



AVQANA News

Antelope Valley Quilt Association

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DECEMBER PROGRAM - Holiday Party!



Our annual Holiday Party will be held on December 14, 2017, at 6p.m. at the United Methodist Church -- our regular meeting place and time. Our meal will be catered by Ray and Duke's BBQ. Ray is a previous owner of a restaurant in Ridgecrest. Ticket sales have ended and no tickets will be available at the door.

Please bring:

One pair of socks to exchange, if you want to exchange!
Please bring the socks wrapped or in a gift bag.

Three fat quarters to play "Left, Right, Center"

Some of your favorite Christmas cookies to share

Show and share your awesome projects you have
ready for the holidays.

Any questions, please call Betty Putzka.

Betty

Note: There are a lot of things cancelled during December to let our dedicated board members and committee chairs enjoy the holidays with their friends and families. After all, without them, we would not have a guild!

No general business meeting
No workshop
No pre-meeting get-together at Cali Café
No Board Meeting.
No Fat Quarter Drawing
No Philanthropic Drop-off or Pick-Up

Guild Information

No December Guild Business Meeting Holiday Party will be on 14 December 2017.

Location: Lancaster United Methodist Church
918 West Ave J, Lancaster, CA
Time: 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:00 p.m.)

No December Board Meeting

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

AVQA 2017-2018 Executive Board Members

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| President | Cheryl Nieman |
| 1 st VPs | Carolyn Lundie & Kathy Greene |
| 2 nd VP | Sherry DeLano |
| Secretary | Coral Brown |
| Treasurer | Peggy Vachon |
| Parliamentarian | Donna Roberts |

AVQA 2017-2018 Committee Chairs

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| Challenge | VACANT |
| Door Prizes | VACANT |
| Fat 1/4 Drawing | Nani Johnson |
| Friendship Circles | Nette Louton & Pat Crook |
| Historian | VACANT |
| Holiday Party | Betty Putzka & Sue Jacobsen |
| Hospitality | Donna Roberts & Francis Harig |
| Librarian | Corine Cudney |
| Membership | Pat Crook/Sue Jacobsen |
| Newsletter | Michele Cameron |
| Opp Quilt Design | VACANT |
| Opp Quilt Promo | VACANT |
| Philanthropic | Michele Cameron & Coral Brown |
| Publicity | Jamie Harrington |
| Retreats | Sylvia Darroch & Pat Stauning |
| Scholarship | VACANT |
| SCCQG Rep | Vicki Brown |
| Square | Kathy Greene |
| Sunshine | Debbie Cowles |
| Travel | Sylvia Darroch |
| Veterans Quilts | VACANT |
| Web Site | Carol Macke |

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| 3 – Karen Stenbeck | 18 – Geneve Chan |
| 5 – Evelyn Hatch | 19 – Mary Brewer |
| 13 – Nette Louton | 23 – Eve Hall |
| 16 – Donna Roberts | 31 – Debbie Cowles |

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

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President's Message

Hello Fellow Quilters,

Last month, we learned from several members some very useful information and also some very creative ways to enjoy our craft. This month we will be enjoying the holiday party.

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 she 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 to this matter. The last favor I am going to ask and this is a big one when we are up there running the meeting can we keep the talking to a minimum. Free fat quarter to the first person who lets me know you saw this. It is distracting to those who want to listen. Some of you speak rather loudly and after all I am miked. The room is rather dead as far as acoustics go. So please be polite during the meeting. You can visit during the break.

We have quite a few new members sign up recently please be sure to make them feel welcome. Our wonderful membership co-chairs Pat and Sue are doing a fantastic job. If you are interested in joining a friendship group please speak to Pat Crook.

One more thing: we have a beautiful opportunity quilt donated by the very talented Peggy Vachon. I need a person or group to be responsible for taking the quilt around to promote it. We need to start selling tickets now. The quilt is not only a fundraiser, but it helps promote our group. Please, if you are interested, speak to me.

We need to fill board positions next year. If you plan to run, let Donna Roberts know. Our by-laws state that officers have two-year term limits. This is my second year, so someone else needs to take over. Thank you again for your support and help.

Yours in quilting, Cheryl Nieman

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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| January 11 | Mary Tabor – Working Quilts & Art |
| January 13 | Workshop – Snip and Clip Holiday Designs |
| February 11* | Erica Plank – Show and Tell |
| February 13 | Workshop - Cathedral Window Block |
| March 8 | Linda Rassmussen |
| April 12 | Tiffany Hayes |
| May 10 | Quilt Show Prep |

*Sign-up and supply list for February workshop will be available at December meeting.



Treasurer's Report – November 2017

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| Beginning Balance | | \$10,351.67 |
| Expenses | | |
| 1-Nov | 4417 SCCQG Insurance | \$410.50 |
| 9-Nov | 4418 Sue Jacobsen | \$126.00 |
| | 4419 LUMC Meeting Hall | \$120.00 |
| | 4420 Kathy Judkins – Newsletter | \$22.29 |
| | 4421 Kathy Judkins – Newsletter | \$25.09 |
| | 4422 Kathy Judkins – Postage | \$42.00 |
| | 4423 Trinity Community Church – Workshop | \$50.00 |
| Total Expenses | | \$795.88 |
| Income | | \$9,555.79 |
| 14-Nov | Spring Retreat | \$2,940.00 |
| Total Income | | \$2,940.00 |
| Current Balance | | \$12,495.79 |
| DSW Investments | | |
| | DSW Investments | \$16,778.21 |
| | Interest | \$1.18 |
| | Grand Total | <u>\$16,779.39</u> |
| | | <u>\$29,275.18</u> |

Second Vice President – Ways & Means

The Quilter's College was wonderful. I learned a lot! Thank you.

It is amazing that it is time to start seriously working on the quilt show for 2018 so on **Saturday, January 6, 2018**, the first quilt show meeting will be at my house in Rosamond at 11 am. I'll have a brunch to soften you up so you will want to chair one of the committees. If that doesn't work, please come and help those that will chair a committee. The address is 4873 Truman Road, Rosamond. If you are a new member, please come. It is a great way to meet new people, and we are always looking for new ideas. The quilt show seems like an overwhelming process, but it is like a quilt block--when you take it apart and do each step, it is much simpler and you end up with a beautiful quilt that looks extremely tricky. When everyone works together we end up with a quilt show that is fun and profitable.

Quilt Show Committees:

Admissions, White Glove/Security, Vendor Helper, Quilt Show Set Up/Break Down, Quilt Check In/Out, Raffle Baskets/Door Prizes, Quilt Auction, Vendor Check In, Quilt Labels, Quilt Legends, Site Decorations, Show Lay Out Design, Judging, Ribbons, and Make and Take

Hope to see you all at the Holiday Party, and if not, have a lovely holiday season and I will see you next year.

You can contact me by phone (see AVQA Membership Roster) or E-mail: msdelano@rpmwin.com

Sherry DeLano, 2nd Vice President

AVQA General Meeting

November 9, 2017

Meeting called to order at 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: Sherry DeLano moved to accept the general meetings minutes for October and Jill McCray seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's report: Fran Christensen moved to accept the Treasurer's report for October and Harriet Spann 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.

Next board meeting is January 16, 2018 at 6:30 at Bolts in the Bathtub on Lancaster Blvd. There will not be a board meeting in December.

1st Vice President (Kathy Greene and Carolyn Lundie) Today is Quilter's College. Upcoming workshops are:

December 14 - Holiday Party

January 11 - Mary Tabor- Working Quilts and Art

January 13 – Workshop Snip and Flip Holiday Designs

February 11 - Erica Plank

February 13 – Workshop Cathedral Window Block

March 8 - Linda Rassmussen

April 12 - Tiffany Hayes

May 10 - Quilt Show preparation

June 14 – Officer Installation

June 16 – Ramona Cadek – Wallet Workshop

2nd Vice President (Sherry DeLano) Sherry asked everyone to support the guild fundraiser at Charming Charlie's on Nov 17-19th at the Mall. The opportunity quilt was displayed.

Librarian (Corine Cudney) Library books are ready for checkout and return. Yvonne Rodriguez won the block drawing.

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Holiday Party (Betty Putzka) The Holiday Party will be at the church on December 14th. The cost is \$25 and it will be catered barbeque food.

November meeting is the last night to buy tickets. Bring three at quarters for the Right, Left, Center game and a pair of socks or a Holiday sock exchange. Bring some cookies to share.

Membership (Pat Crook) Members attending totaled 63 and 6 visitors. Pat handed out several membership pins and door prizes.

Retreat (Pat Stauning/ Sylvia Darroch) April retreat at Holiday Inn Express, five minutes from the beach, \$140 deposit required.

Fat Quarter (Nani Johnson) Fran Christensen won the fat quarters and the color for JANUARY is polka dots.

Philanthropic (Michele Cameron) Since the last meeting, there were 143 hearts given to the Women's Clinic at AV Hospital. Antoinette Pappas headed this wonderful effort. The hearts are used by breastfeeding moms with babies in the NICU. The mother's scent is on the little hearts and the nurses put the heart on the baby when the mother isn't there to breastfeed. Also this month, the guild donated 20 quilts towards Peggy Campbell's effort to support teenage dads in detention to have a gift for their infant children. Open Sew for November is dedicated to Philanthropic. Any and all help is needed. Many quilts, pillowcases, and shelter quilts were turned in. Awesome job everyone. The winner of the drawing was Coral Brown.

Show and Share. Kathy Greene introduced Quilter's College. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by Coral Brown

AVQA Board Meeting

August 15, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:42 p.m.

Attendees: Coral Brown, Sherry DeLano, Donna Roberts, Pat Crook, Nette Louton, Peggy Vachon, Sylvia Darroch, Kathy Greene, Cheryl Nieman, and Jamie Harrington.

President (Cheryl Nieman) Motion made to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting by Sherry DeLano. Seconded by Carolyn Lundie. Motion carried.

1st VP (Kathy Greene/Carolyn Lundie) We have the same instructors listed in the General Meeting minutes. We are looking for a new projector. We need one for the January and February speakers. Nette Louton is to get information on projectors.

2nd VP (Sherry DeLano) Charming Charlie's fundraiser is tentatively scheduled for November 17-19. Go to Charlie's and shop for Christmas. First Quilt Show meeting is the 6th of January at 11 a.m. at Sherry DeLano's house.

Parliamentarian (Donna Roberts) The proposed by-law changes will be in the newsletter.

Friendship Circles (Nette Louton/ Pat Crook) Contact Nette for information on Friendship Circles.

Membership (Pat Crook/ Nette Louton) Carolyn Lundie made a motion to count all years of membership towards pins. Sherry DeLano seconded. Motion passed. Kathy Greene made a motion to transfer funds from emergency funds to Membership to order new AVQA pins.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Coral Brown, Secretary



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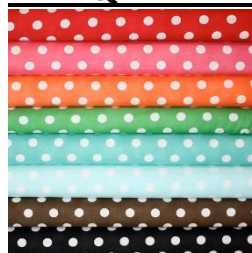
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Announcements:

Fat Quarter Drawing



At the November meeting, Fran Christensen won the pink fat quarters! Fran chose POLKA DOTS for the January drawing. Please bring your polka dot **quilt shop quality** fat quarters! Limit is 5 per person.

*****NO Fat Quarter Drawing in December*****

Hospitality - Food & Beverages

No need for anyone to bring food or drinks this month unless you want to bring cookies for the Holiday Party. See page 1.

Hospitality - Mystery

The Mystery to solve for the Missing Tea Caper??? Who was the Exceptionally NICE QUILTER who donated the Delicious Soothing Spicy GOOD EARTH SWEET & SPICY Tea providing an EXTRA TREAT for Hospitality for all of us to enjoy. I would love to purchase for myself thus "Where to Buy?" inquiry. I found a similar one but not the exact one in the little purple tea bad with "Good Earth" on the front. Can you help me solve the "tea mystery?" Call Sylvia or email al_sylviadarroch@msn.com.

Parliamentarian - By-Law Changes

The proposed by-law changes will be included with the December and January newsletters. Voting on the proposed changes will occur at the February meeting.

FALL RETREAT

Twenty of your fellow members attended the Fall Retreat. We finally figured out that “20” is a Magic number for a perfect blend of friendships, comradery, sharing ideas, helping each other with quilting challenges, and/or figuring out patterns. It is always fun to learn something NEW from the mini demo’s similar to Quilter’s College. And then there was the shopping! Fun time was spent shopping at the local quilt shops. Some gals went all the way to Porterville and loved that cute quilt shop. That one will be on everyone’s list next year. And, of course, plenty of us went to Rosemary’s Ice Cream Parlor for old-fashioned ice cream.

The hotel was excellent. There was nothing they couldn’t do to keep us happy! The meals and service were just perfect. Check out all the fun pics posted on AVQA Facebook page!

Sylvia Darroch & Pat Stauning,
Retreat Co-Chairs

SPRING RETREAT

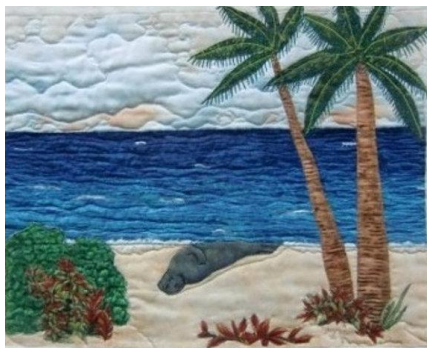
Your response to the Spring Retreat was a resounding success!

THANK YOU to all who came totally prepared to guild meeting with

your reservation deposit. We are SOLD OUT for 2018, but we do have an ongoing RESERVE Cancellation list for last minute emergencies for those who might have to cancel due to unforeseen circumstances and we can fill that spot ASAP.

YEA! We’re going to the BEACH (only 5 minute walk away). It is close enough for all of us who need those extra walking points on our Fitbits. Final deposit is due by March 1, 2018. Thanks again everyone. We’re happy, happy Retreat Chairwomen.

Sylvia Darroch & Pat Stauning
Retreat Co-Chairs



PILLOWCASE CHALLENGE #3



We are addicted to pillowcases!!! We were able to mail out 23 pillowcases to the Santa Rosa Quilt Guild for Northern California fire victims.

Bits and Pieces is issuing another challenge to make pillowcases again, but this time we are focusing on adults. The Harshfield Terrace Apartment Community has graciously allowed us free use of their meeting room on a monthly basis and have even made a monetary donation. Since Harshfield Terrace is a non-profit community for low-income senior citizens, we are going to make pillowcases for all of the 74 residents at Harshfield. We are shooting to have them ready by February 2018 and hope everyone will pitch in! If everyone in the guild made just 1 pillowcase, we’d have way more than we need. Please consider donating.

Now for the challenge: Please make a pillowcase from colorful/decorative prints suitable for adult females. Pillowcases for standard pillows are 30” long, so please allow enough fabric for this length. Wash, dry and iron the pillowcases, and bring them to the January meeting.

For inspiration for your pillowcase, see <http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/millionpillowcasepatterns/>. Be sure to add your pillowcase to their counter.

Thank you, Bits and Pieces Friendship Circle

Newsletter

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

Saturday, 23rd of December

Philanthropic

Once again Philanthropic had a very productive month! Between the October and November meetings, our Donation Coordinator, Antoinette Pappas delivered 143 flannel hearts to the Women and Children's Clinic at AV Hospital. The flannel hearts are put on the moms while they breastfeed their infants in the NICU. When the moms are unable to be at the NICU to breastfeed the babies, the nurses put the soft flannel hearts on the babies so they can smell their mother's scent.

Additionally, we donated 20 quilts to Peggy Campbell's annual effort to give teenage dads in detention quilts for their infant and toddler children. Peggy's Friendship Circle is also making quilts for this effort, so they might not need all 20, but we were able to give them a variety to select from.



Many finished quilts were turned in at the November meeting. I can't say how thankful I am for everyone who has been donating their time and effort. The guild's efforts are heartwarming. Anyone wanting to help with Philanthropic is welcome to join Bits & Pieces Friendship

Circle for Saturday Sewing on December 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Harshfield Terrace.

We are going to take a break at the December meeting and just enjoy the Holiday Party. Please wait until January to bring in your donations.

Thank you so much!
Michele Cameron

Philanthropic – Tax Receipts

If anyone who has donated to the guild's philanthropic efforts would like a tax receipt for 2017, please see Michele Cameron before guild meetings or during break.

Tip of the Month

Should you wash your batting??

The short answer is that you can prewash most batting – but that you don't actually have to. Modern quilt batting is designed to resist shrinking or to shrink very minimally (and that very shrinkage creates a homey look many quilt enthusiasts enjoy). Batting that is very old, dirty, or that you are making from a recycled blanket will need to be washed before use.

Your batting can be washed if you've accidentally spilled something on it, stored it somewhere where it picked up an unpleasant odor, or if you are not sure what it is made of. Quilt batting purchased new and stored correctly generally won't require washing, but batting that you've inherited from another quilter and received without a clear idea of what it is might.

Batting that isn't really batting at all – [old wooly blankets or quilts come to mind](#) – does need to be washed thoroughly to prevent shrinking and the problems associated with it.

Source: <https://www.nationalquilterscircle.com/article/show-i-prewash-my-batting/>

Free Christmas Quilt Pattern

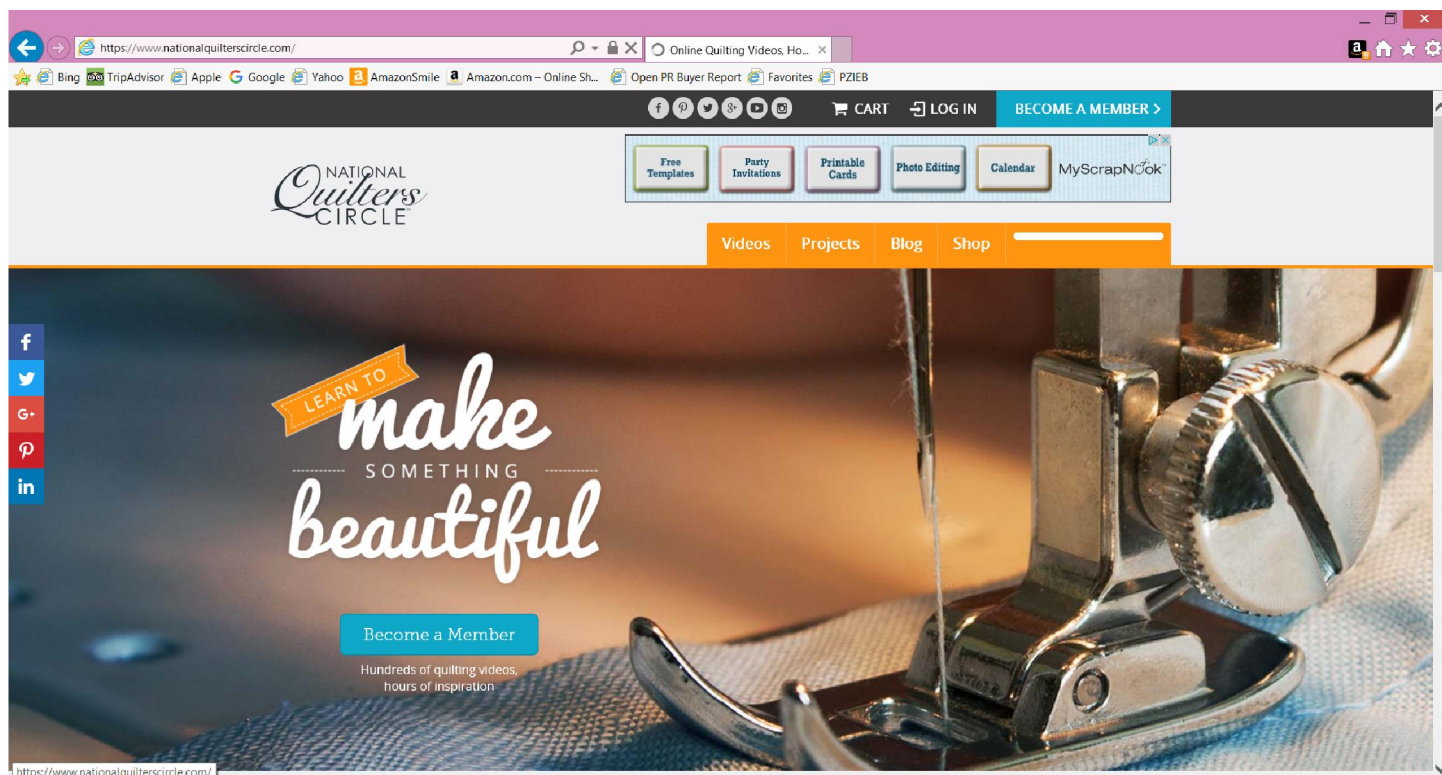


Freequilting.com has lots of free quilt patterns to download. There is a catch. You have to sign up to join their club which means you'll probably get marketing emails. If you don't already have a "junk" email address for these types of offers, you might consider getting one.

Then enjoy the free patterns!

https://www.free-quilting.com/detail.html?code=FQ00251&cat_id=438

Each month, we'll feature a quilting website. This month it is "National Quilters Circle" website! <https://www.nationalquilterscircle.com/> This website has a lot of information and even some free videos and patterns! There is also a Question and Answer section with helpful tips.



AVQA Guild Meeting

2nd Thursday of each month



No December meeting but Holiday Party
(prepaid tickets) on
Thursday 14 December 2017
Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.
Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.
Lancaster United Methodist Church
918 West Ave J, Lancaster CA

MEMBERSHIP:

Annual Dues.....\$30.00

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