



AVQA News

Antelope Valley Quilt Association

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MAY PROGRAM

April - We had a great presentation from LeRae Humphrey on embroidery in the hoop and the amazing quilts she has made. The class was excellent with the instructions and the project. Completing it was great, also.

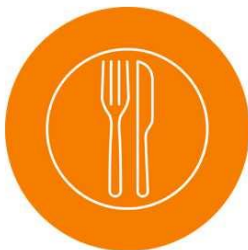
May - We will work on last minute quilt show items and Cheryl will talk about what is needed for her bag making class in June.

June - Cheryl will be teaching the “A Place for Everything 2.0” by Annie Bag. This will be a two-part class. You will need to purchase the pattern and there is homework to be completed before Part 1 on June 13th. Part 2 will be on June 20th. The cost for the class is \$30. Sign-ups will be at the May meeting. Memory Lane Fabrics from Ridgecrest will be at our quilt show. They have a lot of “by Annie” items.

Lancaster!

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Antelope Valley Quilt Association



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📅 Monday, May 11th / 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM

📄 RSVP below

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Guild Information

Guild Meeting: Thurs, May 14, 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, May 19, 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	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	VACANT
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	VACANT
Philanthropic	Kathy Judkins/Terri Moss
Publicity	Kathy Judkins/Robynn Frame/ Debbie Rifkin
Retreats	Laura Beauregard
SCCQG Rep	Vicki Brown
Sunshine	Peggy Cruz
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Happy May Birthdays!

4 Carlie Schmidt	15 Peggy Campbell
8 Brenda Doyle	16 Sue Leone

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow, it is hard to believe it is May already!! So many activities are coming up: quilt show, bag class, retreat. Lots of opportunities to be involved and enjoy new friends. The quilt show is in a few weeks, and we will need all volunteers to make this a successful show. If you have not already signed up, please talk to Debbie Rifkin and she can direct you to a place to volunteer. Please bring anything for the quilt show to the May meeting.

Thank you to LeRae for a great presentation on embroidery and a fun class. It was great that almost everyone completed the project. Love not having another UFO.

Happy Mother's Day to all moms and grandmothers.

Keep quilting and see you at the meeting and at the quilt show!!!

Pat Crook, President



Antelope Valley Quilt Association
General Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2026

The meeting on April 9, 2026, was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by President Pat Crook at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Robynn Frame, Secretary.

President's Welcome/Pat Crook: Pat introduced AVQA member LeRae Humphrey, who gave a presentation about machine embroidery.

Minutes/Pat Crook: Pat asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the March guild meeting as posted in the April newsletter. No corrections were noted. Pat asked for a motion to approve the minutes as posted in the April newsletter. A motion was made by Corine Cudney and seconded by Peggy Campbell. Motion carried.

1st Vice President/Programs/VACANT: Pat thanked LeRae for her presentation. Next month the meeting will be about the quilt show and we will elect the new board. In June, Cheryl Nieman is going to talk about the "Place for Everything 2.0 Bag" by Annie. She will teach a two-part workshop on June 13 and 20. In August, we will have a social in the park since we did not sign up for the room at St. Paul's.

2nd Vice-President/Debbie Rifkin: Debbie asked everyone to turn in entry forms for their quilts and to sign up to help during the show. She said we still need boutique items. Baby quilts would be a nice addition. Judy Miller is in charge of the boutique. There will be a fundraiser at Habit in Lancaster from 11 am till 10 pm on Wednesday, April 15. On May 11, there will be a fundraiser at Applebee's in Lancaster from 11am till 10pm. Debbie also asked everyone to see if anyone would be interested in putting a business-card-size ad in the program for \$25.00.

Treasurer's Report/Lynn Aguirre: The March 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 \$206.17 and deposits of \$3,630.38 for a month ending balance of \$9,803.99.

Money Market month ending \$20,240.34. Total funds available \$30,044.33. Next required report is the SI-100 Statement of Information.

Parliamentarian/Nette Louton: We are still looking for someone to take on the Secretary job. Deb Beckwith would like to take on 1st VP and Debbie Rifkin will stay on as the 2nd VP.

Membership/Opportunity Quilt Tickets/LeRae Humphrey and Kathy Nowell: There were 35 in attendance: 33 members, and 2 new guests. The drawings were won by Kathy Judkins and Stephanie Shuping.

Retreats/Laura Beauregard/Deb Beckwith: The \$400 for the remainder of the retreat payment is due today.

Friendship Circles/Kathy Greene: Anyone interested in going to a friendship group can find contact info in the newsletter.

Fat Quarter Drawing/Maggie Konik: Peggy Campbell was our winner this month. She has picked **Pink** as the color for next month.

Philanthropic/Terri Moss/Kathy Judkins: We meet at Harshfield Terrace on the first 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 different places: The Women's Clinic of the AV, Care Net, the Sheriff's Station, and the Children's Center. We received a donation of quilts from High Country Quilters.

Publicity/Kathy Judkins: Please take quilt show flyers to any stores you go to and check to see if they need more. We are talking about where to put the signs we ordered. L & 60th West and M & 30th West were suggested.

Sunshine/ Peggy Cruz: Peggy sent out two notes. She will send a cheery note if you let her know someone who needs cheering up.

Spools Block/Nette Louton: The block for March is "Sew Dash." The block can be found on page 4.

Birthday Announcements/Maggie Konik: Happy birthday to Peggy Cruz, Lynne Retmier, Amarilla Blondia, Gillian Ray, and Sonia Frehn for the month of April.

Announcements: The April board meeting will be held on April 14, 2026, at Peggy Campbell's Sewing Studio at 5:30.

Show & Share: Hope Overgaard, Debbie Rifkin, and Corine Cudney.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.



Antelope Valley Quilt Association
Board Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2026

President/Pat Crook called the meeting to order at 5:56 pm. The meeting was held at Peggy Campbell's sewing studio in Lancaster. Kathy Judkins acting as Secretary for Robynn Frame.

In attendance: Pat Crook, Nette Louton, Marilyn Hendrix, Debbie Rifkin, Lynn Aguirre, Kathy Judkins

President/Pat Crook said the guild meeting went well, and five people came to the class on Saturday.

Minutes: Pat Crook requested a motion to approve the March 17, 2026, board meeting minutes as published in the April 2026 newsletter. Motion to approve made by Debbie Rifkin. Seconded by Lynn Aguirre. Vote to approve was unanimous. Motion carried.

1st VP/Programs/Nette Louton/Pat Crook: Next month we have voting for officers. We will talk about anything we need to do for the quilt show. On June 11, Cheryl Nieman will talk about making the By Annie bag - "A Place for Everything 2.0." She will teach construction of the bag on two Saturdays, June 13 and 20. Nette has the Soft & Stable needed for the bag. August 13 will be a social at the park.

2nd VP/Quilt Show/Debbie Rifkin: We have 51 quilts so far. Mary Coker, Featured Quilter, has entered 10 quilts. Twenty-three quilters want to have their quilts judged. We need a few more quilts. Debbie said she will need help categorizing quilts. She noted that blank ribbons are cheap on Amazon. Discussion about using a hand stamp for people attending on Saturday who want to come back on Sunday.

Treasurer/Lynn Aguirre: Lynn summarized the Treasurer's Report.

Parliamentarian/Nette Louton: Our candidates for the election at the May guild meeting are Pat Crook, President; Deb Beckwith, 1st VP/Programs; Debbie Rifkin, 2nd VP/Quilt Show/Ways & Means; Lynn Aguirre, Treasurer; Robynn Frame, Parliamentarian. We don't have a candidate for Secretary.

Philanthropic: We will meet at Harshfield Terrace on Saturday, May 2. In addition to sewing, we will work on our raffle baskets for the quilt show.

Publicity: The signs Robynn ordered and Lynn paid for should be ready this Friday. Alan Hendry

of the *Antelope Valley Press* will write an article previewing the quilt show. I will also contact the *Santa Clarita Signal* and the *Tehachapi Loop* with information about the show. We still need to do more publicity on social media. On Facebook, you can post a photo or reel of the quilt show as a story at the top of your page. Instagram is also a good place to post about the show.

Holiday Party/Marilyn Hendrix: Marilyn has talked to Greenhouse Café and Gino's. The board decided that Greenhouse sounded better with a lower price and more choices for the meal. The holiday party will be December 10 from 5:00 to 8:00. Marilyn will check to see if the room is available. She has also been thinking about games and would like people to bring a nice pattern from their stash that they are sure they'll never make to use in a gift exchange.

New Business: Tehachapi asked if we would like to participate in their Mountain Festival, August 14-16. A 10' x 10' booth for a non-profit is \$100.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Kathy Judkins for Robynn Frame Secretary, AVQA



Announcements:

Hospitality

Hope Overgaard, Sonia Frehn, and Maggie Konik are chairing this committee. Last names beginning with **A-F** please bring a donation of snacks to share.

Newsletter

The deadline for the next newsletter is May 24, 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 May drawing is **PINK**

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

3rd Wednesday (BYOP)

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

Publicity

Have you taken quilt show flyers to all of the places you can think of that might welcome them? Be sure to let me know where you have left flyers so we don't make duplicate trips or leave out some places. 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 your friends that you're looking forward to seeing them at the show. Submit the show information and flyer to your quilting, sewing, and crafting groups on Facebook or websites you visit.

Here is a list of places you can take flyers. Not all of them will let you leave flyers, but it's worth asking.

Quilt Shops, Community/Senior Centers, Libraries, Craft Fairs & Markets, Quilt Shows, Museums, Bookstores, Hair Salons, Car Dealerships/Auto Parts Stores, Places of Worship/Newsletters, Societies/Associations/Organizations/Clubs, Senior Residences, Medical Offices/Clinics, Veterinary Clinics, Restaurants, Retail Stores, Coffee Shops, Thrift Shops, Pet Groomers, Donut Shops/Bakeries, Antique Shops

Here are quilt shows in southern California scheduled for the end of April through May. See sccqg.org for information.

Camarillo Quilters Association, Vendor Showcase, April 25

Acacia Quilt Guild of Orange County, Asian Garden Tea & Quilt Auction Luncheon. April 25

Orange County Quilters Guild Quilt Show, May 2

Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, Celebrate Quilts! Quilt Show, May 8 & 9

Chula Vista Quilters Guild & Vendor Mall, May 15 & 16

Kathy Judkins, Publicity



BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Book: *Sew Scrappy Spools*



Spools for May is Sew Dash page 3 and 4. We are almost complete and I hope everyone has been having a good time doing them. The participation at show and share is great and I can't wait to see how the quilts turn out.

Parliamentarian

We will be taking nominations for Secretary at the next meeting. Thank you to Pat Crook, President; Deb Beckwith, 1st VP; Debbie Rifkin, 2nd VP; Lynn Aguirre, Treasurer; and Robynn Frame, Parliamentarian. 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. Committees, please check with Pat if you are interested in joining.



Ways and Means

Hi everyone!

Have you entered your quilt yet? There's still time — entries are open until **April 30th!** We have room and would *love* to show off all your amazing work. Please email your entry and send me a quick text so I can be sure nothing gets lost in spam. I'm attaching the form again in case yours has gone missing.

The quilt show is coming together beautifully, but we still need your help to make it run smoothly. Please consider signing up for a time slot so no one gets stuck holding down an area all day. We're also still collecting items for the boutique. If you're working on something, please let me or Judy Miller know — it helps us plan pricing and setup.

And don't forget — we have a fun fundraiser coming up! Join us at **Applebee's in Lancaster on Monday, May 11th, from 11 am to 10 pm.** Just show the attached flyer, and the guild will receive **15% of sales.** It's an easy (and tasty) way to support the guild. Invite a friend and make a night of it. Hope to see you there!

Debbie Rifkin, 2nd VP



Bits & Pieces/Philanthropic

The Philanthropic Committee/Bits and Pieces friendship circle will meet at Harshfield Terrace on Saturday, May 2, from 10:00 to 2:00. In addition to sewing, we will work on filling our raffle baskets for the quilt show. Our basket themes are "Crafts" and "Patriotic." Please bring something to the meeting for one or both baskets.

Kathy Judkins and Terri Moss, Philanthropic



Save the Date "Holiday Party"

The AVQA Holiday party will be held on Thursday, December 10th at the Greenhouse Café (5-8pm). Cost for dinner is expected to be \$30 each—more details to follow in the next few months. Save the date for fun, friendship, and festivities!