



AVQA News

Antelope Valley Quilt Association

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FEBRUARY PROGRAM

February 12th, our judge for the quilt show will be our speaker. She will talk about what she will be looking for when judging our quilts. I really hope to see you there. Valentine's is on February 14th. No sew-in that day, so enjoy staying home or going out with your loved ones.

In March, we will play a game and have a get-to-know-you meeting. We will also be reviewing some of the elected Board positions that are available for the coming year.

FEBRUARY FUNDRAISER! Mark your calendars!

Fundraiser for

Antelope Valley Quilt Association

20% of event sales will be donated

We contribute to knowledge and appreciation of quilting and support philanthropic efforts in the AV



When

Thursday, February 12, 2026

Time: 9:30 AM to 9:30 PM

Where

Panda Express located at:

840 W. Avenue L Lancaster CA 93534

(661) 951 - 9090

How to Order



Online

PandaExpress.com or the App.

Enter 3854012 in the fundraiser code box

or



In-Person

Bring paper flyer or show it on your smartphone

Order ahead or on the event day Thursday, February 12, 2026

Guild Information

Guild Meeting: Thurs, Feb 12, 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, Feb 17, 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
Secretary	Robynn Frame
Treasurer	Lynn Aguirre
Parliamentarian	Nette Louton

AVQA 2025-2026 Committee Chairs

Challenge	Carla Wolf
Door Prizes	Kathy Greene
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
Opp Quilt Design	Nette Louton
Opp Quilt Promo	VACANT
Philanthropic	Kathy Judkins/Terri Moss
Publicity	Kathy Judkins/Robynn Frame/ Debbie Rifkin
Retreats	Laura Beauregard
SCCQG Rep	Vicki Brown
Sunshine	Peggy Cruz
Travel	Nancy Walker
Web Site	Amarilla Blondia

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Happy February Birthdays!

5 Sue Reed
9 Mary Coker
9 Jim Roberts
11 Nancy Walker

13 Debbie Rifkin
21 Terri Moss
24 Cheryl Nieman
25 JoAnn Gonzales

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The sew-in/after-the-holiday party was great. I heard people talking about everything and of course quilting. It seems that Road to California is on most people's mind right now. Remember, Road is having classes from January 19 to January 24. There are many vendors that have the newest fabric and notions. I am picking up the notions for my new pattern (bag). We played BINGO and had two winners of \$25.00 gift certificates to Al's Vac and Sew. Peggy Campbell and Stephanie Shuping were the winners.

I want to thank Kathy Judkins for the reminders of meetings and other important events. If you are looking for a way to help that doesn't have a lot of commitment and you can do from your home, consider doing the updates so Kathy can take a break from this. Hospitality now has been taken over by Hope Overgaard, Sonia Frehn, and Maggie Konik. Thank you for volunteering. Everyone please be thoughtful when it is your time to bring refreshments.

Opportunity Quilt 2026: This quilt is made and ready to take to other guilds. To take the quilt, you need to contact the guild you want to visit and set up a time to sell tickets. It is usually very easy, and you may find that you pick up tips from other guilds. You will need to get the quilt and order a cash box from Lynn Aguirre. We are also selling tickets for the Elna elnita sewing machine and travel table donated by Al's Vacuum & Sewing. Please contact Nette Louton to take the quilt out.

Pat





Antelope Valley Quilt Association
General Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2026

The meeting on January 8, 2026, was called to order at 6:17 p.m. by President Pat Crook, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Robynn Frame, Secretary.

President Welcome/Pat Crook: Welcome to all and it's nice to see a lot of new faces. Welcome to Peggy Vachon who will be talking about Original Embroidery.

Minutes/Pat Crook: Pat asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the November meeting. There were none and she asked for a motion to approve the minutes as published in the December newsletter. Motion was made by Peggy Campbell and seconded by Nancy Walker. The motion carried.

1st Vice President/Programs/VACANT: Our holiday party is a potluck at the Quartz Hill Library on January 10th at 10:00. We will sew for two hours, then eat and play games.

2nd Vice-President/Debbie Rifkin: We have not heard from any other vendors, so I will be making phone calls. Talked with Beth at Rye Canyon. She is nervous but is considering it. We could still use some bowl cozies for the boutique. There will be a fundraiser at Panda Express before the next meeting at the 10th Street West and Avenue L store. The friendship groups are providing Hospitality for the meetings. Will be getting the information out to the crafters. \$75 for crafters.

Treasurer's Report/Lynn Aguirre: It's been busy. Applied for the business license, applied for the insurance on St Paul's. There is \$8,357.63 in the checking and \$20,233.71 in the money market for a total of \$28,591.34. We have this building from 5:00-9:00 for \$175 a month. We do have to clean up after ourselves. We brought in \$97 from Shakey's.

Parliamentarian/Nette Louton: I need to get members for positions for next year. A list will be put out of the jobs that need to be filled. Think about what job you can take on.

Membership/Opportunity Quilt Tickets/LeRae Humphrey/Kathy Nowell: There were 40 in attendance: 35 members and 5 guests. The drawings were won by Sonia Frehn and Betty Putzka.

Friendship Circles/Kathy Greene: There is a new friendship group forming. Starting in February, they will meet on the 3rd Wednesday from 10:00-3:00. First meeting will be at Stephanie's house. Pins and Needles meets every Wednesday doing handwork.

Retreats/Laura Beauregard/Deb Beckwith: The retreat is in Temecula. Once you sign up, we can't refund the money. It is the week of June 22-25. Those who signed up will owe \$400, due by the April meeting.

Door Prizes/Kathy Greene: The cat basket was won by Nancy Walker.

Fat Quarter Drawing/Maggie Konik: Debbie Rifkin was our winner this month. She picked spring colors as the color for next month.

Web Site/Amarilla Blondia: Welcome Amarilla who took over the web site in early December from Peggy Vachon.

Opportunity Quilt Promotion/Kathy Judkins:

Debbie has the opportunity quilt. Nette will work on promoting it. If you want to take the quilt to a quilt guild meeting, contact Debbie.

Philanthropic/Kathy Judkins/Terri Moss: The next meeting is on February 7th. Thank you to our quilters: Corine Cudney, Terri Moss, and Henry Konik. They have been working so hard.

Publicity: We are still in need of someone to do publicity for our group. We need help to promote our group and quilt show. Where are we with putting signs up? Kathy has investigated putting up signs, but the city of Lancaster won't allow us to. All the fences belong to different people.

New Business: Our new member, Amarilla, is starting a quilt store online. She has cards with the address and coupon. She also has a Facebook page. The store is called Night Owl Quilt Shop.

Spools Block/Nette Louton: The block for January is "Sew Triangles." Block can be found on page 12.

Birthday Announcement/Maggie Konik: Happy birthday! For the month of December, Sabrina McClinton, Nette Louton, Donna Roberts, and Geneve Chan. For the month of January, Joan Tyler, Harriet Spann, Corine Cudney, Kathy Judkins and Kim Mardirossian.

Announcements: The January board meeting will be held on January 13, 2026, at Peggy Campbell's Sewing Studio at 5:30.

Show & Share: Patti Melano, Kathy Nowell, Corine Cudney, Peggy Campbell, Hope Overgaard, Sabrina McClinton and Gillian Ray.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.



AVQA Board Meeting Minutes **January 13, 2026**

President/Pat Crook called meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Meeting was held at Peggy Campbell's Sewing Studio in Lancaster. Robynn Frame, Secretary

Attendance: Pat Crook, Lynn Aguirre, Robynn Frame, Kathy Greene, Nette Louton, Debbie Rifkin, and Kathy Judkins.

Welcome and opening remarks/Pat Crook: Welcome! I think our new home for the guild meetings is going to work out great! The party last Saturday was fun; we played games and had great food.

Minutes/Pat Crook: Pat requested a motion to approve the November 2025 board meeting minutes as published in the December 2025 newsletter. Motion was made by Lynn Aguirre, seconded by Debbie Rifkin. Motion carries.

1st VP/VACANT – Right now there is nothing scheduled for February and there will not be a sew-in on February 14. Ideas for February: games or getting the judge to come talk to us about what she looks for in a quilt.

2nd VP/Debbie Rifkin: We got approval from Panda Express for a fundraiser before the meeting on February 12. This fundraiser is all day, and with the code you should be able to go to any of the Panda's. I am getting the forms out for entering a quilt into the quilt show. Do we want to buy or make the ribbons? There will be 8 categories for the quilts. We need to take the opportunity quilt to other quilt guilds to promote it and also bring to our guild meetings. We are not going to do the Almond Blossom Festival or the Poppy Festival this year. We need to get tickets for the sewing machine that Al's Vacuum and Sewing donated. Several of us will be reaching out to Quilt Guilds to see about taking our quilt to their meetings.

Treasurer/Lynn Aguirre: Received the Nonprofit Raffle Registration and the State of California Authorization for raffles. Applied and received city of Lancaster Business License. Submitted CT-NRP-2. Applied for insurance for St. Paul's. Discussed getting the Zelle password for the quilt show. Talked with the bank, they have a third-party and she wanted to come show us products they have for sale. Kathy J. needs the cash box for Road to California. There is \$8,357.63 in the checking and \$20,233.71 in the money market for a total of \$28,591.34. Retreat has paid \$1,680.00 to facility out of \$2,965.00

Parliamentarian/Nette Louton: There are a lot of jobs open for next year. Hospitality is being taken over by Hope Overgaard, Maggie Konik and Sonia Frehn. We will go back to the alphabet system.

Publicity/Kathy Judkins: Robynn and I are going to send flyers to all the guilds in SCCQG and to quilt shops in So. California. Does anyone know of a quilt shop to send flyers to? Any social media pages for Lancaster?

Door Prizes/Kathy Greene: We have wonderful support for our baskets. The last basket took in \$107 for the fundraiser.

Friendship Circles/Kathy Greene: There is a new friendship group forming on the third Wednesday of each month, 10:30-3:00. Stephanie Shuping will host the first meeting.

Philanthropic/ Kathy Judkins: We are taking some quilts to the Children's Center and Women's Clinic of the AV today or tomorrow. I cancelled the January meeting because of the weather forecast and things going on at home: ant incursion and a cat who needed veterinary attention.

Road to California/Kathy Judkins: I've sent reminder texts and emails to the volunteers.

New Business: It was decided not to hold the meeting in the sanctuary because there is not a good place to project slides. We will look to move the free table from the back table. Lynn's daughter received much support from our group. She will be writing a letter for the newsletter to thank everyone. Kathy Greene will donate a quilt kit for next year's opportunity quilt.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12.



Announcements:

Hospitality

Friendship circles will provide refreshments in February and March. After that, Hope Overgaard, Sonia Frehn, and Maggie Konik will chair this committee.

Newsletter

The deadline for the next newsletter is Feb 22, 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 colors for the Feb drawing are **Spring Colors**.

AVQA Friendship Circles

AVQA has a new Friendship Circle starting the third Wednesday of each month. Third Wednesday's contact person is Stephanie Shuping and the first meeting will be Wed, Feb 18 at Stephanie's home. This is a BYOP (Bring your own project) group. The 3rd Wed group is open to anyone interested, but especially great for those in Acton and South AV areas.

We would like to start a Veteran's Quilt Friendship Circle. Anyone interested, please contact Nancy Walker or Kathy Greene and be a part of the planning process. The day and time is TBD and the gathering place will be at The Boulders Recreation Room.

Another group on our Friendship Circle 'wish list' is a group focused on quilts for seniors. The contact person is Terri Moss. This is also in the planning stage, so let Terri know if you would like to get in on the fun of creating a new circle. This circle

would be especially convenient for those living in the Lake Hughes area.

A big THANKS to the Friendship Circles for donating a Quilt Show Raffle Basket!

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: Robynn Frame

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

3rd Wednesday (BYOP)

Third Wednesday of each month
10:30-3:00
Contact: Stephanie Shuping

Publicity

Last month I asked for suggestions for publicity. Stephanie Shuping told me that she mailed flyers for our last quilt show to her friends in this area, and most of them came to the show. I think that is an excellent suggestion. Also, Laura Beauregard is taking flyers to the many groups she belongs to in Acton.

Robynn Frame and I are mailing flyers to all the member guilds in the Southern Council of Quilt Guilds and to quilt shops around southern California.

Let me know if you would like flyers before the February meeting and I will get them to you. Also, if you know of places that will put posters in their windows or inside their businesses, let me know how many posters you need and I will get those to you. Thank you for all your help.

Kathy Judkins, Publicity

QUILT SHOW RAFFLE BASKETS

It's almost February and our focus is on our May Quilt Show. Now is the time to start gathering your items for 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 February AVQA meeting. The Raffle Basket Team is available for any help you may need.

Kathy Greene, Door Prize Chairman



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: Sew Triangles, page 12

Parliamentarian

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



Ways and Means

We have a fundraiser coming up in February! I've secured **Panda Express at L & 10th West** for the entire day. You're invited to meet there before our guild meeting to enjoy each other's company. Please spread the word—friends and family can participate too! Support us by ordering lunch, joining us for dinner, or even ordering online for

pickup by entering the fundraiser code from the flyer on the front page of this newsletter.

We are still in need of **volunteers for the quilt show**. I will have a signup list at our next meeting so you can secure your spot.

I will also have **quilt show entry forms** available for those who would like to display their quilts in the show.

Crafter applications are being sent out today, and I am actively calling vendors to secure their spaces.

Happy February, and I'll see you at the meeting!

Debbie Rifkin, Ways and Means



Bits & Pieces/Philanthropic

Thank you to Kathy Nowell for her donation of a quilt and two tops, and to Harriet Spann for giving a top to Corine Cudney to quilt. Thanks to all of you who continue to make tops, quilt quilts, and bind quilts. We will meet at Harshfield Terrace at 6709 Columbia Way on Saturday, February 7, from 10 am to 2 pm. I'm bringing quilt top kits to sew, tops with fabric for making backings, and fabric to cut fat quarters and half yards to sell at the February guild meeting. We will also discuss making a raffle basket for the quilt show.

Kathy Judkins and Terri Moss, Philanthropic Co-chairs

