



# AVQA News

Antelope Valley Quilt Association

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## SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

**Programs:** Last month we had a Philanthropic Workshop. There were a lot of people there and I think it was pretty successful, as a lot of kits were made up.



**September 10 meeting:** We will have a regular Zoom meeting. I hope you enjoy seeing all of the guild faces. Pat and I are working on a video of the true cost of precuts for the September meeting. We will have a PowerPoint of all of the show and share pieces. If you will email me a picture of your share by Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, I will include it in the PowerPoint. I will also post these pictures on the AVQA Facebook page for people that are unable to attend the meeting. *(Thank you, Terri, for the idea.)*

We have a **challenge** of a piece any size, finished or unfinished, in **black and white with one other color**. From a mini quilt to a king sized quilt, and it can be finished or not. Send an email picture to me by September 9th to be in PowerPoint. The only rules are black, white, and one other color. Be wild! Be crazy! Be fun!



**September 12 workshop:** We are having a *sew-in or visit-in*. We are going to keep the room down to 15 people. You will need to RSVP so we know who will be there and for how long. We will be doing 2-hour increments, 9-11, 11-1, 1-3 or 9-3. Email Nette or Pat. First come, first on the list.



**October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting:** I need to see people. If it is warm (haha, we live in the Antelope Valley), we will arrange some place and have iced tea and ice cream. More details to come in September.

**October 10<sup>th</sup> workshop:** We are having a *sew in or visit in*. We are going to keep the room down to 15 people. You will need to RSVP so we know who will be there and for how long. We will be doing 2-hour increments 9-11, 11-1, 1-3 or 9-3. Email Nette or Pat. First come, first on the list.

# Guild Information

**Next Guild Meeting:** Thurs, Sept 10, 2020

Location: Might be Zoom Meeting only! or  
Lancaster United Methodist Church

918 W Ave J, Lancaster, CA

Time: 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:00 p.m.)

**Next Board Meeting:** Tues, Sept 15, 2020

Location: Virtual meeting using Zoom or Kathy  
Greene's backyard Time: 6:00 p.m.

Come join us from the comfort of your own home.  
Contact Pat Crook to receive a Zoom invitation, and  
Corinne Gurney if you would like to be placed on  
the agenda.

**Membership Dues:** \$30.00, or \$40.00 if newsletter  
is delivered by both email and USPS.

## AVQA 2020-2021 Executive Board Members

President	Kathy Greene
1 <sup>st</sup> VPs	Nette Louton & Pat Crook
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Jamie Harrington
Secretary	Corinne Gurney
Treasurer	Stephanie Shuping
Parliamentarian	Sandy Smith

## AVQA 2020-2021 Committee Chairs

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Door Prizes	Dixie Bahr & Maralyne Ullerich
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Newsletter	Peggy Vachon
Opp Quilt Design '21	Peggy Vachon
Opp Quilt Design '22	Corinne Gurney
Opp Quilt Promo	Jim and Donna Roberts
Philanthropic	Kathy Judkins
Publicity	<b>VACANT</b>
Retreats	Betty Putzka
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## **Happy September Birthdays!**

1-Marilyn Hendrix	16- Lois Johnson
3-Sharon Hotton	20-Stephanie Shuping
12-Yvonne Rodriguez	26-Jan Moore
15-Gloria Thomas	

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

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

September usually finds us looking forward to moving from “vacation mode” to getting into a more “normal” schedule. It brings the promise of cooler temperatures, the anticipation of leaves turning golden, pumpkin spice treats and an eagerness to get ready for the upcoming holidays. Since 2020 has been anything but usual, this September I find myself reflecting more on lessons learned and accomplishments that have occurred in the past six months. Those things on the “TO DO” list that are no longer on that list since we have received the “gift of time”. My sewing room has been ordered and reordered several times. The garage has been cleaned out some so I can store some of my sewing “treasures” outside. So glad for opportunities during these days that have made connecting with those who share our lives take a higher priority. Thinking more of others has been a plus during this crazy time. Though we would hope (it doesn't hurt to hope) these days are coming to an end, there are still books to read, recipes to try, and UFO's and new projects to begin and finish....windows to wash. Boredom is nowhere in sight!

Zoom meetings have become our new normal. We are so glad for the opportunity to see one another and to see the amazing creativity of our guild. Thanks, Pat Crook, for making this possible. Watch your emails every month before our General Meeting to receive the official invitation to the AVQA Meeting. (Each meeting needs a new access code.) If you would like to join us for the Board Meeting the Tuesday following the General Meeting, contact Pat to receive that invitation. All are welcome and encouraged to join as we are on uncharted seas and need everyone's help, encouragement, and input. Let Pat know if you are having problems with Zoom. We would love to see everyone!

THANKS for those who were able to come to the Saturday Workshop. We have quilt tops, backing, batting, and binding ready to be sewn into finished quilts. Contact Kathy Judkins if you would like to complete a Philanthropic quilt. This year AVQA Philanthropic has donated 51 quilts to Children's Center and CareNet.

THANK YOU to all who supported our Fabric Sale/Giveaway! We made some progress, though we are nowhere close to the top of our “Mount Everest”. Come join us again on Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 4:30-8:00 in my backyard for LOTS more NEW fabric to choose from. Invite your friends, neighbors, in-laws. We have lots to share. Thanks to you all for helping to make AVQA our “Happy Place”,

Kathy Greene

## **Minutes of AVOA General Meeting**

**August 13, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 and held via Zoom. Kathy Greene, President presiding, Corinne Gurney as Secretary. Meeting was conducted via Zoom due to government mandate due to the Covid19 virus.

**President's Welcome/Kathy Greene** - Welcomed all to the meeting using the Zoom format.

### **Approvals**

Minutes for July general meeting were approved, moved by Vicki Brown 1<sup>st</sup>, Peggy Campbell 2<sup>nd</sup>, Approved.

Approval of Treasurer's Report for July as printed in the July newsletter was moved by Nette Louton, 1<sup>st</sup>, Chery Nieman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

### **President's Message/Kathy Greene**

Kathy thanked everyone from last year's board, showing her appreciation for the board's & member's hard work to keep the guild moving. July would have been our board appreciation meeting.

Philanthropic—Kathy Judkins has agreed to be the chair for Philanthropic.

We had a yard sale on Saturday and made a dent in the stash. Our next sale will be next Thursday, the 20th in the evening starting at 4:30pm to about 8pm in her backyard. The donations will go towards the purchase of batting and backing.

News articles are due Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Next Board meeting is Tuesday, August 18 via Zoom at 6:00pm.

### **1<sup>st</sup> VP Programs/Nette Louton**

Nette doesn't feel like we should put our money towards high cost speakers when we can only do Zoom until we can meet physically again. If members feel otherwise that we should try doing speakers and workshops via Zoom, please let her know.

This Saturday is a philanthropic workshop to make kits up. We plan to store the kits at people's houses and will call them up to say to bring them in to be worked on when needed.

September speaker has been postponed until January or February, so everyone can be able to attend in person if possible.

She suggested doing a small challenge -- to use black, white and one other color. It can be a mug rug, a quilt, something a little "sparky". This way we can be inspired to start to work on things. Send her a picture in an email to her by next meeting in

September. She will put it on a PowerPoint for us to look at.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> VP Quilt Show/Jamie Harrington**

Jamie discussed the vendors that have signed up for the quilt show. She has rollovers for the fees from many of them. She has about 10 currently. The Vendors List for our 2021 Quilt Show so far are: Al's Vacuum & Sewing, Carriage Country Quilts, Yarnover Truck, Mouse Prints Publishing, Pampered Chef, Gillian Ray, Origami Owl, Pegboard Highway, Quilty Pleasures, Hummingbird Lane Fabrics, Redfern Enterprises, Ruby Red Shapewear, Tiki-TPG-Designs, Trouble Maker Bags (Formerly Pincushion), Hand Dyes by Kristin, Cherry Berry Quilts (they have to ask Bernina if they can do our show), Calico Mermaid ( they will let me know in Jan 2021).

We need auction quilts, runners, totes, wearables, kits, tops. We need basket raffles. We need a chair for the Boutique as well.

Pat Crook said that Al's Vac & Sew is donating a Jazz 2 Sewing Machine by Babylock. The store suggested that members could start selling tickets for the machine now, not waiting for when we can take the opportunity quilt out. We cannot sell the tickets online due to 5013C regulations. We can also sell the tickets when we do finally get to show the opportunity quilt again. We will have to mail the tickets out and the person then sends the money they collected to the guild.

### **Secretary's Report/Corinne Gurney**

Corinne discussed that there is a shortage of plexiglass due to COVID-19, and cutting rulers are going to go up substantially next month in price, so if there is a ruler you want, now is the time to buy.

UFO Challenge – We will be starting this up again. The current number to work on is number 5. Corinne will draw the next number in September. To win the charm and have your name in for the drawing, you can either email or text her a picture. She will keep track of how many charms you have won and put the names in the drawing. Once we can physically meet again, each person can choose their charms.

### **Membership/Pat Crook**

Today we have 23 members present via Zoom. We have 72 members who have renewed their membership this year.

Pat has put off the drawing for renewing to give everyone a chance to do so until tonight. She has 6

prizes: Matchbox Kits, 2 of each, green, red and blue. She used a “virtual wheel” to pick the winners. The winners were Evelyn Hatch, a green one, Sharon Hayes, a red one, Antoinette Pappas, a blue one, Sandra Lane a green one, Sylvia Darroch, a red one, and Vicki Brown a blue one.

She will do the wheel again next month but only the people in attendance will win a prize, like our door prizes when we physically meet.

The Challenge - People were asked to send Nette a picture of their quilt and a PowerPoint presentation was shown of the 5 pictures sent in. Two people showed theirs on Zoom. There are no prizes given out. This was mainly for fun.

We had a show and share via a PowerPoint presentation.

### **New Business/Kathy Greene**

Kathy reported for Corine Cudney that the Block Party is on hold until we can physically meet.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30.



## **Minutes of AVQA Board Meeting** **Aug 18, 2020**

Attending the meeting were Kathy Greene, Corinne Gurney, Nette Louton, Pat Crook, Jamie Harrington Sandy Smith, Peggy Vachon, Sylvia Darroch via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 6:06pm. Kathy Greene, President presiding, Corinne Gurney as Secretary. Kathy thanked everyone for their dedication to the guild and all their hard work.

Pat Crook pointed out that you have to be sent a new invitation to each Zoom meeting. If you are not on her regular email list for the board members, please request an invite from her if you want to attend it.

### **President’s Welcome/Kathy Greene**

#### **Approvals**

Approved minutes from July Board meeting as printed in the August newsletter, Sandy Smith 1<sup>st</sup>, Jamie Harrington 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved.

### **President’s Message/Kathy Greene**

Kathy asked about the planned sale at her house on Thursday. She requested to postpone it due to the excessive heat and the smoke from the Lake fire. It was agreed to postpone for 2 weeks which makes it September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4:30 to 8ish. This would make us keep the shed for the month of September. It was agreed also to pay the extra month since funds are readily available. We earned over \$500.00 at the sale held at Nette Louton’s home.

### **1<sup>st</sup> VP Programs/Nette Louton**

Nette found a great video on precuts, discussed using that in a meeting. She will work with Pat Crook to see how that can be done. She doesn’t think it is right to spend the money for a speaker until at least 50% of the guild can attend. She recommended doing “sew-ins” for workshops to bring the members together and to be in contact with others.

Pat Crook recommended doing just a regular sew-in in September. In October we could do a “1600 Quilt” competition for philanthropic. A “1600” quilt uses a 40 strip “jelly roll” to make a quilt top. It would be a timed sew in with prizes for the fastest, etc.

Sylvia suggested we start using guild members as speakers, so we have a meeting with a speaker. Meetings will probably be on Zoom until the end of the year. Nette talked about having speakers next year. People mainly want to make physical contact with each other. We will leave the workshops as open sews for the members. Sylvia suggested marking with blue tape to make sure everyone is 6 feet apart. We would need to have a reservation to take part, cap it at 15 people, everyone would have to wear a mask, indicate how long you plan to stay, going from 9 - 3. The sew-ins would be September 12<sup>th</sup> and October 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> VP Quilt Show/Jamie Harrington**

The quilt show is coming along very well. Peggy Campbell donated 2 quilts for the auction. Jamie will contact Al’s Vac & Sew regarding the machine they are donating to the guild.

She talked to the Franchise Tax Board about our refunds. They are slow due to the pandemic, but they are working on it.

#### **Treasurer's Report/Stephanie Shuping**

Stephanie was absent, no report is available.

#### **Secretary's Report/Corinne Gurney**

Corinne received an offer for Stamps.com. Due to the fee they charge, it is not worth it.

UFO Challenge is starting up again this month.

#### **Parliamentarian/Sandy Smith - No report**

#### **Membership/Pat Crook**

Peggy Vachon requested a list of those who have not renewed their membership, so she can delete them from the mailing list. Pat will let her know once she has her Excel report done. There are 72 people who have paid so far.

She gave out the prizes at the general meeting and will be doing a drawing at each meeting for everyone who attends the meeting.

#### **Philanthropic/Kathy Judkins**

Reported by Kathy Greene, Nette took 20 quilts to Care Net and 20 quilts to the Children's Center, and Terri Moss took 11 quilts to Care Net, making a total of 51 quilts donated.

We made a lot of quilt kits on Saturday. We did not take a final count. We are making a dent in the stash the guild has.

#### **Retreats/Betty Putzka**

Betty is not getting a response from the hotel regarding our October retreat. We should know by our September meeting if we are able to have the retreat. If it does occur, we will not be able to have 20 people at a time in the sewing rooms. We may have to stagger the times for people to sew. We are trying to find a way to make everyone happy as best we can under the circumstances.

#### **New Business/Kathy Greene**

Nette discussed the Suffragette challenge. She was impressed with what everyone turned in. She liked how the PowerPoint worked to show the quilts rather than try to show over Zoom. The new challenge will be out in November.

She discussed the Black & White plus one color. The purpose is to inspire people to sew. It doesn't have to be finished, can be any size, a mug rug even.

Peggy Vachon now has the opportunity quilt. She made a new label, making necessary changes to it. It is available once we can start selling tickets again.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51pm.

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## Announcements:

### Fat Quarter Drawing

Gillian Ray won the fat quarter drawing in March. For the next meeting that we have, sometime soon, please bring **FLORAL!** Limit is 5 per person.



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### Hospitality - Food & Beverages

Last Names beginning with **P-Z** please bring a refreshment to share with your friends to our next meeting, hopefully in the near future.

### Newsletter

Newsletter deadline is Sept 20, 2020. It is important to get your articles to me on time. I have a schedule to keep, and if it is not in my possession, it will not go into the Newsletter. Thank you! Peggy Vachon

## Philanthropic

With great trepidation, I accepted the job of Philanthropic chairman. Having been a member of the Bits & Pieces friendship circle, I had a pretty good idea of the immensity of the Philanthropic stash. I also know how hard Michele Cameron and Lynell Rodio before her worked to get a huge number of quilts completed and donated. The Philanthropic stash included dozens of quilts, kits, tops, a box of binding, batting, and so much fabric that we're having to give some of it away ... no one has room to store it all!

Thanks so much to Kathy Greene, Nette Louton, Pat Crook and her husband Steve, Coral Brown, Jamie Harrington, Yvonne Rodriguez, and Terri Moss for moving everything out of Michele's garage and into a temporary storage shed, and/or for organizing fabric and transporting it to Nette's and Kathy's for the yard-sale fabric giveaways.

During the yard sale at Nette's and the philanthropic workshop, AVQA members took home approximately 30 kits to quilt. I currently have in my house 34 complete kits ready to quilt and 31 incomplete kits (needing batting, backing, and/or binding). I also have 108 tops, 3 tubs of fabric, 1 large tote bag and 1 box of flannel, a half-full box of binding, and some batting. In the guild's permanent shed, there is a large bag of kits for making tops. In the temporary shed there is fabric, fabric and more fabric.

Last month, Nette Louton delivered 20 quilts to CareNet and 20 quilts to the Children's Center. Last week, Terri Moss delivered 11 quilts to CareNet. I have 10 completed quilts and 2 animal shelter quilts. When I have a few more, I'll distribute them.

Thanks so much to everyone who has pitched in to help get quilts done. Please let me know if you would like to help. If you don't enjoy quilting but like to bind or piece tops, just let me know and I'll happily deliver or put out for pick-up whatever you request.

Kathy Judkins  
Philanthropic Chairman

## SCCQG News

A friendly note from your SCCQG rep: The last meeting I attended was in January of this year. That meeting topic was how to use the buttons on media pages. For me, it became more confusing. Social media is a great way to contact and encourage new members to join. It shows what the guild is doing and may inspire membership. What I learned from this meeting is that updating media pages is a lot of work but a great way to reach out to the community to show what the guilds are about and their involvement.

Matt Reese from Road to California stated that the Road quilt show is still planned for January. It may be different due to the pandemic. Class registrations start August 1, but if the pandemic changes things, they have a rollover plan for classes to 2022. The dates for 2021 are January 21 -24.

An amendment to the SCCQG bylaws was changed and passed about Guild membership dues. **IF MEMBERSHIP DUES AREN'T PAID BY NOVEMBER, RATE WILL INCREASE FROM \$40 TO \$65.** This is to prevent late dues and encourage guilds to pay on time.

Meet the Teachers was cancelled this year, but program chairs can visit the SCCQG website and see teachers' personal pages. Some teachers even set up a short video presentation of their work; you just scroll to the right. There will be a new venue for 2021 Meet the Teachers. It is at Torrance Art Center on April 10<sup>th</sup>. The parking is free and you can bring your own lunch or there may be pre-order lunches. All information will be after October 1, 2020. There will be 35 booth spaces and spots for three opportunity quilts. More information will be in the October newsletter.

The program was about Zoom meetings or virtual meetings since there are other sites than just Zoom. Virtual meetings can be recorded. You just have to state in the beginning that it will be recorded. Any meeting can be virtual such as guild elections, demos, workshops, show and share, committee meetings, retreats, sew-ins, just about anything.

Having programs with teachers was discussed. You can hire more teachers abroad. There wouldn't be any travel fee or hotel reservations to be made. You can break into segments. Don't expect fees to be lower, but they might be. You need to check

with the teacher in question and adjust your contract accordingly.

Both guilds and teachers/speakers may need to update contracts to cover the change. Teachers can control their Zoom/virtual classes. This way, their presentation won't be copied.

Zoom account can be free and can have up to 100 participants and no security. If you want more security, the cost is \$14.99 per month or \$149.99 annually for unlimited meetings. A suggestion was to have a Virtual Committee with a tech team that can help with tech problems. **DO NOT POST MEETING LINKS ON YOUR WEBSITE!** Anyone and everyone could join the meeting.

Due to the pandemic or even other emergencies, guilds should include virtual guidelines in the Bylaws. It should include etiquette, how to conduct the meetings, host guidelines, etc. You should plan ahead for these meetings and start early enough to give members a chance to sign in. If you plan to record the meetings, you need to state to everyone that it's being recorded. Another suggestion for when you have show and share is to have a picture sent in to one person and make a slide show to share.

## Quilt Show

Al's Vacuum & Sewing has donated a Baby Lock Jazz II sewing and quilting machine.

We will be selling raffle tickets for the drawing on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Raffle ticket packets of 24 tickets will be made available. Tickets are \$5 for 6 tickets or \$1 for one ticket.

Calling all members: We need quilts for the show. We need your talent. It is not too late to start a quilt, finish UFO's (Not Unidentified Flying Objects, but Unfinished Objects).

You can start and finish Auction items. Auction items needed are quilts (bed size, wall hangings, miniatures), purses, totes, table runners, place mats. We will be accepting kits and quilt tops. So if you have a quilt top, not finished, we will auction that as well.

If you have a vendor that you would like to see at our show. I will need contact info ... name, email address or phone number. A vendor application is on our Website. We need your help. We need quilt show advertisement to be posted on all social

The only problem people complain about is the muting and unmuting. Having a co-host can help with that problem. If you have a virtual workshop, make sure there isn't a member that has a "workshop party" that shares with nonpaying person. There wasn't a solution on that, but hopefully guild members are honest and trustworthy and wouldn't do that. Do you charge guests for the virtual meetings and how to you collect? One answer is to set up Pay Pal or let guest in free and hope they join the guild.

As you can see, there is a lot of information at all SCCQG meetings. On the Zoom meetings, it was nice not having to get up to leave by 6 am or 7 am depending on how far you have to drive, dealing with traffic, wear and tear on your car. Is this the future of guilds? Who knows. There is a Virtual Guild in Alaska (TQC Virtual Guild). You can check their website, [www.quilter-calendar.com](http://www.quilter-calendar.com).

Take care, be safe ...

Vicki Brown, SCCQG rep.

media. We need to get the word out. We have a quilt show flyer for that purpose. I will be handling the quilt show publicity as of now. If you know of a publication where we can post a quilt show ad, please let me know. I need Committee Chairpersons to head up the Quilt Show Committee. If you would like to help, see me.

Thank you for all your help and support.

Jamie Harrington – 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

## UFO Challenge

We would like to start up the UFO challenge again to encourage you all to work on projects. The current number we are working on is number 5. I sent an email to everyone a couple weeks ago with of the process we are going to use to make this work. If you did not receive it, please contact me. I had one list that did not have a name on it.

I will draw a new number at the September meeting. To qualify for the charm and entry into the prize drawing, please email or text me a photo of your completed project. I will make a list for the charms and put your name in for the prize. Once we can physically meet again, you can pick out the number of charms that you earned. If you would like to have the project shown for Show and Tell, please send Nette Louton the photo so she can add it to the PowerPoint presentation. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Corinne Gurney



### **Membership**

We are still accepting applications for the 20-21 year. Your membership needs to be paid by the September meeting for your name to be in the book. Email Pat for information about how to pay membership.



Congratulations to Evelyn Hatch, Sharon Hayes, Antoinette Pappas, Sandy Lane, Sylvia Darroch, and Vicki Brown for winning the drawing for

turning in your membership early or on time. Pat will mail, meet you, or keep your prize until we meet. Please contact Pat with your preference. We now have 73 paying members. Yes, this is down from last year, but we think membership will come back up once we are meeting in person.



The 2019 Suffragette Challenge had 6 entrants. Each were really different and all were creative. Thanks to all who participated.

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