

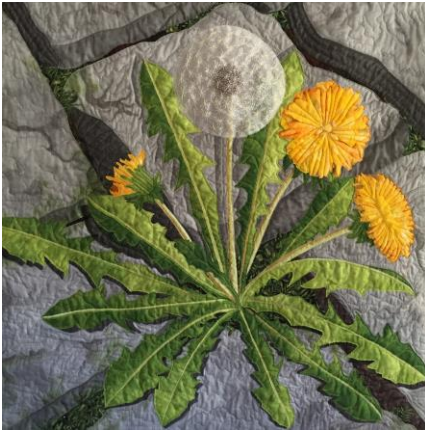
AVQA News

Antelope Valley Quilt Association

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MARCH Program



March 14th – “Picture This! How to Create Pictorial Art Quilts” with Lauretta Crites. Lecture and Trunk Show (in person).

Lauretta Crites is an inspiring speaker, pattern designer, and an award-winning art quilter. After graduating from California Institute of the Arts (CalArts) with a degree in Costume Design, she spent several years with Center Theater Group creating elaborate costumes for major Los Angeles theater productions, followed by 10 years with the Los Angeles Opera as the Assistant Costume Director, traveling and working on exquisite productions in some of the most celebrated theaters in the world.

Burnt out on late nights and long theater hours, she left the Opera and began to let her new-found passion for quilting take over her life, home, and studio. Her love of textiles and costume merged into art quilting,

where she frequently gets to “costume” the characters in her quilts, playing once again with silks and satins along with the quilting cottons.

Lauretta has appeared on *Quilting Arts TV* and *Huell Howser’s California Gold*. Her art quilts have been published in *Quilters Newsletter Magazine*, *IQA Journal*, *Quilting Arts Magazine* and *The Quilt Show e-Newsletter*, and have won awards at IQA Houston Festival, Road to California, Pacific International Quilt Festival and more. When not traveling the country speaking and teaching the joy of quilting, she’s at home working in her studio or hanging out with her husband and her dogs, Lilo and Stitch.

March 16th - All guild sew-in at Harshfield Terrace, 10:00-2:00.

April 11th - Guild general meeting, Bylaws changes and vote.

April 13th – Workshop: “Color and Value for Every Quilt” with Carla Wolf. Learn to look at color in a new way, for both traditional quilt making as well as art quilts. Attendees will make a small project which will teach the secrets of creating luminosity with fabric. There will be bonus information that will encourage you to join the upcoming challenge later this year. Where: Harshfield Terrace, Quartz Hill. When: 10:00-2:00. Sign-up sheet available at general meeting.



Guild Information

Guild Meeting: Thurs, March 14, at 5:30 p.m.
 Location: United Methodist Church, 918 W Ave J,
 Lancaster, CA. Times are subject to change.

Board Meeting: Tues, March 19, at 5:30 p.m. in
 person at Peggy Campbell's sewing studio.

Membership Dues: \$50.00, or \$60.00 if newsletter
 is delivered by USPS. This price includes 24
 Opportunity Quilt tickets.

AVQA 2023-2024 Executive Board Members

President	Nani Johnson
1 st VP	Maggie Konik
2 nd VP	VACANT
Secretary	Kathy Judkins
Treasurer	Lynn Aguirre/Stephanie Shuping
Parliamentarian	Nancy Walker

AVQA 2023-2024 Committee Chairs

Challenge	Carla Wolf
Door Prizes	Kathy Greene
Fat 1/4 Drawing	Robynn Frame
Friendship Circles	Carla Wolf
Historian	VACANT
Holiday Party	Peggy Howard
Hospitality	Donna Roberts
Membership	Sue Jacobsen
Newsletter	Peggy Vachon
Opp Quilt Design '24	Dixie Bahr
Opp Quilt Promo	VACANT
Philanthropic	Kathy Judkins/Terri Moss
Publicity	Leinaala Strickler
Retreats	Sherry DeLano
Scholarship	Jamie Harrington
SCCQG Rep	Vicki Brown
Sunshine	Peggy Cruz
Travel	VACANT
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Happy March Birthdays!

10 Roxanne Irwin	29 Kathy Nowell
18 Patricia Nickle	30 Peggy Vachon
28 Melanie Karnavas	

If we've missed your birthday, please let the Membership Chair know, and have a great birthday!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear AVQA quilters, as the days begin to grow longer with sunlight and the flowers begin to bloom, colors inspire the thoughts and imaginations of quilters and artists everywhere. The poppies should be beautiful this year with all the rain we have been blessed to receive. I look forward to seeing all the projects and beautiful work the guild is producing at the beginning of this time of the year. Please consider taking a position as a member of the guild to help the AVQA grow and flourish. Many positions are open in many varieties. Keep on quilting with friends, fabric and lots of fun.

Nani Johnson
AVQA President





Treasurer's Report/Lynn Aguirre and Stephanie Shuping: Insurance has been checked into and business license has been applied for. Ticket sales at Road to California came to \$139. Motion to approve made by Donna Roberts and seconded by Cheryl Nieman.

President/Nani Johnson announced that the next board meeting will be held at 5:30 on Tuesday, February 13. She added that we are looking for a "quilt mom" to oversee taking the opportunity quilt to shows, meetings, and other places to sell tickets.

1st VP - Programs/Maggie Konik: This Saturday we will have a sew-in at Quartz Hill Library from 10:00 to 2:00. On March 14, Laretta Crites will be here in person to present a lecture and trunk show, "Picture This? How to Create Pictorial Art Quilts." We will have an all-guild sew-in on March 16 at Harshfield Terrace from 10:00 to 2:00. On April 11, Sue Jacobsen will speak about applique. She will teach a workshop on April 13.

Parliamentarian/Nancy Walker: Next month we'll be voting on bylaws changes. If you have questions, e-mail her.

Membership/Sue Jacobsen: There are 33 members present and 3 on Zoom. The drawings were won by Stephanie Shuping, Nani Johnson, and Kathy Nowell.

Door Prizes/Nette Louton for Kathy Greene. Al's Vac and Sew donated a very generous door prize. Robynn Frame won the drawing.

Fat Quarter Drawing/Robynn Frame: Lois Rose won the drawing. She decided green will be the color for March.

Philanthropic/Terri Moss and Judy Miller: They brought 8 quilts to be donated to the Palmdale Sheriff's Station, 7 quilts to donate to the Children's Center, and delivered 14 quilts to Care Net.

Publicity/Leinaala Strickler: She is planning a food night at Habit. She will have flyers, or you can use your phone to scan a code.

Antelope Valley Quilt Association General Meeting Minutes February 8, 2024

President/Nani Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. at Lancaster United Methodist Church and via Zoom. Kathy Judkins acting as Secretary.

1st Vice-President - Programs/Maggie Konik introduced the speaker, Karen Miller, who gave a lecture and trunk show, "Align Your FMQ Stars," via Zoom.

Minutes: President/Nani Johnson asked if there were any corrections that needed to be made to the minutes from the January guild meeting. There being none, she asked for a motion to approve the minutes as posted in the February newsletter. Motion made by Cheryl Nieman and seconded by Stephanie Shuping.

Sunshine/Peggy Cruz: Former member and president Cecile Lockhart is now in a senior care residence. Peggy said she has picked up some of Cecile's fabric, and there is a large metal table that will go to whoever asks for it.

Show and Share: Stephanie Shuping, Nani Johnson, Marilyn Hendrix, Gillian Ray, Terri Moss

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.
Draft submitted for approval by Kathy Judkins,
AVQA Secretary



Antelope Valley Quilt Association
Board Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2024

1st VP/Maggie Konik called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. Kathy Judkins acting as Secretary. Location: Peggy Campbell's studio in Lancaster.

Attendees: Maggie Konik, Nette Louton, Pat Crook, Nancy Walker, Lynn Aguirre, Kathy Greene, Stephanie Shuping, Kathy Judkins

President/Nani Johnson is on a retreat.

Minutes/1st VP - Programs/Maggie Konik asked for a motion to approve the January board meeting minutes as published in the February newsletter. Motion to approve the minutes made by Lynn Aguirre. Motion seconded by Kathy Greene. By show of hands, the minutes were approved.

Treasurer/Lynn Aguirre and Stephanie Shuping: Lynn handed out the report. It has been corrected to show that a year's rent was paid to the church in July. Discussion about some AVQA mail going to the church instead of our PO Box.

1st VP - Programs/Maggie Konik: We are having an in-person lecture and trunk show with Laretta Crites. There will not be a workshop on the Saturday after the guild meeting, just a sew-in at Harshfield Terrace. In April we will have an applique workshop with Sue Jacobsen at Harshfield Terrace.

Parliamentarian/Nancy Walker: She will present a slate of officers in March. We will vote for the Executive Board and on proposed Bylaws changes in April. Discussion about needing to change the program in April due to Executive Board election and voting on Bylaws changes.

Kathy Greene: The commissioned anniversary quilt her group is making is meeting on Friday to lay it out.

Treasurer Co-chair/Stephanie Shuping reserved the dates May 17-18, 2025, for the quilt show at the Fairgrounds with the \$1,000 deposit.

Kathy Greene: Matt Leone, owner of Al's Vacuum and Sewing, wants to have a virtual quilt show. He did this last year. It will promote Al's and AVQA.

Door Prizes/Kathy Greene: She is writing a thank-you note to Matt for his very generous door

prize donation. She also talked about the Grace quilting frame that needs a new home.

Maggie Konik and Stephanie Shuping talked about their plans to teach quilting to guild members who want to learn to quilt.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.
Draft submitted for approval by Kathy Judkins,
AVQA Secretary



Announcements:

Hospitality

If your last name starts with **P-Z**, please bring a refreshment or snack of some kind to share with your fellow members at the March meeting.

Newsletter

Deadline for the next newsletter is March 24, 2024.
Do not forget!
Peggy Vachon, Newsletter Chair

Fat Quarter Drawing

Bring 1-5 fat quarters to enter the monthly drawing and have a chance to win a whole basket of yummy fabric. The color for the February drawing is **GREEN**.

Philanthropic

The Lake Hughes quilting group delivered 14 quilts to Care Net and brought 8 quilts to the guild meeting for me to take to Palmdale Sheriff's Station and 7 quilts for me to take to the Children's Center in Lancaster. During the week of February 19, I delivered quilts to the Women's Clinic of the Antelope Valley, the Palmdale Sheriff's Station, and the Children's Center.

Saturday, March 2, is our regular meeting of Bits and Pieces and Philanthropic Committee at Harshfield Terrace. We always have plenty of sewing and quilting work to do, so please join us from 10:00 to 2:00.

Kathy Judkins
Philanthropic Chair

Parliamentarian

Voting on the Bylaw amendments is postponed until April. As it will most likely take the entire meeting to discuss and vote on the proposed changes, the Board felt that we should devote an entire meeting to it and forgo a program. We already have a program scheduled in March and the presenter is unable to change her date.

The Slate of Officers for the 2024-25 year is:

President: Nani Johnson
1st VP: Maggie Konik
2nd VP: We need somebody! Co-VPs would share the work!
Secretary: not finalized
Treasurers: Running as Co-Treasurers, Lynne Aguirre and Stephanie Shuping
Parliamentarian: Nancy Walker

Travel: We need a brave soul to step up and arrange our bus to the Quilt Festival in Long Beach this July 8. Nancy Walker is handling the preliminary steps at the moment. It's not a difficult task; it is mostly done online. More information to follow!

**Los Angeles County
Quilters Guild**
Presents
A Stitch in Time Quilt Show
Friday, May 10, 2024
9AM - 5PM
Saturday, May 11, 2024
9AM - 3PM

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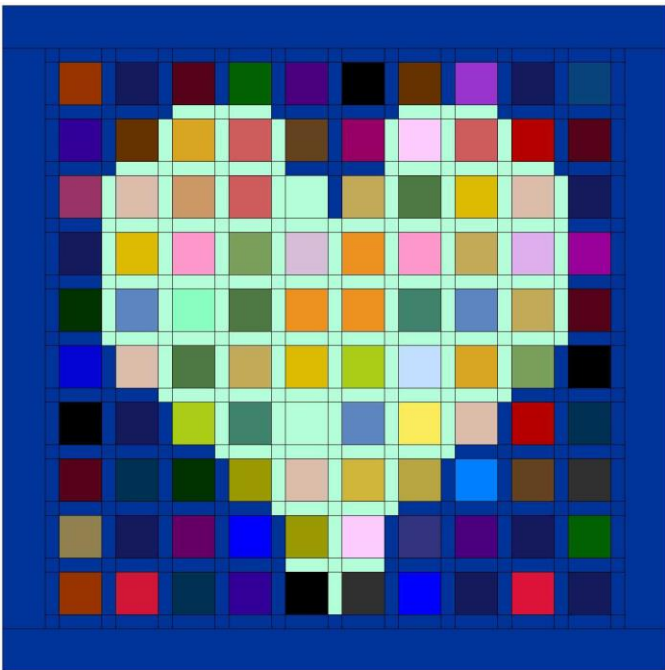
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THANK YOU AL'S VACUUM AND SEWING

Thanks to Al's Vacuum and Sewing for their generous donations of Door Prize "treasurers". In the coming months our door prize offerings will be extra special. What a bargain! A dollar a ticket, six tickets for \$5.00, 12 tickets for \$10.00, or 24 tickets for \$20.00.

Over the years Matt and Sue, of Al's Vacuum and Sewing, have been staunch supporters of AVQA. Their continued support is very appreciated! Look for more information in upcoming Newsletters as we will be working with Al's Vacuum and Sewing on a Virtual Quilt Show beginning June 1 through June 22, 2024. The top three vote getters will receive a gift. It's time to get those UFOs, (or never been judged) quilts finished to be presented virtually.



THE NEW LITTLE GRACIE II

Home Machine Quilting System

AVQA received a donation of a New Little Gracie II quilting system and it's looking for it's new forever home. There is a how-to video on YouTube that gives complete instruction on the assembly process. The Grace Company also has contact information if you would need any set up help. Its name is "Little", but you will need a room with at least 6 feet (my guesstimation) to set up and use. If you have been thinking of taking your quilting up a level but didn't want to make the investment of a long arm machine, this is your opportunity to further your quilting experience. Your personal domestic machine fits into the frame to accomplish your quilting dream.

Contact me if you are ready for a new adventure.
Kathy Greene

