



AVQA News

Antelope Valley Quilt Association

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OCTOBER PROGRAM: *Linda Kerston*



Linda Kerston, a founding member of AVQA, will present a trunk show for the October program. An experienced quilter of over 40 years, she makes all her quilts by hand. She does not even own a sewing machine! Linda and her husband, Richard, moved to the AV in 1978 as empty nesters. Six days after arriving, she joined a small group of quilters who had put together a quilt show at AV College (quilts only). This group started talking about creating a guild in 1979. Everyone had two or three jobs. Linda was the Quilt Show Chairman and Treasurer. Her daughter, Suzan Kerston designed the logo. The first quilt show was at the old fairgrounds in June, 1980. The total bill to the fairgrounds had to be paid the night

before the show. After paying the bill, there was \$5.00 left in the checkbook. It was one of the first "Big Shows" in Southern California. Three buses came from Orange County alone. The quilt show did very well, and all the money made at the quilt show was free and clear. The Antelope Valley Quilt Association was off and running. Linda will be bringing 40 to 50 appliqued and pieced quilts to show us at the October meeting.

On Saturday, October 15th, the workshop will be "Used Jeans Quilt" and taught by Sue Jacobsen. The workshop will be at the City of Hope, 44151 15th St W, Lancaster, CA 93534 from 9:30-3:30.

--1st VP Carolyn Lundie

*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

October 13, 2016	Linda Kerston (AVQA Charter Member) – Trunk Show
October 15	Sue Jacobsen - Used Jeans Quilt
November 10	Strip Poker/Fabric Sale
November 12	Open Sew
December 10	Christmas Party



Guild Information

Next Guild Meeting: Thurs, Oct 13, 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, Oct 18, 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 2016-2017 Executive Board Members

President	Cheryl Neiman
1 st VPs	Carolyn Lundie & Marilyn Hendrix
2 nd VP	VACANT
Secretary	Coral Brown
Treasurer	Nani Johnson
Parliamentarian	Donna Roberts

AVQA 2016-2017 Committee Chairs

Challenge	Peggy Vachon
Door Prizes	VACANT
Fat 1/4 Drawing	Kathy Greene
Friendship Circles	VACANT
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Holiday Party	Maria Bridgeo Thompson
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Librarian	Corine Cudney
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Newsletter	Pat Stauning
Opp Quilt Design	VACANT
Opp Quilt Promo	VACANT
Philanthropic	Lynell Rodio & Peggy Campbell
Publicity	Jamie Harrington
Retreats	Sylvia Darroch & Pat Stauning
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Full Page Ad: \$40.00 per month
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4- Sue Jacobsen	16 – Ku’ulei Arredondo
7 – Bea Wheeler	21 – Coral Brown
8 – Bridget Razo	22 – Evelyn Tiede
11 – Suzanne Compton	23 – Deana Mullins
13 – Marsha Kestner	30 – Lina Baker

*If we’ve missed your birthday, please let the Membership Chair, Dixie Bahr, know and have a great birthday!!!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

October 2016

Hello Fellow Quilters,

What a great speaker and workshop last month. Sherry Werum did a great history lesson on tiles. I found it fascinating. Her quilts were stunning and the techniques she used were excellent. She taught us how to use this paper when doing an applique. It worked really well. I do not applique, but even I was able to do it! The table runner class was fun. It is always great to go to a workshop. Not only do you learn the techniques but you also get to spend time with some fun people.

This month is a trunk show from one of our founding members, Linda Kerston. Sue Jacobsen will be teaching the jeans quilt the Saturday following the guild meeting.

I still need help with getting things done for the guild. There are so many vacant spots. If you can help out please let me know.

Thank you again for your support.

Yours, Cheryl Nieman

Sue Jacobsen – Used Jeans Quilt Class October 15 Workshop

The focus of this class is learning techniques to create a quilt from used jeans. The class covers how to create quilt blocks by cutting apart used jeans and making squares and rectangles from the cut pieces. You will then learn how to pair the pieces for quilt front and back, then set the pairs into rows to create your unique quilt. You will also learn how to quilt the blocks before sewing them together to create a jeans rag quilt.

Cost is just \$5.00. The class will be held at the City of Hope in Lancaster.



AVQA General Meeting

September 8, 2016

Meeting called to order 6:30 by President Cheryl Nieman. She reminded everyone to turn off cell phones and place purses and bags under chairs and to put away chairs away after the meeting. Keep walkways clear.

Minutes. Pat Stauning moved to accept the general meetings minutes for September. Carolyn Lundie seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report. Kathy Greene moved to accept the Treasurer's report for September. Peggy Vachon seconded. Motion approved.

FREE TABLE. If you bring an item 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 get some great items. The funds collected are used to buy gifts for the membership drawings.

President. (Cheryl Nieman). Next board meeting is September 16. At 6:30 at Bolts in the Bathtub.

1st Vice President-(Marilyn Hendrix and Carolyn Lundie). Programs for 2016-2017

Programs-Sherry Werum to present trunk show and talk about class on Saturday at City of Hope.



Check out AVQA's Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/127906557404102/>

Bolts in the Bathtub

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Lind Kirsten in October to present trunk show. Sue Jacobsen to teach on Denim Quilt on the following Saturday.

November is our Strip Poker evening. We would like to have a fall theme in our strips if possible. That way we could have the winners create fall quilts from the winnings.

Retreats. (Pat Stauning/Sylvia Darroch). We need final payments for the Fall retreat. There are 2 slots left.

Challenge (Peggy Vachon). The Challenge is anything that inspires you: word, person, item, etc. Kits are \$5. The judging will happen at the March meeting.

Librarian/ Block of the Quarter. (Corine Cudney). Library books are ready for checkout and returns. Corine displayed the new Block of the month.

Newsletter (Pat Stauning). Did everyone get their newsletter? Michele has graciously agreed to create the newsletter (again!) and Pat will be distributing the newsletter. So please send any items to Michele Cameron – quiltsnob@hotmail.com.

Membership (Dixie Bahr) 2 New members. Nani Johnson and Betty Putzka won the drawings.

Fundraiser (Sylvia Darroch). Purchase tickets at every General meeting. The drawing will be in October. The funds are for the Guild so PLEASE support us by purchasing tickets.

Travel (Sylvia Darroch). A vote was taken to see how many wanted to go to 2 different quilt shows, and it was decided we would go to the Pomona Quilt show on an annual bus trip in February. More information later.

Fat Quarter (Kathy Greene). Michele Cameron won the Fat Quarter drawing. Next month theme is Novelty prints.

Philanthropic (Lynell Rodio/ Peggy Campbell). The contest of the Bali Pops has become a great success. Twenty-five quilts were brought to hand out for tonight. We have given out all the quilts. We gave two quilts to Mary Brewer for her Battered Women's Shelter challenge of 49 by Christmas. Maralyne Ullerich won the drawing this month.

New Business

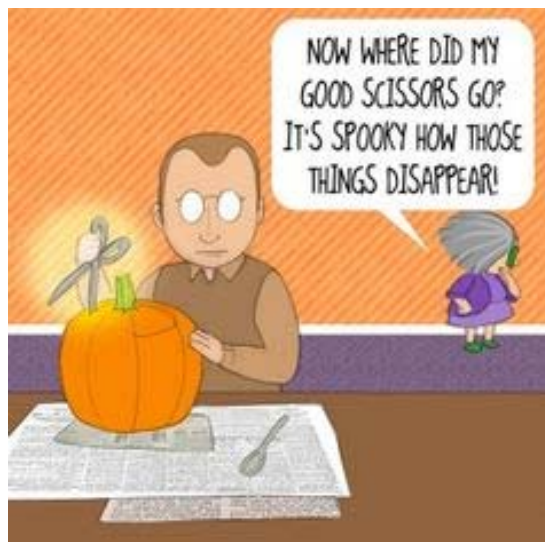
Lynn Stone She is visiting from Rosamond. She brought fliers announcing the Maverick Quilters 10th annual quilt show on October 15 & 16, 2016.

Show and Share

Carolyn introduced our guest speaker, Sherry Werum.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by Coral Brown, Secretary



AVQA Board Meeting September 13, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 by President, Cheryl Nieman.

Attendees: Donna Roberts, Jamie Harrington. Cheryl Nieman, Nani Johnson, Coral Brown, Carolyn Lundie, Marilyn Hendrix, Pat Stauning.

President (Cheryl Nieman). Motion to approve the board meeting minutes by Donna Roberts. Jamie Harrington seconded. Motion approved.

1st VP Programs (Marilyn Hendrix). October- Linda Kerston (AVQA Charter Member) - Trunk show. There will be a jeans quilt class taught by Sue Jacobsen the following Saturday.

November - Fall colors were proposed for the Strip poker night. So the winners would have strips for a nice quilt.

Need to call the City of Hope to see if we can come to an understanding on not charging us \$200 each time we want to use the room.

Hospitality (Donna Roberts). We need contributions of small waters.

Publicity (Jamie Harrington). The Quilt show is on June 3& 4. The set-up is June 2. Sent invitations to vendors. If anyone goes to a Quilt show, talk to vendors to come to ours. Give the vendor information to Jamie so she can follow up.

Newsletter (Pat Stauning). Newsletter is due September 20th.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Submitted by Coral Brown, Secretary

Announcements:

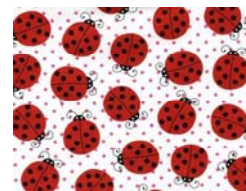
Challenge 2017

There are 5 more packets available for purchase. The cost is \$5. It is not too late to join in the fun! I will not be at the October meeting so give me a call or text and we can work out a way to get the packet of challenge fabrics to you. The deadline for the finished quilt is March 9, 2017, so you still have time!

Thank you, Peggy Vachon 661-433-6213.

Fat Quarter Drawing

At the Sept meeting, Michele Cameron won! Michele chose NOVELTY as the theme for October! Don't forget your NOVELTY quilt shop quality fat quarters! Limit is 5 per person.



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Hospitality

Members with last names starting **D – H**
are kindly asked to bring a snack for the meeting.
Little bottles of water are always great too!

Mary's Project

Forty-Eight (48) twin size quilts are needed for the 48
beds at Oasis Center – a sanctuary for abused women,
men, and children.

Let's donate 48 quilts to them for their Christmas Joy.
We meet every Wednesday at Mary's house from 10
a.m. – 1 p.m. & 4 – 9 p.m. Please drive around to back
of my home for close parking to the sewing room. Call
Mary Brewer (661)947/9784 or Vicki Brown (661) 236-
7728 to let us know you can help.

Newsletter

Please send newsletter submissions to this email:
quiltsnob@hotmail.com. Deadline for next month's
newsletter is

Sunday, 23rd of October

November Meeting Reminder

We'll be playing "Strip Poker" at the November meeting
and hope to have a fall theme so start gathering up Fall
fabric strips to bring to the November 10th meeting.



Philanthropic

WIN A BALI POP!



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.

Travel

We will be going to the QUILT, CRAFT & SEWING
FESTIVAL in POMONA, CA on Feb, 25, 2017. Cost is
\$12.00 each for guild members or guest. Departure at
8:30 a.m. and estimated return is 6:30 p.m. The show
hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. You can find more
information @ quiltcraftsew.com.

Deadline for guild members is Dec. 1st, then we will
OPEN to other guilds. Make checks out to AVQA.
They can be given to Sylvia or mailed to Sylvia Darroch,
1528 Albret St., Lancaster, CA 93534; Call her at 948-
6855 with any questions.

Ways & Means

September will be
the last meeting that
chances will be sold
to win this fabulous
quilt that was
graciously donated
by Pat Nickle.



Tickets are \$1.00
each or 6 for \$5.00
or a yard for
\$10.00. The winner will be drawn at the October
meeting!!

**NOTE: We will be discontinuing the quarterly quilt raffle
after this one. Thank you to everyone who contributed so far.**


Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report 8/29/2016

Beginning Balance	
Checkbook Balance	\$15,950.75
Expenses	
LUMC (4279)	\$120.00
US Postal Service (4281)	\$106.00
Bohn's Printing (4288)	\$71.94
Ice Cream Social (4283)	\$32.76
Sherry Werum (4284)	\$750.00
Newsletter (4285)	\$14.39
Speaker Meals (4286)	\$16.45
Total Expenses	\$1,111.54
Income	
Sherry Werum Class	\$305.00
Membership Guest	\$12.00
Fabric Angel	\$32.00
Fall Retreat	\$620.00
Total Income	\$969.00
Current Balance	\$15,808.21
DSW Investments	\$16,768.34
Grand Total	\$32,576.55

Tip of the Month

Prewashing Fabrics: Pros and Cons

 www.craftsy.com/blog/2013/08/prewashing-fabrics-pros-and-cons/
Posted by [Angela Mitchell](#) // Aug 27, 2013

A big debate in the world of quilting is whether or not fabric should be washed before it's ever used in a quilt.

What exactly is prewashing?

It's just what it sounds like: washing fabric before use. To do this, sort fabric by colors, separating light and dark. Always wash like colors together on a cold cycle with a gentle detergent. Once finished, shake out fabrics before tossing them into the dryer. Remove fabric promptly to prevent wrinkling. The edges will fray during this process, so trim them off before folding the fabric. If the fraying bothers you, the edges can be serged or zigzag stitched to keep them tidy.

Prewash? Don't prewash? That is the question!

Most quilters seem to have a very definite opinion on the subject. There are many benefits to both options, so let's take a look at them today.

Arguments FOR prewashing:

- It prevents vibrant dyes from spreading onto other fabric. Some bright colors, like reds and purples, can run and bleed when they are washed. This can be very devastating if it happens to a finished quilt. When fabrics are washed beforehand, the chance of this happening lessens.
- Fabric shrinks when it's washed and dried. When woven together, the fibers of the fabrics are pulled nice and straight, so laundering causes them to either shrink or relax back into their normal shape. This can cause some distortion in a finished quilt if the items have not been previously washed before they were cut and sewn.
- Any sizing or chemicals that have been used on the fabric are removed before the fabric is used. This is especially beneficial to those who have sensitive skin.

Arguments AGAINST prewashing:

- The amount of shrinkage really isn't that bad. Yes, it's still there, but it creates the cozy, crinkly effect many quilters desire.
- With today's quality fabrics and dye, bleeding is not much of an issue. Most manufacturers realize that a vast amount of quilters do not prewash, so they ensure that the dyes are set completely.
- Brand new fabric has sizing, creating a nice crisp material. This creates ease when cutting and piecing. Once the sizing is washed out, the fabric loses that crispness.
- Prewashing takes too much time! Plenty of quilters prefer to spend their precious crafting time cutting and sewing, not prewashing.
- When creating quilts that aren't often used, like wall hangings and heirloom quilts, prewashing is unnecessary. The fabrics remain sharp, vibrant, and smooth.

If you decide to prewash fabrics, here are a few tips:

- Always follow the manufacturer's directions for laundering.
- Never wash precuts. The small pieces can get lost in your machines.
- Flannels and minky are soft additions to quilt, but and they should always be prewashed. They shrink a lot more than regular quilting cottons.
- If you decide not to prewash but are unsure about certain fabrics, always test them. To do this, soak a small piece of fabric in soapy water that is the same temperature you plan on washing the quilt in. If the water is still clear after 30 minutes, you are good to go. If the water has changed color, be sure to prewash the fabric with a color fixative like Retayne, which helps the dye become more permanent.

AVQA Holiday Party!

Date: December 8, 2016

Social Hour 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

AV Bakery Express Cafe
Near High Desert Medical Group
47355 15th Street West, Lancaster



Tickets
\$25

*Tickets on sale starting in
September
Last day to purchase is the
November meeting.*

Menu

- Artichoke penne pasta
- Wild mushroom & chicken pasta
- Cajun fettuccini
- Caesar salad w/dressing choices
- Desserts

*Asking for donations of
fat quarters at the
September meeting to go
towards gifts to be
made!*

Each month, we'll feature a quilting website. <http://quiltersresources.net/> is awesome!!

QuiltersResources.net

Your One Stop for All Things Quilting!

Your one stop for all things quilting!
This site is a culmination of years of frustration sifting through the myriad of web sites that promise to have information on quilt shops, guilds, shows, etc., only to find the information useless and outdated. Out of this frustration **QuiltersResources.net** was born! I strive to make Quilters Resources your one-stop in finding current information on all things quilting - quilt shops, guilds, longarm quilters, quilt shows and events, shop hops, and so much more!

QuiltersResources.net has quickly become the largest resource for quilters on the Web with **over 1,600 events** and nearly **5,000 quilt and sewing shops** listed, and the number keeps growing! Click on the links below to see what's going on in your area:

Quilt Shows and Events

Quilt Shops

If you have something to add or update, please email dayna@quiltersresources.net. This site is for the quilting community and the more quilters who add information, the better the site will be. My vision is to make **QuiltersResources.net** the best quilting resource on the web! If you would like more information about me and how I got started, please [click here](#).

~Dayna

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From your requests, I've added several new pages and sections. Check <http://quiltersresources.net/>

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