



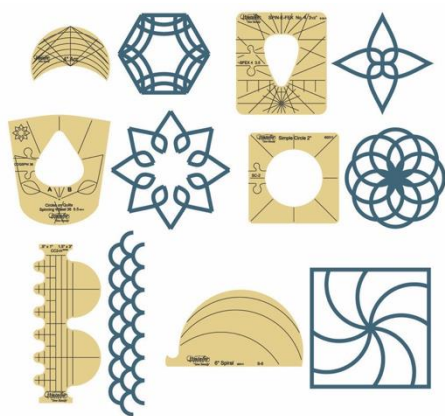
AVQA News

Antelope Valley Quilt Association

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JULY PROGRAM



In July, Cheryl Nieman is giving a lecture on the use of rulers for quilting at the July meeting. We are very lucky to have her in our guild and that she is willing to give a lecture and give this workshop. She is going to show how she has used these rulers on some of her quilts. Expect a great show of some of her creations. Cheryl does many different types of quilts and she uses many different types of quilting techniques. This should be a great lecture

and workshop. The cost is \$30.00 for the class.



In August we are dark, but we will be at the Tehachapi Mountain Festival. Please donate quilts to sell. Bring them to our meeting in July.

Have a great month and see you in July.

Pat

We need a new Hospitality person. Please let me know if you are interested.

Guild Information

Guild Meeting: Thurs, July 10. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., meeting starts at 6:00. In person at Lancaster United Methodist Church, 918 W. Avenue J.

Board Meeting: Tues, July 15, at 5:30 p.m. in person at Peggy Campbell's sewing studio.

Membership Dues: \$50.00, or \$60.00 if newsletter is delivered by USPS. This price includes 24 Opportunity Quilt tickets.

AVQA 2025-2026 Executive Board Members

President	Pat Crook
1 st VP	VACANT
2 nd VP	Debbie Rifkin
Secretary	Robynn Frame
Treasurer	Lynn Aguirre
Parliamentarian	Donna Roberts

AVQA 2025-2026 Committee Chairs

Challenge	Carla Wolf
Door Prizes	Kathy Greene
Fat 1/4 Drawing	Maggie Konik
Friendship Circles	Kathy Greene
Historian	VACANT
Holiday Party	VACANT
Hospitality	VACANT
Membership	LeRae Humphrey/ Kathy Nowell
Newsletter	Peggy Vachon
Opp Quilt Design '25	Nette Louton
Opp Quilt Promo	VACANT
Philanthropic	Kathy Judkins/Terri Moss
Publicity	Kathy Judkins
Retreats	VACANT
Scholarship	Jamie Harrington
SCCQG Rep	Vicki Brown
Sunshine	Peggy Cruz
Travel	Nancy Walker
Web Site	Peggy Vachon

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Happy July Birthdays!

1 Betty Putzka	22 Linda Sheehan
3 Lynell Rodio	23 Vickie Wall
5 Jamie Harrington	30 Kathy Greene
13 Hope Overgaard	31 LeRae Humphrey
14 Jo Ann Guerrero	

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dearest Quilters, as I am writing this, we have come to the middle of my term as President. It seems that we have accomplished a lot. I hope you have been inspired to try new things, meet new people and get out of your comfort zone to grow as a quilter. I know I have. We are looking for boutiques in our area to supplement our budget, and also to get our name out to the public for new quilters. We will be participating in the Tehachapi Mountain Festival. We are trying to get into a holiday boutique at a local church. Yes, we will need quilts to make money, but we need the money.

Debbie Rifkin is our new 2nd Vice President, so she is in charge of finding us a venue for the next quilt show and any fundraising opportunities. If you have any ideas, let her know. I believe she is looking into some food places because we do need to eat. Yes, we are planning on a quilt show this year in May, so if you know of any vendors, let Debbie know.

We are working on a block of the month that many people seem to be interested in. We had 2 new quilters at the sew-in on Saturday, and they got tutoring on how to put the block together. Please remember to bring your blocks; there might be a prize for completing blocks. Help us grow by attending meetings, inviting new and returning members, and showing what you can do!!

We will be staying at the church but moving our meeting to the front of the church sanctuary, closer to the street. The area is air conditioned! We will be in the new area for July.

Happy July!

Pat





**Antelope Valley Quilt Association
General Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2025**

Meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m. by President Pat Crook at Lancaster United Methodist Church. Kathy Judkins acting as Secretary for Robynn Frame.

Welcome/President Pat Crook: This is the last meeting of the fiscal year. We had a rope bowl making class, went on a coastal journey to quilt shops, and sold quilts at the Poppy Festival. There is a 2-weekend quilt run coming up in July. We are hoping to have our opportunity quilt ready in time for the Tehachapi Mountain Festival in August. We will continue passing out membership brochures at our activities.

Minutes/Pat Crook asked if there were any corrections to the general meeting minutes from the May guild meeting as published in the June newsletter. No corrections were made. Pat asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was made by Lynn Aguirre and seconded by Peggy Campbell.

Treasurer's Report/Lynn Aguirre

President Pat Crook asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as published in the June newsletter. Motion was made by Cheryl Nieman and seconded by Debbie Rifkin.

Parliamentarian/Donna Roberts:

Pat said Donna is out of state. She will continue to serve as Parliamentarian, but she would like to have a helper when she's out of town.

Membership/LeRae Humphrey said membership dues are due this month. Our new members are Brenda Doyle, Lynne Retmier and Susan Toner.

Attendance is 23 members. Membership drawings were won by Vicki Brown and Kathy Nowell.

Friendship Circles/Carla Wolf

Kathy Greene said that the meeting times for Sew Crazy should be 1:00 to 4:00.

Door Prizes/Kathy Greene: Drawing won by Nette Louton.

Fat Quarter Drawing/Maggie Konik

Won by Nancy Walker. Color for July: Christmas

Opportunity Quilt Design/Nette Louton said she found the background fabric. She's planning to start cutting this weekend and hopes to have the top sewn in a month and finished in time for the Tehachapi Mountain Festival in August. The pattern is "Vintage Lace" by Lo & Behold Stitchery.

Block of the Month/Nette Louton has invited the guild to participate in sewing a block every month from the booklet, "Sew Scrappy Spools," by Lori Holt. She showed her four-squares block for June. We will do the flag block for July. You can bring your blocks to the guild sew-ins if you need help or want to work on them. Nette will make 12 blocks for her quilt, but you can make as many blocks as you like for your own quilt.

Philanthropic Committee/Kathy Judkins and Terri Moss:

Kathy reminded everyone that the meetings are the first Saturday of the month at Harshfield Terrace. Vicki Brown brought 3 bags of quilts to our June meeting. The quilts were made and donated by High Country Quilt Guild for us to sell at our boutiques and/or donate. Terri is going to have a challenge to make quilts using panels to make quilts for upcoming boutiques. We will have the panels and instructions at the July meeting.

Quilt Show/Debbie Rifkin: Pat introduced Debbie, our new 2nd Vice President for Quilt Show and Ways and Means. Debbie reported that she has been looking at potential venues for the quilt show and will start doing fundraisers at local restaurants.

SCCQG Representative/Vicki Brown: Vicki told us about the new quilt shop in Santa Clarita.

1st Vice President/Programs/Maggie Konik:

Cheryl Nieman will be our speaker in July. Her lecture will be "Quilting with Rulers." She showed her quilt and the ruler kit that is needed for the class and that is available for purchase at Al's Vacuum and Sewing. She said that Matt has plenty of ruler feet. If you don't know if your machine's shank is high or low, you can check on the Sew Steady website. You must have a machine that lets you drop your feed dogs. You also need a glider. Class is \$30 and will be held on July 12 at Quartz Hill Library.

Installation of 2025-26 AVQA Officers:

Pat Crook called Lynn Aguirre, Maggie Konik and Nette Louton to the stage. She gave them gifts and said they had helped her out a lot. Then Maggie asked Lynn Aguirre, Pat Crook and Debbie Rifkin to come forward for the installation ceremony. Maggie also thanked the guild for the opportunity to serve as 1st Vice President for the last two years.

Announcements:

Terri Moss and Judy Miller showed the Lake Hughes opportunity quilt that they are selling tickets for.

LeRae Humphrey talked about entering quilts in the AV Fair. See the web site, avfair.com, for entry forms and dates. The fair will be held September 24-29. LeRae is checking into passing out flyers and selling opportunity quilt tickets.

The next board meeting is the budget meeting on Tuesday, June 17th, at 5:30 at Nette Louton's house. Please let Nette know if you're planning to attend.

Next month, bring your spool block of the month and small quilts to donate to sell at the Tehachapi Mountain Festival.

Show and Share:

Marilyn Hendrix: Easy-peasy 3-yard quilt
Nani Johnson: Bionic bag

Pat announced that she needs people to chair Travel, Retreats, Hospitality, and Publicity.

Sherry said that she made the final payment for the retreat at Apples. There are 9 people going.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Antelope Valley Quilt Association **Board Meeting Minutes** **June 17, 2025**

President/Pat Crook called meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Meeting was held at Nette Louton's home in Lancaster. Robynn Frame, Secretary

Attendance: Pat Crook, Robynn Frame, Lynn Aguirre, Nette Louton, Debbie Rifkin, LeRae Humphery, Kathy Judkins and Nancy Walker.

Minutes/Pat Crook requested a motion to approve the May 2025 board meeting minutes as published in the June 2025 newsletter. Motion was made by Kathy Judkins seconded by Lynn Aguirre, motion carries.

Welcome/Pat Crook: Thank you to Nette for opening your home and providing us with this wonderful dinner. Today is our Changeover meeting but since Donna could not make it, she will still need to get signatures.

1st VP: July 10, Cheryl Nieman will be talking about Beginning Quilting with Rulers and on July 12 will present a workshop on Beginning Quilting with Rulers. It will be held at the Quartz Hill Library from 10:00 to 2:00.

2nd VP/Debbie Rifkin: She has been calling all around Lancaster looking for a new place to hold our general meetings. A new location has not been found. A motion was presented to the board to stay at our current location by Nette Louton, Lynn Aquirre seconded, motion carries to remain at our current location. She has also been looking for a place large enough to hold a quilt show. Still looking.

Treasurer/Lynn Aquirre: The budget for the new year 2025-2026 has been updated and will be presented to the general meeting on July 10, 2025.

Festivals: We will be participating in the Tehachapi Mountain Festival on August 16 from 10:00–5:00 and August 17 from 10:00–4:00 and a pop-up tent with sides has been secured. We will have a sign-up sheet at the July meeting. We will be looking into participating in the Grace Chapel Christmas Fair and the Quartz Hill Christmas Tree Lighting Fair.

Committee Reports: Kathy Nowell will join LeRae Humphrey as membership chairpersons. We have 71 members registered for 2024-2025. This year we already have 18 paid members. Nancy Walker has kits you can get from her for Quilts of Valor. She will have them at the July meeting, and will collect them in September. We are looking for someone for Hospitality and someone to do Door Prizes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42.



Announcements:

Hospitality

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

Newsletter

The deadline for the next newsletter is July 20, 2025. Please do not forget. Thank you!
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 July drawing is **Christmas**



AVQA Friendship Circles

Sew Crazy meets the first Tuesday of every month from 1-4 pm. Peggy Campbell is the contact person.

Pins and Needles meets every Wednesday from 10 am to 2 pm. Contact Fran Bianchi.

Creative Arts Quilters meets on the second Tuesday of the month from 11 am to 2 pm. The focus of this group is Art Quilt projects. Contact Carla Wolf.

BYOP, also known as Bring your own Project, meets the first Friday of every month from 3-6 pm. Contact Nette Louton or Pat Crook.

Bits and Pieces friendship group is also the Philanthropic arm of AVQA. This group meets the first Sat of every month at Harshfield Terrace located at 6709 West Ave M in Quartz Hill. We begin our fun, fellowship and productivity at 10 am and work until 2 pm. All are welcome, in fact all of us are part of AVQA's Philanthropic outreach. Check your stash and create your own philanthropic quilt top to donate. Kathy Judkins and Terri Moss work diligently to prepare kits, fabric collections, help and directions for each project. Just bring your sewing machine and necessary tools. Cutting mats, irons and ironing boards will be set up for you. For more information, contact Kathy or Terri.

Philanthropic Quilts for Seniors This is our newest Friendship Circle and is still in the planning stages. Contact Terri Moss if you would like to be a help in making this Friendship Circle a reality.

Contact the assigned person for further information. Phone numbers are in the AVQA roster.
Thank you, Carla



Block of the Month

The Block of the Month will be a continuing program to make spools. You will need the pattern, "Sew Scrappy Spools" by Sew Emma to participate.

Nette ordered some from Fat Quarter Shop and they are first come, first served. She got a discount for ordering 10. They are \$13.10. If you want one, let her know. The first block was shown at the June meeting. July's spool block will be the flag. This will be an easier sew, but all should like it.

Philanthropic

We donated 10 quilts to the Children's Center at the end of May and 4 quilts to the Palmdale Sheriff's Station. Photos are on the guild's Facebook group page, Antelope Valley Quilt Association. Thank you to everyone who helped make these quilts. Our next meeting will be Saturday, July 5th, from 10:00 to 2:00 at Harshfield Terrace, 6709 Columbia Way, Quartz Hill. Please let me or Terri know if you are planning to attend.

Kathy Judkins and Terri Moss, Philanthropic Co-chairs

First VP

We do not have a first VP for Programs. Any takers? Don't worry. The board is planning many different lectures both from our guild and from far away. Cheryl Nieman is giving a lecture and workshop on using rulers for quilting. Peggy Vachon is giving a lecture and workshop on using the embroidery machine to quilt. Both of these lectures are for more advanced quilters, but there will be plenty of workshops that all quilters will enjoy.

Please look at the friendship groups if you are interested and you have the time.