

Ps and Qs

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President's Message

Dear quilters,

November brings mixed feelings for me. It is a time when I realize that my time as your president is coming to an end, and it also time to move on to other adventures. The excitement of the holidays is in front of me and the realization that time flies way too fast as I seem to be slowing down.

This club has been a blessing to me. It has taught me how to interact with everyone and I have learned so much from our programs and workshops. I truly love the giving spirit of our club – Local Heroes, Cradle Quilts, Little Quilts, and the Senior Project. In addition, we share our talents through Harvest Bounty and we donate items that we no longer use/need with our yearly Spring Cleaning Event.

This meeting gives you the opportunity to elect your new club officers for 2018.

It also gives you the opportunity to give back to a club that gives so much by volunteering to serve on one of the many committees that make this club run. So many of you have already volunteered and only a few positions are left. If you can, please elect to help in one of the following positions: BUS TRIP, HISTORIAN, HOSPITALITY and REFRESHMENT (this can be a two person position), or OPPORTUNITY QUILT FOR 2019. Descriptions of these jobs can be found in your membership directory. If you can not serve in one of these positions, consider doing a BLOCK on the MONTH demo for 2018, or asking any one of the chairpersons how you can help during the year.

Keep stitchin'

Phyllis



Meeting Minutes: October 21, 2017

Call to Order/Flag Salute: 10:02 by President Phyllis Taylor

Welcome Sunshine: Linda Pettit reported there were 49 members present and 3 guests: Yvonne Langton, Susan K. Ramsey, and Joyce Bartlett.

October Birthdays: Becky Eaton, Carole Puccino, Karen Callahan, Lynette Stover, Clea Adams and Cynthia Menne.

Recording Secretary Report: C. Puccino accepted a motion by D.

Pyland, second by Darlene Byars to accept the September minutes as presented in the newsletter. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: C. Puccino reviewed the September Treasurer's Report which was accepted on a motion by K. Andris, second by E. Jordan.

Correspondence Report: JoAnn Bishop reported the usual flyers were on the back table.

General Business:

Meeting Minutes: October 21, 2017—continued

Programs: Sheri Cates described the Programs for October through December. The December luncheon will begin at 10:30 a.m. Guests may begin to arrive at 10:00 a.m.

VP Challenges were revealed. Participants explained the song connected to their quilts and received a small metal tin containing charm squares for their participation. Lots of fun hearing the stories and viewing the various quilts.

Block of the Month: Lynette Stover demonstrated the BOM for November named Christmas Bows (bow-tie pattern). The winner of the October blocks was Sandra Dauer.

Money Jars: Jars gifts for October were made by Cathy Shaffer. Phyllis explained and demonstrated how the names of the winners are randomly chosen via a program on Sheri Cates' phone.

Boutique: During the break, members participated in the Harvest Bounty fund raiser. There were over 150 beautiful items up for bid.

Announcement: Cathy Proctor reminded everyone about the upcoming Handweavers of the Valley Show and Sale on Oct. 28, 2017 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Exeter Veterans Memorial Building, HWY 65 in Exeter.

New Business:

Little Quilts C. Puccino requested that members donate large pieces of material to little quilts for backing.

Porterville Fair: Motion by L. Stover second by E. Jordan to donate to the 2018 Porterville Fair. Motion carried.

Bus Trip: Carmen Friesen reported that 27 PQ members and 5 guests attended the Pacific International Quilt Show in Santa Clara via the bus trip. Everyone reported having a great time.

Old Business:

Standing Committees: Phyllis reminded everyone that the following Standing Committees positions are still open: Bus Trip, Historian, Hospitality and Refreshments, 2019 Hospitality Quilt, and Publicity. See Phyllis if you can help out.

Proposed 2018 Slate of Officers. Georgeanne Borjon reported that the Nominating Committee met and recommended the following Slate of Officers for 2018: Corresponding Secretary – JoAnn Bishop; Recording Secretary – Carole Puccino; Treasurer- Phyllis Taylor; Vice President – Carmen Friesen; President – Sheri Cates. Members were asked to consider these nominees and prepare to vote at the November meeting. Members may still be nominated from the floor at that time. Be sure you check with your nominee prior to nominating them.

Show and Tell: Karen Andris

showed a quilted cat and dog, Doris Pyland showed a birdcage applique, Sheri Cates showed a Christmas themed wall hanging from a Calico Mermaid class. Sally Castillo showed a TV quilt, Jean Loscotoff showed a Road to California and a lady bug quilt, Juanita Loftus showed a UFO, Trish Shelton showed a small whole-cloth quilt, Marianna Moss showed table runners, and Georgeanne Borjon showed a lighthouse wall hanging,

Local Hero Presentation:

Georgeanne Borjon presented a Local Hero Quilt to her father, Richard Schlagle. Mr. Schlagle served in the Navy aboard the USS South Dakota. He spoke about being orphaned as a young child, dropping out of high school, and then joining the Navy. He received money under the GI Bill, married, and raised a family. His daughters were all present at the meeting to see him receive the quilt which he greatly appreciated. The quilt was displayed and family pictures were taken. Members made the blocks and Josie Flashberger quilted it.

Adjournment: The meeting was then adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Carole Puccino, Acting Recording Secretary



Nuts and Bolts



Quilts for Local Heroes: This project has become very popular with club members, and rightly so. The club has given several quilts to local veterans to honor their military service. As a reminder to members, if


you know of an active or retired military serviceman that you would like to see honored, submit his/her name to Sheri Cates. If you would like to volunteer to make blocks or to quilt tops once they're made, contact Sheri.

Pictured at right: a completed quilt ready for gifting.



Mark Your Calendar

- **November 16:** PQs general meeting. Mystery Quilt reveal, nominations for officers for the 2018 year to be presented, program is a series of mini-workshops. A series of 6 mini-workshops will be presented by club members. Attendees will sit at one station (and remain there) while a sewing/quilting technique is presented. Instructors will rotate to cover all 6 stations. Attendees do not need to bring any supplies. All needed materials will be supplied by the club. BOM presenter—Karen Ervin. Be there or be square!
- **December 4:** PQs board meeting at the Calico Mermaid at 9:30 a.m. Members are welcomed to attend.
- **December 21:** PQs general meeting and Christmas Luncheon at Nuchols Ranch, which will start at **10:30 a.m.** The meeting will include the installation of officers for 2018, drawing for the 2017 opportunity quilt, reveal of the 2018 opportunity quilt, and a gift exchange. Dress festively!
- **January 8, 2018:** Porterville Quilters Board Meeting— 9:00 a.m. at the Calico Mermaid. All members are welcomed to attend.
- **January 18, 2018:** general membership meeting. The proposed 2018 budget will be reviewed and voted on, other business matters will be discussed, and agendas set for the 2018 year. Be sure to attend so that you can provide input and have a say in what YOUR club decides.

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Christmas Luncheon and Gift Exchange



The club's Christmas Luncheon to be held during the club's regular meeting on December 21 at Nuchols' Ranch located at 13144 Road 216 in Porterville. The meeting will start at 10:30 a.m. (rather than at 10:00 a.m.). Lunch will consist of ham **OR** turkey (NOT both). Your choice can be made via the sign-up sheet located at the Welcome Table. Be sure to do this at the November meeting, if you haven't already. The rest of the meal includes a vegetable casserole, salad, bread, and beverage.

Please sign up at the November meeting with your lunch selection and pay at the November meeting. For members with current dues paid, lunch will be \$13. (We will have jars for just this month to collect your change.) Non-members will be charged \$22. For more information, contact Sheri Cates.

Also, plan to bring a gift with a value of \$10 for our gift exchange game. The gift can be hand made, baked, bought, or a gift card. Before wrapping, be sure the you write who the gift is from (you) so that the recipient and thank you after the game. Wrap your gift and leave it under the Christmas tree when you arrive at the Nuchols Ranch. **Participation is not mandatory.** You may opt out of the game, if you wish.

The governing board encourages you to attend this fun, social activity!



Christmas Wish List

Dear Santa,

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Vice-president's Challenge is Revealed!



Pictured in first row: Phyllis Taylor with her challenge quilt; Doris Pyland; and Georgeanne Borjon with her table runner—her song? Garden Party.

Second row: Shirley Hickman

Third row: Ellen Jordan and Karen Andris

Editor's note: My apologies to the quilters who answered the challenge. I didn't capture all the songs that went with the quilts, and there were some very good ones. Many of the quilters I spoke with commented on what a fun challenge this was. All quilters will again be challenged in 2018. Be sure to participate!



At the March meeting, club members played the Traders' Game. From the game, each participant traded charm squares with other participants. Quilters then selected ten (10) squares from the Traders' Game, a song from their high school years, and miscellaneous fabrics.

The challenge was to complete a project of your choice (an apron, wall hanging, child's quilt, etc.) of any size using ten (10) of the charm squares from the game. Each quilter was to Interpret their chosen song with the ten squares and any additional fabric needed. Each quilter had to use the entire 10 squares within the project, though they could be cut into smaller pieces.

There were no limits as to the size or nature of the project. Each quilter had to be able to explain how the project was an interpretation of the chosen song or how the song related to the project.

Here are some of the results.

Vice-president's Challenge is Revealed!



Pictured in first row: Mariana Moss with an apron; Lynette Stover with landscape. Her song? Yellow Submarine; and Jeanne Loscotoff.

Second row: Sandra Dauer with her challenge and Sandy Whaling with her quilt. Can you guess the song? What's Up, Pus-sycat? So cute!

Third row: Janice Poe made a quilted bag.



Way to go, quilters! Such talent!



Show and Tell: Telling Stories in Cloth



Pictured above: Sheri Cates shared a Christmas quilt that was the sample for the Jolly Jingle at the Calico Mermaid this year. **Second row:** Doris Pyland with a "hexie" quilt and Karen Andris with a stuffed cat. **Third row:** Doris Pyland made small wall hangings for her bedroom and Georgeanne Borjon made a lighthouse wall hanging in a class at the Calico Mermaid.



Show and Tell: Telling Stories in Cloth



Pictured at left: Sally Castillo shared a sports themed lap quilt.

Second row: Jeanne Loscotoff displayed a lady bug themed table runner, while Juanita Loftis showed a small calendar wall hanging.

Third row: Trish Shelton shared a whole-cloth white-on-white quilt with intricate quilting, and Mariana Moss showed a table runner.

Editor's note: By the way, Trish Shelton has opened a long-arm quilting business. Her business card will soon appear in the newsletter. In the meantime, you can find her contact information in the member's directory.



Quilts for Local Heroes



Georgeanne Borjon had the pleasure of presenting her father, Mr. Richard Schlagle, with a quilt to honor his military service to the United States.

Mr. Schlagle served in the Navy aboard the USS South Dakota. He spoke about being orphaned as a young child, dropping out of high school, and then joining the Navy. He received money under the GI Bill, attended college, married, and raised a family. His daughters were all present at the meeting to see him receive the quilt, which he greatly appreciated.

After serving in the Navy, Mr. Schlagle become an educator and administrator in the local schools. Many of the teachers he worked with are members of the Porterville Quilters. Mr. Schlagle also worked as an interim superintendent in many of the surrounding small school districts.



Pictured at left: Georgeanne Borjon introduced her father, Mr. Richard Schlagle; Mr. Schlagle spoke to club members. **Below:** Mr. Schlagle and his daughters.



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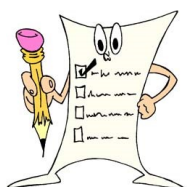
The Porterville Quilters bus trip to the Pacific International Quilt Show in Santa Clara was a huge success! Twenty-seven club members and five guests played games, sang songs (while wearing moustaches), and won prizes in route and return from the show. The show was enormous and would have taken 2-3 days to visit every vendor and to see every quilt. But those parts the quilters did see was fabulous. All quilters were exhausted but happy upon return.

November Birthdays

11-25	Candy Boulton
11-26	Marlis Brownfield
11-29	Helen Landeros



Pictured below from the left: Quilter Judie Fleming, from Visalia, won first place- *Best Hand Workmanship* in the wall hanging category; Best of Show for *Use of Color*; and Best of Show for *Portraits*.



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 2018 meeting you will not be included in the club's membership directory. Hurry, hurry!

2018 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 2018 meeting to be included in the membership directory.

Name _____ Phone _____
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 Birthday Month _____ Day _____ Husband's name _____
 Email address: _____ Alternate phone _____
 Check here if you do **NOT** want your photo in the club phone book _____

Porterville Quilters

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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



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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, December 4, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.** 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

Standing Committees

President Phyllis Taylor circulated a chart listing the club's standing committees with job descriptions during the October meeting. She asked member to consider volunteering to chair one of the committees and explained that two or three people could take on the task of chairing a committee, especially if the task was a time consuming one. At the end of the meeting, Phyllis thanked the members who signed up for the various committees. There were still a few vacancies that need to be filled. Those include: Bus Trip, Historian, Hospitality, and Publicity. The recruitment chart will be circulated again during the

November meeting. Consider volunteering. Your club needs you!

Little Quilts

Carole Puccino, chair of the Little Quilts Committee, is sending a call for help. The committee needs donations of 1.5—2 yard cuts of fabric for backings for the quilts the group makes for the community. The larger cuts of fabrics save time in that the backings don't need to be pieced. Please check your stash for unneeded or unused material you can donate. Contact Carole for further details.

Reminder: The Little Quilts Committee meets on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon at the Hillside Community Church. Just attend to volunteer time.

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