

**PORTERVILLE QUILTERS NEWSLETTER****MARCH 2026****PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

What a great program we had last month! Thank you

to Terry G. and Karen E. for inviting Amy Barkley from Sierra View Dialysis Center to be our speaker. And thank you to all of you who asked great questions. Thank you for your attentiveness and participation. I certainly learned a lot and I hope you did, too.

Well, March is here and the hills and Valley are broken out in green to celebrate. I hope you have been enjoying the beautiful weather we have been having and have had the chance to get outside! If you have leprechauns running around your house, put them to work cleaning out your sewing rooms in preparation for Spring Clean next month!

This month we welcome Priscilla Girard as our speaker. I was told she will be speaking on the history of aprons. Hmm, that's something I've never really thought about so it looks like another very informative program! A workshop will be held at the Westwood Village Clubhouse the following day (Friday, March 20th) from 9am-3pm. There is a \$30 fee for members (\$35 for non-members). Please Contact Carmen F. to sign up.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all!  
Kathy Billiou

**Ms. Amy Barkley**

**CHALLENGE**

**PRESIDENTS CHALLENGE** I have been asked to present a President's Challenge! This challenge is to support our Little Quilts program. I would like to challenge each member to complete a Little Quilt top and show it at Show and Tell anytime between now and our November meeting. Little Quilts are 40x50 inches. Any colors, any pattern, simple or complex, your choice! The Little Quilts team will finish and deliver the quilts to our various organizations. If you wish to make a complete quilt, (sandwich and bound), you can quilt it yourself, have it quilted, or you can tie it. Little Quilts can provide kits, fabric, batting, backing, and tying thread if you would like. You could even join the Little Quilts team at Hillside Community Church on Tuesdays (9am-noon) to sew with them! For more information, See Terry G. or Karen E. "Every quilter has a masterpiece inside!" author unknown

**HAPPY bIRTHDAY!**

**MAY ALL YOUR WISHES COME TRUE**

Dana Ferguson 3/27  
Georgia Goode 3/28  
Beverly Hundsorfer 3/31  
Diana McKay 3/25



# Porterville Quilters

## January 15, 2026

### General Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 10:05    Flag Salute

Introduction to the 2026 Board: President, Kathy B;

Vice-President, Carmen F; Treasurer, Ferral H; Recording Secretary, C. Cole; Correspondence, Lynette Stover

#### **Old Business:**

Minutes: December minutes reviewed

Motion to accept as written made by Karen A.

2nd by Jan M.    Passes unanimously

Treasurer's report for December 2025 reviewed

Motion to accept by Karen A.

2nd Jan M.    Motion passes

Club luncheon cost off-set by basket sales and jar money. Any extra money went into the bank.

See treasurer's report.

There are a few projects from last year left please pick up if you have not already

#### **New Business:**

Annual Audit has been completed and is balanced

Proposed Budget 2026 presented by Ferral H, Treasurer

Motion to accept made by Diana M, 2nd by Phillis T,

Passes unanimously

#### **Sunshine report:**

Karen E. reports there are 36 members & 3 guests

Club pins available for purchase for \$5.00 - contact K. Ervin

Birthday wishes to our January birthdays.

Thank you for providing food for our break.

Reminder: bring food on the month of your birthday. If you have a birthday in December (luncheon) or in May (potluck) bring in June or July

Membership: Terri W. Annual members dues of \$30.00, complete the form that has the words "electronic copy" and update any info. March will have a new membership book

Hospitality: Thank you Christie H. and Amy N. for coming early to set up and cleaning up the kitchen.

Little quilts: Terry G. and Karen E. Co-chair.

# Porterville Quilters'

February 19, 2026

## General Meeting

Call to Order: 10:03

Flag Salute

Welcome/Sunshine: Karen E. Attendance Members: 37 Visitors: 3

February Birthdays Wishes

Little Quilts presents guest speaker Amy Barkley, SSW from Sierra View Dialysis Center. She shared the supports that are provided to patients that are on dialysis. She thanked the Club for all they give to the center and that it was greatly appreciated by the patients.

Raffle prizes provided by Kandi. Thanks for all you gave.

Old Business:

January Minutes: Our Treasure was unable to attend due to road conditions in the mountains. Minutes will be reviewed in March General Meeting.

Treasurer Report will be reviewed in March General Meeting.

Correspondence: none

Remembrance cards and gift for Pastor Taylor. Last month we gave \$100.00 in remembrance. The family requested that the money go to the church: First Congregational Church.

Vice President Report: Thank you for those who worked at the Visalia Home Show. The club made \$176 in ticket sales.

UFO Contracts: see Joanne B. for slip for Show Tell.

March Class for making an apron. A speaker will give a history of the apron. Cost of the class is \$30.00.

The schedule for the year will be available soon.

New Business

Publicity Opportunities: Carol C. Any interest in doing a Float in the Veterans Day Parade. See Carol.

Newsletter: Sent out in the email. Please see Carol if you did not get it to correct any email discrepancies.

Membership: See Terri W to pay your annual dues.

Mystery Quilt: Becky E. Directions are available. Cost \$15.00

Boutique: October 3rd: Ellen explained the process for donating items.

Inventory: Karen E. To be done on March 4th. If any items have been borrowed, please let the club know.

Opportunity Quilt 2026: Carmen F. - Phyllis T. No venue scheduled at this time.

Block of the Month: Stephanie B. Gave the block of the month.

Della R. Drawing done for the January block: Phyllis T winner!

Little Quilts: Terry G. Presenter introduced and asked if anyone would be interested in taking over the leadership. Please talk to Terry or Karen E.

Events Announcements:

West Coast Mennonite Sale

April 10th and 11th: Fresno Pacific University

Details can be found on the Porterville Quilters Facebook page.

Dancing Threads: Porterville College begins Feb. 23rd. Through April 11th. Time 12 to 4 p.m.

Donations: Fabric and patterns from the Brown Family: Little Quilts may use it. If you use any materials, take a picture of the project. We will share pictures with the family.

Show and Tell: Phyllis T.

Next General Meeting: March 19, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m.

Next Board Meeting: March 30, 2026 @. Jenny Lynn's. 10:00

Recorder by Carol Cole

Footer

# From our VP



Quilters, I have been in communication with our March presenter, Priscilla Girard. She has made a fun request for our next meeting. Priscilla's lecture is on Aprons Through the Ages. She is asking all attendees to the meeting to wear their favorite apron, either vintage or new. Wouldn't it be fun to wear your Mom's or Granny's apron, with stains and all? Or your newest apron creation?



Priscilla will also need a few models to wear a few aprons to show. She especially needs thin, small models since the vintage aprons were so much smaller. Please consider helping Priscilla with her presentation. I'm really looking forward to the meeting and the workshop!



Just a reminder: Spring Clean is scheduled for April. Now's the time to start looking around your sewing area to decide what you don't want or need anymore. I'll have bidding slips for at our next meeting.

See you at the meeting!

Carmen Friesen



Priscilla will be teaching her Japanese Gardening Apron. A pattern is available to trace in class. There are only 4 pieces, so it shouldn't take too long. If you can't find the Pellon tracing paper use freezer paper taped together. The pattern is reversible. Let's have some fun!

Will be held at Westwood Village, 100 Westwood in Porterville. 9 Am till 3 PM Lunch @ 11:45 Bring your favorite snack to share with friends



Lunch menu will be pinwheel sandwiches, coleslaw, chips/dip water, tea and cookies

## Supply list



- 2 yards main fabric
- 2 yards accent/coordinating fabric
- 10 yards rick-rack in color that coordinates with both fabrics —optional
- 2 yards Pellon pattern tracing fabric or wide white paper (Calico Mermaid might carry this)
- The usual quilting tools
  - Sewing machine, power cord, pedal, Instructional manual
  - thread, pins, scissors, small rotary cutter, pencil or marker for tracing, small cutting mat, etc.



# Nice-President's Challenge

This challenge involves creating a small quilt with special meaning to you. Quilts are a perfect way to preserve special moments and memories. Moments like baby births, birthdays, graduations, weddings, vacations, or memories of loved ones.

Your challenge is to make a quilt that evokes a moment or memory in your life.

Your challenge quilt

- Must feature a quilt "sandwich"
- May be no larger than 40"x50"
- May be smaller than 18"x24"
- Cannot be a bag nor contain any panels or parts of a panel
- Can be made using any technique/method, including (but not limited to) traditional piecing, art, applique, modern, or combination of methods
- Must include a short statement of the moment or memory that inspired you.



## Ideas:

T-shirt quilt

Tie quilt

Photo quilt

Baby clothes,

Jeans, baby

clothes

Mementos quilt

Souvenirs quilt

Art quilt

Wedding dress

quilt

# Little Quilts



Little Quilts had a few visitors this last month that have decided to continue to come and help us make quilts. What a help they are. We will be making our first delivery for the year shortly and want to thank you all for your help in making tops and quilting them for us. It was so nice to hear Amy from Sierra View dialysis explain the process for the services that they deliver and how much the quilts are appreciated.

Remember we meet on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
at the Hillside Community church.

Would love for you to come and join us.

Karen Ervin



Memorial service for Darlene  
Byars will be held on March 14th  
@ 12-4 PM  
Mers Reception Hall



**Missing in action!**  
**Does anyone seen or know where our door  
banner is?**



## A Peek at the Schedule

2026 Programs and Workshops: A work in progress

Month	Program	Workshop
January 15 January 30, 31, and Feb 1	Budget Presentation and Discussion Visalia Home Show: Ticket Sales	Names with Carmen
February 19	Little Quilts Program Little Quilts Raffle: Terry Gomez Priscilla Girard: Aprons Through the Ages	
March 19-20		March 20: Apron with no ties @ Westwood. \$30 per student 10 student minimum
April 16-17	Spring Clean: Carmen Friesen	April 17 New Members Tea
May 21	Pot Luck Boutique Sewing after the meeting	Bring your sewing supplies and boutique projects
June 18-19	Dana Lahargoue: Lecture	June 19 Starched Method Applique @ Westwood \$30 + \$10 materials fee 10 student minimum
July 16	Local Heroes: Sheri Cates Workshop after the meeting: help making quilts for Local Heroes	Bring your sewing supplies and lunch
August 20-21	TBA	August 21 Annual Retreat- Bring your sewing supplies and boutique projects. Pot luck lunch: salads, pizza, water, ice cream bars.
September 17-18	Brenda McCutcheon: Trunk Show	Sept, 18 Stack N Whack @ Westwood \$30 10 student minimum
October 2-3 October 15	Harvest Boutique Set-up & Sale TBA	
November 19	Election of Officers Reveals: VP Challenge, Mystery Quilt, UFOs Committee Chairs	
December 17	Christmas Luncheon	

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The next board meeting  
will be held at Jenny  
Lynns' at 10 AM on  
March 30th

Mystery Quilt it's not too late to get the  
Mystery Quilt  
It consists of 2 colors (light and light)  
See Becky Eaton for step 2 at next  
club meeting





**Block of  
the  
month**



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