



# AVQA News

Antelope Valley Quilt Association

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## **FEBURARY PROGRAM: Heidi Stagno** **“How Do I Quilt that Quilt Top?”**

Heidi Stagno will present the February lecture, “How Do I Quilt That Quilt Top.” She is a long arm quilter and learned to love and appreciate quilting from her Grandma Leota while growing up in Pocatello, Idaho. Today, Heidi lives with her husband John and twin, 6-year-old daughters.



Heidi loves to quilt on her Longarm machine. In the span of one year she got married, bought a house, bought a quilt shop, and was pregnant with twins by the end of the first year.” Heidi recently sold the quilt shop and is back to quilting full time. In addition to her machine, she also has two machines that she rents out and teaches longarm quilting on. And, she is a Handi-Quilter Dealer.

What is Heidi’s method for longarm quilting? “I love developing the depth, dimension, and texture on quilt tops. My students ask me, ‘How do you know what to quilt on so many different quilts?’ My answer is: “look into the quilt and it will tell you. While I have not experienced a quilt that will actually talk to me, I do investigate the piecing,

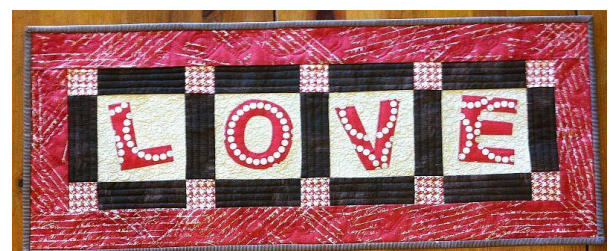
the fabric, and the scale of design, the style or theme. The answer is very simple “opposites attract.” If the quilt has busy fabric or lots of piecing, I go simple. If the quilt is plain and simple I dress it up with fancy stuff. Then I go to work auditioning designs with preview film.”

Saturday’s class is titled, **Free Motion Fundamentals**, a beginner’s free motion quilting class. It covers threads, needles, tension, machine settings, layering the quilt, and about 6-7 quilting designs. The workshop will be held at City of Hope, 44151 15th St. West, Lancaster -- from 9:30 am to ~3:30pm on Saturday, Feb. 11th.

‘Meet the Teacher’ with Heidi Stagno will be at Camille’s Sidewalk Café, 44140 20th St. West, Lancaster. See you at 5:00pm prior to the general meeting on February 9th. We hope to see you there!

### **PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

March 9	Guild Meeting - Challenge Quilts/Fabric Sale
March 11	Wallet Workshop
April 13	Scott Griffin
April 15	Scott Griffin – Modern Quilts
June 8	Installation Ceremony
June 10	Open Sew



# Guild Information

**Next Guild Meeting:** Thurs, February 9, 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, February 14, 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.

## AVQA 2016-2017 Executive Board Members

President	Cheryl Neiman
1 <sup>st</sup> VPs	Carolyn Lundie & Marilyn Hendrix
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Sherry Delano
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
Historian	VACANT
Holiday Party	Maria Bridgeo Thompson
Hospitality	Donna Roberts & Francis Harig
Librarian	Corine Cudney
Membership	Dixie Bahr & Maralyne Ullerich
Newsletter	Pat Stauning
Opp Quilt Design	VACANT
Opp Quilt Promo	VACANT
Philanthropic	Lynell Rodio & Peggy Campbell
Publicity	Jamie Harrington
Retreats	Sylvia Darroch & Pat Stauning
Scholarship	Pat Stauning
SCCQG Rep	Vicki Brown
Sunshine	Debbie Cowles
Travel	VACANT
Veterans Quilts	VACANT
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8 – Mary Siemienski	24 – Cheryl Nieman
9 – Mary Coker	27 – Linda Farrell
14 – Sue Hartman	

\*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

February 2017

Hello Fellow Quilters,

I just returned from Road to California and spent the day with some fantastic ladies showing and selling tickets for our opportunity quilt. Invited people who stopped by the table to come to the Antelope Valley to attend our quilt show. Had fun visiting and talking to vendors and inviting them to do our quilt show. I also shopped until I just wanted to drop.

I know every month I tell you how our guild needs your help. I understand not everyone wants a board position but there are other jobs available to help make our guild run smoothly. Taking a position makes you take the guild into your heart. How many of us enjoy doing a quilt for a philanthropic group and knowing some child or underprivileged person is enjoying that quilt? I do need someone to take over Philanthropic. Lynell had done the job beautifully for a long time. Dixie needs someone to take over being membership. We have a few unfilled positions. Please share your time as none of these positions take a lot of time.

The quilt show is coming. We are going to need every member to help us make the show great. Please be prepared to give of your time. If you attend a quilt show, talk to the vendors to find out if they want to do our show. Get the information to Jamie as soon as possible.

I also need your help with one more thing. I need the meeting to run smoother and be shorter especially when we have a speaker. If you want to get up and speak at the meeting, you need to let Coral Brown know ahead of time. She is our Secretary and will make the agenda for the meeting. If you are not on the agenda, you will not be able to speak. I am also asking if you are on the agenda and you speak, please keep it short. After all we come to hear the speaker, so let us take care of business so we can get to the speaker faster. I appreciate your attention in this matter.

Yours in quilting, Cheryl Nieman

# One Awesome Opportunity Quilt

Our 2016-2017 Opportunity Quilt is finished.

Doesn't it look great!?

Members are reminded that they are asked to sell at least one packet (\$20 worth) of tickets for the Opportunity Quilt. Of course, you can sell more. Pick up your tickets at the meeting, if you haven't already. Thanks!



# AVQA General Meeting

January 12, 2017

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.** Sue Jacobsen moved to accept the general meetings minutes for November. Lois Johnson 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 January 17, 2017 at 6:30 at Bolts in the Bathtub.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.** (Marilyn Hendrix and Carolyn Lundie) Programs for 2017. Annie Smith is speaker for this month. We are going to learn about machine applique. Heidi Stagno is our February speaker. She is teaching about machine quilting. March is our Challenge month. Entries will be judged. We will be bringing the last of the material for sale on that night.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.** (Sherry Delano) Deadline for online quilt entry forms is May 4<sup>th</sup>. Jamie is working on vendors. Al's Sew and Vac is donating a sewing machine to auction off. Tickets for the Opportunity Quilt

are on sale now. Auction items are needed. We have only received 2 items.

**Retreats.** (Pat Stauning/ Sylvia Darroch) The spring retreat is sold out. We are taking names on a wait list just in case of cancelations. Final payment is due next month. Mail check to Sylvia Darroch. The retreat is March 24-27, 2017.

**Librarian/ Block of the Quarter.** (Corine Cudney) Books are ready for check out and turn in of checked out books. Block party is needing more participation.

**Philanthropic.** (Lynell Rodio/ Peggy Campbell) Drawing for finished quilts was won by Coral Brown. They have more quilts to be quilted and bound.

**Membership. (Dixie Bahr).** Peggy Campbell and Belinda Aguirre won membership drawings.

**Publicity. (Jamie Harrington)** Tickets are on sale now for the Opportunity Quilt. We have fliers to be distributed to local quilt shows and businesses.

**Fat Quarter Drawing.** (Kathy Greene) Fran Christensen won the fat quarter drawing. Next month colors are Black & Red.

## New Business

**Travel. (Sylvia Darroch)** We are taking a bus trip to the Pomona Fairplex Craft show on February 25<sup>th</sup> from the Ave S Park and ride. The fee is \$12.00. The show is to display all imaginable crafts and items for sale. We have open seats.

**Road to California.** People are going to sell tickets for the Opportunity Quilt at the show and take fliers on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> we are going to sell tickets and display Quilt. To do this we are going to White Glove for our prescribed 20 hours per the Quilt show.

**Mary Brewer.** We collected 149 Quilts for the Valley Oasis Women's Shelter. We had a goal of covering the 49 bed at the shelter. We exceeded our goal.

## **Show and Share**

Carolyn introduced Annie Smith  
Meeting adjourned at 9:17.  
Submitted by Coral Brown



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## AVQA Board Meeting

January 17, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 6:39 by Cheryl Nieman.

Attendees: Jamie Harrington, Nani Johnson, Coral Brown, Carolyn Lundie, Sherry Delano, Fran Bianchi, Marilyn Hendrix, Sylvia Darroch, Pat Stauning, and Donna Roberts.

**President.** (Cheryl Neiman) Motion made to approve the minutes of the board meeting by Carolyn Lundie. Pat Stauning seconded. Motion approved.

**1st VP Programs.** (Marilyn Hendrix) April workshop lands on Easter weekend. We are going to hold workshop anyway. The class was arranged 2 years ago. Scott Griffin is the instructor. We have had some good classes with him. The last one was the Dresden Plate.

**2nd VP Ways & Means.** (Sherry Delano) All quilt show committee chairs are filled. We do need Make and Take chairman. Corinne Gurney is checking with Paula Dyer on some projects. The contract for the quilt show judge is \$300.00 plus gas. There will be no hotel charge. One craft and three quilt vendors have signed up.

Nani Johnson made a motion to open up the quilt show to non-members to display only of 1 quilt each. Fran Bianchi seconded it. Motion carried. Carolyn Lundie made a motion to charge each non-member \$15.00 for each quilt displayed. Jamie Harrington seconded it. Motion carried.

**Treasurer.** (Nani Johnson) Hope people were not upset because of the checks not cashed until recently.

**Publicity.** (Jamie Harrington) Have fliers for quilt show.

**Newsletter.** (Pat Stauning) Hope all people are getting the newsletter. Deadline for February's newsletter is January 22.

**Retreats.** (Pat Stauning/ Sylvia Darroch). All spaces are sold out. Taking a back-up list for cancelations. Eve Hall is going to be the chef.

### New Business

Pat Stauning - Gloria Thomas sent Pat Stauning past guild information. She is a Charter Member. She sent us

the history about the beginning of AVQA. She spent \$22.00 to send us this from Florida. Pat Stauning made a motion to reimburse Gloria Thomas for sending us the package. Sherry Delano seconded it. Motion carried.

**Travel.** Sylvia Darroch- Pomona Craft Festival bus trip- 28 seats sold. We have 55 seat bus. We have opened it up to other groups. The trip is February 25<sup>th</sup> for \$12.

The class for March 11th is going to be making a wallet. The class will be \$30 for the class and \$20.00 for the kit. Sign up with Sylvia Darroch, Carolyn Lundie or Marilyn Hendrix.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:43  
Submitted by Coral Brown

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## Announcements:

### Challenge

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

### Newsletter

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

Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> of February

## Fat Quarter Drawing



At the January meeting, Fran Christensen won the fat quarters! Fran selected Red and Black as the colors of the month.

Please bring your **RED AND BLACK quilt shop quality** fat quarters! Limit is 5 per person.

## Hospitality

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

## Publicity

Quilt Show fliers will be available at the next guild meeting. Please take some and help advertise the quilt show!

## Quilt Show

The first meeting of the quilt show committee members will be next Tuesday, January 31st at Donna Roberts (Tinder) house in Lancaster at 6:30 p.m. Thought I would save you the drive to Rosamond, at least for the first meeting. Donna's address is in the roster. Please let me know if you can attend. We can discuss what times and dates work best for the majority of you then. Please bring anyone that you know would be interested in helping on your committee or would be interested in chairing a committee.

White Glove is still needing a chairperson and I haven't heard from Lynn Michaud about the raffle baskets. As always we will need lots and lots of people to help with setup and take down.

Looking forward to seeing everyone.  
Sherry DeLano  
Quilt Show Chair

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## 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.

Questions can be directed to either of us. Sylvia Darroch 948-6855 and Pat Stauning 940-1176, Retreat Chairman

## SCCQG

A Friendly Message from your SCCQG Rep:

This quarterly meeting was held in Rancho Cucamonga. The topic was about how to get programs. There were some new ideas. Before the subject at hand was introduced, there is a need for two council positions needed. The positions are for webmaster and Meet the Teachers program chairperson. If interested in these positions, please contact someone on the board. Did you know that there are 94 guilds members of the SCCQG?

Future programs that will be talked about are Bylaws and how to run a meeting (July), Out of the box fundraisers (October) and Membership how to keep, retain and get new members in January 2018. Anyone interested, please let me know and we can ride or meet at the meeting.

If you want to have a picture of the opportunity quilt on the website, you need to send a picture to [info@sccqg.org](mailto:info@sccqg.org). Also send information about your guild events to get on the calendar. It was suggested



Valentine's Day with a quilter.

## Travel

Join all your quilting buddies and head down to Pomona Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival on Feb. 25th departing at 8:00 AM from Palmdale Park & Ride West Ave S (not the one next to lake). Non-members are WELCOMED. \$12.00 each.

Returning 6:00PM? This will be our first time attending this show so none of us know what's in store, but we know we're going to enjoy and gave a good time. Call Sylvia Darroch 661-948-6855



that board members of the guild should subscribe to the SCCQG newsletter. There is also information on the website if you want to order lunches for the Meet the Teachers Meeting held in April. These need to be in by March 15. This is a new website the SCCQG are using and encourage guild members to check it out.

Topic was about Programs. It was suggested to review the guild's contract before going to hire speakers. Check out the guild's cancellation policy and the speaker's before hiring. Be sure this and all agreements are written out. The most important thing is COMMUNICATION with all parties involved. If you are the program chairperson, be sure to check on future budgets of the guild if you have to hire a speaker. This is good to know if you want to hire a popular speaker. When you do communicate with a speaker, be sure you have every contact information in your email, letter, or even telephone calls. Another idea is to check on how samples of workshop or items need to be handled for return mail. Make sure this is also included in the contract especially if guild is responsible for mailing items back. Also ask the speaker to have a return label included. If a speaker is to be picked up from an airport, have a picture sent to her/him for recognition. Also have a back-up plan if you can't be the one picking up. Some guilds provide a Hospitality sheet for the speaker to fill out for example about food choices, what they would be interesting to visit while in the city, etc. There is a sample of a contract on line at the SCCQG website if you want to compare contracts.

Submitted by your SCCQG Rep,  
Vicki Brown

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

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# Treasurer's Report

## Treasurer's Report November 2016

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	
Checkbook Balance	<b>\$12,000.41</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Attorney General (4291)	\$25.00
Franchise Tax Board (4292)	\$10.00
LUMC Rent (4294)	\$120.00
Newsletter	\$14.39
Valley Press Advertising (4296)	\$150.00
Opp. Quilt, Betty Putzka (4297)	\$250.00
SCCQG (4299)	\$283.75
Square Expense	\$0.82
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$853.96</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Fabric Sale	\$164.50
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$164.50</b>
<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>\$11,310.95</b>
<b>DSW Investments</b>	<b>\$16,750.58</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$28,061.53</b>

## Treasurer's Report December 2016

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	
Checkbook Balance	<b>\$11,310.95</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Budget Storage (Dec, Jan, Feb) (4300)	\$558.50
A.V. Bakery Express- Holiday Party (4301)	\$975.00
A.V. College Scholarships (4302)	\$1,000
Holiday Party Deserts – Maria Bridgeo Thompson (4303)	\$28.24
SCCQG (4299)	\$283.75
Square Expense	\$0.82
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,561.74</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Holiday Party Deposit	\$630.00
Fabric Sale from November	\$75.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$705.00</b>
<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>\$9,454.21</b>
<b>DSW Investments</b>	<b>\$16,750.58</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$26,204.79</b>

# Tip of the Month

## Guide To Pre-Cuts with



### Fat Quarter Bundle

- 18" x 22"
- A quarter yard of fabric cut into a rectangle
- Bundles typically contain every print in the collection and vary by designer
- Bundles can also contain a collection of coordinating prints



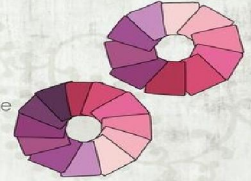
### Fat Eighth Bundle

- 9" x 22"
- A quarter yard of fabric cut into a rectangle then cut again in half
- Bundles typically contain every print in the collection and vary by designer
- Bundles can also contain a collection of coordinating prints
- Similar to fat quarter in a smaller size



### Color Story

- 1 yard pre-cut bundle
- Usually 10 or 12 per pack
- Similar to fat quarter bundle in a larger size



### Jelly Roll

- 2.5" x 44"
- Rolls typically contain every print in the collection and vary by designer
- Usually 40 per roll
- Some companies offer 24
- A.K.A.: Bali Pops



### Honey Bun

- 1.5" x 44"
- Buns typically contain every print in the collection and vary by designer
- Usually 40 per roll
- Similar to jelly roll in a smaller size
- A.K.A.: Sweet Rolls



### Fat Jelly Roll

- 5" x 44"
- Rolls typically contain every print in the collection and vary by designer
- Usually 40 per roll
- Some companies offer 24



### Twice The Charm

- 5.5" x 21"
- Buns typically contain every print in the collection and vary by designer
- Usually 40 per roll
- Similar to jelly roll in a smaller size



### Charm Pack

- 5" x 5"
- Usually 42 per pack
- Packs typically contain at least one square of every print in a collection and vary by designer
- Packs can vary in size up to 5.5" x 5.5"
- A.K.A.: Charm Squares, Jolly Packs, or Stackers



### Mint Charm Pack

- 2.5" x 2.5"
- Usually 42 per pack
- Packs typically contain at least one square of every print in a collection and vary by designer
- A.K.A.: Mini Charm Squares, or Candy



### Layer Cake

- 10" x 10"
- Usually 42 per pack
- Some companies offer 40
- Similar to charm pack in a larger size



\*Please note that fabric width and dimensions may vary by manufacturer

### Quilt size guide

Crib 27" x 52"	Quilt 36" x 60"
Twin 39" x 75"	Quilt 63" x 87"
Full 54" x 75"	Quilt 78" x 87"
Queen 60" x 80"	Quilt 84" x 92"
King 76" x 80"	Quilt 98" x 106"



# MARCH WORKSHOP PREVIEW

## Try something new!!!



Want to learn to make a Fantastic Batiks Special Wallet with all the pockets and zippered pouch with a special clasp???

We're having a workshop on March 11th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Children's Center of Antelope Valley located at 45111 Fern Ave, Lancaster, CA.

Workshop cost is \$30 plus a kit with all supplies and all pre-cut for \$20.00. Kit is required. The total is \$50.00. There is no supply list or fabrics to purchase. You just bring your sewing machine and sewing threads. The teacher will also be bringing all she needs to conduct her class.

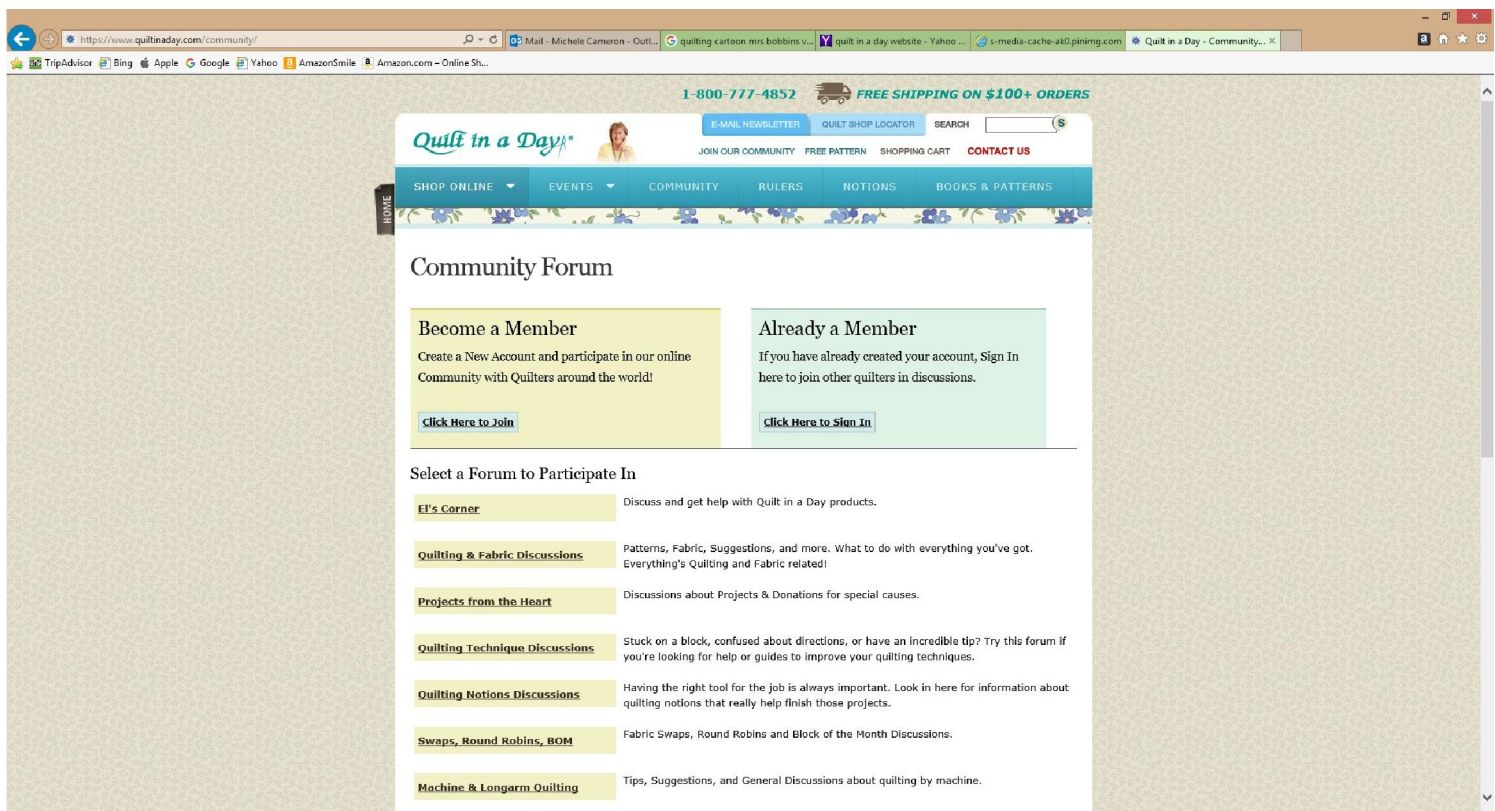
Samples will be available at the next guild meeting.



Sign-up with one of our Program Chairpersons - Carolyn Lundie or Marilyn Hendrix.

Each month, we'll feature a quilting website. <https://www.quiltinaday.com/community/>

Who does not love Eleanor Burns?? I heard she loved our Opportunity Quilt when she saw it at Road2CA quilt show. Quilt in a Day is the name of her store in San Marcos, and she has an informative website as well. In addition to an on-line store, her website has a Community Forum that has tons of great quilting info and advice.



## *AVQA “Back in the Saddle” Reminders*

Wow! 2017 already! Now that the New Year is here, there are a few reminders for everyone.

- Opportunity Quilt tickets are now available. Please pick up your packet at the next meeting.
- Everyone needs to pitch in and help advertise the quilt show!
- We love to see everyone's beautiful work at the quilt show. It will be here quicker than we'll realize so get to working on those quilt show entries.
- There are still vacant committee chairs – consider volunteering.
- Take a moment at guild meetings and say hi to unfamiliar faces. We were all strangers at one time. 😊 And don't forget your nametags! See you at the February meeting!