

# AVQA News

# Antelope Valley Quilt Association

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## DECEMBER PROGRAM



The annual Holiday Party will be on December 13th. Tickets were pre-sold at the October and November meetings. It's a BBQ like we had last year. Bring a pair of socks to exchange and your favorite cookies to share with everyone after dinner. Left, Right, Center will be played, so bring 3 fat quarters if you want to participate.

## **AVQA UPCOMING EVENTS**

December 13th **Holiday Party** 

December 15th Open Sew/Applique Workshop (Bring your

own project)

January 10<sup>th</sup> Jean Impey/Passion Trunk Show January 12<sup>th</sup> Jean Impey Workshop, Spider Webs

February 14th Sandy Corbin/Making Scrappy Quilts Fresh

**Trunk Show** 

Sandy Corbin Butterfly Workshop February 16<sup>th</sup>

March 14<sup>th</sup> To Be Announced

March 16<sup>th</sup> Open Sew / To Be Announced workshop Workshop location is 44105 15th Street West, Lancaster. Fourth floor,

Conference Room 15. It is the four-story medical building that houses Renaissance Imaging; south of the City of Hope. Enter through the door just east of the main entrance, marked "Medical Offices." Workshops are from 9:00-3:00, with the

doors open at 8:30 for set-up.

# **Guild Information**

Next Guild Meeting: Thurs, December 13, 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: No meeting in December!

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 Kathy Greene

1<sup>st</sup> VPs Kathy Greene & Coral Brown

2nd VPJamie HarringtonSecretaryCarolyn LundieTreasurerPeggy VachonParliamentarianCorinne Gurney

#### AVQA 2018-2019 Committee Chairs

Challenge Nette Louton & Pat Crook

Door Prizes VACANT
Fat 1/4 Drawing Nani Johnson
Friendship Circles Pat Crook
Historian VACANT
Holiday Party Betty Putzka

Hospitality Donna Roberts & Frances Harig

Librarian Corine Cudney

Membership Pat Crook & Nette Louton

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Philanthropic Michele Cameron & Coral Brown

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### **Happy December Birthdays!**

3 – Karen Stenback18 – Geneve Chan5 – Evelyn Hatch19 – Mary Brewer13 – Nette Louton23 – Eve Hall16 – Donna Roberts31 – Debbie Cowles

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

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A big thank you to Corine Cudney, Marietta Irving, Karen Stenback and Peggy Vachon for their wonderful Quilter's College presentations. The evening was both informative and inspiring. Thanks too to Sue Jacobsen for a very fun Applique Workshop. At our December 15<sup>th</sup> Workshop we will be working on our own applique projects with Sue's expertise to guide us. If you missed the instructional workshop and have an applique project you would like to begin, continue or finish, come join us from 9:00-3:00 at 44105 15<sup>th</sup> Street West, Lancaster, fourth floor Conference Room 15.

Looking ahead to our April AVQA elections, this month I will try to take some of the mystery out of the  $1^{st}$  and  $2^{nd}$  Vice President's positions.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President is the Chairman of the Program Committee and is in charge of all regular meeting programs and workshops. The 1<sup>st</sup> VP also fills in for the President in her absence. With the help of Southern California Council of Quilt Guild's Meet the Teachers, what at first was a bit daunting becomes lots of fun! Having the opportunity to see the work of possible speakers, hear them speak and get an overall idea of personalities and traits that would fit well at our Guild is very encouraging. Spending time with our teachers is another plus for this position. 1<sup>st</sup> VP is also responsible for setting up the workshop with cutting boards and ironing stations. This makes workshop attendance a very important part of this position.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President is the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and is in charge of fundraising. She also serves as the Quilt Show Chairman. The Quilt Show is our primary fundraiser and is what keeps AVQA running. Proceeds from the Show enables AVQA to offer four or five professional speakers and workshop teachers each year. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President is the Quilt Show Chairman, but YOU are what makes the show amazing. It's a big job, but you have LOTS of help!

The Parliamentarian will be convening the Nomination Committee in March. Please give some thought to serving on the Executive Board of the Antelope Valley Quilt Association. It's a great way to meet new friends and help AVQA be all it can be.

Wishing you all a very Joy-Filled Holiday Season, Kathy Greene

# December Workshop

Workshop location is 44105 15<sup>th</sup> Street West, Lancaster. Fourth floor, Conference Room 15. It is the four-story medical building that houses Renaissance Imaging; south of the City of Hope. Enter through the door just east of the main entrance, marked "Medical Offices". Workshops are from 9:00-3:00, with the doors open at 8:30 for set-up.

In our Open Sew Workshop for December, you will have the opportunity to work on your own project. At the November Workshop, Sue Jacobsen showed us the different ways of doing applique. We will actually sew our projects in the December workshop. Bring a project you have wanted to do, but just needed a little inspiration to get started. For those who have not yet made their nametag, the applique workshops may be just what you need to learn on a smaller project. There are no fees for the workshop, but you need to sign up to attend.

Coral Brown, Kathy Greene AVQA 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Program Chairs

#### **AVQA General Meeting Minutes**

November 8, 2018

The regular general monthly meeting of the Antelope Valley Quilt Association was called to order on November 8, 2018, at 6:33 pm, President Kathy Greene being in the chair and Carolyn Lundie acting as secretary.

Kathy Greene 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.

Peggy Vachon announced that she's teaching the Wedge block during Quilter's College instead of Easy Tumbling Blocks as posted in the newsletter.

**Minutes**: The minutes of the October meeting were approved as published in the November newsletter. Motion proposed by Fran Christensen and seconded by Harriet Spann. Motion passed

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report for October was approved as published in the November newsletter. Motion proposed by Lynn Aguirre and seconded by Cheryl Nieman. Motion passed.

**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. 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 **November 13** at **Bolts in the Bathtub** at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. Please come to see how the guild is run.

1st Vice President Kathy Greene announced the upcoming events. Tonight's program is Quilter's College. November's Open Sew will have an Applique Demonstration by Sue Jacobsen, Please bring your own lunch if attending the workshop. There will be a donation jar for our local presenters. December - Holiday Party/Open Sew and Applique Workshop, January-Jean Impey/Spider Webs Workshop, February-Sandy Corbin/Butterfly Workshop with invisible machine applique. March-Open Sew/TBA Workshop. Notify Coral or Kathy regarding a technique or project you would like to learn in the workshops. Coral Brown showed examples of the Spider Web and Butterfly block.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jamie Harrington**:

Two new vendors signed up, Quilted Dragon and Dragon Lady Quilts, making a total of six vendors at this

point. Credit cards will be accepted for vendor booths. Carol Macke, website administrator, placed the vendor application and the quilt show flyer on the website. Peggy Campbell has bookmark flyers. Quilts are needed for the show. Wearable art will be featured. Members please donate to the Quilter's Treasure. Friendship Groups please donate raffle baskets. Advertise the quilt show on every social media site you can. Keep campaign signs to use for the quilt show.

Challenge – Pat Crook: The theme is "Working Together." Challenge kit is \$5 and includes two pieces of fabric and a zipper. A pinwheel must be included in the design. Directions are included with the kit. Photo quilts are excluded. Yvonne Rodriguez will be selling the kits during break.

Holiday Party/Retreat-Betty Putzka: Sign up and pay for the Christmas party tonight. Cost will be \$20 plus a pair of socks to exchange. Bring cookies for dessert. Participants can play Left, Right, and Center. Bring 3 fat quarters for the ante. Everyone had a great time at the Spring Retreat. Betty thanked Dixie England for giving participants kits at the retreat. The spring retreat is April 15-17 for \$320. It will be held during the weekdays.



Opportunity Quilt 2018-19/Peggy Campbell: The quilt has been taken to the Rosamond Quilt Show and the Tehachapi Guild Meeting. Tickets are available for purchase at break. Buying tickets is part of your membership responsibility. Tickets for the Jazz Sewing Machine specifications are posted when showing the quilt. Tickets for the machine are available and are selling well. The quilt will be taken on November 11<sup>th</sup> to a Boutique at Dazzler Cheer from 10 am-4 pm.

**Opportunity Quilt 2019-20/Peggy Vachon:** Turn in completed strip sets at the break. She will have more strips available at the December meeting.

**Travel-Corinne Gurney:** The date for the Hoffman tour is Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Will carpool together at 10:00 am. The tour is \$25 per person with a fabulous lunch and shopping may be available. She will have a waiting list. If you need to cancel, let her know. The tour for Quilt in a Day is Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.

**UFO Challenge-Corinne Gurney** has given out at least 25 UFO's Challenge sheets and she explained the rules. The number of the first UFO to be completed will be given out in January. She explained where she learned about the UFO Challenge. Corinne revised the rules to say that you could list parts of a quilt separately if it was too big a project to finish in a month.

#### Librarian/Block of the Quarter/Corine Cudney:

There are enough blocks turned in for this quarter for a full quilt. Sonia Frehn won the blocks.

**Membership-Pat Crook:** Fifty-six members attended with one new member, Cheryl Young. Visitors are Janet Grant, Tina Rodriquez and Helen Moore. Winners of the membership drawing were Jan Hall and Doreen Howden.

**Fat Quarter-Antoinette Pappas and Michele Cameron:** The winner was Antoinette Pappas. The fabric color for January is white.

Philanthropic-Michele Cameron: Last month 87 items were donated to AV Hospital, Valley Oasis Women's Shelter, and the Mojave Animal Shelter including kids' quilts, kennel quilts, fleece blankets, and a few baby items. A quilt was mailed to Sherry DeLano's sister in Oregon, and we received a nice thank you card from her sister's children. Members returned many 10-inch blocks. Please take a few more 6.5" blocks to make more. Scrappy is good. Flannel hearts will be made this month at Philanthropic Sew-Day at Harshfield Terrace. They will go to AV Hospital NICU. Pick up a sample heart to use as a pattern. Michele gave directions for sewing the heart.

Philanthropic will meet on the first Saturday in December at Harshfield Terrace from 9 am to 3 pm. Come any time. Michele thanked everyone who returned items tonight. Each person returning an item will be entered in a drawing for a 2.5-inch Bali Pop strip set. Bring Philanthropic items to the January meeting, NOT the December meeting. **Philanthropic** winner was Sharon Hayes.

#### **Show and Share**

Kathy Greene explained the procedure for **Quilter's College**. Teachers were Marietta Irvin – Painting on Fabric, Corine Cudney – Two Stepping Quilt Block, Karen Stenback – Prayer Flags, and Peggy Vachon – Wedge Block.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45 pm.

Draft for Approval Submitted by Carolyn Lundie, Secretary

## **Bolts in the Bathtub**

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#### **AVQA Board Meeting Minutes**

November 13, 2018

**Attendees:** Coral Brown, Pat Crook, Kathy Greene, Corinne Gurney, Jamie Harrington, Kathy Judkins, and Carolyn Lundie

The regular board meeting of the AVQA was called to order at Bolts in the Bathtub on November 13, 2018, at 6:38 pm, President Kathy Greene being in the chair and Carolyn Lundie acting as secretary.

**Minutes**: The minutes of the October board meeting were approved as published in the November newsletter. Motion proposed by Coral Brown and seconded by Kathy Judkins. Motion passed.

**1st Vice President Coral Brown** reported upcoming events were the same as reported at the November general meeting. Coral discussed several options for future programs and solicited ideas for future programs from other members.

2<sup>nd</sup> VP (Ways and Means) Jamie Harrington: The Quilted Dragon, Dragon Lady Quilts, Kiwi, Martelli and McKnits have signed up as vendors. Letters asking for crafter vendor spaces will be sent out in November instead of January. The vendor application is on the web site. Quilt show meetings will start in January. Committee chairs for the quilt show are needed by January. Credit cards can be used for vendor booths.

Judge chairperson Karen Stenback has engaged Julie Gardiner as quilt show judge. The attendees discussed charging for having quilts judged and using the money for cash prizes, but nothing is settled. New ways to bring in people to the quilt show was discussed.

**Parliamentarian-Corinne Gurney** reported that the shed is in good order.

**UFO Challenge/Travel-Corinne Gurney** gave out 29 UFO Challenge forms. Ten members are signed up for the Quilt in a Day trip and 7 are signed up for the Hoffman Fabrics tour.

**Challenge -Pat Crook** reported that all Challenge kits were sold at the meeting. Nette Louton will continue using PowerPoint presentations at the general meetings if a remote can be purchased. Kathy Greene reported there was money in the equipment budget.

Kathy Greene reported for Opportunity Quilt Promotion Chair Peggy Campbell: Cheryl Nieman, Pat Crook, Fran Bianchi, Peggy Campbell and Sonia Frehn sold eleven dollars of tickets at Dazzler Cheer on Saturday. Fran Bianchi will be taking the opportunity quilt to Panache on the Blvd. on Friday. Janet Knoblock paid the \$5 space rent at Mayflower Gardens' Craft Fair. Kathy Greene will be contacting members to sell tickets there.

Publicity-Kathy Judkins suggested bringing a quilt appraiser to the quilt show. Jamie told the history of doing that. Suggestions for publicity were Public Service Announcements on the radio and Spectrum TV. It was asked if anyone had priced yard signs for the quilt show, yet. Several other suggestions were made. Kathy Judkins still has batting samples that Quilters Dream sent to Mary Brewer. The batting samples will be given away at the quilt show.

New Business: American Sewing Guild gave quilt racks to Peggy Campbell and Carolyn Lundie. After setting up one of the racks, it was decided not to keep the racks and use them in the boutique at the quilt show and make them available for sale.

Kathy Judkins will contact Road 2 California to see if we can show our Opportunity Quilt. Carolyn Lundie said she could take 7 white glove participants in her car.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Draft for Approval Submitted by Carolyn Lundie, Secretary

## Announcements:

#### Fat Quarter Drawing



No fat quarter drawing in December!

#### Hospitality - Food & Beverages

Members are asked to bring cookies to the December meeting as desserts for the Holiday Party.

#### Newsletter

Please send newsletter submissions to this email: <a href="mailto:quiltsnob@hotmail.com">quiltsnob@hotmail.com</a>. Deadline for next month is

## Sunday, 23rd of December

### **Philanthropic**

Thank you everyone for donating 10" blocks. We collected 79 blocks at the November meeting. Here is a sample quilt that we will make from these blocks. If everyone could make some, that would be awesome. Just take a 6.5" block and border it with 2.5" strips. We will trim down to 10"



Finally, everyone is welcome to join in for Philanthropic sewing day on Saturday, 1 December, 9.a.m to 3 p.m. at Harshfield Terrace. Let us know if you are new and coming as the building has an entry code.

Quick update on the flannel baby hearts

that were the focus of the November Philanthropic Sew Day – 223 baby flannel hearts were delivered to AV Hospital NICU!

Michele & Coral Philanthropic Chairs



#### Quilt Show

Next month, I will be looking for volunteers to head the Quilt show committees. Let me know if you are interested.

The quilt show will be upon us pretty soon. Calling all members. We need quilts for the show. We need your talent. It is not too late to start a quilt and finish UFO's. We are also featuring wearable art (jackets, vests, clothing outfits, anything quilt related), home décor, purses, totes, beach bags, etc.

Quilt auctions are planned for Saturday and Sunday. You can start and finish auction items. Auction items needed are quilts (bed size, wall hangings, and miniatures), purses, totes, table runners, and place mats. We will be accepting kits and quilt tops. So if you have an unfinished quilt top, we will auction that as well.

Friendship Circles – please donate a BASKET for the Basket Raffles at the quilt show. Just pick a theme, have everyone in your circle donate items and fill up the basket with your theme items. You will need to make a list of the items in the basket.

#### I want to wish you Happy Holidays.

Jamie Harrington- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

#### <u>Travel</u>

We have been able to set up 2 travel opportunities for the guild. These will not be bus trips since they are not in Los Angeles County, so you will need to carpool.

We have been scheduled to see Eleanor Burns at the Quilt in a Day store in San Marcos on Thursday, March 21, 2019. She will do a special show just for our guild. The cost is \$25.00 and you will need to provide your own transportation. Eleanor will be doing a special program based on her 40<sup>th</sup> year in business. She also has a new book called *Forty Fabulous Years*. The program will highlight her new book and all she has done for the

quilting community. After the program there will be a catered lunch in the classroom to provide you with the opportunity to get autographs, take pictures and to get to know Eleanor. After lunch you will have the chance to shop in the store. All guild members will receive a 10% discount as well as shop the sales room. I have started taking sign-ups. We want to fill the room, so I encourage everyone to go. She puts on a really great show. We will also welcome non-members to sign up for the trip.

We are also set for a tour at the Hoffman Fabrics facility in Orange County on Friday, April 5, 2019. This tour is free but only open to 50 people. This will also be an activity to set up a car pool. We will accept sign-ups from people who are not part of the guild.

I will be at the Christmas party with the sign-up sheets for anyone who wants to go on these exciting trips!

Corrine Gurney, Travel



#### UFO Challenge

We are planning to have a UFO challenge (aka WIP or Getter done!) for next year. There is a form to be filled out. The form has 12 lines on it. You are to pick 12 projects you would like to complete within the year. The form is due by the January meeting. The cost is \$5.00. Keep a copy of the form for yourself. At the January meeting I will pick a number between 1 and 12. Whatever number is picked, that is the number of the project you will work on for that month. If you bring back the completed project (quilted and bound) at the next meeting, you will receive a small gift and your name will be entered into a drawing for a big prize at the end of the year. A new number will be picked at the February meeting, etc.

I have already received some forms back, so I encourage everyone to take part in this fun activity. I will have

forms available at the Christmas party. If you cannot attend a meeting before January and want to take part, I can email the form to you upon request. It is a Word document. This is a great way to encourage you to complete quilts and have some ready for our quilt show in May. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Corinne Gurney

#### Member Submission

AVQA members are allowed and encouraged to submit articles for the newsletter. Anne Tsyzka wanted to share well-known quilter and quilt teacher Melinda Bula's Camp Fire story. Source: <a href="https://thequiltshow.com/daily-blog/142-newsletter/27557-melinda-bula-s-miraculous-story-of-survival/ylutm\_source=Infusionsofi&tutm\_medium=email&tutm\_campaign=2018\_11\_23\_Weekend\_Fun\_04&inf\_contact\_key=bbe662d4d409471c7b7a31492652dfc1ff08446fc57b645bbd7340ff3f34f75e

## The Day Paradise Burned Down!

Here is our Camp Fire story. I was in Houston, TX teaching 6 classes at the International Quilt Festival. Joe was planning to meet me there, bringing more patterns and books and to help me sell stuff at the Saturday Samplers. I think he was afraid I would lose all the money I'd made before I got home or trade it for magic beans!

Thursday morning, after packing his suitcase, he was watering my new dahlia garden when he saw dark clouds in the sky. His cell rang. It was our son, Matt, who lives in Bakersfield (7 hours away) saying, Dad, I just got an alert for Paradise. You're under mandatory evacuations! Joe got no warning, very few got any warning alert. Then the phone went dead. Matt thought Joe was dead when power went out and the call dropped. Joe saw large ashes falling from the sky and it got really dark really fast. He started grabbing stuff and throwing them in the back of his truck.



Now the miraculous part of this story. Two weeks before the fire we were watching TV and had a conversation about what he would do if there was a fire here and I was out of town. What would you grab? He remembered that conversation and grabbed the meds, cash, computers and hard drives, financial papers and then got my quilts

and wearable arts. Some were in the studio but the award-winning valuable ones where rolled and stored in a closet in the guest room. He then grabbed the photo albums. My hero! He thought he had time for a sewing machine or 2 (I had 7) when he saw flames across the street on our side of the creek advancing toward our home. He jumped in his truck and started to turn to go out towards a main road we always used when he saw 2 good old boys in their lifted 4WD trucks (his angels) doing about 50 miles an hour coming the other way to take the back way out of our little development. He figured they knew something he didn't so he turned and followed them out and down Pentz road to safety at the bottom of the mountain. He said that when they were filing down the hill, the car in front of him had a personal plate that read, wait for it .., "it'll be ok". He said he reached for his phone to take a picture and fatfingered the camera into selfie mode and only got a poor quality picture of himself.



We are now feeling very blessed that Joe was so protected. Yes, I lost 7 sewing machines, all my fabrics and many other projects, paintings, and quilts but it's only stuff and can all be replaced. Good news is I don't have any UFOs (that's unfinished projects in the quilting world) so I guess I win the guild challenge! We are not sure what we will do or where we will live in the long term but, as everyone has seen, Paradise is devastated. It will take years to rebuild. There was already a shortage of builders in Northern California from the Santa Rosa fire last fall and the fire this summer up in the Redding area.

Everything is gone, but we have each other and a new sweet grandbaby girl to focus on. We are so blessed. I'll keep you posted on our progress and I send my love to all of you who have offered houses, sewing machines, fabrics, and even to do our laundry! Thank you! Please keep praying for us, and you may want to talk to your family about what to grab if you only had 15 minutes to evacuate.