



AVQA News

Antelope Valley Quilt Association

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MARCH PROGRAM

Trudy Cleveland Quilts + Photography

“Shoot Your Quilt”

The How, Why and When to photograph your quilt without using expensive equipment. Enjoy a short power point presentation explaining how to use your smartphone to enhance your quilting process and photograph quilts.

Learn how to edit images ready to print or post on social media. Finish with a trunk show of the quilts that Trudy has photographed.



Nette and Pat are trying to book every month with a speaker. I realize that, other than just talking with friends and being inspired by others in our guild, we all enjoy different views of quilts and techniques that we might use. If you have someone that you would enjoy hearing, please let us know.

The **Block of the Month** will come in an email today or tomorrow. I am making 2 sizes just for fun. I will show them on the next show and share. Just to let you know, if you will send **Show and Share** to me at my **email address and put Show and Share as the subject**, I will try not to miss any this month. Sorry if I missed things in March. Please remail them.

Guild Information

Next Guild Meeting: Thurs, April 8, 2021

Location: Zoom Meeting only!

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

Next Board Meeting: Tues, April 13, 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 '22	Peggy Vachon
Opp Quilt Design '23	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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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 April Birthdays!

2-Sylvia Darroch	21-Carolyn Lundie
8-Peggy Cruz	22-Kaye Hague
8-Leinaala Strickler	26-Gillian Ray
11-Sandra Smith	29-Sonia Frehn
20-Brenda Simoni	

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is here! We welcome Spring with all the newness, refreshing and hope it promises. I have found myself thinking more of the Simple Life. This past year we have certainly had our priorities prioritized. A Simpler Life has been our portion. I have so valued the “gift of time” we have received. There has been more time to start new projects, to do some cleaning and sorting, (decluttering), to rethink and replan projects (“do I really want to do this???”). A Simpler Life opens more time for family and friends. Less stress brings peace and a more satisfying life. Quietness and peacefulness are matters of the heart and can be ours if we can only embrace that Simple Life. Easier said than done, but that is my vision for myself as well as AVQA.

For AVQA, Spring also holds the promise of new growth, harmony and a renewal of our commitments. At our April 8th General Meeting we look forward to having Trudy Cleveland with us to teach about photographing our quilts. Who knows, maybe there will be a Virtual Quilt Show in our future. We will also be holding elections for the Executive Board positions of President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and Treasurer. Jamie Harrington has stepped up to continue in the 2nd Vice President position, and Stephanie Shuping has agreed to continue as Treasurer. Thanks LOTS to Jamie and Stephanie for your willingness to fill these positions. We will also be voting on a motion to change our Standing Rules. The Bylaws and Standing Rules of the Antelope Valley Quilt Association as amended in 2017 state:

Article III

Section B: Classification of Members

1. An Active Member:

F) Receives regular newsletters via mail or e-mail.

The Standing Rules Article XIII

1. Members receiving the newsletter by both electronic and United States Postal Service, will pay \$10.00 additional dues.

The motion is to remove the words “by both” so that anyone receiving the Newsletter by mail would pay the additional \$10.00 to cover the cost of printing and postage. Please read the motion and opposing thoughts as published in this Newsletter to make an informed vote.

AVQA has the promise of a bright 2021-2022. In May, our speaker will show us how to quilt our projects, and in June we will learn about Japanese quilt history. May of 2022 will be highlighted by our Quilt Show, “Glorious Southern California.” We have another year to focus on our quilts and auction items. It will be an outstanding show! One we are VERY much looking forward to! Thanks to Lynell Rodio for, once again, agreeing to be our Featured Quilter.

Thanks again to you all for your continued support of AVQA, our “Happy Place,”

Kathy Greene

TREASURER'S REPORT

Income & Expenses July 1, 2020 through March 16, 2021

	Jul 1, '20 - Mar 16, 21
Income	
Program/Activity Receipts	
Membership Dues	2,220.00
Newsletter Advertisements	80.00
Philanthropic Donations	2,243.73
Total Program/Activity Receipts	4,543.73
Ways & Means - Income	275.00
Total Income	4,818.73
Expense	
Association Activities	
Comm Svc/Philanthropic	526.25
Newsletter	159.99
Total Association Activities	686.24
Business Expenses	
Government Fees	20.00
SCCQG Insurance & Dues	293.50
Total Business Expenses	313.50
Facilities and Equipment	
Meeting Hall Rental	149.90
Storage Rental	2,281.00
Total Facilities and Equipment	2,430.90
Operations	
Postage, Mailing Service	314.95
Treasurer/Bank Charges	40.93
Total Operations	355.88
Programs - Education	400.00
Publicity	321.08
Total Expense	4,507.60
Net Income	311.13

As of March 16, 2021

	Mar 16, 21
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Calif Bank & Trust - Checking	8,367.87
Calif Bank & Trust Money Market	17,188.38
Total Checking/Savings	25,556.25
Total Current Assets	25,556.25
Fixed Assets	
Camera, Racks, Frames, Sheeting	7,210.00
Total Fixed Assets	7,210.00
TOTAL ASSETS	32,766.25
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Encumbered Funds	
Holiday Party	93.31
Retreats	2,600.00
Travel	132.00
Total Encumbered Funds	2,825.31
Total Other Current Liabilities	2,825.31
Total Current Liabilities	2,825.31
Total Liabilities	2,825.31
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	35,882.59
Unrestricted Net Assets	-6,252.78
Net Income	311.13
Total Equity	29,940.94
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	32,766.25

Minutes of AVOA General Meeting **Mar 11, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm. 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

Approval for minutes for January meeting as printed in the March newsletter was moved by Pat Stauning 1st, Cheryl Nieman 2nd. Approved
Approval of Treasurer's Report for January as printed in the February newsletter was moved by Peggy Campbell 1st, Pamela Ruddig 2nd. Approved.

President's Message/Kathy Greene

She has been reading the by-laws and saw that one of our goals is fellowship. We have a good number tonight. Everyone is an asset to the guild.

1st VP Programs/Nette Louton

She has someone who is going to be talking about Japan's Quilt Show, also how to put quilts together. There will be a sew-in this Saturday from 9am to 12pm via Zoom. She isn't sure if we are ready for a workshop. She will be discussing with the board about moving around some of our non-speaker activities in order to have more speakers. The speakers coming in the following months are going to be great. April is Jan Haupach, "How Do I Quilt This?" May is Trudy Cleveland, "How Do I Shoot This?" June is Teresa Durea Wong, "Pacific Quilt Shows."

2nd VP Quilt Show/Jamie Harrington

The show has been cancelled for this year. The next show will be May 14 & 15, 2022. Lynell Rodio will still be the featured quilter. She still has the Jazz 2 to sell tickets for. Only one crafter requested a refund; the rest of them have rolled over. She is very grateful for that.

If you want tickets for the Jazz 2, just contact Jamie and she will send them to you. The drawing will be on Sunday next year as well as for the opportunity quilt.

Treasurer's Report/Stephanie Shuping

No report.

Secretary's Report/Corinne Gurney

UFO Challenge – The new number drawn is 3. These will be due by the April meeting.

Parliamentarian/Sandy Smith

No Report. The elections are to be next month.

Membership/Pat Crook

We have 37 people attending. She doesn't have her regular computer, so she did not do the drawings. She will do the drawing next month for both months. She discussed wanting to change the by-laws so that a person who receives the newsletter by mail to increase the amount to \$40.00 to cover the cost of the postage. She made a motion to change the by-laws to increase the cost, seconded by Sherry DeLano.

The discussion included how much it costs to mail the newsletter, stating that it costs more to be mailed than \$10.00. The Parliamentarian was not in attendance, so no vote should have been taken per Roberts Rules of Order. The motion must be printed twice in the newsletter before it is voted on.

It was voted on to continue discussion on this issue. It was also pointed out that to pass this will be penalizing those people who do not have a computer since they already paid for their postage in their dues. Before email, everyone received their newsletters via mail. Only about 12 people receive the newsletter by mail.

New Business/Kathy Greene

She is inviting everyone to attend the board meeting to help us make decisions pending in the guild.

Show and Share

Next board meeting will be at 4:00 via Zoom, Tuesday, March 16th. Everyone is welcome to attend. You will need to contact Pat Crook if you are not on the board to receive the Zoom invitation.

The newsletter articles are due on Sunday, March 21st.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.

Minutes of AVOA Board Meeting

Mar 16, 2021

Attending the meeting were Kathy Greene, Corinne Gurney, Jamie Harrington, Nette Louton, Pat Crook, Stephanie Shuping, Peggy Vachon, Kathy Judkins, Sandy Smith, Michele Cameron

The meeting was called to order at 4:13 pm. Kathy Greene, President presiding, Corinne Gurney as Secretary. We meet via Zoom.

President's Welcome/Kathy Greene

Thanks to everyone for coming and still supporting the guild. We are starting to settle into the way we are doing things. Thank you for your continued support.

Approvals

The minutes for the February meeting was moved for acceptance as entered in the March newsletter. Moved by Nette Louton 1st, Sandy Smith 2nd. Approved.

1st VP Programs/Nette Louton

She has people to come speak in April, May and June. In April we will have Trudy Cleveland, "How Do I Shoot This?" talking about how to, why, and when to photograph your quilts. Also, how important it is to do it. In May we will have Jane Haupach, "How Shall I Quilt This?" In June we have Theresa Durea Wong. She will talk about Japan's quilt history. She is not bringing workshops in yet. As far as she knows the sew -ins are going well.

She wants to change up the calendar year. In August she is hoping to have a welcome back/ice cream social. That frees up October to have a speaker. She wants to have a speaker every month to bring people in. It was pointed out that she may not be in that position in August.

If you have a speaker you would like to see, let her know. She has seen workshops online that are going through the computer live. She suggested we charge \$30.00 for a workshop if someone would like to take part and the extra charges would be paid by the guild if it costs more than that. This way 3 people can take it and we aren't out \$600.00. It was brought up that members want to see more speakers. She confirmed that we do have contracts for the speakers. These need to go to Stephanie Shuping for her records. Speakers are coming out with their own contracts and she is using those. Some are just electronic. The lectures are costing about \$300 to \$400 a piece right now. The workshops are rising in cost also.

2nd VP Quilt Show/Jamie Harrington

She has only had one cancellation for the quilt show, a crafter; the rest rolled over to 2022. She heard from Santa Barbara guild asking about the show and informed them we have postponed until 2022.

She will be sending out more requests for vendors soon for the 2022 show.

We are still using the same tickets for the opportunity ticket from 2020. Donna Roberts will put stickers on the current ones with the new dates. Jamie has the tickets for the Jazz2. Donna should have the tickets so that as soon as we can take the quilt around, she can sell tickets for the machine. Jamie currently has the machine.

Treasurer's Report/Stephanie Shuping

We had some income this month. We received a check for \$226.00 from Network For Good, an organization that Michele Cameron set up when she did Philanthropy that takes donations for non-profits. This will go to philanthropy.

Budget Storage has raised the cost of our storage unit by \$9.00 each month. She asked those who have checks they have not cashed yet from the guild to deposit them as soon as possible.

She is holding funds over from the holiday party and the retreat to the next fiscal year.

Secretary's Report/Corinne Gurney

She reminded everyone to respond to the request if you want to be put on the agenda for the meetings. If

you do not respond to her request, you will not be put on the agenda. The agenda is so the meeting has a flow to it. People need to respect the agenda, so the meeting doesn't get off course.

Stephanie said that she does not need to be on the agenda for the regular meetings but does want to be put on the agenda for the board meeting. She will not need to respond to the request in the future based on this.

Parliamentarian/Sandy Smith

She still needs to finalize the by-laws and needs some people to help. She may wait until July to start the process.

She discussed the changes to the by-laws brought up at the general meeting. She recommends we have a committee to work on that change. This was not further pursued.

Corinne Gurney made a motion to amend Pat Crook's motion that instead of charging more for those who receive newsletters by mail, we increase the membership cost to \$35.00 for every member no matter how the person receives the newsletter. Sandy Smith 2nd.

There are currently 16 people receiving the newsletter by mail. Only 2 get both email and newsletter.

It was discussed about not wanting to raise dues at this time due to the pandemic. It was also suggested that we give out a bonus to everyone who renews their membership. One example was to give \$10.00 worth of opportunity tickets.

Sandy Smith will look into this further and let us know what she finds out about proper procedures in this type of motions.

It was pointed out that per the by-laws, you are guaranteed a newsletter with your membership. We need to consider that when thinking about the cost of dues.

It was moved to table the vote on the motion made by Corinne Gurney until the general meeting. The vote was taken individually. The full board was a tie, so then only the executive board voted; the motion passed 5 to 1. No further discussion on the issue.

Michele Cameron

She discussed our Facebook page and whether to keep it public. It was set up by Kathy Judkins and herself to have a social outlet for the guild. She felt that it was an outreach for the guild, so it was open to the public. It is a closed group, so you have to request being part of it. They do ask questions of

people before allowing them to be in the group, but everyone has been let in so far. There has been discussion about making it only for the membership. There is a plan to phase it in if we decide to close it. Nette has checked different guilds' Facebook pages. She realized this is a good way to put ourselves out there to the public. Some members have used it for people to look at to see what we are doing and if they would be interested in joining the guild. It was also asked that we do not use Facebook to air our issues on it, that we keep it positive. If we have an issue we want to discuss, to use the board to bring them up. It was brought up that we post our financials on it through the newsletter. Peggy Vachon will now delete that page from the newsletter before it is posted. Phone numbers are no longer put in the newsletter to keep them private.

Peggy Vachon/Newsletter

She has heard that people are receiving spam due to her using her email address when sending out the newsletter. She would like to look into websites for monitoring the emails to stop that; Constant Contact is one. They help keep people from being hacked. It was recommended that she move forward with it.

New Business/Kathy Greene

We are supposed to put the nominations in the April newsletter for our next elections. Sandy will be making phone calls to finalize the ballot.

Nette brought up looking into using PayPal or other cash app things. Stephanie pointed out that Zell is not for small groups. Some of the others need a cell phone number to use it. She set up a Venmo account for herself, but she was receiving notices that everybody on her contact list was using it, so she stopped it. She does not have the time or expertise to look into the options available. We do have Square Up. When we receive the bank statement, they only say the amount of money that came in, but she has no idea what it was for. She uses a 10-year-old version of Quick Books. It was recommended that we stay with the way we are doing it right now, still sending checks.

It was suggested we just mail the checks directly to membership. It was pointed out that the secretary logs in every piece of mail that comes to the PO box. We need that process to confirm that the check was received. It helps the treasurer also to know where the check is from and what it is for.

Newsletter articles are due Sunday.

Meeting adjourned at 5:39 pm.



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Announcements:

Newsletter

Newsletter deadline is April 18, 2021.

Quilt Show

The "Glorious Southern California Quilt Show" will be May 14-15, 2022.

Lynell Rodio has graciously accepted to be our Featured Quilter in 2022.

Our Vendors will be returning next year.

Keep working on your quilts, auction items, boutique items and baskets for the quilt show. Thank you for all your hard work this year. I appreciate your support.

Jamie Harrington- 2nd VP

Baby Lock Jazz II – Donated by Al's Vac and Sew in Lancaster.

Jazz II Tickets are available. There are 24 tickets per bundle. 6 tickets for \$5 or \$1 each.

I will send them to you. Just let me know.

Jamie Harrington- 2nd VP

UFO Challenge

Thank you to everyone who is taking part in the UFO Challenge this year. The pandemic has made it much more of a challenge I would say, but I want to encourage everyone to keep going at it and finish your projects. We did draw another number at the last meeting. The next number is **3**. This is due at the April meeting. If you finish your quilt by then, please let me know when you do. Corinne Gurney



Membership

Remember that we are coming up on Membership renewal. We are still hoping that we will be meeting before July. Keep your fingers crossed. If not, you can print out a membership form from the website, AVQA.org, and send a check to our P.O. Box.



Philanthropic

Hi AVQA Quilters!

Here's what's going on in the philanthropic wing of the guild.

Finished quilts ready to donate this week: 10

Quilts being bound: 5

Quilts waiting to be bound: 4, with 7 more to be ready in the next few days.

Tops with batting & backing ready to quilt: 5

Completed tops: 100+

Tops being pieced: 3

Kits ready to piece: 15+

I also have completed blocks and cut-out squares which would serve as starting-points for quilts; coordinated fabric bundles ready to cut up for kits; and fat quarters to make "Yellow Brick Road" or other types of scrap quilts.

Many thanks to all of you who have been helping to make quilts for the Children's Center and CareNet. The Children's Center sent me a letter thanking us for our generous support and saying that in 2020, our donations of quilts added up to \$2,240.00. Please call, text, or email me if you have time to help.

Kathy Judkins

Point of Clarification

Pat Crook would like to make a point of clarification in the bylaws in the standing rules section.

Article XIII Standing Rules shall be adopted, changed or deleted by majority vote, by show of hands of the Active Membership present after written notice of the proposed change to the rule has been presented in the newsletter prior to the vote.

1. Each member shall be given a membership card, roster of members, upon payment of annual dues of \$30.00. For Student members 18 years of age and under the annual dues will be \$15.00 and they will not be required to purchase Opportunity Quilt Tickets. *Members receiving the newsletter by both electronic, and the United States Postal Service, will pay \$10.00 additional dues.* Annual dues are payable by June 30th.

Proposed change of words

Members receiving the newsletter by United States Postal Service will pay \$10 additional dues to cover the cost of printing and postage.

Rationale: The intent of the standing rule #1 was to cover the additional cost of the printed and mailed newsletters when the guild went to electronic mail version, email. A cost analysis was done in 2015 and at that time it was determined that the printed and mailed newsletter cost around \$14.00 per year.



Retreat

August Retreat in Big Bear

Hi ladies, it's been a long time since we have been able to go on a retreat. I hope we can get together in August at Apples B& B... I'm planning on it at this point since things seem to be opening up a little bit.

What I need to know is: who wants to go - whether you were signed up previously or not. Let me know who you are rooming with when you email or call/text me. I have two classrooms reserved so we have room for 35-40 people.

The weekend is August 13-15, 2021. Price is \$269 per person. Some of you have already paid \$100 deposit.

Please let me know if you still want to go or if you'd like to join us and play in August. This is still subject to change due to COVID.

Thanks. Betty



Opinion about Dues

At the last meeting, there was a motion brought forward about increasing the dues for those people who have the newsletter mailed to them. This was a bomb that was dropped without following proper protocol, so I am writing this article to point out the big picture. Up front, it looks like this might be a good idea for the guild, bringing in more money and help pay for the expense of mailing it, but this could cost us more than you realize if passed. Basically, do not assume a member will just pay the extra money. There is a strong chance that more than one of the 16 who have it mailed, will just not renew their membership. If we lose one member over this, we have lost far more than we gained. Also, the by-laws state that by paying your dues you are entitled to the newsletter, not that you have to pay extra for it. In other words, you have already paid for the newsletter, no matter how you receive it, when you pay your dues. The change would be to a standing rule, not a by-law. At the time of this writing, it is being researched if this standing rule is in violation of that by-law. This may all be moot if that is the case.

At this time, as a guild, we really should not be considering raising dues at all. We have all had a rough year. The extra money this change would bring is actually minimal in the long run. We want

people to join the guild and stay with it. We certainly do not want to have any rules or extra expenses that make it more difficult for anyone to be part of the guild. The purpose of our guild is to promote quilting in the Antelope Valley, not to add money to our bank account. Please really think this through before you vote on this motion that should have gone through the Parliamentarian in the first place. Thank you. Corinne Gurney

