



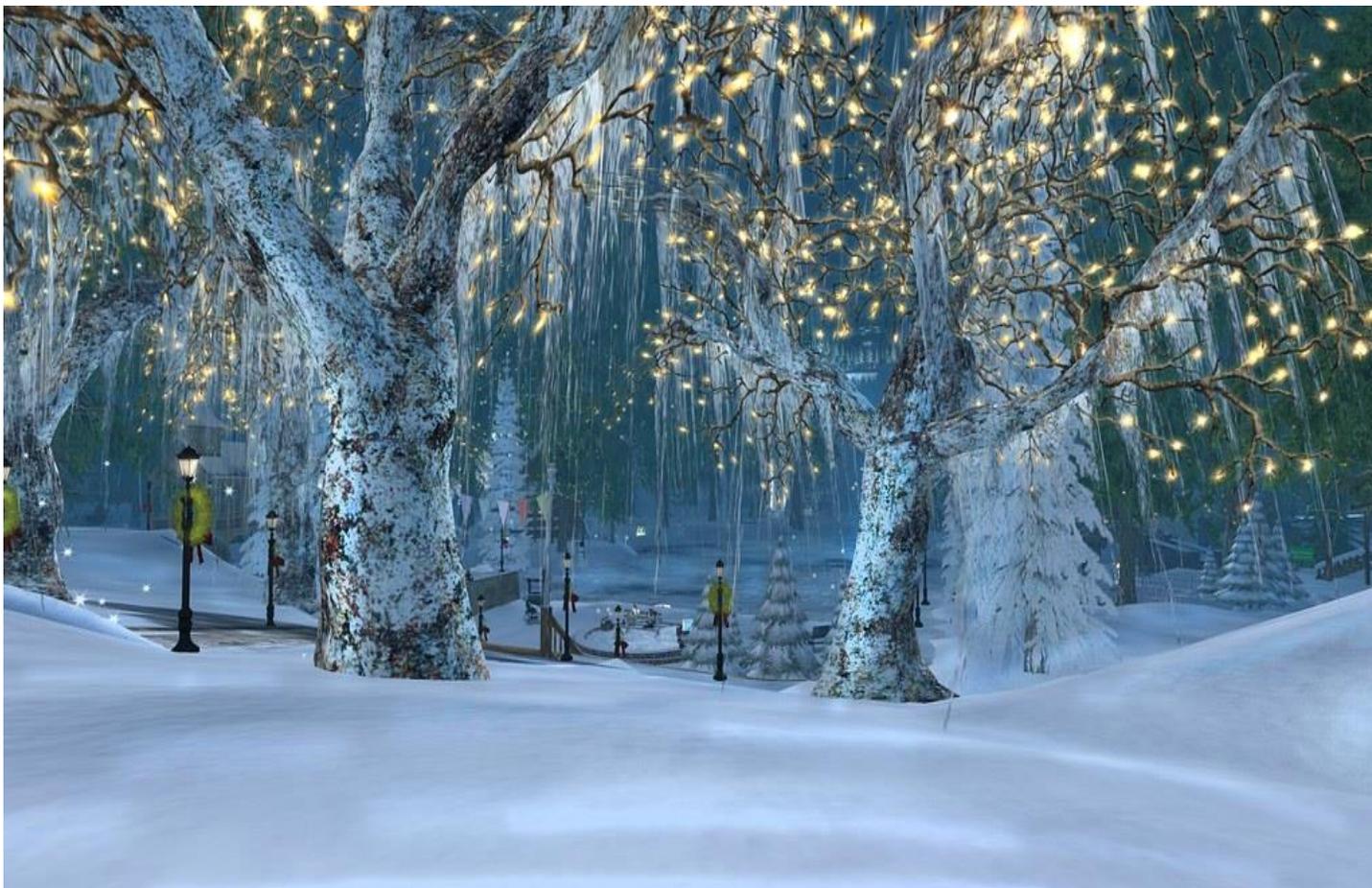
AVQA News

Antelope Valley Quilt Association

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DECEMBER PROGRAM



HOLIDAY PARTY CANCELLED

It was with great disappointment that we had to cancel this year's Holiday Party to ensure everyone's safety. Unfortunately, the room we had reserved was closed down by Los Angeles County due to the virus. With the rise in positive cases, the county is not opening up yet for these types of gatherings. I hope that next year we can have a really great party to make up for the lack of this one. I hope everyone has a safe and happy season of holidays this year. Corinne Gurney

Guild Information

No Meeting in December!

Next Guild Meeting: Thurs, Jan 14, 2021

Location: Zoom Meeting only!

Pat Crook will e-mail a Zoom invitation to every member.

Next Board Meeting: Tues, Jan 19, 2021

Location: Virtual meeting using Zoom. 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 st VPs	Nette Louton & Pat Crook
2 nd VP	Jamie Harrington
Secretary	Corinne Gurney
Treasurer	Stephanie Shuping
Parliamentarian	Sandy Smith

AVQA 2020-2021 Committee Chairs

Challenge	Nette Louton & Pat Crook
Door Prizes	Dixie Bahr & Maralyne Ullerich
Fat 1/4 Drawing	Nani Johnson
Friendship Circles	Carla Wolf
Historian	VACANT
Holiday Party	Corinne Gurney & Sandy Smith
Hospitality	Donna Roberts & Jan Hall
Librarian	Corine Cudney
Membership	Pat Crook & Sandy Smith
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	Jamie Harrington
Retreats	Betty Putzka
Scholarship	Evelyn Tiede/Jamie Harrington
SCCQG Rep	Vicki Brown
Sunshine	Peggy Campbell
Web Site	Kathy Greene

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Full Page Ad: \$40.00 per month

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Quarter Page Ad: \$10.00 per month (or 6 mos for \$50)

Business Card Size ad: \$7.50 / month (or 6 mos for \$30)



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Happy December Birthdays!

5- Evelyn Hatch	23- Eve Hall
13- Nette Louton	30- Diana Lopez
16 -Donna Roberts	31- Debbie Cowles
18- Geneve Chan	

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The holidays are here! Wishing you all days of Joy and Peace and Rest.

AVQA's Philanthropic efforts have not missed a beat this past year. A big "Thank You" to all of you who have been faithfully working on Philanthropic projects during these past nine months. Thanks also to Kathy Judkins for coordinating, organizing, and washing lots of fabric. Let Kathy know if you would like to pick up kits to sew, or quilts to quilt or bind.

Even though our Holiday gathering has fallen victim to the pandemic, a special thanks goes to Corinne Gurney and Sandy Smith for all they have done towards this year's "party." We look forward to next year's holiday gathering.

And again, thanks to Nette for all her efforts, encouragement, and support of AVQA. Many of our "jobs" during the pandemic have been made lighter, or nonexistent, but Nette has been working double duty to try to coordinate the needs, wants, safety and general welfare of us all. Her efforts are so very much appreciated! Things are and will be "different," but what a wonderful group of friends we have the privilege getting to know and to grow with.

So looking forward to January when Carla Wolf will show us how to make fabric postcards. Thank you, Carla, for offering your expertise on this project. It is a special project to help keep us connected!

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas & Happy Hanukkah!

Kathy Greene

TREASURER'S REPORT

Income and Expenses Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Jul 1 - Nov 17, 20

Income

Program/Activity Receipts

Membership Dues 2,220.00

Newsletter Advertisements 50.00

Philanthropic Donations 1,898.61

Total Program/Activity Receipts 4,168.61

Total Income 4,168.61

Expense

Association Activities

Comm Srv/Philanthropic 526.25

Newsletter 86.54

Total Association Activities 612.79

Business Expenses	
Government Fees	20.00
SCCQG Insurance & Dues	293.50
Total Business Expenses	313.50
Facilities and Equipment	
Meeting Hall Rental	0.00
Storage Rental	1,587.50
Total Facilities and Equipment	1,587.50
Operations	
Postage, Mailing Service	156.00
Treasurer/Bank Charges	16.35
Total Operations	172.35
Total Expense	2,686.14
Net Income	1,482.47

Minutes of AVQA General Meeting
November 12, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm 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

Kathy thanked everyone for being there. She was able to attend four SCCQG meetings via Zoom. They were very informative. Vicky Brown, our rep, was also in attendance. They said that Zoom is the new normal. We need to help people be comfortable with it. We have the possibility of doing lectures and workshops. We need to be creative in outreach to our members to have them attend our meetings. It is better than nothing. We will be doing a phone campaign to help with that.

Approvals

No minutes to approve for October. We had a meet and greet at Lancaster City Park.

Approval of Treasurer’s Report for August as printed in the November newsletter was moved by Cheryl Nieman, 1st, Jill McGrady, 2nd. Approved.

1st VP Programs/Nette Louton

We have Quilter’s College tonight. Cheryl Nieman will talk about how to get the perfect ¼” seam, Carla Wolf will be showing how to make postcards. She hopes to do a workshop in January to teach it. Nette cancelled the open sew on Saturday due to the increase in COVID rates.

2nd VP Quilt Show/Jamie Harrington

The quilt show is the same status. Al’s Vacuum & Sewing is donating a Jazz II, but the machine hasn’t arrived at Al’s yet. She will have the raffle tickets printed after she receives the machine to make sure it is the same one we hoped for.

We do not have to pay for the fairgrounds until April, so if we have to cancel again, we won’t have any funds tied up with them. There is a deposit on file with them to keep the room reserved, which would just rollover to the next year.

Secretary’s Report/Corinne Gurney

UFO Challenge – the new number drawn is 9. These will be due by the January meeting.

Christmas Party – due to the increase in the virus positivity rates, the room we had reserved was closed by the county. I could not find another location, so

the party has been cancelled. We will consider doing a Christmas in July activity, hoping it will be safe then.

Membership/Pat Crook

Today we have 21 members present via Zoom.

Pat spun her "Wheel of Fortune" to give a fat quarter bundle of browns, pumpkin fat quarter, and a green fat quarter for those in attendance. The winners were Ginger Woltoz, the fat quarter bundle; Sue Jacobsen, the pumpkin fabric; and Cheryl Nieman, the green fabric.

Postcard Exchange/Carla Wolf

Carla Wolf discussed the postcard exchange. The one she took part in you had to make 10 postcards and send them to 10 people. She made 10 with Asian fabric theme. It was a lot of fun. She was thinking it would be good to do a postcard exchange within the guild. She hopes to do a workshop in January to show how to do the cards. She will be putting out more information about this in the future. We would be doing 5 postcards each. She needs at least 6 members to take part. Please consider joining. She will put something in the newsletter on how to sign up.

New Business/Kathy Greene

Lois Johnson has some 4 ft tall cardboard cylinders from roofing materials. These work great to store your quilts in. Contact either her or Kathy if you want one.

Show and Share

Members were able to show their quilts via their computer cameras.

Quilter's College was presented.

We will be dark in December.

Next board meeting will be at 6:00 via Zoom next Tuesday. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The newsletter articles are due on the 22nd.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.

Minutes of AVOA Board Meeting **November 17, 2020**

Attending the meeting were Kathy Greene, Corinne Gurney, Jamie Harrington, Nette Louton, Pat Crook, Kathy Judkins, Stephanie Shuping, Carla Wolf, Sandy Smith, Peggy Vachon and Sylvia Darroch.

The meeting was called to order at 6:06pm. Kathy Greene, President, presiding, Corinne Gurney as Secretary. We met via Zoom.

President's Welcome/Kathy Greene

We appreciate all our efforts to handle Zoom meetings and the challenge of them.

Approvals

Approved minutes from October Board Meeting minutes as printed in the November newsletter. Carla Wolf 1st, Jamie Harrington 2nd, approved.

President's Message/Kathy Greene

January starts the recruiting season. According to the by-laws, we need to replace President, 1st VP, 2nd VP and Treasurer. Jamie Harrington and Kathy Greene will be writing an article about their positions for the newsletter to encourage participation in theirs.

One thing she learned while attending the SCCQG meetings was we need to move forward as a guild due to the pandemic. There is a lot we can do to keep going. According to SCCQG, if the positions cannot be filled, then the existing positions continue with those currently holding them. We need to put some effort in to filling the open positions.

SCCQG is also saying Zoom is the new norm for now. It can be a great tool and we need to encourage everyone to take part in it. We should buy our own Zoom account. It costs only \$149.00 a year. Also, we should form a Tech Team that is really into computers and Zoom. Pat Crook has done a fabulous job, but she needs help to lighten her load. Pat commented that it is not that hard of job. She should have a back-up.

It was recommended that it would be best to have our own account. The friendship groups can also use the account. It would be charged to the Meeting Room budget. It was moved by Nette Louton that we go ahead and allow Stephanie to purchase it if the cost is less than \$200, Sandy Smith 2nd. Approved.

SCCQG thoughts on membership next year: waiving the membership fee for next year if they had membership for 2020 for the 20/21 year if they were in good standing this year. The issue is those members who receive the newsletter by mail. It costs \$10 to \$12 per year to mail them. The idea is to build up the membership. Also, to set up a PayPal account and use that to pay for dues and other expenses. PayPal does charge a fee. We already have a "Cube" for credit cards. The idea behind the PayPal account is to have virtual workshops and a way to pay for them. There was a lot of discussion, but further decisions were tabled.

There was discussion about whether to send out the membership directory. Nette Louton moved that instead of having a booklet printed, we print and mail

an Excel sheet with the membership information. Sandy Smith 2nd. Approved.

We received another donation from the Donna Thornberry family. It was small enough to handle for now. We need to send a tax donation receipt to the family. It can be put on letterhead and send it to them.

The Marketplace in Lancaster holds a parking lot sale on the first Saturday of the month which is an option to use to sell our surplus fabric. It was cancelled this month due to rain. She and Nette will check it out for possible future involvement.

We would like to reestablish our call groups. We need to make regular monthly calls to the members. We may want to also call those who did not renew. She will get an organized call group with Nette and so we can do it monthly. The main subject to cover is to push using Zoom and help people be comfortable with it. It was suggested that we rotate the list so everyone receives calls from different board members.

1st VP Programs/Nette Louton

We are going to have a Zoom speaker and workshop in March. She will be looking for a speaker in February. Carla Wolf will be doing Postcards in January.

She would like to spend some of her program money and would like to buy some cards and stamps to send a “we are thinking of you” note to each member. It is okay for her to spend the money without board approval. She wants to make sure we keep together as a guild. We need to stay connected to the members. We should also include members who did not renew this year.

2nd VP Quilt Show/Jamie Harrington

Quilt Show - We are still going on it with it. We will not be able to really decide anything until after the first of the year.

She received information for AV College Scholarship fund. It needs to be sent next month. We state on our taxes that we do donate the money, so we do have to decide on something. She will look into what we can do with the money and report in January.

Treasurer’s Report/Stephanie Shuping

She sent out the treasurer’s report to all of us. Select sheet 1 to see the report.

Secretary’s Report/Corinne Gurney

We had to cancel the Christmas party due to the pandemic and the current rise in cases. No money

was spent for the room. She spent some money for supplies that can be used for next year.

Parliamentarian/Sandy Smith

No report

Membership/Pat Crook

No report

Philanthropic/Kathy Judkins

She has 24 quilts ready to donate. She has kits to piece and quilt. The binding kits have all been given out. Michele Cameron offered to cut out kits from fabric left from her eBay store. Michele also donated a lot of flannel for backings. Kathy needs to buy more batting. Amazon has raised their price for Warm & Natural. It was recommended to check JoAnn’s and The Batty Lady.

Postcard Exchange/Carla Wolf

She will be sending an article for the newsletter on how it will work. The date is January 20th to sign up by and then to mail them out by January 25th. If it goes well, we may want to do it on a quarterly basis.

Newsletter/Peggy Vachon

Newsletter items are due on Sunday.

She would like to pass on sending out announcements to the members when they come in. It can be done by the Secretary. Peggy will provide Corinne with the list and she will take over that activity.

New Business/Kathy Greene

She and Nette will be attending a Zoom meeting that will cover how to set up Zoom speakers and workshops.

Kathy Judkins said that Eve Hall had donated two large quilts that she wanted to be given to victims of the wildfires. Sandy mentioned that a lot of people lost their houses near Evelyn Hatch and to contact her. That way they could stay local.

Since we are dark in December, there will be no board meeting next month.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

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Announcements:

Newsletter

Newsletter deadline is Dec 20, 2020.



UFO Challenge

We drew a new number for the UFO Challenge at our last meeting. That number was **9**. The picture will not be due until the January meeting of the completed item. That way it will not interfere with your holiday sewing. I look forward to seeing the next finished objects at the January meeting. Thank you to everyone who is taking part in this program.

AVQA Postcard Exchange

Please join us for the inaugural AVQA postcard exchange. The purpose of this exchange is to connect with old friends and make new ones. Also to stimulate creativity by making original works of art i.e. homemade postcards. Here's how it works:

1. Sign up to participate. Email me at cwolf5012@sbcglobal.net, your name and your current snail mail address. Signing up means you are **committing to make 5** postcards and to mail them to other AVQA members to whom you are assigned. You will in return receive 5 postcards.
2. The deadline for sign up is JANUARY 20, 2021.
3. A few days after the deadline, I will email you your list of 5 names and addresses. You will have your postcards ready to address and apply postage. Also remember to sign and date your cards and photograph and post them to the AVQA Facebook group before mailing so everyone gets to see your beautiful work.
4. On JANUARY 25, 2021, everyone mails their postcards on the same day. Then sit back and wait for beautiful things to arrive in your mailbox.

Sometimes, life gets in the way of what we are planning to do, so if for some reason you cannot mail postcards after the addresses have been assigned, please let me know so I can make adjustments and make sure everyone receives their 5 postcards.

Quilt Show

The Quilt Show will be upon us pretty soon. 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.

We are also featuring wearable art, (jackets, vests, clothing outfits, anything quilt related), home décor, purses, totes, beach bags.

Quilt Auctions are planned for Saturday and Sunday.

You can start and finish Auction items. Everything is welcome for the auction. The items do not have to be finished. Example: quilt kits, quilt tops, and UFO's in a box. Anything will be welcomed.

Friendship Circles – Please donate a basket for the basket raffles. Just pick a theme, have everyone in your circle donate items, and fill up the basket with your theme items. You will need to make a list of the items in the basket.

Al's Vacuum & Sewing in Lancaster has generously donated a BabyLock Jazz II Sewing Machine for Raffle.

Ticket packets will be available in January.

Happy Holidays.

Jamie Harrington - 2nd VP

Your postcards should be approximately 4" X 6", and no more than ¼ " thick or you might need extra postage. Embellishments should be firmly attached. Make sure there is nothing sharp that might poke the mail handlers (wire on the edges of ribbon comes to mind). Attach a cardstock backing with Wonder Under or similar product and write the address and a message to the recipient. If you like give them your email so they can let you know the card arrived and thank you. There are many tutorials and wonderful ideas for making fabric postcards on the internet and nearly every quilting magazine I have opened recently has an article about making postcards.

If you have any questions, please email, text or call me.

Have fun!
Carla Wolf



ZOOMING INTO 2021

ZOOM has become our NEW NORMAL ... whether we like it or not. As a somewhat "techno challenged" person, my hope was that ZOOM would be a quick "been there DONE that", but that is not the case.....so I want to point out the advantages of ZOOM gatherings. #1 We can actually HEAR what is being said. No high ceilings to swallow the words of the speakers. #2 The temperatures of the meeting are well regulated....in the comfort of your own home, not too hot, not too cold 😊 #3 Those who do not drive at night can easily join us!

We have a membership of 79 and are averaging about 25 in our ZOOM meetings. Accessing zoom is easy; you will receive the invitation (via e-mail) from Pat Crook the day of the meeting, right click on it and open the link....you are in.....easy easy easy!

In the New Year we will be venturing out and getting speakers and having workshops, all via ZOOM, so if we can be of any assistance in helping you access ZOOM, please let us know. Contact Pat Crook or anyone on the AVQA Board if you need any help. We are missing you and ZOOM is the next best thing to physically meeting together.

Hope to SEE you soon. – Kathy Greene

South Bay Quilters Guild

South Bay Quilters Guild 2021 Virtual Quilt Show, "Welcome to our Home," on February 10 -14, 2021. Opportunity quilt "Quilters Village" drawing Feb 14th at 4pm on zoom. In the works: Quilt Exhibits - Featured quilter Pat Bryan and our talented members, quilts for sale after Nov. 1st, opportunity quilt tickets on sale thru Feb 1st, and vendor mall. Check our website for more information at: <http://qs.southbayquiltersguild.org>

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73" x 81"