

## PORTERVILLE QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

January 2026

**President's Message****Kathy Billiou**

Happy New Year  
Fellow Quilters!

Looking back to  
2025, I am so  
impressed with all  
we accomplished!

We had fun and ate some  
delicious snacks at our monthly  
meetings, enjoyed hearing from  
some fantastic speakers, learned a  
lot through workshops and tips  
shared by fellow members, had  
another successful Boutique, sold  
an amazing number of  
Opportunity Quilt tickets, and  
supported our community in a  
variety of ways. Do you realize  
that about 60 quilts have been  
presented to Local Heroes over  
the years and there are already 12  
quilts ready to present this year?  
Did you know that Little Quilts  
donated about 350 quilts to the  
various organizations we support  
last year alone? All of this is due to  
your hard work and dedication to  
(Cont.)

**Editor's Note**

Happy New Year fellow quilters! My name  
is Carol Cole and I am this year's Recording  
Secretary. Thank you for your trust &  
patience as I navigate this new experience.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Janice Poe	1/4
Stephanie Bullock	1/5
Janet Alexander	1/18
Geneva Owen	1/20
Ellen Jordan	1/30



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### President's Message

this Club! I'm excited looking forward to 2026!

Our Opportunity Quilt tickets are printed and ready to be picked up at our January meeting. We have some of our speakers already set and plans are being made for workshops and free sewing days. We have chairmen for most of our committees. The 2027 Opportunity quilt is even chosen and plans for beginning its production are on a roll!



Our first workshop will follow our January general meeting. Carmen will be teaching us how to make a name tag holder. Please read and follow the "General Quilting Instructions" (instructions attached to this newsletter) before the meeting. There is prep work for you to do before the meeting if you intend to participate. Also, please let Carmen know if you plan to participate so that she can complete her pre-workshop preparations. We're off and running! It's going to be a great year!

### Thank You!



We all want to express a big THANK YOU to the 2025 Board members. We couldn't have done it without you! And your support and encouragement have been most appreciated in getting us going this year!

### Upcoming Events

#### January Workshop

#### Name tags with Carmen Friesen



It's a name tag holder with three separate pockets, two on the front and one on the back. It's particularly aimed at new members, but any member can participate. There is no charge for this workshop. Contact Carmen if interested

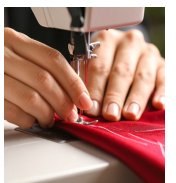
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**SUE'S  
WHIRLWIND  
IN MEMORY OF  
Sue Sampath**



## Christmas Bouquet



## GENERAL MEETING DECEMBER 2025

Porterville Quilters  
December 18, 2025

### General Meeting MinutEs

Call to Order: 10:05

Flag Salute

Minutes: Correction: Sandra Dauer did not show a mystery quilt at the November meeting.

Motion: TerryG., 2nd Phyllis. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept by Karen A. 2nd by Carol. Motion passed. Phyllis explained the reason the boutique receipts said Sheri's quilting was because she got locked out of her bank for entering the wrong password. Fortunately, Sheri was available with her point of sale program. Also, the 2026 membership forms were in the newsletter and will be taken in January. If turned in earlier than that the checks will be held for deposit until the New Year. Correspondence: None Voce-President: None

Old Business:

- Boutique Wrap-up: Kathy B. announced all unsold items were available for pick-up downstairs. Also, there is a donation form that needs to be filled out and turned in to the treasure.
- Need 2026 opportunity quilt chairman. Carmen and Diana volunteered.
- 2025 Opportunity quilt drawing. The winner is Julie from the Cowpuncher Café in Springville. Phyllis will deliver it to her. Karen A. announced that she will be moving and will be unable to make 2027 opportunity quilt as previous planned. Karen E. said she will need a volunteer to help her make it. It is a foundation paper pieced pattern.

New Business:

- The 2026 opportunity quilt was displayed and named. The quilt was from deceased member, Sue Sampath's estate. It was made by Phyllis T. The members voted to call the quilt "Sue's Whirlwind".

Installation of 2026 Officers: Karen E. installed the new officers: President Kathy B.; Vice-President, Carmen F.; Treasurer, Ferral H.; Recording Secretary, Carol C.; and Correspondence, Lynette S.

A quilt ladder was presented to Karen E. as an outgoing President's gift.

Karen E. presented the outgoing board a plant for their help this year.

Meeting was turned over to the Christmas Party Chairs, Jan and Linda. They handed out the gift exchange and many door prizes.

Lunch was catered and served by Anvil BBQ.

Respectfully Submitted by

Doris Pyland, rec. secretary

Meeting adjourned: 12:00

Board meeting: 10:00 am Dec. 31 @ Jenny Lyn's – Club meeting 10:00 January 15 at church.

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