



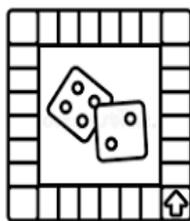
AVQA News

Antelope Valley Quilt Association

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MARCH PROGRAM



The guild meeting on March 12 will be games and getting to know each other and learning about guild board positions. Maybe a prize or two. We will be reviewing some of the elected positions that are available for the coming year. We look forward to seeing you.



JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS WAY TO **RAISE MONEY!**

Date: Mar 23, 2026

Time: 4:00PM to 8:00PM

For Dine In, Takeout or Curbside at this BJ's Location:

1325 Rancho Vista Blvd.
Palmdale, CA 93551
661-538-9040

Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along with your family and friends while earning funds in support of:

Antelope Valley Quilt Association

WITH EACH FLYER PRESENTED DURING THIS FUNDRAISING EVENT, BJ's WILL DONATE 20% OF FOOD AND SOFT BEVERAGE SALES TO THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION!

VISIT US IN PERSON, ORDER ONLINE OR PLACE A TAKE-OUT ORDER

When dining in: Present this flyer to your server at any time during your meal.

When ordering online: Enter the 6-digit fundraiser code below at the time of checkout.

When placing a take-out order: Present this flyer to a BJ's team member upon your arrival.



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Valid for dine in, takeout or curbside when applicable. Not valid toward alcoholic beverages, Happy Hour specials or for delivery orders. Please do not distribute flyers on site during the event.



Guild Information

Guild Meeting: Thurs, Mar 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, Mar 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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Quarter Page Ad: \$10.00 per month (or 6 mos for \$50)
Business Card Size Ad: \$7.50 per month (or 6 mos for \$30)



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Happy March Birthdays!

10 Roxane Irwin	29 Kathy Nowell
16 Deb Beckwith	30 Peggy Vachon
18 Patricia Nickle	

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 was great having Kitty Oliver as our speaker for the meeting. I hope she was encouraging to you and that you have decided to have your quilts judged. Remember that having your quilt judged is a learning experience; there are no “Quilt Police.” 😊 All of the board hopes that you had a great Valentine’s Day with your valentine. We are still working towards our quilt show in May. I hope that you are going to add a quilt or two and also a few items for the boutique or the auction.

Pat



**Antelope Valley Quilt Association
General Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2026**

The meeting on February 12, 2026, was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by President Pat Crook, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Robynn Frame, Secretary.

President Welcome/Pat Crook: We want to welcome Kitty Oliver, our speaker for this evening. She will be talking about how a quilt is judged. She will be judging the quilts for our quilt show.

1st Vice President/Programs/VACANT: In March we will be having games and nominations for new officers for the next year.

2nd Vice-President/Debbie Rifkin: On Monday, March 23, we will have a fundraiser at BJ's from 4-9 p.m. in Palmdale. On Wednesday, April 15, in Lancaster there will be a fundraiser at The Habit. I have sign-up sheets for volunteers to help at the quilt show. Please sign up to help. I will be getting out the applications to enter your quilts into the quilt show.

Quilt Show Auction/Stephanie Shuping: She has been getting quilts for the auction. If you want to donate a quilt, Stephanie has forms.

Treasurer's Report/Lynn Aguirre: Checking balance \$7169.40; money market 20,233.32. At Road we sold \$71 in tickets for the sewing machine and \$83 in tickets for the opportunity quilt. Lynn will be taking the quilt to Tehachapi and Santa Clarita. Sherry DeLano will take the quilt to Ridgecrest and Bakersfield. Let them know if you would like to join them.

Membership/Opportunity Quilt Tickets/LeRae Humphrey/Kathy Nowell: There were 38 in attendance: 33 members, and 5 new guests. The drawings were won by Cheryl Nieman and Robynn Frame.

Door Prizes/Kathy Greene: The Valentine's basket was won by Robynn Frame.

Fat Quarter Drawing/Maggie Konik: Hope Overgaard was our winner this month. She has picked Purple as the color for next month.

Opportunity Quilt Promotion/Pat Crook. If you want to take the quilt to a guild, let Debbie Rifkin know. We have next year's opportunity ready to start. It is a kit that was donated. We will need someone to take over and get the quilt put together.

Philanthropic/Kathy Judkins/Terri Moss: We had a good turnout on Saturday and accomplished a lot. The next meeting will be on Saturday, March 7, at Harshfield Terrace.

Publicity: We have quilt show flyers and posters for guild members to distribute in our community and to quilt shops and other businesses you go to. Please sign our forms to let us know where you plan to take them. We also have flyers ready to mail to SCCQG member guilds, and we are working on a list of quilt shops to send flyers to.

Road to California/Kathy Judkins: Thank you everyone who showed up to help at Road.

Old Business: The Antelope Valley Fair will be open for 7 days in September this year. Save your quilts to enter in the fair.

Spools Block/Nette Louton: The block for February is "the heart." The block can be found on page 7.

Birthday Announcement/Maggie Konik: Happy Birthday this month to Sue Reed, Mary Coker, Jim Roberts, Nancy Walker, Debbie Rifkin, Terri Moss, Cheryl Nieman and JoAnn Gonzales.

Announcements: The February board meeting will be held on February 17, 2026, at Peggy Campbell's Sewing Studio at 5:30.

Show & Share: Peggy Campbell, Corine Cudney, Kathy Greene, Cheryl Nieman, Hope Overgaard, Gillian Ray, Carlie Schmidt and Stephanie Shuping.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Robynn Frame, Secretary



**Antelope Valley Quilt Association
Board Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2026**

President/Pat Crook called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. The meeting was held at Peggy Campbell's sewing studio in Lancaster. Kathy Judkins acting as Secretary for Robynn Frame.

Attendance: Pat Crook, Debbie Rifkin, Lynn Aguirre, Nette Louton, Kathy Greene, LeRae Humphrey, Kathy Judkins

President/Pat Crook's welcome and opening remarks: Pat thought the speaker was great. She will be getting together with the judge about categories.

Minutes/Pat Crook requested a motion to approve the January 13, 2026, board meeting minutes as published in the February 2026 newsletter. Motion made by Lynn Aguirre. Seconded by LeRae Humphrey. Vote to approve carried.

1st VP/Programs/Nette Louton/Pat Crook: At the March guild meeting we are going to play games: This or That and Bingo. Kathy Judkins suggested the game in which members are given a

list of clues to match to as many members as they can. Nette will also give a synopsis of all the board jobs that are available.

2nd VP/Quilt Show/Ways and Means/Debbie Rifkin: Debbie asked for a photo of the quilt.

LeRae Humphrey will look to see if she still has the photo, and Kathy will send the photo she has. As of today, the vendors who are coming are Memory Lane, Sewing Nuts, Kena Quilts, and Al's Vacuum and Sewing. There are also several crafters coming. She spoke to the trophy people about ribbons and will give them a list of categories when categories have been confirmed. The quilt show entry form needs to be updated. Debbie has scheduled fundraisers at BJ's on March 23 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and The Habit in Lancaster on April 13. Kathy Greene is taking sign-ups from friendship circles and individual members to contribute raffle baskets. Debbie needs members to sign up for quilt show committees. There will be a Quilt Show Committee meeting on March 10th at 4:30 p.m. at Kathy Greene's home. We will have a Boutique and Sewing Room Garage Sale at the show. Debbie asked about buying new tablecloths for the show. She also suggested having guild t-shirts made to sell to members and show attendees.

Treasurer/Lynn Aguirre: Lynn distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report.

Membership/LeRae Humphrey: We had five visitors at the guild meeting. Three were interested in joining but had questions about dues. There was a discussion about prorating dues. Nette made a motion to change the Bylaws to prorate the dues. They will be prorated to \$2.50 per month plus \$20 for opportunity quilt tickets. Debbie Rifkin seconded the motion. Pat amended the motion to state that we would change the standing rules, not the Bylaws. LeRae also asked what to do with the quilt tickets that haven't been picked up. It was decided that she should give them to members who

know the people who haven't picked up their tickets.

Philanthropic/Kathy Judkins: Terri sorted donated fabric into kits, fat quarters to make turtle cushion covers for the Painted Turtle Camp, and large pieces for quilt backings. Corine Cudney gave us flannel for backings. We also received fabric, Insulbrite thermal batting, books, and patterns from Deb Garnica. Maggie Konik helped me sort it and is storing it for us. I have several quilts to donate to the AV Women's Clinic in Palmdale, the Children's Center of the AV in Lancaster, and the Sheriff's Station in Palmdale.

Publicity/Kathy Judkins: Robynn Frame, Debbie Rifkin, the Mardirossian family (Kim, Darryl and Evan), and Sonia Frehn have helped me so much. Flyers and posters are available for guild members to distribute. Please take some and sign the distribution sign-up sheet. PDF and JPG files are being e-mailed to the membership.

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Kathy Judkins for Robynn Frame Secretary



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 Mar 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 color for the March drawing is **PURPLE**

AVQA Friendship Circles

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

I have e-mailed the pdf and jpg files to all members for our quilt show flyer. You can use these to post on social media and to send in text messages and e-mails. I also have flyers and posters to be distributed all over the Antelope Valley and beyond. Please ask me for flyers and let me know where you are taking them. You can also submit them to newsletters.

Thank you for all your help, and special thanks to Robynn Frame, Debbie Rifkin, Sonia Frehn, and the Mardirossian family (Kim, Darryl, and Evan) for all their help with publicity.

Kathy Judkins, Publicity

QUILT SHOW RAFFLE BASKETS

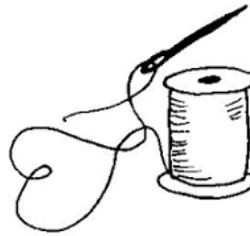
Thanks again to our Friendship groups for preparing raffle baskets for our May Quilt Show. Contact me if you would like to contribute a basket. The more the merrier!

Kathy Greene, Door Prize Chairman



BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Book: *Sew Scrappy Spools*



February block is Sew Hearts page 8 in Sew Scrappy Spools.

Parliamentarian

Positions available for the coming year.

President

1st Vice President (Programs)

Secretary

Parliamentarian

Possibly 2nd Vice President (Ways and Means)

We will need a new Treasurer next year. This would be a good time to shadow this position.

Please contact Nette if you are interested in any of these positions. It is only three days a month commitment. Our guild needs you and your talents.



Ways and Means

We need confirmed volunteers for our upcoming Quilt Show. While several of you have mentioned that you may be available to help, we now need firm commitments for committee chairs and volunteers to work the show. This is our largest fundraiser of the year, and its success truly depends on all of us pitching in. We simply cannot do it without your help.

Our next Quilt Show meeting will be held on **March 10 at 4:30 PM at Kathy Greene's home**. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. If you are unable to make the meeting but would like to volunteer, please reach out to me directly so we can get you signed up.

We expect to have the updated quilt entry application available on our website soon, and a copy will also be emailed out. I can't wait to see all the amazing quilts you'll be entering this year!

If you have a quilt to donate to the auction, please contact Stephanie Shuping. She is already accepting quilts for the auction.

Also, please join us for our upcoming fundraiser on **Monday, March 23rd at BJ's Brewhouse in Palmdale from 4:00–8:00 PM**. Bring your family and invite your friends! When you present the flyer at the time of ordering, our guild will receive 20% of the sales. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow members while helping support our guild.

Thank you all for your continued support. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Warmly,
Debbie

Bits & Pieces/Philanthropic

Thanks so much to everyone who came to the February sew-in at Harshfield Terrace! We are donating quilts to the AV Children's Center, the Women's Clinic of the AV, and Palmdale Sheriff's Station. Next meeting is Saturday, March 7, from 10 to 2, at Harshfield, 6709 Columbia Way.

Kathy Judkins & Terri Moss, Philanthropic

Opportunity Quilt

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 take the quilt, quilt stand, and flyers and order a cash box from Lynn Aguirre. We are also selling tickets for the sewing machine. Please contact Lynn to take the quilt out.

Lynn is taking the quilt to Tehachapi on March 2 and Santa Clarita on March 12. Sherry DeLano is taking it to Ridgecrest on March 5 and Bakersfield, on April 16. Please let them know if you would like to join them.



The following is a "thank you" from Lynn Aguirre's daughter and family for all the kind words and cards the family received after the Eton fire.



To AVQA,

We are so grateful to all of you for the love and generosity you displayed to our family in our time of need.

Without hesitation you reached out to mom/grammy asking what we needed, at a time when we didn't even know.

We will never forget ladies coming to mom's house with envelopes of cash, gift cards, boxes full of supplies and clothes, and toys for our boys. It was because of you we were able to breathe a little easier and work on building back.

Today, we are living in an apartment in old town Pasadena. The boys like to say we are living in the "big city" and enjoy all the food and things to see.

Just this week we fully demolished our lot and started grading.

Hopes are we can "break ground" in the coming weeks.

Luke is 12, playing water polo and busy building Legos. Jake is 10, playing Rugby and baseball (both little league and travel) and has found a love for the Belly Up book series. I am very happy because it's an age-appropriate murder mystery at the zoo- he is reading about the mystery surrounding Harry the Hippo.

Joe just turned 6. This year we were able to have a birthday party for him. He has made many new friends at his new school and is busy being the boss.

As a family we have learned resilience, accepting help and the importance of friends and family.

With a heart full of gratefulness, THANK YOU.

The Purcell-Jones Family

Patrick, Jennifer, Luke, Jacob, Joseph and Betsy

