



AVQA News

Antelope Valley Quilt Association

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MARCH PROGRAM



Nancy Fuka started sewing when she was a small child and has been quilting since about 1982. After taking that first quilting class, she just couldn't stop taking more and more classes and making more and more quilts and quilt tops. Nancy says she can't pick a favorite quilt technique or quilting specialty because she loves them all! She is an NACQJ Certified Quilt Judge who has judged local, regional, and international quilt shows. She also teaches and lectures on various quilting topics. Not content to stay idle during the beginning of the pandemic, Nancy made over 3,000 face masks for friends, family, and Operation Bandana New Mexico and now has a giant pile of scraps for her next quilting project.

MARCH 10, 2022 As of this newsletter, the AVQA will be **meeting in person** at the United Methodist Church. You will need to be **vaccinated** and **wear masks**. There will be further notifications in the near future. Thanks, Pat Stauning, for negotiating the rent for this space.



April 14, 2022 We will be taking information from the Superior Threads site to show the qualities of this thread. This should answer some of the questions you may have about thread.

We will also be voting on Guild choice of the challenge quilts.

May 12, 2022 This meeting will be used by Jamie to discuss information about the quilt show.

Guild Information

Guild Meeting: Thurs, March 10, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Location: United Methodist Church
918 W Ave J, Lancaster, CA 93534

Board Meeting: Tues, March 15, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. Location: Zoom meeting

Membership Dues: \$30.00, or \$40.00 if newsletter is delivered USPS.

AVQA 2021-2022 Executive Board Members

President	Donna Roberts
1 st VP	Pat Crook
2 nd VP	Jamie Harrington
Secretary	Carolyn Lundie
Treasurer	Stephanie Shuping
Parliamentarian	Nette Louton

AVQA 2021-2022 Committee Chairs

Challenge	Nette Louton & Pat Crook
Door Prizes	Kathy Greene
Fat 1/4 Drawing	Nani Johnson
Friendship Circles	Carla Wolf
Historian	Diane Grooms
Holiday Party	VACANT
Hospitality	Jan Hall & Terri Moss
Library/Block Party	Corine Cudney
Membership	Peggy Campbell
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	VACANT
Retreats	Betty Putzka
Scholarship	Evelyn Tiede/Jamie Harrington
SCCQG Rep	Vicki Brown
Sunshine	Peggy Campbell
Travel	VACANT
Web Site	Kathy Greene

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Happy March Birthdays!

12 Linda Kerston	25 Janet Knoblock
18 Patricia Nickle	27 Shirley Danley
19 Terri Downie	28 Melanie Karnavas
20 Ronie Perea	29 Antoinette Pappas
23 Patti Welbourn	30 Peggy Vachon

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Quilters.

We had our first Quilt Show Meeting this month and would love for you all to keep up with what's going on by attending the meetings and getting involved. Pat Stauning has secured approval from the church to start meeting in person, so I hope to see you this next month. We are still looking for some positions to be filled for this next year. If anyone would be willing to accept them, please let Nette know as soon as possible. Have a wonderful month and hope to see you at the next General Meeting!

Donna Roberts



Antelope Valley Quilt Association
General Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2022

Meeting was **called to order** at 6:38 pm by President, Donna Roberts via Zoom. Carolyn Lundie acting as secretary.

Programs Chair/Pat Crook introduced Suzi Parron, the speaker and author of *The Barn Quilt Book* and *Following the Barn Quilt Trail*.

Program: Suzi Parron showed pictures of barn quilts and told anecdotes of their origins. To purchase her books and find information about barn quilt trails, go to her website, www.barnquiltinfo.com. It includes trails in California.

President Donna Roberts welcomed everyone.

Minutes: Nette Louton moved to accept the January General Meeting Minutes as published in the February newsletter, and a second was heard from Cheryl Nieman. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report for November: Diane Grooms moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as published in the February newsletter, and a second was heard from Peggy Campbell. Motion passed.

The next **board meeting** is February 15 via Zoom at 5:30 pm. Pat Crook will be sending the Zoom link. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

1st Vice President Co-Chair/Programs: Pat Crook

The March program will be Nancy Fuka who has given this lecture at QuiltCon. She will be speaking about what a certified judge does. Please bring questions to ask the judges.

In April the lecture will cover questions about thread from the Superior Thread web site. We will also be voting on the challenge quilts. There is still time to get involved. May program will be the final

organization of the Quilt Show which is on May 14 and 15. June program will discuss the quilt show results and also the officer change-over ceremony. Donna Roberts complimented Pat Crook and Nette Louton for the great job they're doing with programs.

2nd Vice President/Quilt Show: Jamie

Harrington announced the Quilt Show meeting is Thursday, Feb 17th at 6 pm via Zoom. Chairpersons are needed for Admissions, Boutique & Treasures and Hospitality. Please volunteer. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Worker sign-up will be in March & April. Jamie will send you quilt show flyers to distribute if you ask her. Post flyers on social media to advertise our quilt show. She has mailed the flyers to most guilds in Southern California. There is a new flyer for the web site. The quilt show dates are May 14, 10 am–5 pm, and May 15, 10 am-4 pm, set-up May 13, 8 am until finished. The gentleman with antique sewing machines will be back. Someone will demonstrate quilting. Diane Grooms will chair the auction and Karla Wolf is chairing the judging competition.

Historian/Diane Grooms is collecting photos of projects guild members have completed during the pandemic for a PowerPoint presentation during the quilt show. Please send her photos of the projects you completed.

Secretary/Carolyn Lundie: The guild received a letter requesting monetary gifts to Paraclete High School. Contact Carolyn if you care to donate.

Parliamentarian/Nette Louton said that we have not had anyone come forward for the positions that need to be filled for the following year, 2nd VP/Quilt Show and Treasurer. Only 4 people have signed up for the challenge. There is still time to get your fabric and directions from Nette. Nette will call members of the nominating committee regarding a meeting the first of next week.

Philanthropic/Kathy Judkins picked up quilts, blocks and fabric from Lynell Rodio, Peggy Campbell, and Harriet Spann. She has 13 quilts to donate next week.

Web Page/Kathy Greene: The Gracie II quilt frame for a long-arm sewing machine is still available for free. Frame set-up is found on a YouTube video and requires 6 ft. of space. The Leona Valley Art Guild is offering a merchant space at their gallery and thought a quilter or AVQA might be interested. The Leona Valley Art Gallery merchant fee would be \$40 membership plus the space fee of \$35-\$200 depending on size.

Attendance/Pat Crook: 26 members plus one guest, Suzi Parron.

Wheel of Fortune! Pam Rudduck and Kathy Greene were winners. Peggy Campbell will see that the recent prizes are delivered.

New Business: Donna Roberts announced that Peggy Vachon is retiring as Newsletter Chairperson. Please contact Donna if you would like the position.

Announcements: Members can pick up challenge fabric from Nette Louton.

Meeting adjourned 8:01 pm.

Draft for Approval
Submitted by Carolyn Lundie, Secretary

AVQA Board Meeting Minutes **February 15, 2022**

Attendees: Pat Crook, Kathy Greene, JoAnn Guerrero, Jamie Harrington, Nette Louton, Carolyn Lundie, Betty Putzka, Donna Roberts, Pam Ruddick, Stephanie Shuping

Meeting called to order 5:34 pm, via Zoom by President Donna Roberts being in the chair. Carolyn Lundie acting as secretary.

Minutes: Nette Louton moved to accept the January General Meeting Minutes as published in

the February newsletter, and a second was heard from Jamie Harrington. Motion passed.

Programs-Pat Crook: The March program will be Nancy Fuka, a certified judge who has judged international, regional, local and QuiltCon quilts. Please bring questions to ask the judges. In April the lecture will cover Superior Thread, all about threads and needle sizes. Voting on the challenge quilts will take place. May program will be the final organization of the Quilt Show which is on May 14 and 15. June 9 program will be the officer change-over ceremony.

Quilt Show/Publicity-Jamie Harrington: The gentleman with antique sewing machines will be back. Quilt Show chairs are: Carla Wolf - Judging Competition; Diane Grooms - Auction and Presentation of quilts made during the pandemic; Terri Moss - Make and Take; Kathy Judkins - Philanthropic accomplishments; Sonia Frehn - Treasurer's Boutique; Jamie Harrington and Sonia Frehn, - Quilt check-in; Betty Putzka, JoAnn Guerrero, Sherry Delano - Vendor check in. The position of Hospitality is still open, and Sonia Frehn needs someone to fill in for her on Saturday. Please advertise the quilt show on Facebook. Help distribute flyers and bookmarks. Currently 14 vendors and crafters are signed up. All but three have paid. Jamie has sent out more vendor applications. The opportunity quilt needs to be taken to the Cotton Patch Quilters of Kern County Quilt Show in March and to any other quilt guilds that are currently meeting.

Treasurer's Report-Stephanie Shuping announced Budget Self-Storage has increased monthly rental from \$241.50 to \$250.50. It is our biggest recurring bill. We received a check for \$300 from the Network for Good. Our balance for this month is negative \$1970.94, meaning we had more outgoing cash than incoming. A discussion ensued regarding obtaining cheaper storage, but there was no resolution.

Parliamentarian-Nette Louton: The position of 2nd VP/Quilt Show is still open. The position of 2nd VP requires a person that is good with computers, good with people and consistency. Dixie Bahr has offered to be Treasurer.

Newsletter- Kathy Greene will prepare an article for the newsletter promoting guild positions and the need for auction items and Hospitality chairperson for the show. Kathy suggested the possibility of setting up the Grace II frame at the quilt show as a demo to help sell it with our Quilter's Treasures. The guild will not be filling a vendor space with the Leona Valley Art Gallery in March.

Old Business: none

New Business: Jamie Harrington raised the possibility of going back to in-person General Meetings. She said it is crucial for sign-ups for the quilt show. Discussion ensued regarding doing a split Zoom meeting and in-person meeting. Nette will check to see if Lancaster United Methodist Church is available for the next guild meeting.

Adjourned 6:45 pm

Draft for Approval

Submitted by Carolyn Lundie, Secretary



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Announcements:

Newsletter deadline is March 20, 2022.

Peggy Vachon, Newsletter Chair

Quilt Show

The next Quilt Show meeting is Wednesday, March 16, at 6:00 pm via Zoom.

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year.

We will have worker sign-ups starting in March and continuing in April.

We need your time, quilts, baskets, and auction items to make this quilt show successful. In no time the quilt show will be upon us.

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,

Quilters Boutique is a chance to make money on your talents.

Quilters Treasures are donated quilting and sewing-related items from you.

Babylock Jazz II Sewing and Quilting Machine

Al's Vacuum and Sewing in Lancaster has donated a Babylock Jazz II Sewing and Quilting Machine to AVQA.

This machine has 12" workspace, 28 built-in stitches with stretch stitch capabilities, 1000 stitches per minute, programable needle up/down, hands-free pressure foot, 9 feet included, automatic needle threader, and automatic bobbin winder.

These are just a few of its features.

We are selling tickets. A packet is 24 tickets and costs \$20. Six tickets are \$5. One ticket is \$1.

Just a reminder: Quilt Show set-up is Friday, May 13th. Show is Saturday, May 14th and Sunday, May 15th, 2022 at the AV Fairgrounds in the Van Dam Pavilion.

The Antelope Valley Fairgrounds has confirmed our dates.

I look forward to an exciting show.

Publicity

We need to **advertise** our Quilt Show. All help will be appreciated.

Please post to all social media.

Flyers – If you need flyers, please let me know. I will get them to you. Please pick up flyers when we meet.

Flyers have been sent out to the Quilt Guilds.

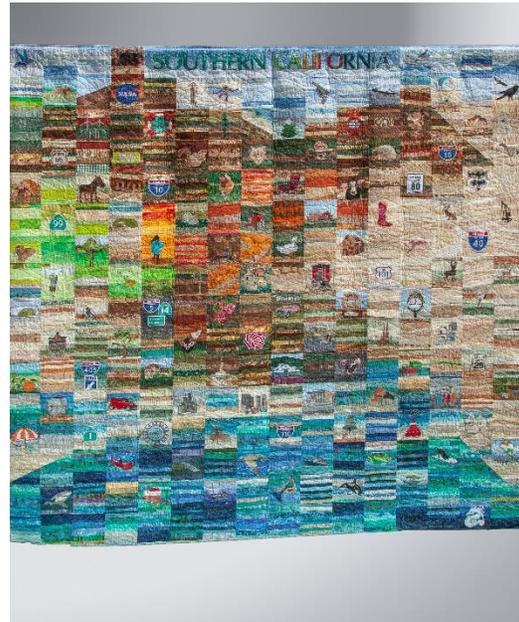
Jamie Harrington- 2nd VP

YOUR QUILT IS NEEDED

It's time to submit your quilt entries for the AVQA Quilt show being held May 14-15, 2022. The deadline for entering your quilts is April 7th, but don't wait until then if you have finished your quilts already. For each entry you must submit a separate entry form and a picture. This can be done online by submitting both the entry form and the picture via email to Carla Wolf. The email address is listed in your AVQA roster. Please type "Quilt Entry" in the subject field. The entry form is an electronic form. Please read the entry rules and judging guidelines on page 2 of the form. Quilts entered for judging must be delivered to the AV Fairgrounds on Friday, May 13, between 8:00 and 9:00 am. Quilts for display may be delivered between 8:00 am and 12 noon. Quilts may be picked up after the show has concluded between 5:00 and 6:00 pm on Sunday, May 15. Quilts may only be removed through the checkout station. Please bring identification to pick up your quilts.

Once I receive your entry/entries, I will confirm the receipt with a return email. If you have questions or problems with the entry form, please reach out to me and I will do my best to help you.

Carla Wolf, Judging Committee Chair



AVQA Quilt Show Meeting, February 17, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 6:13 pm by 2nd Vice President, Jamie Harrington via Zoom. Carolyn Lundie acting as Secretary.

Attendees: Sherry DeLano, Sonia Frehn, Kathy Greene, JoAnn Guerrero, Jamie Harrington, Carolyn Lundie, Betty Putzka, Donna Roberts, Lynell Rodio

Jamie Harrington covered the following quilt show topics.

Positions: Jamie cited the positions currently filled for the quilt show. Carla Wolf is organizing the judging, Carla and Jamie will be doing quilt check-in. Quilter's Boutique and Treasures Booth will be chaired by Sonia Frehn. Sonia would like someone to volunteer to help with Quilter's Boutique and Treasures. Many items have been donated. Open positions are Admissions and Hospitality.

Quilt Show Entries: The number of quilts entered may have to be limited due to space limitations.

Features: Diane Grooms, Historian, is creating a presentation of quilts made during the pandemic. Email or send pictures of quilts to her. Terri Moss will be in charge of Make and Take.

Auction: Please give auction donations to Auction Chairperson, Diane Grooms. Corinne Gurney gave Diane Grooms items used during the last auction.

Baskets: Kathy Greene reported that no baskets have been received yet from Friendship groups, but 2 groups have committed.

Quilt Show Flyers: Kathy Greene picked up quilt show flyers for Jamie Harrington.

Vendors & Crafters: Jamie reported that we have 13 vendors and crafters signed up currently.

Admissions: Price is the same and pays for both days. Rather than using stamps or wrist bands for admission, attendees will present the Program for 2nd day admittance.

Quilt Show Cancellations: Several quilt guilds have canceled their quilt shows, yet several are still scheduled. Carolyn Lundie announced that the Carson Valley Quilt Guild sent out flyers for their quilt show in June. The drawing for both the Opportunity Quilt and Sewing Machine will be held even if the show cannot take place.

Sign-ups for quilt show jobs: In the event that we can't have an in-person general meeting, Carolyn Lundie suggested a meet and greet in the park to sign up for quilt show work times.

Possibility of In-Person Guild Meetings: Jamie Harrington reported that Nette Louton found out that the United Methodist Church in Lancaster does have internet and will let the guild know if it is possible to have an in-person meeting in March following their board meeting.

Judge for Quilt Show: The question of possibly not having a judged show because it's an additional expense was discussed.

Questions answered by Jamie Harrington:

Who will set up quilt frames? Someone is still needed to pick-up and deliver quilt frames from storage to the pavilion.

How many vendors are needed to make a profit? 23 to 26; we need 10 more. Jamie responded that she will check to see if the fairgrounds will give us a discount.

How much money has currently been paid towards the quilt show? \$500 has been committed to be paid and approximately \$1700 in rollovers from last year. The cost of the pavilion is \$4900 and approximately one-half has been collected.

When is the latest time to cancel? April
Several members questioned whether we should go ahead with the show.

Miscellaneous:

Jamie Harrington reported that Dragon Lady is not coming; taping the floors for vendors will be at 8:00

am on Friday; a judge has been chosen; there is one other quilt show the same weekend; and Long Beach Quilting by the Sea will be selling their opportunity quilt tickets.

Carolyn Lundie reported 89 current members. Lynell Rodio showed three quilt tops made by her friendship group to be finished and donated to the auction.

Next meeting is Wednesday, March 16.

Meeting adjourned 7:05 pm.

A special thank-you to Kathy Judkins for editing these minutes!

Draft for Approval

Submitted by Carolyn Lundie, Secretary

Philanthropic

I have 13 quilts ready to donate to the Children's Center in Lancaster and the Women's Clinic of the Antelope Valley in Palmdale. Thanks so much to Lynell Rodio, Peggy Campbell, Harriet Spann, and Dixie Bahr for their contributions!

AVQA members: I have several tops bundled with batting and backing, and I will have more after Michelle Johnston and I resume working together in March. Your help with quilting will be greatly appreciated. Stitch-in-the-ditch plus diagonal lines or free-motion meandering are perfect for these. I'm working on them, but I'm very slow! Please let me know if you want to quilt one.

Also, we still have cold days and nights ahead, and the local pet shelters need quilts. You can use your fabric and batting scraps to make warm quilts for cats and dogs. Contact me if you need instructions.

Kathy Judkins, Philanthropic Committee





Parliamentarian

AVQA 2022-23 Executive Board Nominees

President: Donna Roberts

1st VP Pat Crook

2nd VP vacant

Secretary: Carolyn Lundie

Treasurer: Dixie Bahr (THANK YOU for stepping up)

Parliamentarian: Nette Louton

As you can see, we are missing a 2nd VP. This is a very important position for the guild. This position is responsible for the yearly Quilt Show. You will need to be good with people, understand computers, and be organized. Please consider this position. You will have the support of the guild.

AVQA Opportunities (AVQA NEEDS YOU!)

March is when we start looking forward to the upcoming AVQA 2022-23 year. The Antelope Valley Quilt Association has a membership of over 90 talented and energetic quilt enthusiasts working together to create an extra special “Friendship” group. AVQA has had its struggles over the past two years, but we have been successful in staying united. The upcoming year has many opportunities that will enable AVQA to continue this tradition of friendship, encouragement, and learning, but we need your help. The opportunities are as follows:

Newsletter Chairman Edits and publishes a regular monthly newsletter. Some computer expertise is necessary. Copy & Paste, according to our current Newsletter Chair, is the key skill necessary to filling this position.

Webmaster Chairman This is a great position if you want to be involved with the guild, but don’t have a lot of time to give. Once you get a feel for how our site works, it takes about 30 minutes a month. Of course, some computer savvy is needed, but as a techno challenged person myself, I can tell you it is not too difficult to “master.”

2nd Vice President This position oversees the annual (when possible 😊) Quilt Show. It is a vital part of AVQA, but it is not a job done alone! The 2nd VP is the facilitator of the many committees that make the Quilt Show a success, but she/he doesn’t do it alone. If you are high energy, a good people person, and have organizational skills, this is the job for you!

You will not be alone in doing these positions. And you will have lots of help AND lots of FUN!!

Nothing lights your fire yet?? There are many jobs that need to be filled for our Quilt Show. Set aside May 13th for set up and May 14 & 15th for the show. The positions still needing to be filled are as follows:

Publicity This job promotes the guild throughout the year and is vital to promoting the Quilt Show.

Quilt Check-In Receives/returns quilt show quilts

Creating Baskets for the Raffle There are many themes you can use to create baskets for the raffle including ... Coffee/Tea/Wine/Gardening/Cats/Dogs/Gardening/Books/Chocolate ... The list goes on and on. If you need baskets, contact me. Donating baskets is an way easy to contribute to the success of the Quilt Show and possibly a help in cleaning out some “treasures” you were hoping to use “Someday.”

Admissions Welcoming Quilt Show attendees and selling tickets for entrance.

Hospitality This position is responsible for purchasing water and treats available to vendors and members working the show.

If you are interested in any of these Quilt Show opportunities, please contact Donna Roberts or Jamie Harrington. AVQA is not made up of “members at large,” but of members that are willing

to give a little of themselves. Working together we will thrive.

Thanks for your help,

Kathy Greene
Door Prize Chairman
Webmaster

Quilt Show Auction

Belinda Aguirre and I are collecting items to be sold at the auction at the May quilt show. We are just 2 1/2 months away, so please let us both know what items you are willing to donate. Table runners, lap quilts, vintage items, quilt kits, or other items are really appreciated. We will have an auctioneer. We would prefer to have two auctions, one on Saturday and one on Sunday. But please get your things finished so that we can plan if it should be one day or two. This is an important part of our fund-raising so that we can have great programs during the coming year. Email me or Belinda to arrange drop-off of your items. Please get them to us before April 15. Email info found in your AVQA Roster.

Diane Grooms, Auction Chair

Historian

What did you do during the pandemic?

I am preparing a slide show of items our guild sewed during the dark days of the pandemic. So far, just two of our members have submitted pictures! Please take pictures of what you completed and we can include it in the show. Our plan is to have a large computer screen displaying your pictures throughout the Quilt Show. We may even be able to dig out some pictures from our history books, too! Kathy Greene showed me pictures of items she completed and gifted during the past two years -- lap quilts, table runners, and fun things. Send pictures to me. My email address is in your roster.

Diane Grooms, Historian

