



AVQA News

Antelope Valley Quilt Association

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February Program



February 8th - “Align Your FMQ Stars” Lecture & Trunk Show - Karen Miller (via Zoom) from Redbird Quilt Co. *“In 2006 my sister Janet introduced me to quilting -- I fell in LOVE with free motion quilting & applique. By 2014 I'd turned that passion into a 2nd career. When I'm not sharing from our home in the Finger Lakes Region of NY, I'm traveling the countryside singing the praises of this amazing art.”*

Redbird Quilt Co Online Shop Coupon Code “AVQG15” will be active Feb 8th – Feb 18th, 2024, for 15% off products. Free shipping w/ net purchase of \$75 or more - \$5 Flat rate otherwise.

February 10th, All Guild Sew-in. Let's practice FMQ or BYOP, Quartz Hill Library, 10-2.



March 14th – “Picture This! How to Create Pictorial Art Quilts” Lecture and Trunk Show with Lauretta Crites, (in person).

Lauretta Crites is an inspiring Speaker, Pattern Designer, and an award-winning Art Quilter. After graduating from California Institute of the Arts (CalArts) with a degree in Costume Design she spent several years with Center Theater Group creating elaborate costumes for major Los Angeles theater productions, followed by 10 years with the Los Angeles Opera as Assistant Costume Director, traveling and working on exquisite productions in some of the most celebrated theaters in the world.

Burnt out on late nights and long theater hours, she left the Opera and began to let her new-found passion for quilting take over her life, home, and studio. Her love of textiles and costume merged into art quilting, where she frequently gets to “costume” the characters in her quilts, playing once again with silks and satins along with the quilting cottons.

Lauretta has appeared on Quilting Arts TV and Huell Howser’s “California Gold.” Her Art Quilts have been published in *Quilters Newsletter Magazine*, *IQA Journal*, *Quilting Arts Magazine* and The Quilt Show e-Newsletter, winning awards at IQA Houston Festival, The Road to California, Pacific International Quilt Festival and more. When not traveling the country speaking and teaching the joy of quilting, she's at home working in her studio or hanging out with her husband and her dogs, Lilo and Stitch.

Carla Wolf will be presenting a Quilt Challenge.

March 16th - All guild sew-in at Harshfield Terrace, 10-2.

Guild Information

Guild Meeting: Thurs, February 8, at 5:30 p.m.
Location: United Methodist Church, 918 W Ave J, Lancaster, CA. Times are subject to change.

Board Meeting: Tues, February 13, at 5:30 p.m. in person at Peggy Campbell's sewing studio.

Membership Dues: \$50.00, or \$60.00 if newsletter is delivered by USPS. This price includes 24 Opportunity Quilt tickets.

AVQA 2023-2024 Executive Board Members

President	Nani Johnson
1 st VP	Maggie Konik
2 nd VP	VACANT
Secretary	Kathy Judkins
Treasurer	Lynn Aguirre/Stephanie Shuping
Parliamentarian	Nancy Walker

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AVQA 2023-2024 Committee Chairs

Challenge	Carla Wolf
Door Prizes	Kathy Greene
Fat 1/4 Drawing	Robynn Frame
Friendship Circles	Carla Wolf
Historian	VACANT
Holiday Party	Peggy Howard
Hospitality	Donna Roberts
Membership	Sue Jacobsen
Newsletter	Peggy Vachon
Opp Quilt Design '24	Dixie Bahr
Opp Quilt Promo	VACANT
Philanthropic	Kathy Judkins/Terri Moss
Publicity	Leinaala Strickler
Retreats	Sherry DeLano
Scholarship	Jamie Harrington
SCCQG Rep	Vicki Brown
Sunshine	Peggy Cruz
Travel	VACANT
Web Site	Peggy Vachon



Happy February Birthdays!

09 Mary Coker	21 Terri Moss
09 Jim Roberts	24 Cheryl Nieman
11 Nancy Walker	25 JoAnn Gonzales

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The special month of Valentines and Hearts, Chocolate and Flowers, sweet notes of love and secret admirers is coming soon. The colors pink and brown are a fun combination for table runners, quilts, wall hangings, and any other Valentine gifts. Let your creativity shine. Fabric, fun, and friendship are the goals for our next adventure. See you in February.

Nani Johnson
AVQA President



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General Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by **President Nani Johnson** at Lancaster United Methodist Church with **AVQA Secretary, Kathy Judkins**, taking the minutes.

President Nani Johnson welcomed everyone and reminded those who brought items for the “free table” to retrieve any items remaining on the table after the meeting.

Minutes: President Johnson. Nani asked if there were any corrections or changes to the November General Meeting minutes as reported in the January newsletter. There being none, a motion was made to accept the November minutes and the motion was seconded. The motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report/Lynn Aguirre: The bank statements have been reconciled from October through December. She is now able to run the financial reports and ran an updated statement of activity for the newsletter. Stephanie Shuping has filed the nonprofit raffle report required by the State of California for the year ending 12/31/2023. Deposited funds received from the holiday luncheon of \$500.

1st VP/Maggie Konik: On February 8th, we will have a lecture and trunk show, “Align Your FMQ Stars,” by Karen Miller (via Zoom) from Redbird Quilt Company. There will be a discount coupon for the Redbird Quilt Co. Online Shop. On February 10th, we will have an all-guild sew-in to practice free-motion quilting or to work on your own project at Quartz Hill Library from 10:00 to 2:00. On March 14th, we will have an in-person lecture and trunk show, “Picture This? How to Create Pictorial Art Quilts,” by Lauretta Crites. We will have an all guild sew-in at Harshfield Terrace on March 16th from 10:00 to 2:00.

2nd VP/VACANT: We need a 2nd VP or a team. Leinaala Strickler talked about some of the things she is looking into for fundraising.

Parliamentarian/Nancy Walker: Nancy read a list of objections to the proposed bylaws changes. A group of members submitted this list, and it will be published in the February newsletter along with the Bylaws Review Committee’s proposed changes.

Membership /Sue Jacobsen: There are 30 members present; one guest, Christiana Han; and one returning member, Lois Rose.

Opportunity Quilt/Kathy Judkins: Terri Moss has finished quilting, binding, and putting a sleeve on the opportunity quilt. We will display it and sell raffle tickets at the Road to California Quilt Show on January 20th. The opportunity quilt was shown to the guild. President Nani Johnson announced that Sue Jacobsen and Terri Moss have volunteered to design and make the 2024-25 Opportunity Quilt.

Door Prizes/Kathy Greene: Nette Louton won the door prize.

Fat Quarter Drawing/Robynn Frame: Nani Johnson won the drawing and chose purple to be the color for February.

Newsletter/Peggy Vachon spoke briefly about the importance of keeping a cell phone with you. It can save your life.

Philanthropic/Kathy Judkins: Thank you to everyone who gave me finished tops and quilts at the meeting, and to the philanthropic committee members who come to sew on the first Saturday of the month at Harshfield Terrace.

Publicity/Leinaala Strickler: She will have tri-fold brochures and business cards at our raffle quilt table at Road to California.

Sunshine/Peggy Cruz: Please let her know if you know of any member who is sick or has passed away so that she can send a card.

New Business: Donna Roberts made a motion that we will not have a quilt show this year. Sue Jacobsen seconded the motion. There was discussion that included the date and place proposed by the board for holding the drawing for the 2024 Opportunity Quilt: September 12, 2024, at the guild

meeting. By show of hands, most of the members voted not to have the show this year.

Show and Share: Quilts shown by Terri Moss, Judy Miller, and Stephanie Shuping.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Draft submitted for approval by Kathy Judkins, AVQA Secretary.



AVQA Board Meeting
January 16, 2024

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM. The meeting was held at Peggy Campbell's sewing studio. The meeting was called to order by AVQA President, Nani Johnson, minutes being recorded by AVQA Secretary, Kathy Judkins.

Attendance: Nani Johnson, Stephanie Shuping, Leinaala Strickler, Nancy Walker, Donna Roberts, Pat Crook, Lynn Aguirre, Kathy Greene, Kathy Judkins

President Nani Johnson said she thought everybody had a good time playing the Left, Right and Center game after the January meeting. She also said that Nancy Walker gave a good presentation of the proposed Bylaws changes.

Minutes: **President Nani Johnson** asked if anyone had changes to make to the November board meeting minutes. There being none, she asked for a motion to approve them. Kathy Greene made a motion to approve the November board meeting minutes and Donna Roberts seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report/Lynn Aguirre, Stephanie Shuping: All statements are reconciled through December. Lynn presented a report to Nani and will send it to the newsletter. She went to Lancaster United Methodist Church and picked up mail that was delivered to the church rather than to the post office box. The church is going to start billing for use of the room by the hour at \$50/hour. There was discussion about other places we could meet. Stephanie sent in a raffle report. Organizations are required to tell how much was spent to have the raffle, and it can't be more than 10% of the total amount raised. The business license with the city of Lancaster needs to be renewed. Stephanie called the Fairgrounds to let them know we are not having a show this year and found out that her contact is no longer there. She will find out who it is and update the book.

1st VP/Nani Johnson for Maggie Konik: Maggie could not attend the meeting. Nani Johnson read Maggie's report. February 8th, "Align Your FMQ Stars" Lecture and Trunk Show – Karen Miller (via Zoom) from Redbird Quilt Co. Karen is offering a discount coupon. It will be in the newsletter. February 10th, All Guild Sew-in. Let's practice FMQ or BYOP, Quartz Hill Library 10-2. March 14th, "Picture This! How to Create Pictorial Art Quilts" Lecture and Trunk Show with Lauretta Crites (in person). Carla Wolf will be presenting a Quilt Challenge. March 16th, All guild sew-in at Harshfield Terrace, 10-2. Please note that the proposed workshop on March 16th with Kena Quilts has been cancelled.

Parliamentarian/Nancy Walker: We will vote on the proposed changes to the Bylaws at the March meeting.

Door Prizes/Kathy Greene: Made \$10. There will be no door prizes at the February meeting.

Challenge/Nani Johnson for Carla Wolf: Carla will present the Hoffman Challenge.

Historian/Vacant: Looking for a historian to go through the books and scrapbooks that have been in storage.

Membership/Nani Johnson for Sue Jacobsen: One new member signed up at the January meeting.

Opportunity Quilt Design: Sue Jacobsen will design the next quilt and she and Terri Moss will put it together.

Philanthropic/Kathy Judkins: Donna Roberts said she has picked up quite a bit of fabric from Kay Hague and has more to get. Discussion about guild fabric sale after we go through the fabric.

Publicity/Leinaala Strickler: She picked up the Opportunity Quilt tickets and will bring them to Road. She talked about having a fundraiser boutique at the VFW. Lynn said the Habit is offering fundraisers. Leinaala will check with the Habit for possible dates. Leinaala said car shows may be good places to do fundraisers.

Old Business: Kathy Greene still has the Grace frame. She will send another article for the newsletter and Leinaala will put it on Facebook Marketplace if no one in the guild is interested.

New Business: Nancy Walker said we have several vacant positions, and she said she will be the Travel chairman.

Motion to adjourn by Nancy Walker. Seconded by Leinaala Strickler.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Draft submitted for approval by Kathy Judkins, AVQA Secretary.

Announcements:

Hospitality

If your last name starts with **I-O**, please bring a refreshment or snack of some kind to share with your fellow members at the February meeting.

Newsletter

Deadline for the next newsletter is February 18, 2024. Do not forget!
Peggy Vachon, Newsletter Chair

Fat Quarter Drawing

Bring 1-5 fat quarters to enter the monthly drawing and have a chance to win a whole basket of yummy fabric. The color for the February drawing is **PURPLE**.

Philanthropic

I have several quilts ready to donate and more that need to be bound. I will report the January donation in the March newsletter. The Philanthropic Committee will meet on Saturday, February 3rd, from 10:00 to 2:00 at Harshfield Terrace, 6709 Columbia Way. I will bring kits for making quilt tops and quilts that need to be bound. If you can't make it to the meeting but would like to sew, quilt, or bind, please send me a text or give me a call and I'll be happy to bring you something to work on. Many thanks to all the helpers.

Kathy Judkins



Our AVQA 2024 Opportunity Quilt at R2CA



Best Of Show at R2CA

Sew What Table



Fabric & Notions Sale!

Saturday, March 16, 2024
9 to Noon
The Joslyn Center
73750 Catalina Way, Palm Desert

Quilting cotton at \$3/yard • Bundled fat quarters and remnants • Scrap bags for \$1 • Notions well below retail
New donations all the time • Come find YOUR treasures!

Not a member of the Guild?
Join during the event and get \$25 off your
Sew What Table purchase!



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One Quilt from Cherrywood Challenge Display