

# Ps and Qs

Porterville Quilters

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## President's Message

Dear fellow members,

It's true what they say – April showers bring May flowers; my yard has an abundance of flowers!

We have redone part of our yard but our hedge has really gone crazy with new growth. It makes me smile.

My sewing room is another matter – it keeps growing, and growing and growing. I can't stop adding projects and fabrics to this room. I know I have lots of space but it is really getting crowded in here. I need to finish those UFO's and STOP visiting the fabric store. I bet you have that problem, too.

Two events coming up soon might help me with this problem. In July we will be having our club's annual event "Spring Cleaning" (formerly Holiday Boutique). This is where we purge ourselves of patterns, projects, tools, and fabrics we no longer want and

donate them to the club for sale to other members. We should also be thinking about Harvest Bounty – our new annual event – where we make and donate finished projects to sell to the membership. I hope you have started on both of these projects, or will be starting soon.

In the meantime I am looking forward to our Spring Potluck and Little Quilts raffle in May. So. . . . .

Keep stitchin'

*Phyllis*



Carmen Friesen, Editor



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## Meeting Minutes: March 16, 2017

**Call to Order/Flag Salute:** 10:00 a.m.

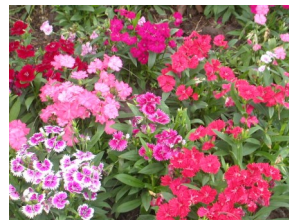
**Present:** 42 members present, 5 guest

**Welcome/Sunshine/birthdays:** Linda Petit reported the April birthdays. She sent cards to Ray Lynne Dyar, Karen Andres, Dotty Primo, Ellen Jordan, Sandra Dauer.

**Secretary's Report:** Correction to

minutes: the letter received thanking the group that did the Trunk Show in Springville was from the Springville Community Club. Accepted as presented, motion to accept made by Jody Mead and seconded Becki Eaton. Motion carried

**Treasurers report:** Motion to accept treasurer's report was made by Karen Andres and seconded by Doris



## Meeting Minutes: March 16, 2017 continued

Pyland, motion carried.

**Correspondence Report:** Information given on several upcoming events.

### General Business:

**Programs--**Sheri Cates-presented the programs for the next 3 months, reminding everyone of the Little Quilt raffle next month. She also asked members participating in the VP challenge to sign up so she has a head count.

**Local Heroes--**Members were informed of changes made in the Quilt of Valor program and that we would not be participating in that program. The club will conduct its own program to be called Local Heroes. The quilts made by the club will be presented to our local heroes and not be sent outside of the area. Linda Pettit read a thank you card from her brother who received a quilt. If you have someone

you want to receive a quilt, talk to Sheri Cates.

**Best of the Valley Update:** Karen Ervin thanked the 15 club members who volunteered to be docents at the show. She also thanked those members who were ticket sellers at the show. The ticket sales on the opportunity quilt brought in over \$300 for the 3 days.

**Block of the Month:** Anne Beveridge presented the block of the month materials and instructions: the background fabric is provided and quilters supply a floral print. Spring colors were suggested.

**Sierra Mountain Quilters:** Elaine Stillman presented the Sierra Mountain Quilters' opportunity quilt and sold tickets. Porterville Quilters were invited to attend their quilt show on the 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> of May in Oakhurst.

**Program:** Trunk show presented by Pat Robinson was enjoyed

by all. (See pictures on Page 6 of this month's newsletter.)

**Show and Tell:** Club members displayed lovely quilts. (See Pages 4-5 of this newsletter.)

'Thank you' to the hospitality committee for the refreshments.

**Old Business--** none

**New Business--** None

**Adjourned:** 12:05pm

Respectfully submitted by  
Terry Gomez,  
Recording Secretary

### Porterville Quilters'

#### Ombudsman

If you have a comment, complaint, concern, or even a compliment, please speak with the club's Ombudsman Becki Eaton. She is your confidential contact between membership and the board and will bring your information to the board to find the best way to address your concerns.



## Nuts and Bolts



- **Local Heroes** quilt block kits will be ready for pick-up and construction for any interested volunteers during the May meeting. Sheri Cates, club VP, hopes to have enough blocks for two quilts, each measuring approximately 60" x 70". After the July meeting, volunteers are needed to assemble the

quilt tops. Volunteers will need to bring sewing machines and supplies. Add these dates to your calendar!

- **Reminder:** all members are needed to work on donations for the Harvest Bounty in October. Completed items should be turned in to Sheri Cates, Phyllis Taylor, or Becki Eaton. Remember- items can be anything related to sewing or quilting that you have made.



## Mark Your Calendar



- May 18:** Spring Pot Luck and a Little Quilts raffle are scheduled. The 'Silent Auction' has been renamed the 'Spring Cleaning Boutique' and has been scheduled for July. Details for the boutique are forthcoming. For the pot luck: please bring the following, last names beginning with

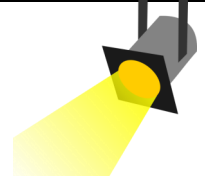
A—F	Salad	M—P	Dessert
G—L	Appetizer	R—Z	Main dish

- May 23:** Cradle Quilts will have a work session to make cradle quilts, doll dresses, and pillows and mattresses at the Calico Mermaid. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. See Noleen Paskweitz for details.
- June 15 & 16:** Guest speaker Anelie Belden will present a trunk show on Thursday, June 15, for the club and a class at the Calico Mermaid on Friday, June 16. Ms. Belden is the author of the book *Thoroughly Modern Dresden*. The class at the Calico Mermaid will be on Anelie's piecing method of stitch-n-flip incorporating her split Dresden blade design. Cost is \$80 and includes lunch.
- July 20:** The Spring Clean Boutique will be conducted during the meeting. Arrive early if you have items to donate. More details to follow.



Split Dresden blade sample

## In the Spotlight



As always, the first quilters to identify our Spotlight quilter (by e-mailing me) receive a small prize. Only one correct answer counts (so only 1 prize per winner).

This month's Spotlight quilter is a local girl; she was born in Visalia, California. She grew up as a migrant child, working crops throughout the southwest with her parents and family. She's a retired teacher and school administrator. She started quilting as a means to make presents for her granddaughter and for 18 years has sent that granddaughter a quilt for her birthday. Besides quilting, she also gardens, embroiders by hand and machine, and raises cats, chickens, and geese. Most people don't know she is an introvert and really private and shy. Funny story: while on a trip to St. Marten (in the Caribbean), she had a delicious dinner at a local restaurant. Only later did she learn that most of the meal had consisted of local giant bugs! Do you know who she is????

### April Spotlight Quilters



The April Spotlight highlighted Ashley Cooper and Shirley Hickman. No one identified Ashley, but Georgia Goode, Karen Ervin, and Becki Eaton identified Shirley. How did you do?



Ashley Cooper-# 1



Shirley Hickman-# 2

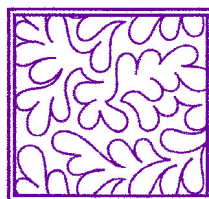
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# Show and Tell: Quilting Memories



Porterville quilters were very busy this month! **Pictured in first row:** VP Sheri Cates showed off her latest creation; Lynette Stover shared a table runner she made for her son: she also taught a class on making the table runner that many club members took; Doris Pyland displayed a table runner that she made using the mini-quick-curve ruler. **Second row:** Sue Rowell shared an interesting mini-quilt, while Ashley Cooper showed her very first quilt to members! **Third row:** Brenda Hughes shared a 'leaf' table topper that she started in a class and completed at home; Shirley Hickman displayed an 'outer space' quilt that she's working on; and Phyllis Taylor presented her completed 2015 mystery quilt. Lovely work, everyone!







# Show and Tell: Quilting Memories

Quilts made by **First row:** Doris Pyland and Linda Pettit. **Second row:** Shari Cates, Lynette Stover (ant wall hanging and hexie candle mat), and Linda Pettit (heart). **Third row:** Juanita Loftis' 2016 Vice-president's Challenge quilt, front and detailed view.





## Pat Robertson: Master Quilter



Pat Robertson, who has won national awards, presented a trunk show for the Porterville Quilters during the April meeting. Pat displayed quilts from her beginning days as a quilter to a few of her latest award winners. She delighted club members when she shared that many of her good ideas and techniques were invented to cover up her mistakes! Members were impressed with Pat's creativity, her meticulous work and attention to detail, as well as her prolific output. Pat's quilts have won awards at many of the local quilt shows, as well as at THE national show in Paducah, Kentucky. Club members were fortunate to have this master quilter visit!





# We Love Our Monthly Meetings!



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5-14 Sherry Loftis

5-16 Doris Pyland

5-23 Karen Ervin

5-25 Rae Lynn Dyar

5-25 Brenda Head

Our members thoroughly enjoyed the April meeting!

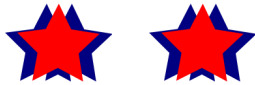
**Pictured in First row:** Linda Letterneau and Dottie Primo; Cathy Proctor; Sue Sampath.

**Second row:** Jody Mead; Darlene Lowe; Shirley Hickman; and Janice Poe.





# Quilts for Local Heroes



The Porterville Quilters' Club will no longer participate in the national *Quilts of Valor* program and has opted to form a local effort titled *Local Heroes*. Members are asked to nominate local residents who have served in the military to receive club-made quilts to honor their military service.

To date, four quilts have been distributed to local heroes. Ed Flory, nominated by Brenda Hughes, James Poe, nominated by Linda Pettit, James Stewart, nominated by Jan McCusker, and , nominated by Marianna Moss, have accepted quilts from the club. All were surprised and appreciative of by recognition. The Porterville Quilters thank these community members for their service to the United States.



Local heroes pictured are, **first row:** James Stewart with Jan McCusker. **Second row:** and James Poe. **Third row:** Ed Flory.

Pictures courtesy of Jan McCusker, Linda Pettit, Marianna Moss, and Brenda Hughes.



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### Club Officers

- Phyllis Taylor, President
- Sheri Cates, Vice-president
- Carole Puccino, Treasurer
- Terry Gómez, Recording Secretary
- Jo Ann Bishop, 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, June 5, 2017, at the Calico Mermaid Quilt Shop, 122 North Main Street, in Porterville. (Please use the rear entrance.) All members are welcomed to attend.

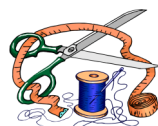
## Club News



- **Little Quilts:** Carole Puccino, committee chairman, has 20 yards of high-loft batting that the committee can't use. If you are interested in purchasing the batting for your own use, give Carole a call. She says she will make you a deal!
- **Harvest Bounty and UFOS:** Sheri Cates, club Vice-president, reminds all members to continue working on items to donate for Harvest Bounty coming in October. She also adds to remember to fill out the short form indicat-

ing which UFOs you are sharing each month. Sheri uses those forms to track who is presenting finished items.

- **Congratulations** to club members Phyllis Taylor and Helen Landeros! Helen won First Place in the Viewers' Choice Award for the over 80-years-old category. Helen's quilt, titled *Grandpa's Bridges*, featured hand embroidered covered bridges in green. Phyllis' quilts won Honorable Mention in two categories. Well done, ladies.



## For the next meeting remember to bring . .

- Name tag (or 25¢)
- Your Pot Luck dish
- Change for jars
- Completed block-of-the-month
- UFOs to show
- Show and Tell items
- Your smiling self!