

AVQA News

Antelope Valley Quilt Association

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JANUARY PROGRAM

We are lucky to have Peggy Vachon speak to us about embroidery machines at our meeting on January 8th. She will talk about general uses of your personal embroidery machine and also how she uses her embroidery machine to help her with other applications such as designing new hand applique projects, new epp (English Paper Piecing) designs, and even Foundation Paper Piecing projects using software.

Please see the President's Message on page 3 about our new meeting place.



On Saturday, January 10th, we will meet at Quartz Hill Library for a sew-in from 10:00 to noon and a potluck party at noon to celebrate our surviving the holiday season. The guild will provide cups, plates, napkins, water and Broccoli Cheddar soup and Cream of Chicken with Wild Rice soup. We will also have bread. We are asking that members whose last names begin with A-M please bring chips and dips or salads to feed 6, and members whose last names begin with N-Z please bring desserts.

We are still looking for someone to guide a class on embroidery machines. Just a small project. This will just be a class to encourage self-confidence.

Guild Information

Guild Meeting: Thurs, Jan 8, 2026. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., meeting starts at 6:00. In person at **St Paul's Episcopal Church at 502 W Avenue K, Lancaster, CA.**

Board Meeting: Tues, Jan 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 2025-2026 Executive Board Members

President	Pat Crook
1 st VP	VACANT
2 nd VP	Debbie Rifkin
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Parliamentarian	Nette Louton

AVQA 2025-2026 Committee Chairs

Challenge	Carla Wolf
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Fat 1/4 Drawing	Maggie Konik
Friendship Circles	Kathy Greene
Historian	VACANT
Holiday Party	VACANT
Hospitality	VACANT
Membership	LeRae Humphrey/ Kathy Nowell
Newsletter	Peggy Vachon
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Opp Quilt Promo	VACANT
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Corine Cudney
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Happy January Birthdays!

7 Joan Tyler
10 Harriet Spann
20 Corine Cudney

20 Kathy Judkins
29 Kim Mardirossian

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

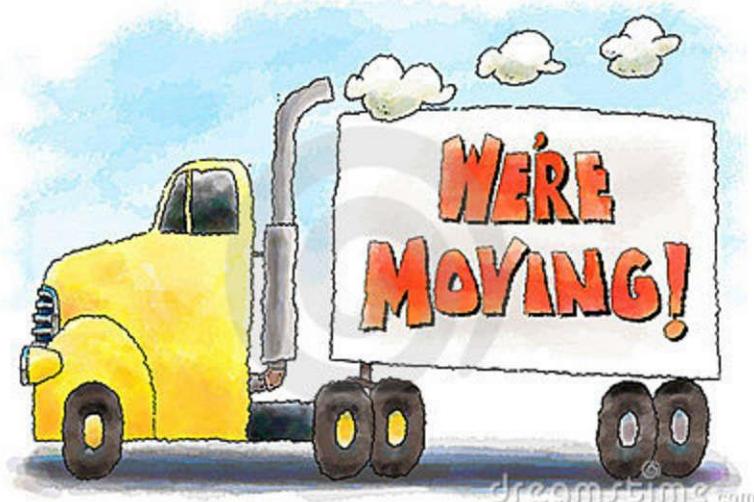
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!! It is the time of the year for changes. We are moving and know that you will adjust just fine. The January 8th meeting will be at **St Paul's Episcopal Church at 502 W Avenue K, Lancaster, CA.**

We enjoyed having our meetings at the Methodist Church for a long time, but things change and we have a new home at St Paul's. Many members belong to St Paul's Church and they are very happy for us to have our meetings there. We did not want to make this move, but the Methodist Church changed our contract with the new year and we were unable to find a compromise on cost.

Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you on January 8, 2026!!!!

Pat



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General Meeting Minutes
December was DAR



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No Board Meeting in December
Next meeting Jan 13, 2016

Announcements:

Hospitality

We are asking friendship circles to take turns doing Hospitality. Contact Debbie Rifkin to sign up.

Newsletter

The deadline for the next newsletter is Jan 18, 2026.
Thank you for being on time!
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 Jan drawing is **YELLOW**.

AVQA Friendship Circles

AVQA has five active Friendship Circles that cater to all our friendship needs. A Friendship Circle is time together with friends with none of the stress affiliated with group activities. Just come with your project for friendships and hopefully some productivity. Friendship groups are also a great time to learn from our friends. There is lots of talent waiting to be shared.

SEW CRAZY
First Tuesday of every month.
1:00-4:00
Contact Peggy Campbell

PINS AND NEEDLES
Every Wednesday
10:00-2:00
Contact Fran Bianchi

CREATIVE ARTS QUILTERS
Second Tuesday of every month
11:00-2:00
Contact Carla Wolf

BYOP
First Friday of every month
3:00-6:00
Contact Nette Louton

BITS AND PIECES
This is our Philanthropic group. All are invited!
First Saturday of every month
10:00-2:00
Contact Terri Moss or Kathy Judkins





Publicity

I need everyone's help to publicize our quilt show. **Social Media:** If you are in groups that will allow you to post our quilt show flyer, please ask me to send you the file. I'll also post it on our private Facebook page. **Clubs:** If you belong to special interest groups like book clubs or women's groups, please give them flyers and tell them about the show. **Places You Go:** When you go to fabric stores, quilt shops, museums, antique shops, festivals, and boutiques, take flyers with you ask if you can leave a few flyers for people to pick up. **Radio:** Your suggestions are welcome.

Kathy Judkins, Publicity

you who volunteered so that we can display and sell tickets for our opportunity quilt. Enjoy the show!

Kathy Judkins, Opportunity Quilt Team Member



QUILT SHOW RAFFLE BASKETS

Wishing everyone a wonderful New Year! With the beginning of the New Year our focus is on our May Quilt Show. Now is the time to start planning a Quilt Show Raffle Basket. Our last Quilt Show had 17 baskets, let's try for 25 for our 2026 Quilt Show. Thanks to our five active Friendship groups for contributing Raffle Baskets. We need your help get to the 25-basket goal. Basket ideas are endless ... gardening, spring, chocolate, sewing/quilting themed, baking. No idea is a bad idea. We encourage you all to join in the fun. There will be a sign-up sheet and baskets at our January AVQA meeting. The Raffle Basket Team is available for any help you may need. See you in January. Cannot wait to see the January Door Prize. It's a mystery... See you in January!!!

Kathy Greene, Door Prize Chairman

Road2CA will open its doors on January 21. I hope you are all going. It was the first big quilt show I attended, and it was fabulous. Thank you to all of



BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Book: *Sew Scrappy Spools*

June: 4 patch, page 1

July: Flag, page 4

August: Log Cabin, page 2

September: Geese, page 6

October: Pinwheel, page 9

November: Stamps block, page 10

December: Star, page 11

January: You will have to wait and see.

Parliamentarian

Expect to hear from Nette to see if you would like to take a place on the Board.



Ways and Means

Thank you to everyone who came out to Shakey's to support our fundraiser—we raised **\$173.49!** 🎉

I am currently working on setting up another fundraiser for February, so stay tuned for details.

We are diligently working on plans for the quilt show. We now have the building measurements and are organizing vendor sizes and placement. We are still waiting for additional vendors to sign up, and I will be reaching out in January to those who have not yet responded to see if they would like to participate.

I hope you are already thinking about which quilts you plan to enter in the quilt show. We will need **approximate sizes** for each quilt, as we have **less space this year**. We are very much looking forward to seeing all your entries!

Have a very Merry Christmas, and we'll see you in the new year!

Warmly,
Debbie Rifkin

Bits & Pieces/Philanthropic

We will meet at Harshfield Terrace at 6709 Columbia Way on Saturday, January 4, from 10 am to 2 pm. We will have quilt top kits to sew, tops with fabric for making backings, and fabric to cut into fat quarters and half yards to sell at the January guild meeting. Hope to see you there!

Kathy Judkins and Terri Moss, Philanthropic Co-chairs

Love Quilts USA

Leigh Grugett, a member of Love Quilts USA, sent us a letter. Her group is made up of cross-stitchers and quilters who work together to make quilts for children with life-threatening illnesses. There are hundreds of cross stitchers across the country in their group, but only a few quilters, so they are currently limited in the number of quilts they can provide. They are actively searching for quilters to join their group to be able to provide more quilts to more children!

The flyer next to this article gives a simple overview of who they are and contact information. If you are interested in helping this group, please send Leigh an email.



LOVE QUILTS USA

Join us as a volunteer!



Since 1999, Love Quilts USA volunteers have made and donated over 1,000 quilts for children with life-altering illnesses.

Our quilts are made with cross-stitched squares created by our caring volunteers from around the world.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR QUILTERS TO ASSEMBLE QUILTS

To learn more about our organization and how you can help, contact lhgrugett@gmail.com.

WWW.LOVEQUILTSUSA.COM

Special Thank You

All pictures in this Newsletter were taken by Kathy Judkins while she attended the Wrightwood Quilt Show in early December that features the guild member's quilts in selected homes around their lovely community. A show that everyone should attend at least once.

Special Thank you to Kathy for always providing most of the photos for all of the Newsletters in the last 6 years that I have been doing the Newsletter. She is always there to proofread the Newsletter before I mail it and email it, too!

Thank You, Kathy! You are a true angel!

Peggy Vachon, Newsletter Chair