support, patience, and understanding in my newsletter endeavors this year. I look forward to continuing work on the newsletter in 2017. Happy Holidays!





Holiday Boutique

The Porterville Quilters' Club held its annual Holiday Boutique during the November, 2016, meeting. Many quilters cleaned out their sewing areas of "quilty" items they no longer used or wanted. Available for purchase were patterns, tools, coordinated fabric packages, homemade knick-knacks, tea towels, pillow cases, and quilt tops, just to name a few. Time was allowed during the break in the meeting for visiting and shopping. The club cleared \$347 from the sales. Thank you to those club members who donated items for sale!

Pictured at right, first column, top to bottom: Mariana Moss and Carole Puccino perused some of the items for sale. Sally Castillo checked her bid. **Second Column:** Terry Gómez is tried very hard not to binge buy. Sheri Cates and Kathy Shaffer shared some visiting time. And Jeanne Johnson couldn't believe the low starting prices on some of the bids!



A Word to Our Sponsors



The Porterville Quilters' Club thanks our generous sponsors for 2016. Our sponsors include Zoe's Quilting Designs, Sheri's Quilting Memories, Calico Mermaid Quilt Shop, Moss Creek Quilts, and Josie's Long Arm Machine Quilting. A special 'thank you' goes to Georgia and Richard Goode for sponsoring the Porterville Quilters website. Our sponsors are an integral part of making the club a success. We hope to see you next year! Again, THANK YOU!

A Proposed Change

The club board will be asking club members to vote for a change in wording to the existing by-laws. The highlighted, underlined words below demonstrate the proposed change:

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PORTERVILLE QUILTERS

Established in 1983

P.O. Box 1881
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Club Officers

- **Phyllis Taylor**, President
- **Sheri Cates**, Vice-president
- **Priscilla Summers**, Treasurer
- **Carole Puccino**, Recording Secretary
- **Brenda Hughes**, Corresponding Secretary

The purpose of the Porterville Quilters Club is to create, stimulate, maintain, and record an interest in all matters pertaining to the making, collecting, and preserving of quilts and to establish and promote educational and philanthropic endeavors through quilts.

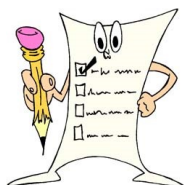
The Porterville Quilters Club meets on the third Thursday of each month at the First Congregational Church, located at 165 East Mill Avenue in Porterville. Meetings begin at 10:00 a.m. Guests are always welcomed. There is no charge to attending guests.

The next meeting of the executive board will be on **Monday, January, 2, 2017**, at the Calico Mermaid Quilt Shop, 122 North Main Street in Porterville at 9:30 a.m. (Please use the rear entrance.) All members are welcomed to attend.



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It's that time of the year, again! It's time to renew your membership. Even if your information hasn't changed, please print and fill out the form, then turn it (and the fee of \$30) in to the club's treasurer. Remember, if your dues are not paid by the January 2017 meeting you will not be included in the club's membership directory. Hurry, hurry!

2017 PORTERVILLE QUILTERS MEMBERSHIP & INFORMATION UPDATE

Please submit this form to the Treasurer with your \$30.00 dues. If you are only getting the newsletter, the fee is \$10.00. Put this application and your dues in an envelope and hand to the Treasurer. Dues must be paid prior to the January 2017 meeting to be included in the membership directory.

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