



AVQA News

Antelope Valley Quilt Association

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JUNE PROGRAM

At the June meeting we are having a fabric sale.

Please bring cash, but we will accept Zelle if necessary.

We are also welcoming new members to the board.



Cheryl Nieman's class, "A Place for Everything 2.0," is June 6 (Note date change) and June 20. Both times will be at Harshfield Terrace. Please be early to set up. Sewing instruction will start at 10:00 promptly. You must have all pieces quilted and ready to go. Contact Pat Crook for supply list (Cheryl's request).

July program to be determined.

Guild Information

Guild Meeting: Thurs, June 11, 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, June 16, 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
Travel	Nancy Walker
Web Site	Amarilla Blondia

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Happy June Birthdays!

2 Fran Bianchi
7 Judy Miller
9 Jan Hall

18 Ginger Woltosz
23 Vicki Brown

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Well, we are done, except for the counting!! The quilt show with the never-ending energy of Debbie Rifkin was a beautiful affair. Lynn is calculating the proceeds to see where we stand. Thank you to all who helped on Friday for your energy to get everything set up. A special shout out to all the husbands and families that came to support. To all

our vendors, THANK YOU for your continued support. I guess we can say we are small but mighty. I received so many compliments and appreciative comments for having the show. Thanks, Debbie, for stepping up.

We had members of Tehachapi, Santa Clarita, Bakersfield and other guilds support us by coming.

Mary Coker's display was well planned and a delight to look at. In fact, the whole quilt show was just awe inspiring. Nette was saying "I want to make that" over and over. Nette, you have how many UFOs??

A big THANK YOU to all of us. Pat your backs.

Pat Crook, President

Best of Show by Lynell Rodio



Antelope Valley Quilt Association
General Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2026

The meeting on May 14, 2026, was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Parliamentarian Nette Louton, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Robynn Frame, Secretary.

President Welcome/Nette Louton for President Pat Crook: Nette is presiding in place of Pat Crook tonight since Pat could not make it. She welcomed the guild and said we have a quilt show coming up.

Minutes/Nette Louton for President Pat Crook: Nette asked for any corrections to the minutes from the April guild meeting as posted in the May newsletter? There were no corrections. Nette asked for a motion to approve the minutes as posted in the May newsletter? Cheryl Nieman made the motion to approve and Debbie Rifkin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

1st Vice President/Programs/VACANT: Cheryl Nieman will talk about the class she is giving on the bag "A Place for Everything 2.0." Some things you will need for this bag. Buy the pattern, bias binding, get everything quilted and cut and be ready to sew on June 13 and June 20. You can find supplies at So Hungry Hippy – zippers and hardware. You might want to get a favorite tool, double sided adhesive basting tape 1/8 inch. And Nette has Soft and Stable you can buy from her. Our new 1st VP has new ideas for the position.

2nd Vice-President/Debbie Rifkin: The Quilt Show is May 22nd, 23rd and 24th. Judy is accepting items for the boutique. Tomorrow, May 15 is the drop off day to have your quilt judged. They can be picked up after 3:00 on Saturday, May 16. Judging fees due tonight. The judging will be at Pat's house. Wear a royal blue shirt if you are working the show.

Treasurer's Report/Lynn Aguirre: We have done pretty good with the opportunity quilt, \$413, sewing machine \$150 fundraisers, \$569 for a total of \$1125.49 between the three elements. We received \$122.98 for BJ's. In the checking there is \$12,768.06, and in the money market \$20,243.83. We still need to send a \$6400 check for the Temecula retreat.

Parliamentarian/Nette Louton: The by-laws state that each member must work two hours for the Quilt Show. Please sign up for at least two hours. And please put your phones away while working. We will vote for the new board positions tonight. Those who are running are President, Pat Crook; 1st Vice-President, Deb Beckwith; 2nd Vice-President, Debbie Rifkin; Treasurer, Lynn Aguirre; and Parliamentarian, Robynn Frame. Motion to vote these members in was made by Nancy Walker, seconded by Stephanie Shuping, motion carried.

Membership/Opportunity Quilt Tickets/LeRae Humphrey/Kathy Nowell: There were 35 in attendance and all 35 were members. The drawings were won by Stephanie Shuping and Bonnie Aho.

Retreats/Laura Beauregard/Deb Beckwith: If you have any questions, ask at the break.

Friendship Circles/Kathy Greene: We will announce a new circle idea next month. Wednesday group is a bring your own project group. The Art Quilt Group is very much open to receiving new members.

Maggie Konik: Deb Beckwith was our winner this month. She has picked orange as the color for next month.

Opportunity Quilt Promotion: We need many people to sell tickets at the quilt show because we need someone all the time.

Philanthropic/Terri Moss/Kathy Judkins: We will have a table at the quilt show. Please sign up to work. We are a friendship circle and meet the 1st Saturday at Harshfield Terrace.

Publicity: Please take Quilt Show flyers to any stores you go to and check to see if they need more. Talk to anyone and everyone about the Quilt show. Kathy needs help to get the word out about the Quilt Show.

Sunshine/ Peggy Cruz: Peggy Vachon's husband had back surgery, and Kathy Greene's husband is now walking with a cane. Peggy Cruz is asking for prayers.

Spools Block/Nette Louton: The block for May is "Tulip," block can be found on page 14. We will show the finished quilts in August. The block of the month has

already been picked for next year. It is Bernina block of the month to start in July. This is a free pattern.

Holiday Party/Marilyn Hendrix: Our holiday party will be the second Thursday of December at Greenhouse Café. Please sign up.

Old Business: We want you to know that we want you here, we want to see you here, we want to hear what you have to say. Please talk up our group and please be generous with your time.

Birthday Announcement/Maggie Konik: Happy birthday to Carlie Schmidt, Brenda Doyle, Peggy Campbell and Sue Leone for the month of May.

Announcements: The May board meeting will be held on May 19, 2026, at Peggy Campbell's Sewing Studio at 5:30.

Show & Share: Gillian Ray, Stephanie Shuping, and Corine Cudney.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.



Antelope Valley Quilt Association
Board Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2026

President/Pat Crook called meeting to order at 5:52 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 Stephanie Shuping.

Welcome and opening remarks/Pat Crook: The meeting went well last Thursday. Cheryl Nieman gave a lot of information on next month's bag class. All had a good time at the judging. It was very interesting.

Minutes/Pat Crook requested a motion to approve the April 2026 board meeting minutes as published in the May 2026 newsletter. Motion was made by Lynn Aguirre, seconded by Debbie Rifkin. Motion carries.

1st VP/VACANT: Starting in July, Deb Beckwith will be 1st VP. June is the changeover and there is lots of fabric being stored by members, so we will have a fabric sale. It has been suggested for August



to go to Shakey's instead of a picnic or at LeRae's. Debbie will check for August fundraiser. Spool quilts will be revealed in August. The budget will be discussed in June and July.

2nd VP/Debbie Rifkin: Quilt Show set-up starts on Friday at 9:00. The show hours on Saturday are 9:00 till 5:00 and on Sunday, 10:00 till 4:00. We have Quilt Show signs to put in front of the building. Debbie to bring awning. Ribbons got ordered. How do we make sure Hope's shoes and purse are secure during the show? White glove will watch them. Is there a place for Cheryl's extra layouts? Yes, went over the layout. Will do a Facebook live at the beginning of Saturday.

Treasurer/Lynn Aguirre: Focus on judging fees, should have a register list for judging and advertising in program. What is fundraising expense of \$596.80? It is to pay for the boutiques we have done. Saw there was a free square for collecting money, it actually costs 2.6 percent and 15 cents per transaction

Parliamentarian/Nette Louton: We need a secretary. Kathy Judkins said she would take it over.

Publicity/Kathy Judkins: I bought an easel for the featured quilter.

Philanthropic/ Kathy Judkins: Will try to get quilts from Terri and show pictures. Told women's clinic of Antelope Valley and Children's Center they could come to the Quilt Show to pick up quilts.

Committee Reports:

Raffle Baskets: Buckets are still missing. Debbie will look for them one more time in the storage unit. Peggy Campbell has some buckets we can use, or we can use paper bags. **Auction quilts** are all organized. Stephanie is ready for the auction.

Newsletter articles are due on the 24th but will be moved to the 25th. **Friendship Circles:** we have 2 new circles. 5th Friday group, FFF will be at 1:30 at Drew's Vac and Sew, and will be working with the sew steady box which is embroidery and ruler work. You can buy the box at Al's, Drew's or Sew Steady. Register your box, Spring 2026. Will meet 4 times a year. July 31 is the first meeting and October 30,

January 29, and April 20. Nette is starting a UFO Friendship Circle. More info to follow.

New Business: The San Fernando Quilt Guild is coming to the Show to sell tickets for their opportunity quilt.

Meeting adjourned motion made by Lynn Aguirre, seconded by Kathy Judkins. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Announcements:

Hospitality

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

Newsletter

The deadline for the next newsletter is June 21 Please be on time! Peggy Vachon, Newsletter

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 June drawing is **Orange**.

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

NEW FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

"5TH FRIDAY"

The 5th Friday Friendship Circle will have its first meeting on Friday, July 31st. The 5th Friday Friendship Circle meets only four times a year, when there is a 5th Friday in the month. The focus of the 5th Friday Friendship Circle will be learning from the Sew Steady Elevate Your Creativity boxes. We will be "elevating" our skills from the Spring 2026 box. This box utilizes machine embroidery and/or ruler work. Select the Spring '26 box that meets your interest: Machine embroidery, or rulers, or get the "Get It All" box that includes both. This is an intermediate skill level and does require the Spring 26 box, a sewing machine/embroidery machine if you will be using the

embroidery option, and sewing supplies. We will be learning from one another, so getting familiar with your box before we meet is something you will want to do. We are meeting Friday, July 31st, at Drew's Vacuum and Sewing, 818 East Palmdale Boulevard, from 1:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. The Sew Steady Elevate your Creativity boxes are available through Drew's Vacuum and Sewing, Al's Vacuum and Sewing or directly through Sew Steady. If you are interested in joining us or need more information, contact Stephanie Shuping or Kathy Greene.

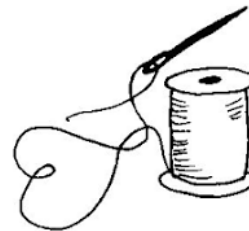
Publicity

From taking flyers to women's clubs, salons, museums, breweries and other businesses to putting up yard signs to inviting your friends and family and people you don't even know ... thank you so much for all you did to publicize our show. Special thanks to Robynn Frame and Debbie Rifkin for all their help with creating, printing and mailing the flyers; to Lynn Aguirre for pushing me to get signs made; to Laura Beauregard for distributing flyers all over Acton; to Sonia Frehn for her suggestions and encouragement; to Harriet Spann for getting advertising on AV Florist's sign; and to Mary Coker for creating and printing her own featured quilter sign.

We need a new Publicity Chairperson for 2026-27. Please let Pat Crook know if you would like to take on this job. Kathy Judkins, Publicity

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Book: *Sew Scrappy Spools*



The block for May is "Tulip." Block can be found on page 14. We will show the finished quilts in August.



Ways and Means

I want to start out by saying a big thank you to all of our guild members who helped orchestrate the Quilt Show. To everyone who worked behind the scenes and showed up to make the show such a success, your time, effort, and dedication were truly appreciated. Your teamwork and support helped create a wonderful Quilt Show that we can all be proud of.

Our vendors shared that they did very well, and that is also a tribute to all the hard work everyone did advertising and promoting the show! I have not seen the final numbers yet, but I am hopeful that we came out positive. This was a smaller venue, and it seemed to work out very nicely.

I did not set up a fundraiser for June, but I am working on one for July and for our August meeting, when we are usually dark. Please let me know if you have suggestions for fundraising meals or ideas for future fundraisers.

Thank you! Debbie Rifkin



Bits & Pieces/Philanthropic

The Philanthropic Committee and Bits & Pieces friendship circle will not meet in June. Kits and quilts will be available at the guild meeting for members to work on at home. I took quilts to the Children's Center and the Women's Clinic of the AV. Photos of these will be posted on our Antelope Valley Quilt Association Facebook group page. You can also see the quilts in the Philanthropic Committee's notebook at the meeting. Thank you to all of the quilters who work on these quilts,

Kathy Judkins and Terri Moss, Philanthropic Committee co-chairmen



THANKS FOR A WONDERFUL QUILT SHOW!

It was a great Quilt Show! A big THANKS to Debbie Rifkin and her team for a job well done. That team (Stephanie, Pat, Nette, Lynn, Robynn, Kathy J., Kathy N., Terri, and Featured Quilter, Mary) have worked diligently these past many months. Thanks for all the blood sweat and tears that have gone into the success of our Quilt Show. A big thanks, too, for those family and friends who did the manual labor of setting up and

taking things down. It was amazing! It was beautiful to see the camaraderie, the working together, the friendships and support for our common goal, AVQA! It certainly does take a village! Thanks to all.

I would also like to thank those who worked on our Raffle Basket team. A big THANKS goes to Peggy Campbell who helped with the wrapping and bowing of the baskets. And for calling the happy recipients of the baskets, the sewing machine and Opportunity quilts, it was an especially smooth close to the show. The baskets were wonderful. Thank you Friendship Circles for all your efforts, and for Sonia, Harriet, Kathy N., Marilyn, and a friend of Debbie's for your basket contributions. Thanks, Marilyn for your help setting up our display, you certainly saved the day! And for those who worked the Raffle Baskets during the show: Harriet, Bonnie, Deana, Peggy Cruz, Lynell, Sherry, Bonnie a second day! Thank you Betty, Sherry and Carla for helping with the actual raffle. Your help was SO appreciated.

Kathy Greene, Door Prize/Raffle Basket Chairman

