

Porterville Quilters

September

newsletter 2026



Learning, Growing & Giving Thanks Together



Presidents' Letter

Cooler nights and mornings. Beautiful blue skies. Oh my goodness! We're actually having Fall this year! I don't know about you, but I am not missing the heat of summer!

I want to thank you all for your participation and enthusiasm at last month's meeting. I heard so many positive comments about the activities. People got to know others a little more, which was one of our goals. But on top of that, you all gave us a LOT of feedback! I so appreciate it! We are going to take your suggestions to heart and see how we can implement many of those ideas. We will be discussing them more at next month's Board meeting. We just didn't have time to discuss them all at the last Board meeting. So please be patient as we attempt to address them as best we can. Your suggestions are also helping in the planning and notetaking for next year! Of course, if more ideas come to you, please don't hesitate to share them with us; either by phone call, text, email, or a note in the suggestion box.

Don't miss our September meeting! Brenda McCutchen will be our speaker. And I hope you'll be with us for the workshop the following Friday. Carmen will have more information for you soon.

See you all on the 17th!

This Months Activities



club meeting 9/17

Come and meet Brenda McCutchen



Board Meeting 9/28

meeting at Jenny Lynn's @ 10:00

Stack n wack 9/18

join in the fun and learn a new technique. at the Westwood club house Cost is \$30.00



Thanks for being part of our journey!

Committee sign-ups will begin at our next general meeting. There will be a job description up for each committee so you can better see where you'd like to be involved. We need lots of people to be involved to keep things running smoothly! Grab a buddy and sign up together! Remember: Many hands make light work.

See Terry Gomez our nominating committee chair

Reminder: If you have not already done so, please bring your 2 ½ in strips to the meeting!

Important



Harvest Boutique
set up and sale

Extra Hugs

Georgia O
 Peg M
 Kathleen G
 Laurie J
 Chawntay M

Birthdays

Kathy P - 9/26
 Margret 9/21

Call to order: 10:00 Flag Salute

Sunshine: 41 members and 1 guest - Welcome Ashea visiting today, she was last year's winner of our scholarship and Erin. We want to especially welcome our new member Karen Hook. Her contact info will be forwarded separately.

August Birthdays were acknowledged

Old Business:

July Minutes reviewed: Motion to accept Margaret S, 2nd Georganne B Motion passes

Treasurer Report: Ferral provided report for 7/1 thru 7/31 Motion from Sandra D to accept 2nd Amy Newton Motion passes

Block of the Month: Julys blocks went to Valerie

August block presented by Kathy B. (Cats)

Correspondence: We received a thank you card from the Camp Nelson Mountain Festival committee along with an application for the 2027 event.

Advertisement from Common Threads Quilt Guild inviting us to their Boutique on October 3rd. It is the same day as ours so you could make it a shop hop.

Basket Drawing goes to Zoe (Congratulations) Basket provided by Connie Smith

Boutique: Oct 3rd Advertising has gone out, please take flyers and share around town. Be thinking of how to set up items at the sale and submit to Ellen or Becky

Please label any items that you provide for set up with you name.

Luncheon Report: Will sent out next date for meeting. Please verify that you are setting a table to Janet Alexander.

Little Quilts: On the 3rd Tuesday of the month LQ works on items for the In-Home Support Services. Ashea shared with the group that she is attending CSUB. She makes stuffed animals and has sent them throughout the states.

Last year's scholarship recipient came and volunteered her skills, she donated 7 handmade elephants Thank you

60 Quilts were delivered to the community

Honor Quilts: Sheri thanked the club for participating in making quilts and pillow cases

Float: Committee to meet next week to decide how to decorate and contact the Veteran (Art and his wife) if they are willing to be on the float.

President Kathy shared the finished Porterville Quilters Banner Tabs will be added to see both sides.

Kathy shared that the club need for a projector and Screen, as presenters often have asked for it. Motion made that the club purchase Both up to \$400.00. 1st Motion made by Karen E, 2nd Phyliss. Motion Passes Connie suggested that adapts to be purchased as well.

An advertising board is now available at the club if buying, selling or trading items.

From the floor:

Shirley Hickman shared how important the club has been in her life (Social and learning new skills)

Memorial Scholarship: Margaret states that moneys collected to cover the food (sandwiches) provided at Jenny M's service will go to the scholarship fund. She thanks all who provided food and helped in the kitchen

Memorial Scholarships in the name of Jenny M and Janice P for the amount of \$100.00 each. Motion by Terry 2nd by Doris Motion Passes

The Year is coming to an end. We will be looking for Committee chairs and officers. Please be thinking how you can serve the club. Contact Terry G.

Vice President Report: Carmen shared that \$147.00 was received from the Mountain Festival. Thanks to all who attended and helped in the booth.

The next Opportunity Quilt showing will be at Calico Mermaid Sept 10, 11, and 12th.

Annual Retreat this Friday, Sept 18th From 9 to 3pm A meal will be served here at the FCC.

Program presented by Carmen and posed a question to the members:

What do we want as a club?

Suggestions from the Club members

1. Change show and tell before business
2. Have the Board do January Budget (not at the club)
3. Have meetings on Saturdays and evenings to allow people who are not available in the day time.
4. Present more classes, more trunk shows using our members
5. Have more teaching programs and less business: more fun activities
6. Teach and mentor
7. Have the Boutique every other year
8. Have a quilt show using our members quilts. Have vendor and food
9. Advertise on Facebook, reach out to the community: Share the Local Heroes Program
10. Teach other crafts: Felting crocheting etc.
11. Teach beginning skills in the evenings (Blocks)
12. Consider changing the name of club as we are not just doing Quilting
13. Join Chamber of Commerce -They meet at 10 AM at the Theatre
14. Represent in the community: Veterans Day Parade
15. Reach out to the community (4H Girl Scouts)

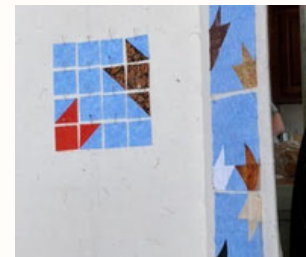
12:20 Meeting adjourned

Next Board meeting: Sept 31st 10 AM at Jennie Lynn's

Typed and submitted by Carol Cole, Secretary



Block of the Month
Presented by Kathy B.



Boutique News

Hello, Quilters! Please bring all your finished items to the September 17th meeting and we will help you inventory and price them.

Display props: We have permission to take our props to the church social hall on Monday Sep. 28, Tuesday Sep. 29 or Wednesday Sep. 30 between the hours of 9 and 1. Ring the doorbell and the secretary will let you in. We were told to leave props on the stage or as close to the stage as possible. Please do not block the steps. The following is a list of appropriate props: vertical lightweight 3-4 shelf bookcase, hat/coat racks, sewing mannequin, wooden ironing board, wooden cradle, wooden high chair, rocking chair, wooden crates, small hay bales, baby carriage, wooden folding clothes drying rack, wooden quilt racks, quilt ladders, other vertical racks (for hanging bags & totes), baskets of all sizes. If you think of something else, please bring it!



Put your name on your props (masking tape/marker, tag, fabric scraps or ribbon).
Please make sure these props are clean and ready to use. Thank you!



At the meeting, we will have sign-ups for you to help set up on Friday October 2; sign-ups for the boutique on October 3 and for clean up after the sale October 3. Remember, you must take your props home after the sale.

If you have questions, call or text Becki (559-883-0832) or Ellen (559-789-7578).



Member of the Month

Diana McKay



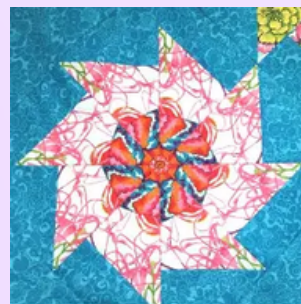
Born and raised in Porterville by wonderful parents. She was the second of four children. She attended local schools Alta Vista then to Porterville High. Her passion was music and sang in many choirs throughout the years. She graduated from Porterville College with a degree in health science, and became an LVN in 19784. Continuing her education in 1994 she became a RN and worked throughout the years in ER. She worked for the department of corrections until she retired in 2012.

As a single mother for many years, her son was her joy, she cant believe he is 55-year-old. She met her husband Jim and will celebrate their 41st anniversary. He has been her rock and best friend. She said she was going to learn to quilt when she retired. Karen Andris was my first instructor and my love of quilting and sewing blossomed with the friends of our club. S he wants to thank all of her amazing friends at club.



Brenda McCutcheon **Trunk Show**

Brenda will be at our Sept. 17th meeting. She will present a Trunk Show! She is know as a wife, Mom, Mamaw, and recently a Great-Ma-Ma! She has been sewing since she was 9 years old and quilting for 36 years. She has completed over 200 (thats right) quilts with Stack-n-Whack being her favorite. She was a 4-H sewing leader for 30 years and enjoys teaching others. She is looking forward to seeing all of you and the quilts that will be made using the Stack-n-Wack technique!





Local Hero recipient July 2026

Sheri Cates presented the Local Hero Quilt to Art Vallejo. He shared a heart warming story of his time in the United States Navy. We want to thank him and his wife for coming to our meeting and sharing his story. Below find this story in his own words.

Art Vallejo

At the age of 17 I decided to join the US Navy and follow in the footsteps of both my father and uncle who had served in the US Navy during WW2 in the South Pacific. In 1964 after boot camp, I was sent to Lemoore Naval Air Station and was trained in the handling of various types of ordinance for arming US Navy military planes.

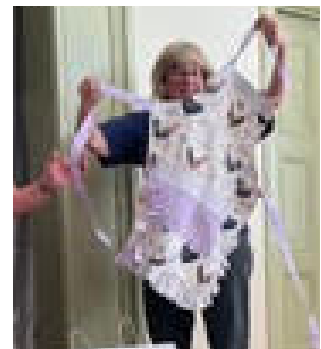
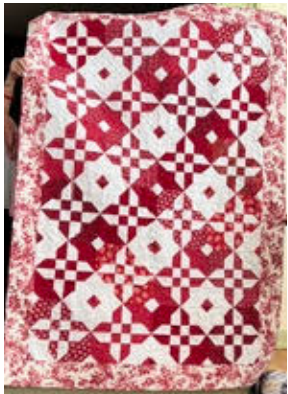
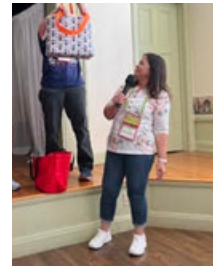
In 1966, I was transferred to an Anti-Submarine Squadron in San Diego. About a year later, my Anti-submarine air squadron was sent to Vietnam, aboard the aircraft carrier USS Kearsarge. From August 1967 until April of 1968, I worked on the flight deck of the carrier and both armed and loaded rockets, bombs, missiles etc. on the planes for missions over Vietnam. One day, an officer (and pilot) whom I got to know very well got into one of the planes and prepared to go on a bombing mission. As militarily done, I (as the last person seeing him off the carrier) saluted him. After several hours, all our planes returned from their mission however...HE NEVER RETURNED FROM THAT BOMBING MISSION.

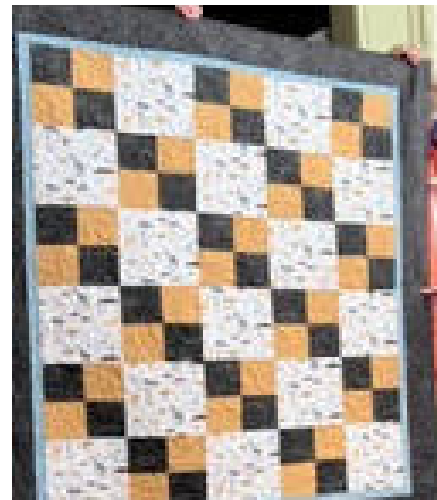
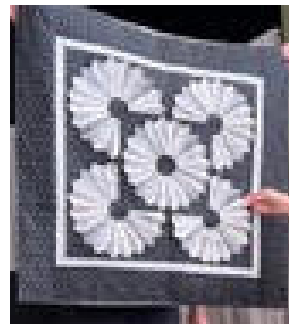
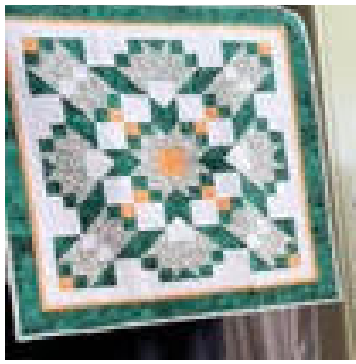
A couple of months later, we found out that he was shot down over the jungle in Vietnam, and when he was found, he was still in the cockpit seat and strapped in. For years and years, the only thing I could remember was seeing his eyes when I saluted him that day when he flew off in the carrier for the last time. For years, the most disgusting part was ...I COULD NEVER REMEMBER HIS NAME...!!! After years of struggling with not being able to remember his name, I was invited to go on an Honor Flight in 2025 and just prior to leaving, I learned the pilot's name. I could not stop crying knowing that I could now say his name and pray for his family he had left behind and that I had met prior to departing to Vietnam.

Years later after returning from the Vietnam war, I discovered I had several Agent Orange cancers but because of God's love and mercy for me, I am a blessed man, blessed with a beautiful wife, beautiful children and beautiful grandchildren.



We had a great time with so many items





More Show and Tell



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