



# AVQA News

Antelope Valley Quilt Association

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## APRIL PROGRAM

LeRae Humphrey will talk about embroidery in the hoop at the April 9<sup>th</sup> guild meeting. LeRae will also teach a workshop on making a small project on our embroidery machines on Saturday, April 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Quartz Hill Library. The class will cost \$15, and a supply list will be coming next week. The class is open to the first 12 people to sign up. We hope to see you there!



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# Guild Information

**Guild Meeting:** Thurs, April 9, 2026. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., meeting starts at 6:00. In person at St Paul's Episcopal Church at 502 W Avenue K, Lancaster, CA.

**Board Meeting:** Tues, April 14, 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 <sup>st</sup> VP	<b>VACANT</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Debbie Rifkin
Secretary	Robynn Frame
Treasurer	Lynn Aguirre
Parliamentarian	Nette Louton

## AVQA 2025-2026 Committee Chairs

Challenge	Carla Wolf
Door Prizes	Kathy Greene
Fat 1/4 Drawing	Maggie Konik
Friendship Circles	Kathy Greene
Historian	<b>VACANT</b>
Holiday Party	Marilyn Hendrix
Hospitality	Hope Overgaard/Sonia Frehn/Maggie Konik
Membership	LeRae Humphrey/ Kathy Nowell
Newsletter	Peggy Vachon
Opp Quilt Design	Nette Louton
Opp Quilt Promo	<b>VACANT</b>
Philanthropic	Kathy Judkins/Terri Moss
Publicity	Kathy Judkins/Robynn Frame/ Debbie Rifkin
Retreats	Laura Beauregard
SCCQG Rep	Vicki Brown
Sunshine	Peggy Cruz
Travel	Nancy Walker
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### **Happy April Birthdays!**

8 Peggy Cruz	26 Gillian Ray
10 Lynne Retmier	29 Sonia Frehn
13 Amarilla Blondia	

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

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Spring!!!!

Hopefully we can enjoy some cool weather before it gets too hot. I enjoyed the meeting and the games. This or That is such a fun way to get to know people and find your peeps.

We are getting to the end of the year with only a few months left and need your participation and help to make our Quilt Show a huge success. Please consider getting involved. The more people help, the quicker the jobs get done. Many hands make light work.

Keep quilting and Happy Spring.

Pat



**Antelope Valley Quilt Association**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**March 12, 2026**

**The meeting on March 12, 2026, was called to order** at 6:15 p.m. by President Pat Crook, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Robynn Frame, Secretary.

**President Welcome/Pat Crook:** We have some fun games for you tonight. Love the weather, looks like we are getting into spring.

Minutes/Pat Crook: Are there any corrections to the minutes from the February guild meeting as posted in the March newsletter? If there are none, can I have a motion to approve the minutes as posted in the March newsletter? Motion made by Stephanie Shuping, seconded by Peggy Campbell. Motion carries.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Programs/VACANT:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President/Debbie Rifkin:** We are still in need of people to work the Quilt Show. We need Chairs for the Boutique and for Security. We need items for the boutique, especially bowl cozies, potato bags, popcorn bags. Other items we could use are jar openers, foot pedal pads, table runners, placemats and napkins, and mug rugs. The quilt judging will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May. The fee is \$10 per quilt. We will let you know how many you can put in. We will work out with Peggy when to drop off and pick up.

**Treasurer's Report/Lynn Aguirre:** The Opportunity Quilt was taken to the Tehachapi Guild to sell raffle tickets. We sold \$55 worth of opportunity quilt tickets and \$25 worth of sewing machine tickets for a total of \$80. The Opportunity Quilt was also taken to the Ridgecrest Guild to sell raffle tickets. We sold \$115 worth of opportunity quilt tickets and \$40 worth of sewing machine tickets for a total of \$155. The February 2026 reconciliation totals for each bank account are as follows: Checking account ending balance was \$6,638.52 with an uncleared transaction of \$50 and uncleared checks of \$148.07 for a month ending balance of \$6,440.45. Money Market month ending: \$20,236.61. Total funds available: \$26,677.06.

**Parliamentarian/Nette Louton:** We are looking for volunteers to take over jobs on the board and committees. Please think about taking over. The jobs include **President** – presides over the meetings. **1<sup>st</sup> VP** – schedules the programs. This is usually a two-person job. **2<sup>nd</sup> VP** – schedules fundraisers and runs the quilt show. This is also a two-person job. **Secretary** – records all minutes. **Treasurer** – Lynn is staying on one more year but would like someone to shadow her to take over the following year. **Parliamentarian** – secures new officers and runs elections, maintains order at meetings.

Some committees will need new chairmen next year. If you are interested in chairing a committee, please talk to the President.

**Membership/Opportunity Quilt Tickets/LeRae Humphrey/Kathy Nowell:** There were 31 in attendance: 30 members and 1 new guest. The drawings were won by Frances Barrera and Sonia Frehn.

**Retreats/Laura Beauregard/Deb Beckwith:** On April 9<sup>th</sup> the \$400 for the remainder of the retreat is due. There is a list of things we will need. We will give it to you next month.

**Door Prizes/Kathy Greene:** The St. Patrick's basket was won by Peggy Campbell.

**Friendship Circles/Kathy Greene:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday group will meet on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March at 10:30. New 5<sup>th</sup> Friday group is forming and will buy the boxes from Al's, which are 4 times a year, and do the projects together.

**Fat Quarter Drawing/Maggie Konik:** Nani Johnson was our winner this month. She has picked **Green** as the color for next month.

**Philanthropic/Terri Moss/Kathy Judkins:** There were 7 people helping out this month. We meet at Harshfield Terrace the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday from 10-2. Everyone is welcome to come as there are so many different things that need to be done. These quilts go to a variety of places: The Women's Clinic, the Children's Center, Care Net and the Police Dept. **Publicity:** Please take Quilt Show flyers to any stores you go to and check to see if they need more.

**Spools Block/Nette Louton:** The block for March is “So Flower.” Block can be found on page 5.

**Birthday Announcement/Maggie Konik:** Happy birthday to Roxane Irwin, Deb Beckwith, Patricia Nickle, Kathy Nowell, and Peggy Vachon for the month of March.

**Announcements:** The March board meeting will be held on March 17, 2026, at Peggy Campbell’s Sewing Studio at 5:30.

**Show & Share:** Hope Overgaard, Gillian Ray, Corine Cudney, Nancy Walker, Kathy Nowell, Nani Johnson, LeRae Humphrey, and Carlie Schmidt.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:36 p.m.



**Antelope Valley Quilt Association**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 17, 2026**

**President/Pat Crook** called meeting to order at 5:53 p.m. Meeting was held at Peggy Campbell’s Sewing Studio in Lancaster. Robynn Frame, Secretary.

**Attendance:** Pat Crook, Lynn Aguirre, Robynn Frame, Kathy Greene, Debbie Rifkin, Kathy Judkins, and LeRae Humphrey.

**Welcome and opening remarks/Pat Crook:** Hope everyone had a great time at the meeting. It was nice to go outside and play the “this or that” game. It was fun to see what everyone does. Patti Melano, Cheryl Nieman and Stephanie Shuping all had perfect scores in the trivia game!

**Minutes/Pat Crook:** Pat requested a motion to approve the February 2026 board meeting minutes as published in the March 2026 newsletter. Motion was made by Lynn Aguirre, seconded by Kathy Greene. Motion carries.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Debbie Rifkin:** Our Quilt Show meetings are March 24<sup>th</sup>, April 7<sup>th</sup>, and April 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. at Kathy Greene’s house. All are welcome to attend. Quilt show entry forms are due April 9<sup>th</sup>. You will need to attach a picture of your quilt on the entry form. Will contact the quilt judge to see if she can judge the quilts on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May. Drop-off and judging to be determined. If you are working at the show, please wear a royal blue or white shirt. You will receive a name tag at the show. Nette volunteered to purchase six new tablecloths for the show in royal blue. We will be selling water at the boutique. If we do not have a food truck, we will have menus for the different restaurants around the site to hand to the vendors and let them order their food and someone will pick it up. But we are working on getting a food truck. If someone was at the show on Saturday and comes back on Sunday just for the auction, we will let them go to the auction. We will have a stamp to reenter on the day you pay. We will be purchasing yard signs for the show. Vendors that are coming are Batty Lady, Memory Lane Fabrics, Kena Quilt Studio, Material Matters, Rye Canyon Supply, Al’s Vacuum and Sewing, Pampered Chef and Gillian Ray.

The fundraiser on March 23 will be at BJ’s between 4 and 9. April’s fundraiser is at the Habit in Lancaster on April 15. Flyer will be in the Newsletter.

**Treasurer/Lynn Aguirre:** Opportunity quilt raffle ticket sales from Tehachapi: \$55; Ridgecrest: \$115; Simi Valley: \$40; and Santa Clarita: \$50, for a total of \$260. The sewing machine raffle ticket sales

from Tehachapi: \$25; Ridgecrest: \$40; Simi Valley: \$17; and Santa Clarita: \$18, for a total of \$100. February 2026 reconciliation totals are Checking Acct \$6,440.45 with an uncleared transaction of \$50 and uncleared checks of \$148.07. Money market \$20,236.61, with a total of \$26,677.06.

**Parliamentarian/Nette Louton:** Stephanie Shuping will serve as Treasurer after Lynn, and Deb Beckwith is interested in 1<sup>st</sup> VP. In May we will have elections.

**Publicity/Kathy Judkins:** Robynn and I have sent out flyers to all the quilt guilds in So. California. We have also ordered return address labels.

**Committee Reports: Membership/LeRae Humphrey:** We have a total of 62 members. We had a new member join this month and her membership was prorated.

**Philanthropic/Kathy Judkins:** I have had a hard time getting out and donating the quilts, but I will do it this week.

**Old Business:** Tehachapi and Simi Valley have put our Quilt Show flyer in their newsletter. The Opportunity quilt is going to the Bakersfield guild in April. Terry Nelson sent an email to us, and no one responded. Who gets the emails? Contact Terry Nelson about bringing their quilt to our guild. Quilt Makers wants to bring their quilt to our Quilt Show but says they don't have room for ours at theirs.

**New Business:** Should we meet in August? Motion to have meeting in August made by LeRae Humphrey, seconded by Debbie Rifkin. Motion carries. This August we will have the meeting at the park near AV Community College or at LeRae's house, to be determined. We need to meet in the sanctuary at St. Paul's as it is more comfortable, but the speaker we have, which is Pat's, does not seem to work very well in the sanctuary. Should we sell books and patterns?

**Meeting adjourned** at 7:39 p.m.



## Announcements:

### Hospitality

Hope Overgaard, Sonia Frehn, and Maggie Konik are chairing this committee. Last names ending in **O-Z** please bring a donation of snacks to share.

### Newsletter

The deadline for the next newsletter is Apr 19, 2026. Thank you for being on time!  
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 April drawing is **GREEN**.

### AVQA Friendship Circles

AVQA Friendship Circles are a fun way to get to know friends we meet and greet during guild meetings, but do not really have an opportunity to get to really know them and even more important,

don't have the time or opportunity to learn from them. Our guild has so many talented quilters/sewers. We never get together that we do not learn something and share laughs at the same time. If you are interested in joining a Friendship Circle, call the contact person for more information. Some groups are project-focused, but many are BYOP (Bring Your Own Projects).

Kathy Greene, Friendship Circle Chairman

### **SEW CRAZY**

First Tuesday of every month.  
1:00-4:00  
Contact: Peggy Campbell

### **PINS AND NEEDLES**

Every Wednesday (Bring hand sewing projects)  
10:00-2:00  
Contact: Fran Bianchi

### **CREATIVE ARTS QUILTERS**

Second Tuesday of every month  
11:00-2:00  
Contact: Robynn Frame

### **BYOP**

First Friday of every month  
3:00-6:00  
Contact: Nette Louton

### **BITS AND PIECES**

This is our Philanthropic group. All are invited!  
First Saturday of every month unless it's a holiday weekend.  
10:00-2:00  
Contact: Terri Moss or Kathy Judkins

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday** (BYOP)

Third Wednesday of each month  
10:30-3:00  
Contact: Stephanie Shuping

## **Publicity**

Please continue taking quilt show flyers wherever you go. Then go back in a few weeks and leave some more. Be sure to sign my distribution list so we don't leave any places out. E-mail the flyer to friends you may not see often and invite them to come to the show. People have busy lives, so remind them often. You can also submit the show

information and flyer to quilting, sewing, and crafting groups on Facebook or websites.

Kathy Judkins

## **QUILT SHOW** **RAFFLE BASKETS**

We are less than two months from our Quilt Show, May 23 & 24, 2026! I have received commitments for only six raffle baskets for the Show. This is a fun part of a Quilt Show and also a great fundraiser for AVQA. Let me know if you would like to contribute a basket.... or two. I can help with baskets and ideas. There will also be a sign-up sheet at the April guild meeting to commit some time at the Raffle Basket table during the Show. Part of our membership commitment is to volunteer a few hours working the Quilt Show. There are lots of opportunities to lend a hand and the Raffle Basket table is just one of these opportunities.

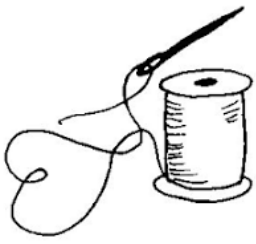
Thanks to the Friendship Circles for their contributions of Quilt Show Baskets. Thanks also to all of you for your generous support of the Door Prize Baskets. The Door Prize is another fun (for me and the winner anyway) of helping AVQA.

Kathy Greene, Door Prize/QS Raffle Basket Chairman



## **BLOCK OF THE MONTH**

Book: *Sew Scrappy Spools*



The block for **April** is “So Flower.” Block can be found on page 5 of *Sew Scrappy Spools*.

## **Parliamentarian**

We will be taking nominations for Secretary and Parliamentarian at the next meeting. Thank you to Pat Crook, President; Deb Beckwith, 1<sup>st</sup> VP; Debbie Rifkin, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and Lynn Aguirre, Treasurer. Marilyn Hendrix has volunteered to chair the Holiday Party committee. Hope Overgaard will be the Hospitality chairman with Maggie Konik and Sonia Frehn helping. Laura Beauregard and Deb Beckwith will serve as Retreat chairmen. Thank you all for volunteering. It would be great to have a full slate by May so we can vote on everyone at one time.

Please check with Pat if you are interested in chairing a committee.

## **Upcoming Quilt Shows**

Beach Cities Quilters Guild, April 17 and 18

Camarillo Quilters Association Vendor Fair, April 25

Orange County Quilters Guild, May 2

Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, May 8 and 9

Check their websites for locations and more information.



## **Ways and Means**

We are excited to share that most of our chairman positions for the quilt show have been filled—thank you to everyone who has stepped up! However, we are still in need of volunteers to fill various time slots throughout the show.

We know many of you plan to be there and help, and we truly appreciate that. To ensure a successful event, we need confirmed coverage in all areas. This is our largest fundraiser of the year, and its success truly depends on all of us pitching in. We simply cannot do it without your support!

Our upcoming quilt show meetings are scheduled for **March 24, April 7, and April 28.**

All meetings will be held at Kathy Greene’s home at 6:00 PM. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. If you’re unable to attend but would still like to volunteer, please reach out to me directly and I will connect you with the appropriate chairperson.

It appears the quilt show entry form has not yet been posted to the website, so I have attached it here for your convenience. I can't wait to see what you've all been working on this year!

### **Important Reminders:**

- Quilt show applications are due by **April 9**.
- If you would like your quilt to be judged, please submit your application along with your judging payment.
- Judging will take place on **May 16** (location details coming soon).

### **Upcoming Fundraiser:**

Join us at The Habit in Lancaster on **Wednesday, April 15 from 4:00–9:00 PM**. Be sure to invite your family and friends—our guild will receive 20% of the sales! It's a great chance to connect with fellow members while supporting our guild.

Thank you all for your continued support. We truly appreciate everything you do and look forward to seeing you soon!

Warmly, Debbie Rifkin, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

### **Bits & Pieces/Philanthropic**

We had 7 members at the March meeting. We worked on making tops and binding quilts, and we talked about the raffle baskets that Marilyn Hendrix and Terri Moss have started putting together for the quilt show. When we donate quilts, I post photos of them on the Antelope Valley Quilt Association Facebook group page.

We will not meet in April since some members have activities planned for Easter weekend.

Kathy Judkins



### **Retreat**

The final payment for Vina de Lestonnac Retreat Center in Temecula is due at the April meeting.

There is still time if you want to go to the retreat. I have to know by the April meeting. The rooms are for 2, so you'll need a roommate.

Questions, contact Laura Beauregard or Deb Beckwith. You can find our contact information in the roster.

