

JULY 2026*Porterville Quilters newsletter***PRESIDENTS LETTER**

Well, we made it through half the year without 100 degree plus temps, but they are finally here. I hope you are all staying cool and comfortable.

We have LOTS of exciting events coming up in the next few months. I hope you all will be able to attend and participate. Carmen has submitted her article outlining these events in this newsletter. Please be sure to look it over and mark your calendars! You don't want to miss out on the excitement!

Be sure to bring your sewing machine, supplies, and a lunch to our next meeting and stay afterwards to make blocks for a beautiful patriotic quilt! Sheri Cates will have the materials and directions. The rest of the information is in Carmen's article.

Looking forward to seeing you all July 16th!

Karen Andris has a new number
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Extra Hugs

Jenny McKinsey
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 Laurie Jackson
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 Ann Baker

**Little Quilts**

Over 100 quilts to over 8 different organizations and a Firetruck themed quilt to the Lindsay Fire Department



We meet the 3rd Thursday of the month @ 10 AM at the
 First Congregational Church
 165 E Mil Ave
 Porterville, CA

June 18, 2026

Porterville Quilters General Meeting

Call to Order: 10:02

Flag Salute

Sunshine/Attendance: 31 members and 3 guests: Dana L., Clela A., and Ida H.

Welcome and information about members:

- Member, Janice Poe has passed away. Service will be held 10 am Thurs. June 25th at Woodville Cemetery.
- Member Karen Andris has moved into her new home. Her new address will be sent out in an email.
- While she had the floor, Karen E. encouraged members to show quilts at the Tulare Fair. Information is available online for entering your quilts.

Old Business:

Minutes from May 21, 2026 Motion: Margaret, 2nd Amy. Approved

Treasurers Report: Motion: Valerie, 2nd Della. Approved

Program:

Dana Lahargoue program called: “The Good, the Bad and the Ugly” took us through her quilt journey. She shared her quilts and also encouraged the members to take classes and to keep trying different methods until they are perfected. Starch method applique class tomorrow at Westwood village club house.

Vice President’s Report:

- July will be local heroes. There will be sewing after the meeting on the Local Heroes quilt tops. Bring your machines and sewing tools. **Bring your lunch.**
- August 1 & 2 We need people to sell opportunity tickets at Camp Nelson
- August 20 meeting: Yard sale has been canceled. A trunk show is planned for the program.
- August 21: Annual retreat. 9-2:30 lunch provided. Activities are planned but are optional. Bring your own sewing projects, or sew some provided boutique items. Valerie will demonstrate how to re-work a man’s shirt into a blouse. Held at the First Congregational Church
- September meeting: Trunk show by Brenda McCutchen
- September, Friday 18th: Stack and Whack workshop
- Reminder: VP challenge is a memory quilt.

Committee Reports:

- Newsletter: Some people are still not getting them on their email.
- Hospitality: Christie thanked all who brought snacks. Reminded people they could bring snacks anytime not just in your birthday month.
- Scholarship: Molly Gillis is this year’s recipient.
- Local Heroes: No report
- Boutique: Ellen passes around some ideas for the boutique. Becki reminded people that they can bring their items at any time and Karen E. will store them.
- Christmas Luncheon: Janet reported that Jenny Lynn’s will cater. \$25 per plate. Gift exchange amount \$15-\$25 (optional) the committee is searching for door prize donations. You can sign up to be a table hostess. Table for 8 which will include center pieces and tableware settings.
- Little Quilts: The committee distributed 100 quilts to eight different organizations. And a larger quilt to the Lindsay Fire Department.

Block of the Month:

- Lynette presented “ 250 Year Birthday Block”
- Joann B. won last month’s block.

Basket Drawing:

- Won by Phyllis. Basket donated by Margaret, Jenny and Georgeanne.

From the Floor:

- Discussion about the agenda. General consensus is to continue printing it and have it available at the meeting.
- Reminder to bring 2 ½ inch strips for a game.
- Panel for banner needs some lettering. Valerie volunteered.

Show and Tell:

- As always many beautiful quilts and other projects were shown.

Adjourned: 12:15

Respectfully submitted by

Doris Pyland filling in for Secretary, Carol Cole

July 16: We will sew after meeting to make quilt blocks, quilt tops, and pillow cases for the Local Heroes Program

- Contact Sheri Cates for information.
- Bring sewing machine, sewing tools, and thread (white, red, blue, and gray).

Bring your Lunch and snacks to share

August 21: Annual retreat after monthly General Meeting at the Church Club house from 9 to 3.

- bring your projects (Personal) or work on provided kits. Carmen Friesen will be teaching us too make a chicken pot holder or the round basket (kits).



The basket and pot holder are items for the boutique. Patterns are yours to keep so you can make one for yourself.

Upcycled man's over- sized shirt into a blouse being taught by Valarie Simonich

Supplies:

- 1 men's button down shirt with a collar and a collar band
- Seam ripper
- Scissors – fabric and small detail scissors
- Ruler
- 1. Fabric marking chalk/pen and straight pins
- Coordinating thread
- Sewing machine w/ regular straight stitch foot
- Gathering foot – optional
- Elastic for gathering

September 18: Brenda McCutcheon workshop Stack n Whack @ the Westwood Village Club House from 9 - 3
Cost is 30.00 Lunch included

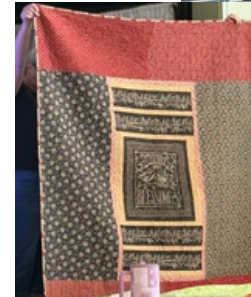
Feel free to contact Carmen Friesen at cfriesen67@gmail.com with any questions you may have.

Further details and supply list will be sent out soon

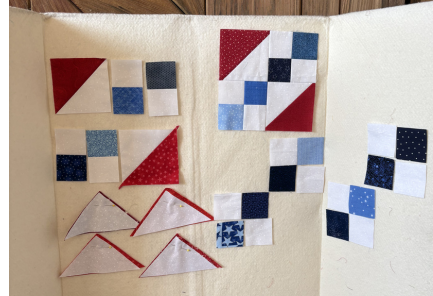
Come and have fun with your fellow quilters at these workshops!



Workshop in Applique



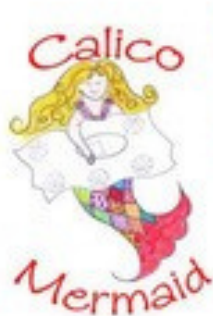
BLOCK OF THE MONTH



Harvest Boutique

Thank you, everyone who has turned in items so far and thank you to those of you who volunteered to make some children's items. We still need placements (sets of 4 please) and table runners. Seasonal as well as all-occasion would be great. We still need potholders and aprons. At the July meeting, there will be some ideas for making fabric pumpkins. We have some Poly-fil stuffing available for this project. Please bring your finished items to the club meeting in July. We are still putting price tags on them & adding them to our inventory lists. Please show them at show and tell to inspire the other members. Thank you!

There are only 2 months and 2 weeks until the Boutique: Saturday, October 3, 2026.



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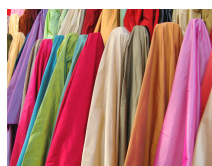
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Christmas Luncheon need volunteers

Contact Janet Alexander if you
would like to host a Table with decor!



Alberta Nancy Fletcher 11/10/1922 – 06/24/2026 Alberta Nancy Clanton Fletcher died peacefully in her home on June 24, 2026, at the age of 103, surrounded by family. She was a member of the Porterville Quilters. Her services are being held by Peers-Lorenzo Funeral Services located in Tulare.



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