

Porterville Quilters

September 2025

President's Message



Hi there,
Another month has passed and my sewing room is still full. I have made some progress-the 'stack to finish' is bigger.

Sorry for running over at our meeting but our presenters did an awesome job and I have not heard anything except positive comments from

members. Thank you, Karen Andris, Doris Pyland and Lynette Stover, for your presentations.

Our presenter for September had to cancel due to health reasons but Karen Andris has something up her sleeve.

Plans for the Boutique and the Christmas Luncheon are progressing well. Thank you to both committees for all your work to make these events successful. Warm welcome to our new member Chantae who joined at our last meeting.

Hope to see everyone at our meeting.

Karen Little Quilts-We have delivered over 200 quilts so far this year. Good job everyone. We have also received another request from another organization for quilts too. It is CPS and they are excited to be getting some quilts. Chantae also joined our little quilt group, and we are happy to have her join. Remember if you would like to help with making the quilts you can come any Tuesday morning.



September Birthdays

Ashley Cooper	11
Sue Marcotte	28
Cathy Proctor	26
Margaret Smith	21

Reminder:

September birthdays to provide the snacks for the meeting.

Meeting Minutes: August 21, 2025

Call to Order: 10:00 am

Flag Salute

Welcome/Sunshine: 42 members present and 4 guests

Birthdays: Karen A., Darlene, Sally, Terry G, Sandra, Valarie, Connie and Shirley W.

Minutes: Motion by Terri, 2nd by Valerie – Approved

Treasures Report: Motion to accept by Carol, 2nd by Valerie.

Approved

- Phyllis explained how the Club can accept credit card payment at the Boutique and for other events. The purchase cost and operational cost were explained in detail. A motion to make the purchase of the phone attachment was made by Valerie and 2nd by Terri. Approved

Meeting Minutes: August 20 2025

Correspondence: Thank you card from Ashley Cooper. Thank you from Dale Sharp for her quilt of honor. Postcards announcing Hanford Club's boutique. Train Show on Sept. 20 at the Porterville Museum. Shop hop on Sept. 11-13 that includes Calico Mermaid and other shops in the valley.

Programs and workshops: Information about tomorrow's retreat. Sept. program has been canceled due to illness. Oct. workshop with John Egbert needs more sign-ups if we are to have it.

Program: Demo of English paper piecing by Lynette, machine paper piecing by Karen A. and free motion quilting by Doris.

Break

Old Business:

- Harvest Boutique was discussed by Kathy and Ellen.
- This year's Christmas luncheon format was presented by Jan. Table hostesses are to bring table cloths and center pieces only. The caterer will provide the dishes and cutlery. There will not be any invitational seating. People will sit at available seating as they arrive. It is the hope of the committee that attendees will sit with people they do not normally sit with in order to get better acquainted.
- Free Table: Karen an-

nounced if you bring something to the free table please take it home if it is still there at the end of the meeting.

New Business:

- Workshops will be the same price for non-members as members. Members will have priority if the workshop fills up.

Elections/committees: Karen encouraged members to consider taking an office or committee chair as we will start the selection process next month.

Committee Reports:

- **UFO's/Mystery quilt:** Becki announced if anyone needs missed instructions let her know and she will mail them to you.
- **VP Challenge/Opportunity Quilt:** Reminder that the VP challenge is leaves. Also sign-ups are needed for selling opportunity quilt tickets at the Visalia Home show on Sept. 20 & 21.
- **Little Quilts:** Terry gave a report on Little Quilts. If people are making tops please be sure to make them 40 x 50 inches or less. That way the batting is most efficiently used.
- **Block of the Month:** Kathy presented the new block. Janice won last month's blocks.
- **Basket drawing:** Won by

Connie

- **Show and Tell:** Many members showed their lovely quilts.

Announcements:

- Tip: use a black light to see the white on white right side of fabric.
- Karen asked if members had an interest in scissor sharpening.

Adjourned: 12:30 pm
Respectfully submitted,
Doris Pyland, recording secretary

Next meeting: September 18, 2025—10:00 Congregational Church

Board meeting: September 1, 2025—9:30 100 S. Westwood #16

Quick Notes

- If you have taken a kit to complete for Little Quilts, be sure to finish it and return completed (or not) quilt to Terry Gomez.
- You will be receiving a copy of the Harvest Boutique flyer soon. Please make several copies to distribute. Put them up in public places like churches, local stores, etc. Put one on your social media as well. Thanks.

Porterville Quilters Harvest Boutique

We are less than 2 months from our sale!

Please save your clean plastic or paper shopping bags with handles. Simply fold the plastic bags into quarters and bring them to the September and October meetings.

Second, we will need volunteers to help us set up on Friday, October 31. This is the day you will bring in your wooden crates, your quilt racks/ladders, wooden clothes drying racks, rolling clothes racks, coat racks, doll cradles--all the things you think will help us display our handmade items. Remember to dust and clean them before you bring them to the church. Please put your name on your "props" in an inconspicuous place. Remember, it will take all of us to make this happen.

Third, we will need members on the "floor" to answer questions or show shoppers how something is used. Additionally, it would be great if we can get volunteers to provide snacks (healthy & other) for our workers. Then, at 2 p.m., we need helpers to box up the leftovers.

Kathy will have sign-up sheets for Friday and Saturday at the next meeting. Thank you for your contributions and remember there is still time to work on projects!

Kathy Billiou and Ellen Jordan



Sample of recent donations for Harvest Boutique

Coming "Quilty" Events

Shop Hop

The **Heart of the Valley** shop hop will be held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, **September 11-13**. Five shops are participating this year. Bear Paw Quilts in Oakhurst, D & J Sewing Center in Clovis, The Quilted Goat in Clovis, Totally Tina's in Visalia, and Calico Mermaid in Porterville will be providing prizes to drawing winners, free projects, and more. The Grand Prize this year is a Janome RED Travel Mate 30 sewing machine! This event is just around the corner, so get ready to HOP!



Quilt Show



The Kings River Quilt Guild and Reedley College are sponsoring the **Kings River Quilt Festival** at Reedley Collage on Saturday (10 am-5 pm) and Sunday (10am-4pm), **October 11-12**. The event will also include a vendor's mall and basket raffles. Admission is \$10. This year's featured artist is Diane Sakamoto. For more information, check the guild's Facebook page.

It's time for a road trip!

English Paper Piecing with Lynette Stover



Lynette Stover taught Eng. Paper piecing. Della Rapp and Joyce Bartlett listened.

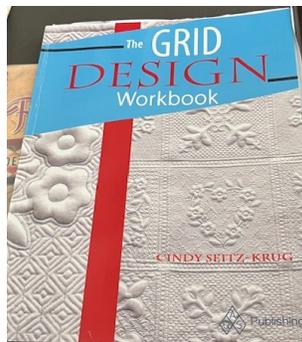
Foundation Paper Piecing with Karen Andris



Karen Andris demonstrated foundation paper piecing while JoAnn Bishop, Diana McKay, Shirley Warden, Stephanie Bullock, Jan McCusker, Ethel Quiram, Connis Smith and Valerie Simonich watched.

Free Motion Quilting with Doris Pyland

Doris Pyland explained resources she uses to help her with her free motion quilting. Linda Pettitt and Sandra Daurer



Show and Tell: Telling Stories in Cloth



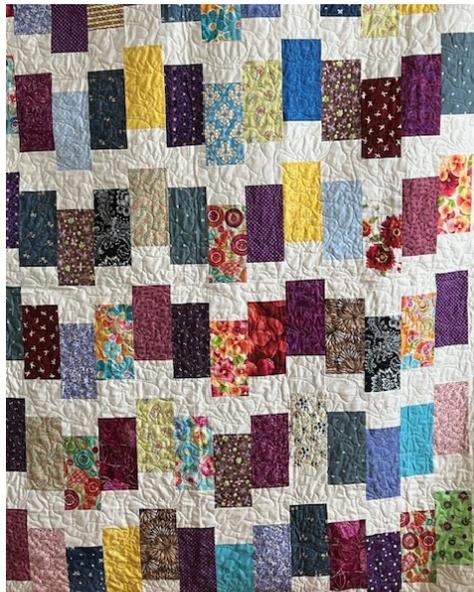
First row:
Christie Hulse shared 2 quilt tops she recently completed.

Second row:
Connie Smith presented several quilts. Two are pictured in the third row, along with an apron she made.



Second row, at right:
Kathy Billiou shared a quilt that was donated to the Harvest Boutique.

Third row:
Connie's two quilts and apron.



Show and Tell: Telling Stories in Cloth



At left:
Sandra Dauer made a Mickey Mouse quilt. Each block has a "fussy cut" figure of the mouse at it's center.

At right:
Valerie Simonich displayed two quilts she will donate.



Below:
Doris Pyland shared a quilt she finished.



Above:
Lillian Nicholson also shared a quilt she had finished.

Show and Tell: Telling Stories in Cloth



At left:

Lynette Stover displayed a variation an Irish chain quilt.

Second row:

Joyce Barlett shared several items, some of which she is donating to the Harvest Boutique. (The first picture is a casserole or pir carrier.)



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Retreat: An Opportunity for Fellowship

The Porterville Quilters held their annual quilters retreat on August 22. Many club members loaded up their sewing tools and projects and set up their work stations in order to make a good use of their time away from home.

Carmen Friesen demonstrated a couple of quick, easy, make and take projects that could be used as donations to the Harvest Boutique.

Quilters brought food for a potluck lunch and a good time was had by all participants. If you couldn't attend this year, remember this is an annual event. Maybe you can make it next year.



First row: Della Rapp and Ethel Quiram toiling away.

Second row: Margaret Smith and Stephanie Bullock enjoying the retreat.

Third row: Sally Castillo and Terri Webb also working away.



2025 Programs and Workshops

September 18	To be announced by President and Vice President.	Boutique sewing after meeting —bring your machine, project, and lunch
October 16	John Egbert Trunk Show All Harvest Boutique items turned in to Kathy Billiou/Ellen Jordan	October 17 Location: Westwood Village Club House Heart Strings Table Runner \$30 10 minimum/20 maximum
October 31 November 1	Set-up room/boutique for sale Porterville Quilters' Harvest Boutique	9 am to 2 pm, Congregational Church Volunteers needed for both days
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)



Little Quilts Committee chair Terry Gomez reported that she and President Karen Ervin delivered 9 quilts each to different organizations on behalf of the Porterville Quilters during the month of August. To date this year, the Little Quilts Committee has made and distributed over 200 quilts!!!



August Budget Report

INCOME	AUGUST	YTD	BUDGET
ADVERTISING		\$ 360.00	\$ 350.00
BLOCK OF THE MONTH	\$ 18.00	\$ 226.05	\$ 320.00
BUS TRIP		\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON	\$ 169.50	\$ 1,227.20	\$ 1,350.00
<i>Tickets sales</i>		\$ -	\$ 800.00
<i>Jar Money</i>	\$ 169.50	\$ 1,227.20	\$ 550.00
CONTINENCY FUND		\$ -	
CRADLE QUILTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Donations		\$ -	
Pot of Gold		\$ -	
DONATIONS	\$ -	\$ 396.00	\$ -
Scholarships		\$ 200.00	
General Donations		\$ 196.00	
FUND RAISERS	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,861.30	\$ 9,300.00
Boutique		\$ 110.00	\$ 5,000.00
Mystery Quilt		\$ 180.00	\$ 300.00
Opportunity Quilt	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,106.00	\$ 3,500.00
Spring Clean		\$ 465.30	\$ 500.00
LITTLE QUILTS		\$ 395.00	\$ 500.00
MEMBER DUES	\$ 15.00	\$ 1,875.00	\$ 2,000.00
NEWSLETTER (10 member)		\$ 51.00	\$ 36.00
PROGRAMS/WORKSHOPS		\$ 360.00	\$ 500.00
WELCOME SUNSHINE		\$ 10.00	\$ 25.00
		\$ -	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 242.50	\$ 6,761.55	\$ 17,381.00
		\$ -	

Income



Expenses



BEG REGISTER BALANCE	\$ 17,674.65
INCOME	242.45
EXPENSES	-1357.84
NEW REGISTER BALANCE	\$ 16,559.26



Register Balance

		\$ -	
EXPENSES		\$ -	
		\$ -	
AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS		\$ -	
BLOCK OF THE MONTH		\$ 22.87	\$ 93.00
BOUTIQUE		\$ -	\$ 288.00
BUS TRIP		\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON		\$ -	\$ 1,350.00
CONTINGENCY FUND		\$ 200.00	\$ 250.00
CRADLE QUILTS		\$ -	
FAMILY CRISIS CENTER		\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
HOSPITALITY	\$ 46.03	\$ 280.00	\$ 300.00
INSURANCE		\$ 425.00	\$ 600.00
LITTLE QUILTS	\$ 511.81	\$ 1,459.83	\$ 1,500.00
<i>Equipment</i>		\$ -	
<i>Materials</i>	\$ 511.81	\$ 1,459.83	
LOCAL HEROES		\$ -	\$ 350.00
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY		\$ 382.73	\$ 300.00
MYSTERY QUILT	\$ -	\$ 165.00	\$ 200.00
NEWSLETTER		\$ 86.51	\$ 350.00
<i>Copies (\$12.00 per mo)</i>		\$ 86.51	
<i>Envelopes</i>		\$ -	
<i>Stamps .68 ea x</i>		\$ -	
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ 295.55	\$ 600.00
OPPORTUNITY QUILT		\$ 200.00	\$ 600.00
<i>Materials</i>		\$ -	\$ 300.00
<i>Pictures/Posters</i>		\$ -	
<i>Enterance Fees</i>		\$ -	
<i>Tickets</i>	\$ -	\$ 200.00	
<i>Quilting</i>		\$ -	\$ 300.00
PROGRAMS/WORKSHOPS		\$ 101.22	\$ 3,800.00
<i>General Exp / BUS TRIP</i>	\$ -	\$ 401.22	\$ 3,550.00
<i>UFO's</i>		\$ -	\$ 250.00
RENT		\$ 2,460.00	\$ 2,650.00
<i>1st Congregational</i>		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
<i>Workshop rents</i>		\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00
<i>HillsideCom Church</i>		\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00
<i>Post office rent</i>		\$ 210.00	\$ 200.00
SCHOLARSHIPS	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 500.00
WELCOME SUNSHINE		\$ 82.17	\$ 400.00
<i>Sunshine Mailings</i>		\$ 82.17	\$ 200.00
<i>Presidents Gift</i>		\$ -	\$ 200.00
		\$ -	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,357.84	\$ 7,311.38	\$ 17,381.00

FYI

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Current Club Officers

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

The next meeting of the executive board will be at **9:30 am, Monday, October 6**, at Karen Ervin's home at 100 S. Westwood #16, in Porterville Club members are free to attend.

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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