

AVQA News

Antelope Valley Quilt Association

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December Program

November's zoom lecture with Grace Errea was wonderful. I loved her quilts. She is a truly inspiring fiber artist.

I would like to wish you a wonderful Holiday Season & Happy New Year.

December is a month that the guild is **dark**.

Jan 11th - Game Night - *Left Right & Center* - Please bring **four** fat quarters if you would like to join in.

This meeting will be focusing on the Bylaws changes.

Jan 13th - All Guild Sew-in - Let's plan to get back to our projects. Looking forward to seeing you there. Quartz Hill Library, 10am - 2pm.



Guild Information

Guild Meeting: Thurs, January 11, at 6:00 pm.
 Location: United Methodist Church. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Times are subject to change.
 918 W Ave J, Lancaster, CA 93534

Board Meeting: Tues, January 16, at 5:30 pm in person at Peggy Campbell's sewing studio.

Membership Dues: \$50.00, or \$60.00 if newsletter is delivered by USPS. This price includes Opportunity Quilt tickets.

AVQA 2023-2024 Executive Board Members

President	Nani Johnson
1 st VP	Maggie Konik
2 nd VP	VACANT
Secretary	Lynn Aguirre
Treasurer	Dixie Bahr
Parliamentarian	Nancy Walker

AVQA 2023-2024 Committee Chairs

Challenge	Carla Wolf
Door Prizes	Kathy Greene
Fat 1/4 Drawing	Robynn Frame
Friendship Circles	Carla Wolf
Historian	VACANT
Holiday Party	Peggy Howard
Hospitality	Terri Moss
Membership	Sue Jacobsen
Newsletter	Peggy Vachon
Opp Quilt Design '24	Dixie Bahr
Opp Quilt Promo	VACANT
Philanthropic	Kathy Judkins
Publicity	Leinaala Strickler
Retreats	Sherry DeLano
Scholarship	Jamie Harrington
SCCQG Rep	Vicki Brown
Sunshine	Peggy Cruz
Travel	VACANT
Web Site	Peggy Vachon

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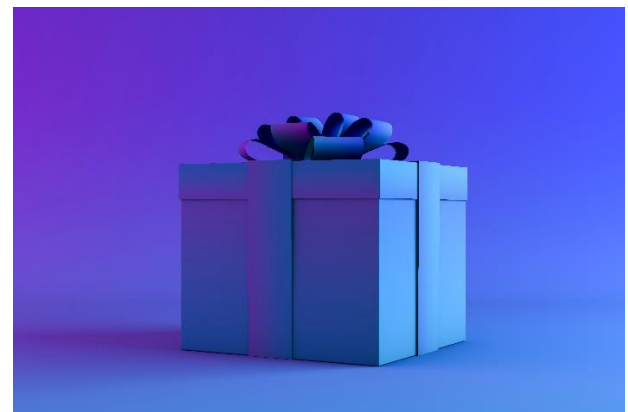
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Happy December Birthdays!

5 Evelyn Hatch	18 Geneve Chan
13 Nette Louton	31 Debbie Cowles

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Holiday Season is here now with joy, laughter, lights, family, friends, food and hopefully finished quilts to share for the holidays. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you. The Christmas Boutique was much better than we thought it could be thanks to the help of many hard-working volunteers from our quilting guild. Not only was the boutique fun, but it was also profitable. As our weather cools and the nights are longer, the quilting and cuddling of quilts seems so lovely.

Enjoy the holiday parties, including ours, and keep on quilting, ladies.

Friends, fabric and fun to be part of our new year.

Nani Johnson, President





Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year 2023/2024

The audit was not conducted and will be rescheduled. Dixie has taken ill, and Lynn Aguirre will be the interim Treasurer until Dixie returns. To date, the guilds' non-profit status has been renewed retroactive to Nov 22, 2022.

Retreat refund checks for a total of \$4,169.00 were distributed. Deposits to date are as follows.

Refund from Apples, \$4,082.60

Membership, \$120.00

Free Table and Door Prizes, \$60.50

Total deposits, \$4,263.10

Federal form 990N and State form 199N required for our Non-Profit Status were filed Nov 15, 2023 as required. The monthly Treasurer's report will not be done this month but will be in the next newsletter.

Next Board Meeting There will be no Board Meeting in December 2023.

The meeting was then turned over to Maggie Konik to introduce our guest speaker, Grace Errea.

1st VP/Maggie Konik: Maggie introduced Grace Errea, who was presented a class on "Value in Value" via zoom. Maggie reminded everyone that there would be no classes or sewing for the month of December.

2nd VP/VACANT Still looking for that special person or persons to volunteer for this position.

When the business meeting resumed after the Grace Errea presentation:

Parliamentarian/Nancy Walker: Nancy reviewed the Bylaw changes with the general membership. Due to time constraints, she was not able to complete the review and it will be continued at the January general meeting.

Membership /Sue Jacobsen

Peggy Campbell reported that there were 32 members present, 3 visitors and 1 new member.

Philanthropic/Kathy Judkins: Kathy reported that quilts had been delivered to the Women's Clinic of

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General Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by **President Nani Johnson** at Lancaster United Methodist Church with **AVQA Secretary, Lynn Aguirre** taking the minutes.

President Nani Johnson welcomed everyone and reminded everyone who brought items for the "free table" to retrieve any items remaining on the table after the meeting.

Minutes: President Johnson. Nani asked if there were any corrections or changes to the General Mtg minutes as reported in the last newsletter. There being none, a move to accept the minutes was made by Nancy Walker and seconded by Sherry DeLano. The motion carried.

President Johnson then asked if there were any corrections or changes to the Treasurer's report as published in the previous newsletter and there were none.

Move to accept the report was made by Peggy Cruz and seconded by Donna Roberts. The motion carried.

the AV. She also stated that she had kits for quilt tops ready to be taken by members to sew together.

Publicity/Leinaala Strickler: The Christmas boutique at Grace Chapel church will be held Nov 17th and 18th. AVQA has rented two tables thanks to donations from two members. Nette Louton is in charge of the boutique and asked for volunteers to help. Leinaala has posted the boutique on FB and Instagram. She is still looking for other boutique opportunities for the guild.

There was fabric that was donated and was packaged for sale at the boutique. If anyone has any fundraising ideas, contact Leinaala.

Sunshine/Peggy Cruz

Peggy reported that she sent a card to a member who just lost her husband.

Challenge Quilts/ Carla Wolf

Carla has volunteered to do the challenge quilts.

Retreats/Sherrie DeLano

Retreat refund checks were handed out at the general meeting to the applicable members. The checks will be mailed to those members not present.

Travel/

The Tehachapi Quilt Guild has a bus trip scheduled for Road to California and offered AVQA members the opportunity to join the trip. The fee is \$65. If interested contact: Cathy Criger, (661) 972-1739.

Fat Quarter Drawing/Robynn Frame

The winner of fat quarters was Donna Roberts. The color for the next meeting's drawing is RED.

Door Prize Winner: Nette Louton

Show and Share:

Four members had items to Show and Share.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Draft submitted for approval by Lynn Aguirre, AVQA Secretary.



AVQA Board Meeting
November 14, 2023

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm. The meeting was being held at Peggy's sewing studio. The meeting was called to order by AVQA President, Nani Johnson with minutes being recorded by AVQA Secretary, Lynn Aguirre.

Attendance: Maggie Konik, Nette Louton, Nani Johnson, Kathy Greene, Carla Wolf, Nancy Walker, Kathy Judkins, Leinaala Strickler and Lynn Aguirre.

Minutes: President Nani Johnson asked if there were any corrections or changes to the Sept. board meeting minutes as published in the October newsletter. There were none. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Nancy Walker and seconded by Kathy Greene. The motion carried.

President's Report/ Nani Johnson: Nani was hopeful for a successful upcoming Boutique. Also mentioned that there will be an **AVQA Holiday Party** held at 39800 Country Club Dr, Palmdale, CA on December 16th from noon to 3 pm. Bring an ornament to exchange. **(Please note that the location of the party has changed to Antelope Valley Winery.)**

There will not be a board meeting in December.

Programs/Maggie Konik: The presentation given by Grace Errea via Zoom was a success. There will be no General Mtg in December.

2nd VP Quilt Show/VACANT: We still need that special person or persons to fill this position. If you have some ideas, contact a board member or come to the meeting. We need lots of help!

Treasurer's Report/Lynn Aguirre for Dixie Bahr: Dixie has taken ill, and Lynn Aguirre will be the interim Treasurer. Zelle usage for the upcoming Boutique was discussed but it was decided to only use cash and check. The retreat refund checks have all been distributed.

Opportunity Quilt/Nani Johnson for Dixie Bahr: The Opportunity Quilt has been assembled and will be quilted by Terri Moss. Need new ideas for the next Opportunity Quilt. If you have any ideas, please submit them to the Board for consideration. We need your help!

Parliamentarian/Nancy Walker: The Bylaws review by the general membership was not completed at the general meeting and will continue at the next meeting in January. If there are any changes you would like to present, send them via email to Nancy. Her info is in the roster.

Publicity/Leinaala Strickler: Leinaala prepared flyers about AVQA to be given out at the Nov boutique at Grace Chapel Church. Other fundraising options are still being discussed. One possibility is having a one night a month fundraiser at different restaurants throughout the valley.

Membership/Lynn Aguirre for Sue Jacobsen: There is one new member this month.

Retreats/Lynn Aguirre for Sherry DeLano: The last retreat at Apples in Big Bear was a huge success. Thank you Sherry, Joann and Betty.

Travel: Tehachapi Quilt Guild is planning a bus trip to Road to California in January, and it will stop in Lancaster. The fee is \$65. It will be on

Saturday, Jan 20th. Time and pickup place to be determined. If interested, call Cathy Criger (661) 972-1739.

Challenge Quilts/Carla Wolf: Carla suggested that the AVQA challenge quilt contest be done in conjunction with the SCCQG challenge quilt. The winning AVQA quilt would be displayed at Road to California as part of the SCCQG display.

Old Business:

- 1) Fundraising
- 2) Consignment quilt in progress.
- 3) Veterans' quilts, Nancy suggested starting a new friendship group that works on providing veteran quilts to veterans.

New Business:

- 1) New programs for the upcoming months were discussed.
- 2) At the AVQA Christmas luncheon, 2 Christmas baskets will be raffled and possibly there will be a 50/50 drawing.
- 3) AVQA could sponsor exhibits at the AV Fair to promote the guild.

Adjourned 6:45 pm.

Draft submitted for approval by Lynn Aguirre, Secretary.



Announcements:

Hospitality

If your last name starts with **A-H**, please bring a refreshment or snack of some kind to share with your fellow members at the January meeting.

Newsletter

Deadline for the next newsletter is December 24. Yes, we will still have a newsletter for Jan. Do not forget! Peggy Vachon, Newsletter Chair

Fat Quarter Drawing

Bring 1-5 fat quarters to enter the monthly drawing and have a chance to win a whole basket of yummy fabric. The color for the January drawing is **RED**.

Parliamentarian

Thank you for your forbearance and careful listening to the Bylaw changes at last month's meeting. I ask that you look over the bylaws once again (at least) and forward any comments or suggestions you have to me, including changes you think should be made that are not included in the proposal. The preferred way is by email to me. If you do not have access to email, then please feel free to text me. You can also telephone me, but I may not be able to make note of your concern at that time, so email or texting is preferred. My information is in the roster.

We will hold the vote at February's meeting. Proposed changes must be published for 2 months prior to a vote, which means I must have your comments soon. When we vote, it will be article by article. I will ask for a motion and a second, we will vote, and repeat. I reiterate that many of the proposed changes, such as the historian

having the obligation to keep membership and financial records, are to ensure that we are in compliance with the IRS rules. We don't want to lose our hard-won tax status again!

After February, I will be looking at the notebooks for each officer/committee chair to be sure they are up to date. In the meantime, I hope to see you at the Holiday Party!

Nancy Walker, Parliamentarian

Philanthropic

The Philanthropic committee and the Lake Hughes Women's Club donated 7 quilts to the Women's Clinic of the Antelope Valley, 8 quilts to the Children's Center, and 7 quilts to Care Net this month. I have more to donate before the end of the month.

We will meet at Harshfield Terrace on Saturday, December 2, from 10:00 to 2:00. Please join us if you can.

Kathy Judkins
Philanthropic



