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Carmen Friesen, Editor

President's Message

This is a month to be "Thankful". Thankful for friends, family, freedom, good fellowship and so much more. Sometimes we just need to take a moment to look around to see all that we are blessed with.

THANK YOU to each of you that helped in some way with the boutique. It looked great with the set-up, and items were well received by the shoppers. We were busy most of the day. Final reports will be

given at our general meeting.

Last month's program was great and John felt like he was back home with all the members that he knew. The workshop was awesome also. I hope all that took the class will bring their project to Show & Tell, even if you haven't finished it. This month's program will include Election of Officers, Mystery Quilt Reveal, UFO Challenge and Vice President's Challenge. We will

also have a Pop-Up sale of merchandise from the boutique for those that were not able to attend the boutique.

Also, attached to this Newsletter and made a part hereof are the proposed amendments which will be submitted for a vote at the meeting. Hope to see all of you at our meeting.

Karen



November Birthdays

Kathy Billiou	11/26
Candy Boulton	11/25
Ferral Hubbard	1/13
Peg Murray	11/11

Meeting Minutes: October 16, 2025

Call to Order: 10:00 a.m.

Flag Salute

Welcome/Sunshine: 37 Members and 5 guests: John, Kathy, Susan and Mary

Birthdays: Lynette, Carol C., Amy, Becki, Kathleen G.

Minutes: Motion to approve Phyllis, 2nd Margaret. Approved

Treasures Report: Motion to approve Teri, 2nd Becki. Approved

Correspondence: None

Vice President: Introduced and did a short biography of program speaker, John Egbert

Program: John displayed and talked about his quilts. He also, previously worked as a nurse and knew many of our nurse/quilt members.

Break: Members visited and enjoyed a snack during the break.

Old Business:

- Boutique: Kathy and Ellen reported on the status of the Harvest

Bounty. (Boutique)

- Christmas Luncheon: Jan and Linda announced the sign-ups and cost for the lunch \$10 per person \$15 for guests. Table hostesses can bring their centerpieces and tablecloths after 9:00 a.m. the day of the luncheon, Thursday, Dec. 18.
- Nominations of officers for 2026:
 - President: Kathy Billiou
 - Vice Pres: Carmen Friesen

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- Secretary: Carol Cole
- Corresponding Sec: Lynette Stover
- Treasurer: Ferral Hubbard
- By-laws: Tabled until next month
- Committee Sign-ups: President Karen encouraged members to consider a committee position. Details for each committee are listed in the membership booklet.

New Business:

- Little Quilts: 300 plus already delivered this year with 30-40 pending

by end of year.

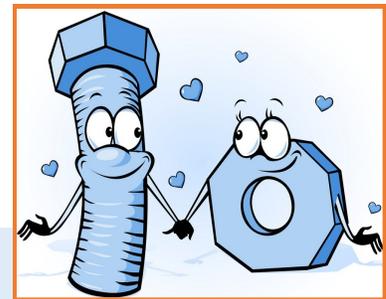
- Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales: Visalia Home Show, \$224; Shop Hop \$65; Reedley Quilt Show, \$226.
- Block of the Month: Teri won last months and Joyce presented this months.
- Quilt Basket Drawing: Sponsors were Carmen and Connie and it was won by Sheri. Also, drawings for bags of toffee made and donated by guest speaker, John Egbert.

Show and Tell: Members showed their beautiful quilts and other items.

Adjourned: 11:45 a.m. Respectfully submitted Doris Pyland, recording secretary

Board Meeting: 9:30 November 10, 2025 at Karen's home

General Meeting: 10:00 November 20, 2025 at Congregational Church



Nuts and Bolts —information for you

- **Christmas Luncheon:** Linda Pettit and Jan McCusker, co-chairs of the Christmas Lunch Committee, remind you that the last day to sign up and pay for the luncheon is at the next meeting in November. Hostess can decorate their tables at 9:00 a.m. of the morning of the Christmas luncheon. Linda and Jan look forward to seeing everyone at this special event. Ho! Ho! Ho!

- **Pop Up Boutique:**

The Porterville Quilters presents a **POP UP BOUTIQUE** on November 20th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the First Congregational Church, located at 165 N. Mill, Porterville, CA.

This time is during the regular monthly meeting (10 a.m.– 12:00 noon). Come early for the best selection. Bring a friend. Invite a guest. Visitors are welcomed!

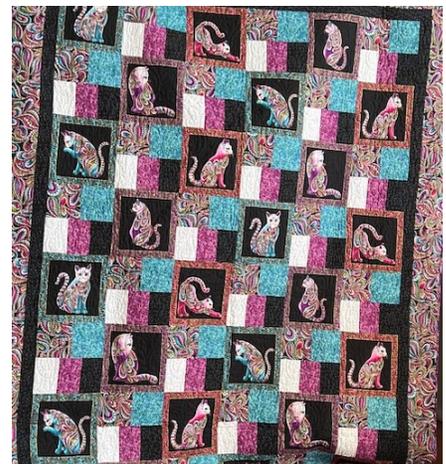
- **Help Is Needed:** Little Quilts was informed that there are about 150 seniors that are considered shut-ins and have no families in their lives. We are trying to meet their needs and are making scarfs, lap quilts, gloves or hats for them to receive for Christmas. I know it's late notice, but if anyone would like to help you could bring your items to our meeting and we will get them to the group that's overseeing this event.



John Egbert: A New, Old Friend

John Egbert was invited to share his quilts with club members during the October general meeting. In coming to Porterville, John was visiting familiar territory, as he grew up in nearby Lindsay. He worked in local hospitals as an LVN—licensed vocational nurse, and worked with many of Porterville Quilters members who are retired nurses. The reunited friends spent a little time sharing ‘old war’ stories and entertaining the club members. He was also surprised by his cousins, who live in Porterville, who came by to say ‘hello.’

In addition, John shared many of his lovely quilts with club members. Below are pictured a few of those quilts.



The Fun Continued: Workshop with John Egbert

John Egbert conducted a workshop for the Porterville Quilters on October 17. He demonstrated a sewing technique to round the corners of a strip heart. The look can be seen in the heart quilt pictured below (first row second picture).

John generously share his quilting/sewing knowledge as well as his award-winning almond Rocca candy. The candy was a special treat

and a hit with all people there.

Quilters were kept on their toes cutting, coordinating fabric, sewing, and ironing heart blocks in order to get to the point to try the technique. VP Karen Andris was the speediest among the participants and managed to complete a table runner during the workshop.

Lunch was provided by the club for the quilters and Carol Cole prepared coffee for those quilters who wanted it. In all, the workshop was a success!

Pictured below:

First row: Karen Andris with her completed runner

Second row, from the left: Terry Gomez, Becki Eaton, and Carol Cole, all working diligently.



Success!!! PQs Harvest Boutique



Wow! We did it! The 2025 Harvest Boutique is now history. We sold over half our items. Thank you to all who participated with sewing, ironing and repairing items, pricing, baking and food prep, display props, set up, clean up and publicity. We couldn't have done it without everyone's help.

“Pop-up Boutique”: The rest of our items will be available for purchase at our November 20th meeting. Invite a friend who was unable to come to the boutique. At the end of the meeting, if your item does not sell, please bring the item's price tag to Kathy Billiou, so she can inventory it. Then you can take it home. We do not plan to store items.

Here are some comments made to Ellen about the sale:

From a Valley Oaks member, “ You and your co-workers did an amazing job with the boutique.”

“The products were nicely displayed. The room was full of items to browse through. I was drawn to hot pads and dish towels. I also bought a quilt by Karen Andris.”

Kathy heard the following:

“Wow! There's a lot more variety than I expected.”

“This is so beautiful! I can't wait till next year.”

For next year, shoppers asked for fall runners, red/white/blue runners and more runners in general. Seasonal wall hangings, Easter and patriotic items as well as larger quilts were requested. People were asking for bowl cozies after they ran out; brightly colored potholders with loops for hanging; decorative pillows with removable covers plus extra seasonal covers. Maybe these ideas will inspire some of you.

You ladies outdid yourselves! We represented Porterville Quilters well and couldn't have done it without each and every one of you! **Thank you!**

Kathy Billiou and Ellen Jordan

Show and Tell:



Beverly Hundsdorfer shared her cowgirl quilt



Lynette Stover shared two quilts



Reminder: If you work on either the VP's Challenge or the Mystery Quilt—the reveal will happen during this month's meeting. Be sure to bring your quilt(s) to the meeting to reveal your work.



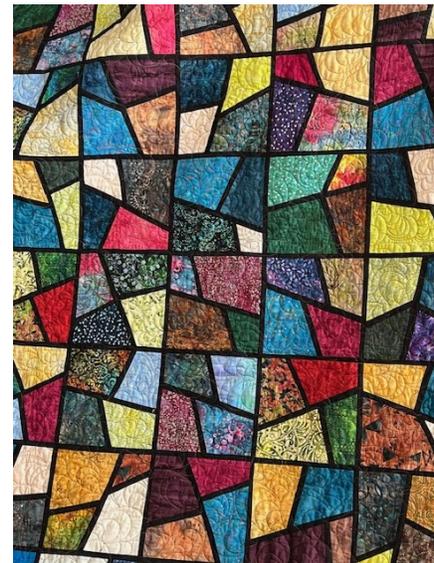
Show and Tell



Lillian Nicholson shared her lovely quilt



Karen Andris shared her colorful quilt



Georgeanne Borjon finished a log cabin quilt



2025: Programs and Workshops

November 20	Election of Officers Mystery Quilt Reveal VP Challenge Reveal	Committee Chairman Sign-ups
December 18	Christmas Luncheon: Jan McCusker and Linda Pettit Opportunity Quilt Drawing and 2026 quilt reveal	Gift Exchange (voluntary participation)



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The next meeting of the executive board will be at **9:30 am, Monday, December 1**, at Karen Ervin's home at 100 S. Westwood #16, in Porterville Club members are free to attend.

Current Club Officers

- Karen Ervin, President
- Karen Andris, Vice-President
- Doris Pyland, Recording Secretary
- Phyllis Taylor, Treasurer
- Lynette Stover, Corresponding Secretary

The purpose of the Porterville Quilters Club is to create, stimulate, maintain, and record 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 the 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.



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