



AVQQA News

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JANUARY PROGRAM: Annie Smith “Help! My Fabric Stash is Growing and I Can’t Make it Stop!”

Annie Smith brings an extensive resume as our speaker for January. ‘Help! My Fabric Stash is Growing and I Can’t Make it Stop,’ reflects the experience of a long-time quilter (and even short-time quilters). She designs quilts and owns a pattern publishing company. Annie has written articles for Mark Lipinski’s *Quilter’s Home* magazine and had quilts published in it as well. She won Best of Show at the California State Fair for Crazy Quilting. Annie teaches quilting classes, nationally and internationally. She is



also a Bernina Ambassador, the Quilt Police (aka: Quilt Judge), and an Aurifil® Designer. As a podcasting quilter, she created the first podcast for quilters in 2005, ‘Quilting Stash’, doing over 220 podcasts in the last 11 years and still going. The podcast can be found at

www.SimpleArts.com and on iTunes. Ms. Smith is a C&T author, QuiltShow.com alumni, and an Artist in Residence at Empty Spools Seminars and Elly Sienkiewicz’s Applique Academy. Annie was honored as Aurifil® Designer of the month. Her expertise is Fine Machine Applique and Color/Fabric Selection. She’s not just a pretty face, she knows a thing or two about quilting!

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NOTE: We’re changing the venue for ‘Meet the Teacher’ to Camille’s Sidewalk Café, 44140 20th St. West, Lancaster. See you at 5:00pm prior to the general meeting on January 12th.

Guild Information

Next Guild Meeting: Thurs, January 12, 2017

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, Jan 17, 2017

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.

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*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

January 2017

Hello Fellow Quilters,

I first want to wish everyone a Happy New Year. As we begin 2017 I hope we are making plans for our future projects, preparing our quilts for our upcoming quilt show. Just a reminder we are going to need help with the quilt show so please volunteer.

The holiday party was wonderful Maria and her elves did a fantastic job.

I still have several open positions. PLEASE, the guild really needs the help.

Please feel free to contact me with any concerns you may have. Thank you again for the continued support.

Yours in quilting,
Cheryl Nieman



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Do you have a New Year's resolution??? How about: "...Learn new quilting techniques and get better acquainted with fellow AVQA members??" You can work on both of those resolutions by signing up for one or both of the upcoming guild classes:

Our first lecture for 2017 will be presented by Annie Smith on Thursday, January 12th. On Saturday January 14th, Annie will present a workshop titled, "Absolutely Essential Machine Applique". "This is a 1-day how-to workshop rather than a project, so you can concentrate on the technique of the craft and take away samples of your practice. The workshop teaches three ways to do machine applique while creating a small sample." The workshop will be held at City of Hope, 44151 15th St. West, Lancaster -- from 9:30 am to ~3:30pm. We hope to see you there!

Our February 9th speaker and instructor will be Heidi Stagno. Heidi has developed step-by-step techniques and quilting concepts that are straightforward and easy to follow. "How do I quilt that quilt???" is the theme of her lecture and trunk show. Heidi's class on Saturday, February 11 will present Free Motion Fundamentals using your domestic sewing machine. This class will also be held at the City of Hope.

1st Vice Presidents of Programs,
Marilyn Hendrix and Carolyn Lundie

P.S. Before each meeting, we take the guest speaker to dinner and invite any guild member to join us at 5 p.m. You don't have to call ahead. Please take note that we are changing the venue to ***Camille's Sidewalk Café, 44140 20th St. West, Lancaster.***

Announcements:

Challenge

Happy New Year to everyone! Just a reminder to all participating in the AVQA Challenge, that the quilts will be judged at the March monthly meeting on the 9th. Prizes will be rewarded to First, Second, and Third Places! Get those stitches in the fabric, the binding around the edges, and your finishing touches added as only two more months remain. I can't wait to see your quilts!

Thank you. Peggy Vachon

Fat Quarter Drawing

At the November meeting, Fran Chistendom won the fat quarters! Fran selected Red and White as the colors of the month.



There will not be a fat quarter drawing at the holiday party. Please bring your RED AND WHITE quilt shop quality fat quarters! Limit is 5 per person.

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Newsletter

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

Sunday, 22nd of January

Publicity

Quilt Show flyers will be available at the next guild meeting. Please take them to shops, hair salons, quilt shops, pet groomers, restaurants, and doctor's offices. Please take them to any place that will accept them in their place of business.

Jamie Harrington - Publicity

Quilt Show

The name of the quilt show this year is "Ruby Jubilee" since it is our 40th year. Margaret (Peggy) Vachon has agreed to be our featured quilter and you can find her at Bolts in the Bathtub waiting on all of our quilting needs.

I would like to invite everyone who would like to participate with committees to come to the board meeting on Tuesday after our next regular meeting.

I have been out of the guild for several years and don't know everyone who did all of the wonderful prep work and work at last year's show.

Please see me at the regular meeting or call me at (661) 256-2679 – cell (661) 816-5171 or e-mail me at msdelano@rpmwin.com.

Sherry DeLano
Quilt Show Chair

Opportunity Quilt Promotion

Want a free Road to California pass?

We can sell tickets our Opportunity Quilt tickets at Road to California on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017. <http://www.road2ca.com/> However, we have to have white glove participants to 'pay' for the privilege of bringing our Opportunity Quilt. I need people each day to volunteer for 2 hours a piece on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The times we have been given are Thursday: 9am – 6:30 pm, Friday: 9am - 6:30pm, Saturday: 9am – 11am & 3am-6:30pm Sunday: 10am – 4pm. I need to know as soon as possible so I can get the paperwork back to Road. If you're going to be there anyway, why not have your entry fee paid for? And you can bring friends too. Three people can work at the same time.

Call or email me. My number is in the roster.

Thanks, Carolyn Lundie

Travel



Sign up for our BUS TRIP on Saturday February 25th. It's going to be a HUGE festival with QUILTERS, LONG ARM Experts, KNITTERS, NEEDLWORK, CROCHETERS, CRAFTERS, BEADERS, etc. You can find more information @ quiltcraftsew.com.

Going to Pomona Fairplex 8:00 a.m. departure from Palmdale West End Park & Ride on Ave. S Same place as last year trip. 6:00 p.m. return. \$12.00 each, Call Sylvia Darroch 661-948-6855 to reserve your spot.

Check out AVQA's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/127906557404102/>



Quilt Show - Vendors

Vendor letters of invitation and applications have been sent out for the 40th annual Quilt Show.

If you have any vendors (they do not have to be quilt related vendors) you would like to see them at our Quilt Show, please give me the contract information like name of business, email address (if they have one), phone number, and address. I will be glad to send them Vendors Letters of Invitation and Applications.

Thank You, Jamie Harrington

Retreat

The spring retreat is sold out. Yeah! That's so wonderful that so many are interested in going to the beach house and got their deposits in quickly.

The balance for the retreat will be due by February 9, 2017. Of course you can pay earlier if you wish. You can either pay at the January meeting or mail your check to Sylvia if you want to pay early.

Mail to Sylvia Darroch, 1528 West Albret St, Lancaster CA 93534-2141. Questions can be directed to either of us. Sylvia Darroch 948-6855 and Pat Stauning 940-1176, Retreat Chairman

Tip of the Month



T.J.'s Quick Quilter™ eliminates sore fingers from hand quilting. It is used in the under hand to receive the needle, then helps guide the needle back up through the surface of the quilt to begin again. With practice, the Quick Quilter™ also helps to make small, even stitches. You'll love the new grip!

<http://www.tjsquickquilter.com/> is the website that sells the quick quilter.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XIPN_kZcDCY is a video featuring Jenny Beyer using T.J.'s quick quilter.

Each month, we'll feature a quilting website. <http://www.mccallsquilting.com/mccallsquilting/>. McCall's Quilting website is a great resource for quilters.

The screenshot shows the McCall's Quilting website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links like HOME, MAGAZINES, FREE EBOOKS, etc. A prominent banner advertises a 'QUILT KIT LIQUIDATION!' with 'up to 50% OFF'. Below this is a search bar and a main content area. The featured article is 'Suggested Quilt Sizes for All Bed Types', which includes a table of quilt sizes for various bed types. To the right, there are social media links and a 'FREE eBook Irish Quilts' download button.

Suggested Quilt Sizes for All Bed Types

Beds and mattresses come in so many different sizes, and quilt patterns in even more! How do you know if a quilt made from a McCall's Quilting pattern will fit your bed well? How can you decide how large to design your own quilt pattern?

Download our free Quilt Sizes guide, and figure it all out in just seconds. From crib quilts to California king quilts and every size in between, we've got you covered!

Here's a preview of some of the help available in our handy PDF download:

Bed Type	Mattress Size	Suggested Quilt Size
Crib/Toddler	28" x 52"	36" x 60"
Youth	33" x 66"	54" x 78"
Twin/Single	39" x 76"	70" x 90"
XL Twin	39" x 80"	70" x 95"
Full/Double	54" x 75"	84" x 90"