



# AVQA News

Antelope Valley Quilt Association

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## AUGUST PROGRAM – Ice Cream Social



# Ice Cream Social

Summer is here!!! Come join us Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup> for a cool evening of fun, friendship and **ICE CREAM!!** If it's your turn to bring snacks, please bring ice cream toppings and/or cookies. Call Coral Brown or Kathy Greene to let us know what topping you plan to bring.

Our workshop will be a fun day of Open Sew Olympics. Join us for a day of sewing games that will leave us with

quilt tops to donate to Philanthropic at the end of the day. Our new workshop facility is in the fourth floor, Conference Room 15, at 44105 15<sup>th</sup> Street West, Lancaster. This is just south of the City of Hope. <http://sewlux.blogspot.com/2012/09/picture-post-olympic-rings-mug-rug.html> - pattern for the Olympic ring mug rug pattern.



Prior to the meeting, come join us at 5:00 at Cali Café, 4140 20<sup>th</sup> Street West, Lancaster, for a time of food, fun and friendship.

Programs Co-Chairs Kathy Greene & Coral Brown

### FUTURE PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

Aug 9 <sup>th</sup>	Ice Cream Social
Aug 11 <sup>th</sup>	Open Sew Olympics
Sept 13 <sup>th</sup>	Friendship Circle Presentations
Sept 15 <sup>th</sup>	Workshop to be announced
Oct 11 <sup>th</sup>	Heidi Stagno
Oct 13 <sup>th</sup>	Ruler workshop
Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>	Quilter's College
Nov 10 <sup>th</sup>	Philanthropic Sew-In
Dec 13 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday Party
Jan 10 <sup>th</sup>	Jean Impey
Jan 12 <sup>th</sup>	Workshop/Spider Webs



# Guild Information

**Next Guild Meeting:** Thurs, August 9, 2018  
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, August 14, 2018  
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 is delivered by both email and USPS.

## AVQA 2018-2019 Executive Board Members

President	Sherry DeLano
1 <sup>st</sup> VPs	Kathy Greene & Coral Brown
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Jamie Harrington
Secretary	Carolyn Lundie
Treasurer	Peggy Vachon
Parliamentarian	Corinne Gurney

## AVQA 2018-2019 Committee Chairs

Challenge	Nette Louton & Pat Crook
Door Prizes	<b>VACANT</b>
Fat 1/4 Drawing	<b>VACANT</b>
Friendship Circles	Pat Crook
Historian	<b>VACANT</b>
Holiday Party	Betty Putzka
Hospitality	Donna Roberts & Francis Harig
Librarian	Corine Cudney
Membership	Pat Crook & Nette Louton
Newsletter	Michele Cameron
Opp Quilt Design	Peggy Vachon
Opp Quilt Promo	<b>VACANT</b>
Philanthropic	Michele Cameron & Coral Brown
Publicity	Kathy Judkins
Retreats	Betty Putzka
Scholarship	<b>VACANT</b>
SCCQG Rep	<b>VACANT</b>
Sunshine	Debbie Cowles
Veterans Quilts	<b>VACANT</b>
Web Site	Carol Macke

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

### August Birthdays

2 – Dorothy McCoy  
2 – Mary Siemienski  
6 – Sharyn Balogh  
19 – Rita Duggins  
19 – Sharon Hayes  
27 – Pat Crook

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

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## President's Message

It looks like all of the chair positions have been filled EXCEPT [Door Prizes](#), [Historian](#), [Quilt Promotion](#), and [Veteran's Quilts](#). Historian would take pictures at our classes and meetings and store them on a flash drive that we could view at the Christmas Party. When you do one of these jobs, you get to know more of the members and they get to know who you are.

Pam Hadfield did a great trunk show and her class was a fun variation of the Dresden Plate pattern. Everyone's personality comes through with their color choices, and we laugh when we have to UN-sew, which for me is fairly often. I think that is the only part of quilting that I have actually mastered.

The ice cream social will be delicious and fun next month.

As I was cleaning my sewing room, I found several different name tags that are guild related that I have collected through the years. Some were for positions on the board and some were ones we received at retreats. It would be fun if you would look through yours and wear them all to the next meeting.

Please welcome our new members and visitors. Maybe we will play musical chairs during the business portion of one of our meetings so we can sit next to someone new or old that we don't usually sit with. Remember to take home anything that you brought for the free table that was not taken. Thank you for keeping the aisles clear and for putting your chairs up after the meeting. It is a great help.

Your Quilting Friend,  
Sherry

## Treasurer's Report - July 2018

<b>Beginning Balance</b>		<b>\$11,785.60</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
20 Jun 18	Vendor Check returned insufficient funds	\$250.00
	Bank Fee for returned deposit	\$12.00
12 Jul 18	4496 LUMC Meeting Hall – July	\$120.00
	4497 Pam Hadfield Speaker/Workshop	\$990.61
	4498 Kathleen Judkins Newsletter Printing	\$40.83
	4499 Carol Macke Website	\$159.99
	4500 Budget Storage July, Aug, Sep, Oct	\$852.43
	CC Oxford Inn	\$176.90
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$2,602.76</b>
<b>Income</b>		
19 Jul 18	Membership May	\$365.00
	Membership May	\$670.00
	Membership June	\$950.00
	Programs Workshop Income	\$300.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$2,285.00</b>
<b>Current Balance</b>		<b>\$11,467.84</b>
<b>DSW Investments</b>		
	DSW Investments Beginning Balance	\$16,786.56
	Interest	\$1.06
	DSW Investment Ending Balance	\$16,787.62
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b><u>\$28,255.46</u></b>

# AVQA General Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2018

**Meeting called to order** at 6:36 pm by President, Sherry DeLano, United Methodist Church, Lancaster, CA.

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

Former President, **Cheryl Nieman** thanked the chair people for serving during her presidency and gave the board members and chair people an embroidered cell phone purse.

President Sherry DeLano asked for volunteers for the following **committee vacancies**: Historian, Opportunity Quilt Promotion, Scholarship, and Veterans Quilts.

**Minutes**: There were no corrections to the general meeting minutes, and Peggy Campbell moved to accept the general meeting minutes as published in the newsletter. Seconded by Pat Stauning. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report**: There were no corrections to the treasurer's report. Cheryl Nieman moved to accept the treasurer's report as published in the newsletter. Seconded by Lois Johnson. Motion approved.

**FREE TABLE**: A reminder was given to check back at the end of the evening to collect any of your items left on the table. Please make a donation if you feel you got some great items. The funds collected are used to buy gifts for the membership drawings.

The next **board meeting** is Tuesday, July 17 at Bolts in the Bathtub 6:30 pm.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Kathy Greene** announced upcoming programs: July 12 Pam Hadfield, July 14 – Workshop: Whimsy Wedges. Aug 9 Ice Cream Social. Aug 11 Open Sew/Philanthropic. Sept 13 Friendship Circle Presentations. Sept 15 Open Sew/Workshop TBD. Oct 11 Heidi Stagno. Oct 13 Workshop/Rulers. Nov 8 Quilter's College. Nov 10 Philanthropic Sew-In. Dec 13 Holiday Party. Jan 10 Jean Impey. Jan 12 Workshop: Spider Webs. Feb. 14 Sandra Corbin. Feb. 16 Workshop: Butterflies.

**New Workshop Facility** is 44105 15<sup>th</sup> St. West, Lancaster, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Conference Room 15. The building is at J-5 and 15<sup>th</sup> St. West. Costco catered lunch for \$5 or you provide your own.

**Quilters' College**: Professors are needed who are willing to share a technique or project. See Coral or Kathy.

**Ice Cream Social**: Those members who are responsible for bringing refreshments for the August meeting, please bring condiments for the ice cream social and/or treats to eat with ice cream. Let Kathy or Coral know what you're bringing.

**Librarian/Block of the Quarter**: Corine Cudney reminded members to return borrowed books and inspect the library to sign out books. The quilt block of the quarter has been extended another month.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jamie Harrington** reported sad news regarding Sharon Ott passing away. Quilt Show dates are May 18 and 19. The featured quilter will be Lois Johnson. There will be two days of auctions. Quilts and kits are needed for the auctions. Give recommendations for quilt show vendors to Jamie.

**Publicity**: **Kathy Judkins** is recruiting people to help with publicity. Kathy introduced herself and stated that she has been a member for 20 years and has filled many positions. She would like suggestions for publicizing the quilt show, designing the brochures and any other help with publicity.



**Retreat**: **Betty Putzka** surveyed members to see if they prefer weekends or during the week for future retreats. The retreat will be at the Holiday Inn at Port Hueneme Oct. 26-29 and will be about \$300, limited to 24 people. The Friday night meal will be provided.

**Holiday Party: Betty Putzka** said there is nothing to report at this time.

## AVQA Board Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2018

### **Opportunity Quilt 2019-20: Peggy Vachon**

encouraged members to read the newsletter description of the project and she gave a very short demonstration of an example of how to help with this massive group project. Each person will sew strips of fabric together to represent a destination in California. Each block should be a minimum of 7"x7". Bigger is better. Do NOT square the block. Peggy will square it. Peggy or her helpers will applique different destinations on the square. Please contact Peggy Vachon with your ideas. Her address and phone number are in the AVQA roster.

Sylvia Darroch reminded members to support the opportunity quilt and Peggy Vachon by making a block for the opportunity quilt. Peggy is very artistic and talented. She won the Van Gogh Competition at Road 2 CA.

## **Bolts in the Bathtub**

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Lancaster, CA 93534**

**Phone: (661) 945-5541**

**[www.boltsinthebathtub.com](http://www.boltsinthebathtub.com)**

**Membership Pat Crook:** 50 members attended with 1 new member, Mary Brown. Guests were Joan Tyler and Sandra Govin. Eighty-three members have renewed. Anne Tyszka and Evelyn Tiede won the membership drawing.

**Coral Brown collected Fat Quarters** and the winner was Anne Tyszka. Next month's color is pastels.

**Winners** of the Early Sign-Up raffle were Sue Hartman, Lynn Michaud, and Diana Lopez.

### **Show and Share**

Kathy Greene introduced this month's speaker, **Pam Hadfield**. Following her trunk show, Pat Stauning won Pam's raffle.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Submitted by Carolyn Lundie, Secretary

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Meeting called to order at 6:31 at Bolts in the Bathtub, Lancaster, CA.

**Attendees:** Jamie Harrington, Pat Crook, Peggy Vachon, Sherry DeLano, Carolyn Lundie, Corinne Gurney, Donna Roberts.

**President Sherry DeLano** asked for a motion to approve last month's board meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter. Donna Roberts proposed the motion and the motion was seconded by Cheryl Nieman.

**President Sherry DeLano** read upcoming programs and workshops for Kathy Greene and Coral Brown. She stated that the programs and workshops were as reported at the July General Meeting. Pam Hadfield's workshop, Whimsy Wedges, was a very fun and productive workshop. Pat Crook and Nette Louton are helping with the September program, Friendship Circle Presentations, and will help the program chairs with planning the program as well as brainstorming other program ideas. Peggy Vachon volunteered for Quilter's College.

**Treasurer Peggy Vachon** reported that a vendor's check from the quilt show was returned for \$250 plus \$12 overdraft charge. Discussion ensued regarding the correct way to handle the situation. The storage unit has been paid for 4 months.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP Jamie Harrington** reported that Lois Johnson, an art and traditional quilter, is featured quilter for the 2019 Quilt Show. Lynne Michaud gave quilts for the quilt auction that were donated by a lady. If the quilts are not the quality for an auction, Lynne has more quilts that can be considered. Jamie received a letter from the State Board of Equalization asking if we are closing our entity because the date was incorrect. The taxes were paid, but the date was incorrect. The letter was given to Peggy Vachon to make the correction before July 31.

Jamie asked for suggestions of names for the quilt show and Sherry DeLano reported that Tiffany Hayes said the guild could name the opportunity quilt she made. The final decision was "Desert Blooms" for both the quilt show and Opportunity Quilt.

**Scholarships:** Peggy Vachon will ask Karen Stocking if she wants to be on the scholarship committee this year.

**Challenge: Pat Crook** asked for suggestions for the best time to make the challenge projects due. Sherry DeLano

told her to coordinate with the Program Chairs. Corinne Gurney gave a suggestion for a simple challenge.

**Bus Trip:** Corinne Gurney volunteered to do the bus trip this year. She asked for suggested destinations.

**Publicity:** Corinne Gurney will take the publicity notebooks to Kathy Judkins from Jamie Harrington.

**Retreats:** Sherry Delano reported that Betty Putzka has solidified reservations for the retreat at the Holiday Inn in Port Hueneme for October. She is currently taking reservations. You must sign up with a roommate.

**New Business:** Sherry DeLano will only have 3000 opportunity tickets printed and will try to do it by July 19th so Opportunity Tickets can be sold during the Southern California Quilt Run at Bolts in the Bathtub.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:15.**

**Submitted by Carolyn Lundie**

## **Announcements:**

### **Fat Quarter Drawing**



For the August meeting, please bring pastel **QUILT SHOP QUALITY** fat quarters! Limit is 5 per person.

### **Hospitality - Food & Beverages**

Members with last names starting with **D-I** are kindly asked to bring a snack for the meeting. If you make something special that isn't easily identifiable, please consider writing what it is on a post-it so everyone will know what it is. Include your name if you are willing to share your recipe!

### **Newsletter**

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

*Sunday, 26th of August*

## **Opportunity Quilt Design**

Calling all Members! I really need your help this year. I want every member to have at least one block in our Opportunity Quilt for 2019-2020.

In past years, we have not had anyone step up to chair this position and we have had to rely on members to donate a finished quilt instead of a yearlong project. This is not how our guild is supposed to work. It is intended to be a Community Project. As members, you are the Community.

Last month I wrote out a long explanation of the plan for our design. The design was created intentionally so that EVERYONE could be able to participate. I really need everyone's help. Please reread the June Newsletter and bring in strip sets that you have created for our Quilt. So far I have only had one person reply to me. Step One is SUPER important. Without Step One completed we cannot move on to Step Two! Also I requested 3 ideas from everyone. Without those ideas, I cannot design the applique for Step Two. This quilt has the potential to be AWESOME! Please help!

Thank YOU! Peggy Vachon

## **Philanthropic**

Philanthropic will host the Open Sew Olympics on 11 August (see page 1). Please sign up at the meeting so we will have an accurate count of attendees. Prizes will be given. Lots of fun to be had as we support Philanthropic at the same time!

If anyone wants to join Bits & Pieces Friendship Circle to sew on Philanthropic projects, our next sewing day is Saturday, 4 August, at Harshfield Terrace from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Kits will be available, and if you don't want to bring your machine, that's okay too. Please park in the back and let Michele or Coral know you will be coming as there is a code to get in the building. We also take donations at the meetings, so you don't have to come to the sewing day. Kits to be sewn and/or quilted will be at the meeting for pick up as well.

Michele & Coral



## Quilt Show

Calling all members! We need quilts for the show. We need your talent. It is not too late to start a quilt, finish UFO's (Not Unidentified Flying Objects but Unfinished Projects).

You can start and finish Auction items. We are having auctions on Saturday and Sunday at the Quilt Show. The Auction will feature Finished Quilts, table runners and placemats, totes, aprons, pillows and wearable. Also in the auction will be Quilt Tops and Kits. We will be having a Quilters' Boutique. Karen Stocking will be handling the boutique items.

The name of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Quilt Show 2019 is Desert Blooms. I look forward to having a great show.

Jamie Harrington – 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

## Retreats

There are still a few spaces left on the fall retreat. The dates for going to the Holiday Inn at Port Hueneme are October 26-29, 2018. The cost this year is \$280.00. This includes: lodging for three nights with a roommate of your choice, dinner one night with the group, and the use of a conference room for sewing from Friday at 10 a.m. until Monday noon. Breakfast is provided by the hotel daily, and there is a happy hour on Friday and Saturday nights provided by the hotel.

I will be taking \$50 deposits at the next meeting. I had several people sign up at the meeting in July. When they signed up, they also took a small survey to let me know if a weekday retreat would work for members. It seems it would, so I am considering

that for the future too. I hope there will be 24 of us going. Many spaces are already filled.

If you are interested in going, you MUST have a roommate when you sign up. Please email me since there is still space available: [bgcats@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bgcats@sbcglobal.net) If necessary I will start a waiting list in case someone has to cancel.

Betty Putzka  
Retreats Chairperson

## Things To Do - Quilting

Row by Row Experience

“Sew Musical”

This is national. Collect rows from participating quilt stores. Yes, Bolts in the Bathtub is participating. June 21-Sept 5  
[www.Rowbyrowexperience.com](http://www.Rowbyrowexperience.com)

Big Bear Lake Quilters Guild, Big Bear, CA - Aug 3 & 4

Busy Bears Quilt Show Sept 2

San Diego Quilt Show Sept. 20-22

Pacific International Quilt Festival, Santa Clara, CA, Oct 11-14

Glendale Quilt Guild Quilters' Home Studio and Garden Tour, plus Luncheon - Oct 20

## Tip of the Month

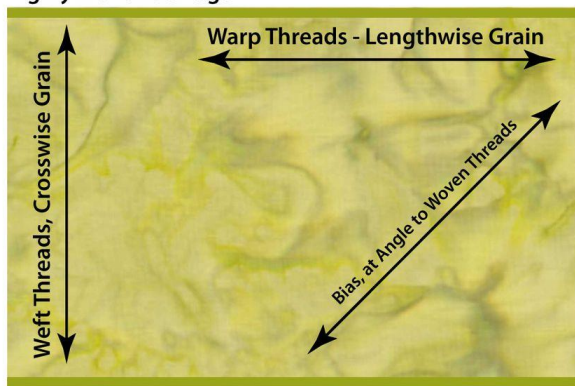
What Is Fabric Grain and Why is it Important to Quilters?

source: <https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/fabric-grain-facts-for-every-quilter-2821312>

- The term *fabric grain* refers to the way threads are arranged in a piece of fabric. Grain is one of those quilting topics that you might not think is important, but the way we cut fabric in relation to its grain can produce quilt blocks that are accurate and easy to assemble — or blocks that just won't do what you want them to do.

Get familiar with some of the terms you'll see when you read quilt patterns and quilting tutorials.

### Tightly Woven Selvage



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What Are the Fabric's Warp Threads?

Long threads, called warp threads, are stretched on the loom and secured. They become the fabric's lengthwise grain, the threads that are continuous along the length of the yardage.

### What Are Weft Threads?

More threads, called weft threads, are woven back and forth, perpendicular to the warp threads and along the entire length of the warp threads. Weft threads make up the fabric's crosswise grain.

### About Straight Grain Edges

The lengthwise grain and crosswise grain are both regarded as straight grain, sometimes called straight-of-grain.

### Fabric Bias

True bias is defined as the direction at a 45-degree angle to the straight grains. Quilters refer to any cut that doesn't run along a straight grain as a bias cut.

### Stretch Differences in Fabric Cuts

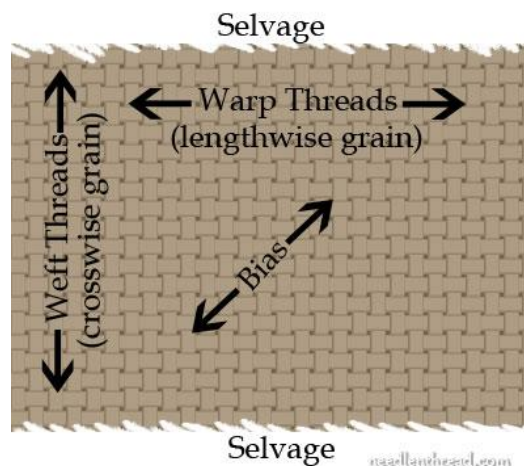
Fabrics that are cut with edges parallel to either the crosswise or lengthwise straight grain are less likely to stretch out of shape than pieces with edges cut along the stretchy bias. The interwoven straight grain threads provide extra support.

Cuts along the (warp) lengthwise grain are less stretchy than (weft) crosswise grain cuts:

- Unlike the moving weft threads, the warp threads were firmly attached to the loom during the weaving process, holding them in place and enhancing their structure.
- The interlaced weft threads help stabilize the warp threads.
- There are usually more warp threads per square inch than there are weft threads per square inch. The extra density adds strength.

### Advantages of Straight Grain Cuts of Fabric

- Fabric squares and rectangles are nearly always cut with their edges along the straight grains to minimize stretch during sewing and handling.
- Because they do not stretch easily, long strips of fabric cut on the lengthwise grain make good quilt borders and sashing. They can stabilize and help you square-up the outer edges of blocks or quilt tops.
- Sashing strips with long edges cut along the lengthwise grain add stability to blocks.
- [Long strips of fabric cut from selvage to selvage](#), along the crosswise grain of the fabric, have many uses in quilting. Two popular examples: we use the strips for [strip piecing](#) and we use the long strips as a starting point to [cut patchwork shapes for quilts](#).



### Fabric Selvages

[Selvages](#) are the bound edges that run along the outer edges of the lengthwise grain. They are formed when the weft threads turn to change direction as the weaving process travels down the warp.

Fabrics are very tightly woven for a half-inch or so from the selvages inward, keeping the edges stable while the fabric is on the bolt.