



# AVQA News

Antelope Valley Quilt Association

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## Trash to Treasure

**On 08 January we are having Trash to Treasure. This is an opportunity for you or your sewing circles to clean out your sewing or craft rooms of items you no longer want or need. If you want to reserve a table you can rent one for \$10 and then you/your circle can offer items for sale and any money collected would have a 70/30 split. This means you would make \$.70 on each dollar and the guild would make \$.30 on each dollar sold from your table. These items have a set price.**

**The other option is to bring items that you donate 100% of the sale to the guild. In this option there is no need to rent the table. Just bring in your items and have other people purchase them. Please remember, all items not sold must go home with the person who brought them in. We are not responsible for items not sold. A silent auction would work best for these items.**

**For a silent auction there will be a piece of paper in front of each item (sewing machine, rulers, box of thread, etc). You write down a price you would be willing to pay for that item along with your name. As on ebay another person might come up from behind you and raise that amount by a quarter. If you are really interested in an item you need to check back to see if you are still the highest bidder. After 20-30 minutes have gone by we will call it sold.**

**Any questions or to reserve a table call Peggy Vachon @ 940-8789 or cell 433-6213.  
Thank you and Happy New Year!**

*February Program:* We will be welcoming Kim Diehl to our guild.

# Guild Information

**Next Guild Meeting:** Thursday, 08 January 2009

Location: Lancaster United Methodist Church  
918 West Ave J, Lancaster CA

**Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday, 13 January 2009  
6:30pm at **Big City Fabrics**

## Membership Dues 2008-09

Annual Dues: \$25.00 Youth & Seniors: \$20.00

Guild Mailing Address: Antelope Valley Quilt Association  
P.O. Box 4107 Lancaster CA 93539-4107

**Monthly deadline for newsletter submissions  
is the Friday following the board meeting**

## AVQA 2008-2009 Executive Board Members

|                    |                  |          |
|--------------------|------------------|----------|
| President          | Sandy Jo Ellis   | 285-5978 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> VP | Peggy Vachon     | 940-8789 |
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## AVQA 2008-2009 Committee Chairs

|                    |                   |          |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------|
| Friendship Circles | Sally Oliver      | 400-3359 |
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| Opp Quilt Promo    | Open              |          |
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| Publicity          | Sharron Dalton    | 947-5251 |
|                    | Kathy Judkins     | 266-9048 |
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| Web Site           | Barbara Roberts   | 724-1243 |

## AVQA 2008-2009 Additional Key Positions

|               |                |          |
|---------------|----------------|----------|
| Challenge     | Karen Stenback | 951-3851 |
| Sunshine      | Sandy Huszar   | 264-4441 |
| Holiday Party | Sandy Huszar   | 264-4441 |
| SCCQG Rep     | Vicki Brown    | 269-8144 |

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## Hospitality

Happy New Year! We hope this year you find yourself gathering with dear friends, getting a lot of quilting done and eating healthy treats. Members with the last names starting with the letters below are asked to bring a healthy treat or drink to the January meeting. Thank you!

I ~ J ~ K ~ L ~ M ~ N

Sue, Bea & June

Hospitality Chairpersons3



A decorative banner with a red border and four gold clips at the top. The text "President's Message" is written in a bold, black, serif font in the center.

President's Message:  
Happy New Year Quilters!

By the time you read this, we will be taking our first steps into the New Year. As I write this, I am able to gaze out my window and see the 9+ inches of snow beautifully blanketing the grounds outside of my home.

What an amazing couple of days we have had here in the High Desert. I have never seen the valley so breathtakingly gorgeous and I have been here for 21 years.

For the New Year, I hope all of us get to do more sewing, quilting and sharing time with those we hold dear to our hearts. I also hope that if we make resolutions, we at least stick to the one, "Make time for more quilting!"

Now is the time to begin finishing up the quilts you want to enter into this years' quilt show. Now is also the time to finish working on your Challenge quilt, if you decided to take the challenge. Now is also the time to finish piecing the Opportunity Quilt Blocks 2010, and bring them to the January meeting.

The President's Challenge for this month is to read the newsletter in its entirety and participate in this months' "Trash to Treasure." Make sure to see me during the January meeting and tell me that you've read the newsletter. You will then receive a free quilt related goodie!

Stay warm and dry,

*~~Sandy Jo Ellis*



I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year!! I do not have minutes because we did not have a meeting in December. Thank you

Cheryl Nieman-Asst. Secretary



**AVQA Board  
Meeting Minutes  
16 December 2008**



No meeting was held during the month of December 2008.

Submitted by Cheryl Nieman Asst. Secretary



*Laurie*

**Opportunity Quilt Tickets** We need to sell, sell, sell these tickets. Please see me if you need to pick up your packet of 24 tickets. Don't forget to bring \$20.00 with you.

**Opportunity Quilt Promotion** If you are interested in bringing the Opportunity Quilt to a function, meeting, etc., please contact me as soon as is possible. We can use all the help we can get in this area.

~~**Sandy Jo, President**

## AVQA Program Calendar



08 January 2009

Trash to Treasure

12 February 2009

Kim Diehl

14 February 2009

Kim Diehl-Invisible Machine Appliqué Workshop  
*website-www.kimdiehl.com*

12 March 2009

Peggy Martin

14 March 2009

Peggy Martin- "New York Beauty in a New York Minute" Workshop  
*website-www.martins.cts.com*



09 April 2009

Philanthropic Veterans Project

14 May 2009

Quilt Show/Challenge

11 June 2009

Cindy Needham-*Thread Facts and Fiction*

13 June 2009

Cindy Needham- "Open Thread Bar" Workshop  
*website-www.cindyneedham.com*

09 July 2009

Lyn Mann

11 July 2009

Lyn Mann Workshop  
*website-www.quiltsbylyn.com*

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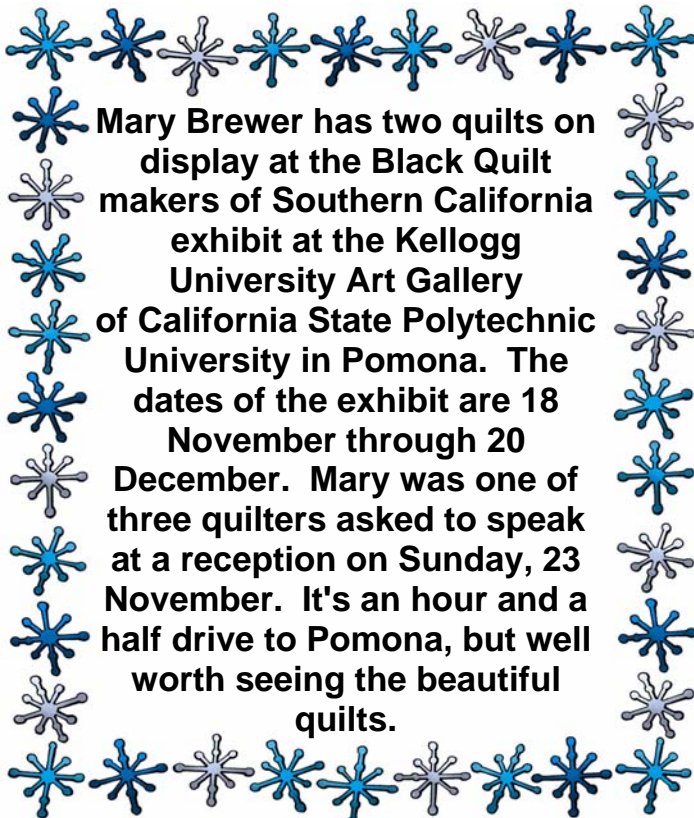


## Turkey Tetrazzini

8 ozs thin spaghetti, broken into 3-inch lengths, cooked, rinsed & drained  
1 ½ cups shredded Cheddar cheese, divided  
¼ cup Parmesan cheese, divided  
2-3 cups diced cooked turkey  
2 tbs diced pimientos, if desired  
1 tbs butter  
4 ozs sliced mushrooms

¼ cup chopped onion  
1 can cream of mushroom soup  
½ cup chicken broth  
¼ cup dry sherry  
Salt and pepper, to taste

Combine spaghetti with 1 cup Cheddar cheese and half of the Parmesan cheese. Add turkey and pimientos. In a skillet, melt butter and sauté mushrooms and onions just until tender; add to the turkey mixture along with remaining ingredients. Gently stir to combine ingredients; place in a greased casserole and sprinkle with remaining cheeses. Cover with lid or foil and bake at 350° for about 45 minutes, or until hot and bubbly. Serves 6 to 8.



Mary Brewer has two quilts on display at the Black Quilt makers of Southern California exhibit at the Kellogg University Art Gallery of California State Polytechnic University in Pomona. The dates of the exhibit are 18 November through 20 December. Mary was one of three quilters asked to speak at a reception on Sunday, 23 November. It's an hour and a half drive to Pomona, but well worth seeing the beautiful quilts.

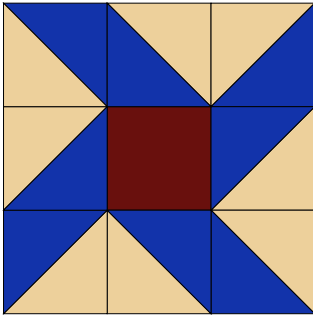
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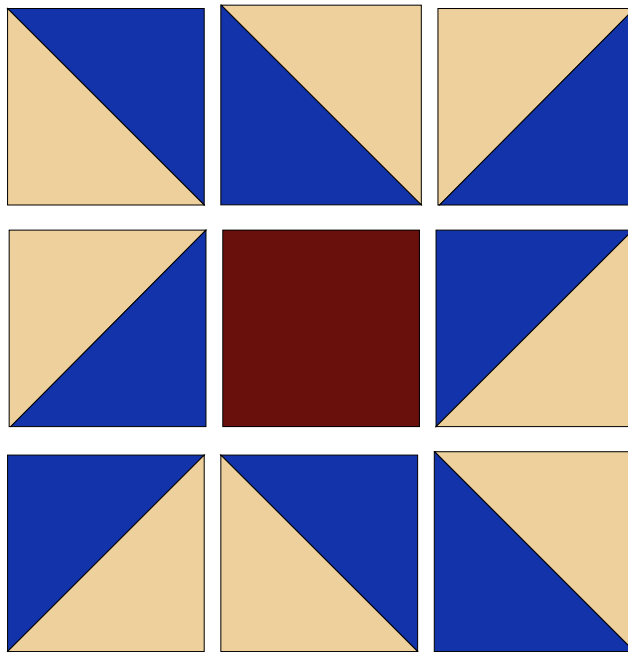
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# Veterans Block

## **Eccentric Star**



1. 4 1/2" squares: Cut 1 red print.
2. 4 7/8" squares: Cut 4 blue print, 4 white or cream print; cut each diagonally to make 8 triangles of each color. Stitch triangles together.
3. Stitch into rows of three, then stitch the 3 rows together.



**Veterans Project** Hi Quilters, I hope you had a great Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!

I need some input from you. Would you be interested in a Wednesday daytime workshop for the Veterans project in mid-January? I have talked to the people at the Palmdale Senior Center and they have a room we can use to sew. Please either email me or give me a call if you would be interested in sewing for a day on the Veterans quilts. FMI email at [bgcats@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bgcats@sbcglobal.net) or phone 661 947.0979.



Thanks, Betty Putzka

## **February Program** *Kim Diehl*

On 12 February we will be welcoming Kim Diehl to our guild. She will also be having a workshop on the following Saturday, 14 February at University of Phoenix in Lancaster. The name of the project is Old-Fashioned Hospitality. To view the quilt go to Kim's website @ <http://kimdiehl.com/workshops.php> The cost is \$25. The following is her description of the class:

**Old-Fashioned Hospitality**  
*60" Square Lap Quilt*  
*All Skill Levels*  
*Six-Hour Class*



Create an artful expression of your hospitality with this vividly appliquéd quilt center, and then frame it to perfection with a stripy patchwork border. Class time will begin with the center patchwork portion of this project, and then we'll switch our focus to Kim's easy invisible machine appliqué technique. You'll discover just how simple it can be to prepare beautifully shaped appliqués, and you'll learn how your sewing machine can be used to invisibly stitch them in a fraction of the time that needle-turn techniques require. One of Kim's best classes, because this project is so "do-able" for anyone!

Any questions or if you want to sign up for her class please call Peggy Vachon @ 940.8789 or cell 433.6213. I do not have the supply list yet.



## **History of Quilting**

*From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Installment**

### **Changes in Quilt making During the Mid Nineteenth Century**

#### **Two types of signature quilts**

One significant type of quilt made during this period were signature quilts. Indelible ink was available after 1840 making it possible to not only sign a quilt but to add inscriptions including poetry, personal messages or other information. The more elaborate autographs and inscriptions are seen most often in quilts made before the Civil War.

We refer to quilts in which all the blocks were the same pattern as friendship quilts. Often each person made a block and signed it. Other times one person made the quilt then each person signed a block. Sometimes a person with exceptional handwriting inscribed all the signatures. There was no single way that friendship quilts were made.

Friendship quilts had special meaning for those who were traveling westward as they could look at the quilt and remember friends and family left behind.



The other kind of autograph quilt was the album quilt that consisted of several unique quilt blocks. More often these album blocks were appliquéd while the friendship quilts were usually made up of pieced blocks. The most elegant of these album autograph quilts were Baltimore album quilts. Baltimore album quilts originated in Baltimore, Maryland in the 1840s. These album quilts of lovely appliquéd blocks were sometimes designed by the maker though in time patterns by accomplished designers were used as the popularity of this quilt style spread. They reflected the prosperous community of Baltimore as most were made not with scraps but with new fabrics.

### Quilting for the cause in the United States during the Civil War era

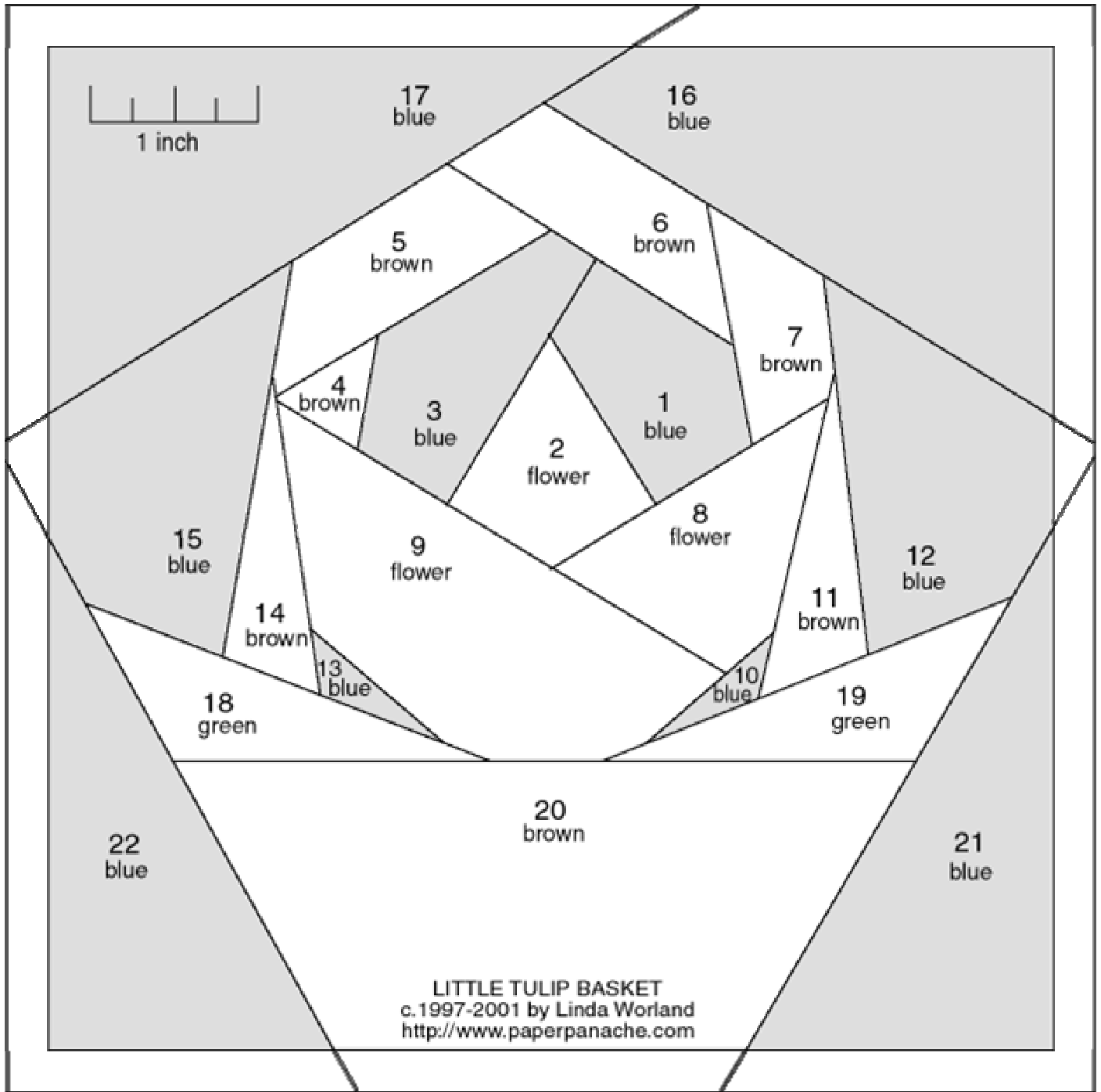
There were many years and events leading up to the American Civil War. First quilts were made to raise funds to support the abolitionist movement then during the Civil War quilts were made to earn money for the war effort and to give warmth and comfort to soldiers. The patterns were much like those made mid-century but the purpose was different. Quilts connected to the abolitionist movement and the Civil War were made for a cause.

### The movement to free the slaves and the role of quilts

Even before 1830 abolitionists were working hard to end slavery. One way they did this was to hold grand fairs to raise both awareness and money for the abolitionist cause. Quilts were one of many craft pieces sold at these fairs. These quilts were usually fine quilts often with beautiful appliqué. Women sometimes put anti-slavery poems and sayings on the quilts they made for fairs as well as for friends and family. The goal was to show the terrible plight of the slaves.

Some abolitionists were active in the Underground Railroad helping runaway slaves get to safety. There are stories that certain quilts were used as signals to help the slaves in their flight to freedom. The idea that a log cabin quilt would be hung on the line of a safe house was one. More recent stories tell of certain quilts being used to tell the slaves what they needed to do to get to safety. This all sounds quite romantic but there is no historic evidence that quilts were ever used in this way. But we do know that a valiant effort was made by both whites and free slaves to help these slaves to their destination.

Quilt historians have written about the lack of evidence that Quilts of the Underground Railroad were any more than stories that have caught our imagination.





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**Membership** There were 40 members & guests present at the Holiday Party. (This does not include all of the vendors that were present.)

The following members renewed in November 2008, please add them to your roster:

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~~Eunice Hess & Jessica Ellis



**Quilt Show Committee Meeting**

Please mark your calendars. The first quilt show meeting will be on Wednesday, 28 January at 6:30pm. If you are interested in helping out, please join us, everyone is welcome.

~~Jamie Harrington, 2nd VP

**Note from the Librarian**

Hi Everyone

Email or call a few days before the meeting with requested selections from the library so they can be retrieved in time. See the [www.avqa.org](http://www.avqa.org) website for a list of the library items.

Cheers!! 661 274.9020 [jolly@qnet.com](mailto:jolly@qnet.com)  
~~Michelle Johnston, Librarian



**Salvation Army Food Drive** Deana Mullins wants to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to all who contributed toward the food drive for the Salvation Army.



**Holiday Party** Thank You Sandy Huszar for planning, coordinating & smoothly running the Holiday Party 2008, held at Josie's Tea Room. I think all who were able to attend had a good time and enjoyed the food, fellowship and the quarter auction! Congratulations to all the winners!

**Opportunity Quilt Design** Just a reminder to everyone who signed out a pieced block for the upcoming Opportunity Quilt that your blocks are due at the January meeting.

Appliqué blocks are due in February. Any questions call Peggy Vachon @ 940.8789 or cell 433.6213 Thanks!



## January~March Quilting Events

**15~18 Jan** Road to California Quilter's Conference, *The Best in the West*, Ontario Convention Center, Ontario. Thur~Sat 9:30~6; Sun 10~4  
FMI [www.road2ca.com](http://www.road2ca.com)

**13~14 Feb** Valley Quilters (Hemet) 29th Annual Quilt Show, Valley Wide Recreation Center 901 Esplanade Ave., San Jacinto. Featuring over 100 quality quilts, consignment shop, boutique, quilt appraiser, vendors, & featured quilter. 10~4. Admission \$6. FMI: 951 927.9739 or [sewbetty3@roadrunner.com](mailto:sewbetty3@roadrunner.com)

**21~22 Feb** South Bay Quilters Guild Annual Quilt Show at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3341 Civic Center Drive, Torrance. Sat, 10~5; Sun 10~4. Small Quilt Auction, Sun, 1 pm. Quilters Marketplace, Merchant Mall, Quilters Cafe. Over 150 quilts on display; Community service exhibit.  
FMI: [quiltshow@southbayquiltersguild.org](mailto:quiltshow@southbayquiltersguild.org) or [southbayquiltersguild.org](http://southbayquiltersguild.org)

**27~29 Mar** Mar Glendale Quilt Show The 30th Annual Glendale Quilt Show at the Burbank Airport Marriott Hotel & Convention Center, 2500 Hollywood Way Burbank 91505. Creative workshops and informative lectures with nationally acclaimed instructors: Jodi Barrows, Brett Barker, Sandi Cummings, Nancy Eha, Rami Kim and Paula Reid. Three fun filled days of quilts, dolls, wearables and a large vendor mall. New this year, Children's classes conducted by Judi Gunter. FMI  
[www.glendalequiltguild.org](http://www.glendalequiltguild.org)



## 2009 Newsletter Submission Dates

Please note the following dates for submission of newsletter articles

- 16 January 2009
- 20 February 2009
- 20 March 2009
- 17 April 2009
- 22 May 2009
- 19 June 2009
- 17 July 2009
- 21 August 2009
- 18 September 2009
- 16 October 2009
- 20 November 2009
- 18 December 2009

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month

Next meeting:  
 Thursday, **08 January 2009**  
 Doors Open at 6:00pm

**Lancaster United Methodist Church**  
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