



# AVQA News

Antelope Valley Quilt Association

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## **JUNE PROGRAM: Larene Smith**

### **Trunk Show: Sew the Pieces**

Larene Smith of The Quilted Button says she can remember when she was very young watching her Mom sewing and hearing the words “Do not touch my sewing machine”. That began her interest in sewing. Years later she asked her Mom to show her how to make a quilt. Her Mom took the time to teach Lorene how to



make a 9 patch quilt. Lorene took fabric that she bought - too many years ago to count - from T, G & Y and began playing with fabric.

Larene has developed into a talented quilt designer/maker/teacher. Her designs are unique and she has taught many classes for quilt shops and guilds. She also regularly designs for several fabric manufacturers including Hoffman California International Fabrics, P & B Textiles, Quilting Treasures, and Windham Fabrics. She will share unique techniques to help you “Sew the Pieces” in a way you have not seen before.

Be sure to sign up for her class: Sew Darn Cute 2 (Miniature Tote for all of those small sewing tools) – a project she says can be completed in the one-day class on June 11th.

The Quilted Button website is <http://www.thequiltedbutton.com/index.html>

\*Note: Please join us before the meeting for dinner at 5:00 pm at the Green House Cafe located at 1169 Commerce Center Drive in Lancaster.

## **PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2016**

June 9, 2016	Speaker: Larene Smith – Sew the Pieces
June 11, 2016	Class: Larene Smith – Sew Darn Cute 2
July 14, 2016	Speaker: Shelley Swanland – From Quilts to Twilts
July 16, 2016	Class: Shelley Swanland – Embellishment Medley
August 11, 2016	Ice Cream Social and Auction
August 13, 2016	Open Sew
September 8, 2016	Sherry Werum – Mosaics & the Quilts the Inspire
September 10, 2016	Sherry Werum – Woven Tumbling Block Tablerunner
October 13, 2016	Linda Kerston (AVQA Charter Member) – Trunk Show



# Guild Information

**Next Guild Meeting:** Thurs, June 9, 2016  
Location: Lancaster United Methodist Church  
918 West Ave J, Lancaster, CA  
Time: 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:00 p.m.)

**Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday, June 14, 2016  
Location: Bolts in the Bathtub  
723 W Lancaster Blvd, Lancaster, CA  
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Membership Dues: \$30.00 or \$35.00 if newsletter delivered by both email and USPS.

## AVQA 2015-2016 Executive Board Members

President	Carolyn Lundie
1 <sup>st</sup> VP	Sue Jacobsen
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Jamie Harrington
Secretary	Pat Stauning
Treasurer	Kathy Greene
Parliamentarian	Harriet Spann

## AVQA 2015-2016 Committee Chairs

Challenge	Mary Brewer
Door Prizes	VACANT
Fat 1/4 Drawing	Coral Brown
Friendship Circles	Coral Brown
Historian	VACANT
Holiday Party	Maria Bridgeo Thompson
Hospitality	Rosie Cueves
Librarian	Corine Cudney
Membership	Dixie Bahr
Newsletter	Michele Cameron
Opp Quilt Design	Carolyn Lundie
Opp Quilt Promo	Carolyn Lundie
Philanthropic	Lynell Rodio & Peggy Campbell
Publicity	Donna Tinder & Kathy Judkins
Retreats	Cheryl Nieman & Sandy Smith
SCCQG Rep	Vicki Brown
Scholarships	Pat Stauning
Sunshine	Janice Zark
Travel	Sylvia Darroch
Veterans' Quilts	Betty Putzka
Web Site	Roxanna Flint

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5 – Andrea Abramson	23 – Vicki Brown
12 – Michele Cameron	

\*\*If we've missed your birthday, let Dixie Bahr, Membership Chair know & have a great birthday!

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

June 2016

Hi! This is my final President's Message. It is a bittersweet moment. While I'll be glad to be relieved of the responsibility, I'll miss the interaction with all of you. Cheryl Nieman will do a great job; she's already proven herself. I hope my tenure has resulted in a peaceful guild. That was my purpose when I ran. This guild runs on volunteer help and until you're on the board, you realize how important volunteers are. We provide low cost classes for everyone in the guild; that's part of our mission, however, we go one step beyond by providing philanthropic quilts as well. Our budget is the same as a small business. Keeping this together requires your help. That means volunteering for more than the two hours at the quilt show. To continue to make this guild strong, continue to volunteer as a chairperson or take the opportunity quilt to a meeting, help out as hospitality chair, or help put out chairs for a meeting. I looked forward to retiring from my job mainly because I could help more in the guild. Let's keep this guild strong by our volunteerism and supportive words.

- Carolyn Lundie, AVQA President

### CHATELAINE CHALLENGE 2016

The first AVQA Chatelaine Challenge was great! Congratulations to all five of the entrants: Debbie Cowles, Kathy Greene, Karen Stenback, Anne Tyszka, & Mary Brewer. We applaud each of you on your individuality, creativity, and sewing skills. After all ballots were counted, the top winners were

- (1) Most Creative Use of Machine Embroidery – Debbie Cowles
- (2) Most Creative Use of Embellishments – Debbie Cowles
- (3) Personal favorite – Karen Stenback.

Thank you for supporting us as we tried something new and different in the guild. All of the chatelaines had a welt pocket, a maker's choice of a second pocket, and the guild logo. Special thanks are deserved for those who machine embroidered the logos: Debbie Cowles, Patty Fronzina, Kathy Greene, Donna Roberts, Sandy Smith, and Mary Simiensi. These ladies took no pay for their work leaving us with funds to purchase supplies for the sewing charm necklaces. Thanks go out to Cheryl Nieman for computerizing the guild logo and Debbie Cowles for distributing the discs for machine embroidery. Thank you Carolyn Lundie and Michele Cameron for helping Mary with the newsletter articles. Also many thanks to Janice and Bob Zark for helping with the thimbles, to Mary Brewer for purchasing all the supplies, and to Cynthia Catlin who was invaluable in helping Mary with necklace assembly and design. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU. Hopefully you will continue to make memories adding more charms to your necklaces. This has truly been a successful team effort. It was especially meaningful for us on the committee getting to know each other better.



*Debbie Cowles, Kathy Greene, Anne Tyszka, Karen Stenback, Mary Brewer*

- Mary Brewer & Debbie Cowles, Challenge Chairpersons

## Quilt Show Update

**QUILT SHOW:** Desert Flowers Quilt Show was a great success!

I would like to thank the members of my team,

Admissions: Maria Bridgeo Thompson  
Auction: Corine Cudney,  
Corinne Gurney  
Hospitality: Sandy Jo Ellis  
Judging: Karen Stenback  
Linens: Sue Hartman  
Machine  
Quilting Demos: Karen Stenback, Bea Wheeler,  
Cheryl Nieman  
Make and Take  
Classes: Corinne Gurney  
Teachers: Paula Dyer, Janice Zark,  
Corinne Gurney, Carol Lundie,  
Kathy Judkins, Nani Johnson  
and Ku'ulei Arredondo.  
Opportunity Quilt: Jamie Harrington,  
Carolyn Lundie  
Programs: Michele Cameron  
Publicity: Kathy Judkins  
Quilt Check In/Out: Michele Cameron  
Quilt Legends: Marilyn Hendrix,  
Carolyn Lundie  
Raffle Baskets: Lynn Michaub,  
Sidney Looper  
Ribbons: Bea Wheeler  
Site Decorations: Judy Plauster,  
Betty Ziarnick  
Treasurer: Kathy Greene  
Vendor Check In: Deana Mullins  
Philanthropic: Lynell Rodio  
Veterans: Betty Putzka

I would like to thank Sue Jacobsen for her wonderful display as our Featured Quilter.

**I would like to thank all the guild members for their time and quilts to make the 39<sup>th</sup> Quilt Show a successful show. Without you, there would be no show!**

Thank You,  
Jamie Harrington- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

## The Winners of the Show:

**Viewers' Choice:** Eve Hall "Sunflower Garden"  
**Best of Show:** Ku'ulei Arredondo  
"Prairie Star"  
**Hand Appliquéd:** Evelyn Hatch "It's November"  
**Machine Appliquéd:** Evelyn Hatch "My Christmas  
Album"  
**Group:** Bea Wheeler "Stars"  
**Judge's Choice:** Frances Harig  
"Carpenter's Star"  
**Modern Judged Lg:** Kathy Greene "Tracy's Quilt"  
**Modern Judged Wall:** Sue Jacobsen "Vanishing Point"  
**Pieced Machine Lg:** Ku'ulei Arredondo  
"Prairie Star"  
**Pieced Machine Wall:** Judy Plauster "Poinsettia Tree"  
**Hand Quilting:** JoAnn Guerrero  
"A Rainbow Garden"  
**Quilting Machine  
Nonprofessional:** JoAnne Guerrero  
"Primitive Blooms"  
**Quilting Machine  
Professional:** Sue Handley "Scandia"  
**Specialty Techniques:** Evelyn Hatch  
"My Calendula Quilt"  
**Wearable Art/Other:** Marilyn Hendrix  
"Patches of Patriotism"  
  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**  
**Pieced Machine Lg:** Mary Coker  
"Summer Nosegay"  
**Quilting Machine  
Nonprofessional:** Patricia Nickle "Square Dance"

Congratulations to the Winners!



Ku'ulei's Best in Show Quilt – Prairie Star

## JUDGING OF SHOW QUILTS

I want to take this opportunity to thank all who entered their beautiful quilts for judging, and also to thank my helpers, Sue Hartman, Bea Wheeler and Katie Stenback, scribes, and Fran Bianchi and Rosie Cuevas, quilt handlers.

Our quilt show judge this year was Julie Gardner from Oxnard. Earlier this year, she judged the Big Bear show and the Camarillo show, and came highly recommended by the founder of the organization of quilt judges. While judging, Julie made the comment that we have some excellent quilters in our guild, so I wanted to pass on that compliment. She also said that there is currently a shortage of quilt judges, and she encourages anyone who is interested in becoming a quilt judge to look into it.

As I watched Julie judge our quilts, I realized what an arduous task it can be to give one's full attention to each quilt being judged. In choosing a winner in a category, if there are two contenders for the winning quilt, the judge has to look closely at the execution of the details to help in making her choice.

Some of those more technical aspects of the construction of a quilt that can result in a winning quilt are: does the batting completely fill the binding evenly all around the quilt; is the binding the same width on the front of the quilt as on the



*Frances Hariq's Judge's Choice - Carpenter's Star*

back; are the corners on both the front and the back of the quilt stitched together (many were stitched on the back but just turned on the front); do the mitered corners meet at the corners; is there enough quilting on the quilt and is it distributed evenly; do starting and stopping quilting knots show on the back of the quilt.

Thank you again for your warm welcome of Julie, this year, and for entering your quilts to be judged!

Karen Stenback  
Judging Chairperson

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### *AVQA General Association Meeting May 12, 2016*

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by President, Carolyn Lundie.

She reminded everyone to turn off cell phones and place purses and bags under chairs and to put chairs away after the meeting. Keep walkways clear.

**FREE TABLE** If you bring in items for the free table, check back at the end of the evening to collect any items left on the table. Make a donation if you feel you got some great items. The funds collected are used to buy the gifts for the membership drawing.

Minutes: Need a motion to approve April's meeting minutes as published in the May newsletter. Kathy Greene made a motion to make a correction of the year for the new board from 2015-2016 to 2016-2017. Betty Putzka seconded. Motion approved. (The correction was for the newsletter, not the minutes.)

Treasurer's report: Peggy Campbell moved to accept the treasurer's report for April and Harriet Spann seconded. Motion approved.

President's Notes:

I want to thank the volunteers who have taken the Opportunity Quilt to various guild meetings. While selling Opportunity Quilt tickets, we have been able to advertise the Quilt Show. Thank you, Vickie Brown, Betty Putzka (twice) and Fran Bianchi, Kathy and Carter Greene, Dixie Bahr, Maralyne Ullerich, Kathy Judkins and Corrine Gurney, Sue Hartman and Bea Wheeler. These people have made it so much easier to do Opportunity Quilt promotion. Need volunteers to take quilt to the LA County Quilters Guild at 9:00 a.m. in Downey. Let Carolyn know if you can take it.



1st Vice President (Sue Jacobsen) Sue gave an update of the upcoming programs for the next 3 months.

2nd Vice President

(Jamie Harrington) Jamie gave an update on everything that was needed for the upcoming Quilt Show. Help is needed with everything.

Librarian/Block of the Quarter. (Corine Cudney) Commented about checking out and returning library books. Block Party will be continued for one more month.

Opportunity Quilt 2015-2016 Michelle Cameron was selling tickets for the Opportunity Quilt. Remember each member is responsible for purchasing \$20 worth of tickets. Be sure and buy yours.

Membership (Dixie Bahr) We had 48 members in attendance and 2 guests. Membership prizes won by Kathy Greene and Fran Bianchi.

Fat Qtr. Drawing (Coral Brown) Nani Johnson won the fat quarter drawing. Next month's color is BLUE.

Retreat (Sylvia Darroch/Pat Stauning) Provided information on the upcoming fall retreat in Temecula, September 30 thru October 2, 2016 at Vina De Lestonnac Retreat Center.

Challenge (Mary Brewer) There were 5 chatelaines in the challenge. Each participant talked about their entry. All stated that Mary Brewer was their inspiration to participate and the welt pocket was a challenge for all. Winners were announced and all participants were given a prize.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02

Submitted by Pat Stauning, Secretary

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### ***AVQA Board Meeting***

May 17, 2016

The Board Meeting was called to order at 6:42 pm by President Carolyn Lundie.

Present at the Meeting: Kathy Greene, Peggy Campbell, Carolyn Lundie, Nani Johnson, Sue Jacobsen, Donna Roberts, Coral Brown, Jamie Harrington, Lynn Michaud

Motion made to approve the board meeting minutes published in the May newsletter by Sue Jacobsen and seconded by Kathy Greene.

President's Notes: Interact Club students from Lancaster High will help loading frames into trucks, hanging quilts on Friday and breaking down quilt show on Sunday.

Would like an embroidered logo to put on a tablecloth for next year's Opportunity Quilt. Donna Roberts will give it a try.

Treasurer: (Kathy Greene) Kathy gave a Treasurer's report as of May, 2016. Kathy also asked for volunteers to get together for a tentative budget

planning meeting. The meeting will be held Monday June 13th at 11 am at Carolyn Lundie's house. Cheryl Niemen, Nani Johnson, Carolyn Lundie, Kathy Greene and Jamie Harrington will be there.

1st VP: (Sue Jacobsen) The speaker for June 11th is Larene Smith (Sew the Pieces). The Speaker for July 16th is Shelly Swanland. In August we will have an Ice Cream Social and fabric sale or auction.

2nd VP Quilt Show: (Jamie Harrington) Betty Ziarnick is making all directional signs. We are having 6 Opportunity quilts from other guilds.

Membership: (Dixie Bahr) Dixie had a concern about the tremendous amount of time and cost of continually revamping the membership book. After a discussion, the consensus was: The membership roster will have a one-time printing in August. Members who pay their dues after August will not be listed in the book. Labels for late members paying after August will no longer be printed out, however, member information will be available at the membership table.

Philanthropic: (Peggy Campbell) People are willing to make quilt tops and we currently have 200 quilt tops, however, very few quilt tops are taken to be quilted and bound. It was decided that if someone quilts or binds a quilt, they will get a raffle ticket to enter for a prize from the Cathy Hendricks donation. So please be prepared to take a quilt home to win prizes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Submitted by Coral Brown for Pat Stauning

## Announcements:

### Audit Committee

Dixie Bahr, Cheryl Nieman, and Betty Putzka have agreed to be the audit committee for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

## Challenge 2017

HI! I will be your Challenge Chairwoman for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. I have already come up with a real fun challenge for this year. All you have to do to participate is bring \$5.00 to the August meeting. There is a limited supply of fabric packets available so if you want to participate in the challenge and know you will be out of town or otherwise unable to attend this meeting, please have a friend buy the fabric packet for you. First Come First Serve! More information will be available soon. Peggy Vachon

## New Advertiser - New Club!



## AVQA OFFICERS FOR 2016 – 17

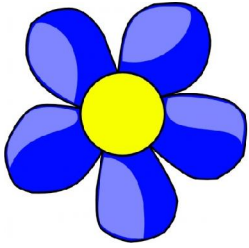
President:	Cheryl Nieman
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President:	Marilyn Hendrix & Carolyn Lundie
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Treasurer:	Nani Johnson
Parliamentarian:	Donna Roberts

**New board takes office starting July 2017!**

**Volunteers for committee chairs are needed!**



## Fat Quarter Drawing



At the May meeting, Nani Johnson won! Nani chose BLUE as the color for June! Don't forget your BLUE quilt shop quality fat quarters! Limit is 5 per person.

## Hospitality

Members with the last name **E-H** are kindly asked to bring a treat to share for this month's meeting!!

## Membership

Greetings Ladies. It is that time of year again. As you know, the membership year runs July 1<sup>st</sup> thru June 30<sup>th</sup>. We will begin accepting applications for renewals and new memberships beginning at the June meeting. The information you put on your application is what appears in the roster and what determines the distribution of the newsletter. (Please print clearly) Even if there is no change to your information, an application is required for our recordkeeping.

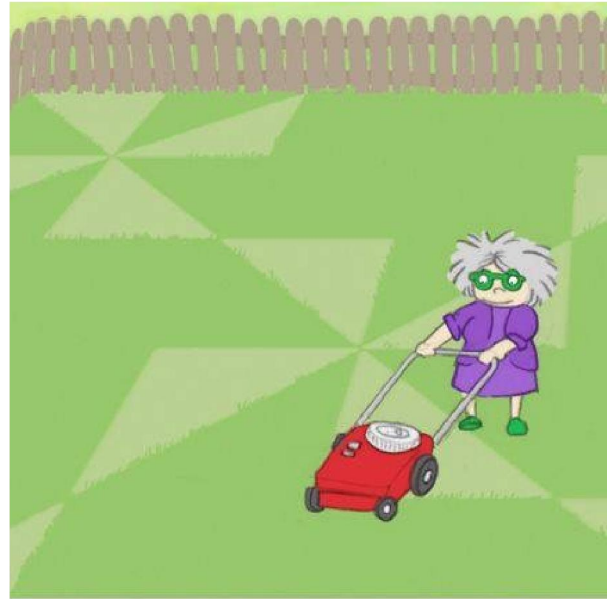
Putting together the roster is a daunting and time consuming task. By receiving your application in a timely manner we can be more efficient in getting it printed and distributed. This year we are adhering strictly to the established timeline. For inclusion in the roster, you may register early at the June meeting, you may register at the July meeting, and we will give a grace period by accepting applications at the August meeting. You may also mail in your application. Any applications received after the August meeting will not be included in the roster. Furthermore the cost of making and distributing roster stickers for late registrations has become cost prohibitive and we will no longer provide that service. We will maintain a list of late or new mid-year registrations at the membership desk which you may copy to your roster should you wish to do so.

Membership is still a bargain at \$30.00, receiving the newsletter by either e-mail or snail mail. If you elect to receive the newsletter BOTH ways your membership will be \$35.00.

Your cooperation will make a smooth transition into the new membership year.

Happy Quilting!

Dixie, Membership



Why quilters are rarely asked to mow the lawn.

## Newsletter

We are still in need of a new newsletter editor starting in July. If interested, please let Michele Cameron know!!!

Deadline for next month's newsletter is

**Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> of June**

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## Philanthropic

### WIN A BALI POP!

In order to encourage members to help us reduce the number of unquilted philanthropic quilt tops, each month at our AVQA meeting we will be giving away one pack of Bali Pops! You do not have to have a longarm or be an experienced quilter to quilt with a walking foot.

You can pick up quilt kits at each meeting and bring them back to a later meeting. Five tickets will be given out for each quilted top and two more tickets if the binding has been finished. A drawing will be held from the evening's tickets and a package of Bali Pops (40 coordinated strips 2 1/2 inches wide by width of fabric) will be the prize!

If you can't make it to a meeting and wish to have a kit, contact Lynell Rodio at (661) 205-8281 or Peggy Campbell at (661) 733-4756.

## Retreat

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Fall Retreat Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 2016

Quilting members, reservations are extremely important to make our Fall Retreat a go! I know many of you are thinking, contemplating, trying to juggle finances BUT we need to have the 20 double occupancy filled ASAP with your \$100.00 deposit or full payment of \$280.00. The retreat will include 3 full days of sewing, 2 nights, and 6 meals.

Retreats are self-sustaining so it's a must to collect deposits in order to pay the deposit to the center.....please check out Vina de Lestonnac website for a tour of this fantastic retreat center.

Treat yourself! You deserve time away to sew till your hearts content, share sewing skills, share patterns, no cooking, having FUN, laughing, just good ole friendships.

Pat Stauning 661-940-1176 and I, Sylvia Darroch 661-948-6855 will be happy to answer your questions.

## Treasurer's End of Fiscal Year Reminder!

All Check Requests, with receipts, must be turned in at the June 9th Guild meeting or no later than the board meeting, June 14th. Our fiscal year ends June 30th. For those requests not received before that time, we will thank you for your donation 😊

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the guild as treasurer; it's been fun, challenging and even rewarding. And an extra big THANKS to Nani for being willing to take on this privilege.

- Kathy Greene, Outgoing Treasurer

## Treasurer's Report

June 2016

<b>Beginning Balance</b>		
Checkbook Balance		<b>\$789.70</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Special Flair/QS (4236)	\$385.98	
LUMC (4237)	\$120.00	
Cash/Opp Quilt Promo/Change (4238)	\$25.00	
K. Stenback/ QS Signs (4239)	\$57.26	
Quilt Show Cash (4240)	\$912.00	
J. Gardner/QS Judge (4241)	\$424.20	
Friends of the Fair (4242)	\$370.00	
D. Mullins/QS (4243)	\$93.42	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$2,387.86</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Membership	\$150.00	
Quilt Show Venders	\$712.50	
QS Admissions / Saturday	\$3,380.00	
QS Admissions / Sunday	\$1,845.00	
QS Auction	\$3,545.78	
Square Deposit / QS Auction	\$1,979.35	
QS Baskets / Saturday	\$455.00	
QS Baskets / Sunday	\$688.00	
Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales	\$899.00	
QS Opp Quilt / Saturday	\$330.00	
QS Opp Quilt / Sunday	\$382.00	
QS Make & Take	\$120.00	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$14,486.63</b>
<b>Current Balance</b>		<b>\$12,888.47</b>
DSW Investments		
Portfolio Value 3/31/2016		<b>\$16,761.62</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$29,650.09</b>



*Eve Hall Viewer's Choice – Sunflower Garden*

## **Tip of the Month**

These tips on cleaning your sewing machine came from the Technician's Corner at <http://www.bearpawquilting.net/technicians-corner.htm>

Most complaints into the tech room are for poor stitching - incomplete or skipped stitches or looping on the back. In almost all cases the problem goes away once the machine has been cleaned and oiled! We recommend cleaning and oiling after every few hours of sewing or every 2 -3 bobbins worth and before starting a new project.

Here's some tips to keep your machine clean and stitching great between professional servicing, which you should have done once a year.

1. Remove the bobbin and hook if possible. Use a soft bristle brush and sweep the fuzz out of the machine. Or better yet, buy one of the vacuum attachments made for this purpose. They do a superior job of removing all the fuzz and loose threads from this area. Whatever you do - DON'T use canned air. This could leave moisture inside the machine.

2. Remove the needle plate by either pressing on the corner or sliding. Refer to your owner's manual if your plate has a screw. With your brush, sweep out the lint between the feed dogs and all other visible areas.

Alternately, use your vacuum attachment. Replace the needle plate.

3. Add a drop or two of sewing oil to the hook race area, replace the bobbin, and insert a new needle and you're good to start.

Fuzz and threads in the bobbin area can also cause excessive wear on the parts inside your machine even to the point where the parts need to be replaced in order for the machine to function properly. To decrease the amount of lint accumulation inside your machine, always use a good quality thread. Look at the thread before you purchase or use it. Those little "hairs" you see along the thread line will end up in your machine! A long staple cotton thread, such as Mettler or Aurafil, is a bit more expensive but well worth the price when you consider how much better and cleaner you'll be sewing!

