



# AVQA News

Antelope Valley Quilt Association

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## **DECEMBER we are dark**

We are delighted to announce that Peggy Vachon will be our program lecturer for the month of January. She will be talking about using the embroidery machine.

We will have the After Holidays Party at Harshfield Terrace on Sat, January 10, 2026 starting at 10:00 am.

*Do we have anyone who would be interested in leading a workshop on using the embroidery machine or a workshop on quilting in the hoop?*

*Is anyone interested in a workshop on using hand work to finish and/or embellish a quilt?*



# Guild Information

**Guild Meeting:** Thurs, Jan 8, 2026. 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, Jan 13, 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	<b>VACANT</b>
Hospitality	<b>VACANT</b>
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
Retreats	Laura Beauregard
SCCQG Rep	Vicki Brown
Sunshine	Peggy Cruz
Travel	Nancy Walker
Web Site	Peggy Vachon

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## **Happy December Birthdays!**

10 Sabrina McClinton  
13 Nette Louton

16 Donna Roberts  
18 Geneve Chan

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

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



December is dark, as far as the guild meetings. We all hope you are having a joyous holiday season. You may celebrate or you may not celebrate. Please know that you have a family with the guild. I have never known a more caring and giving group of women. Remember that this is a stressful time for some people and reach out.

Thank you for the great turnout at the monthly meeting and the really nice turnout at the workshop. We are noticing this. We will have more seats available next time. We are still looking for a permanent place for both the meeting and for the workshops. If you

know of a place, please email Pat or Lynn.

January is for the after-Christmas party. We will have a potluck, so don't forget to bring a dish to share.

Have a great Holiday Season and we'll see you in January 2026!







**Antelope Valley Quilt Association**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**November 13, 2025**

**The meeting was called to order** at 6:03 p.m. by President Pat Crook at Lancaster United Methodist Church. Robynn Frame, Secretary.

**Minutes/Pat Crook:** Pat asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the October meeting. There were none and she asked for a motion to approve the minutes as published in the November newsletter. Motion was made by Stephane Shuping and seconded by Lynn Aguirre. The motion carries.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Programs/VACANT:** Our speaker for tonight is Janis Rivera, she will talk to us about the Laura Heine collage method and will teach this method at the workshop on November 15th. No meeting in December. In January Peggy Vachon will give a talk about embroidery at our meeting on January 8th. We will have an after-Holiday Party on January 10<sup>th</sup> at Harshfield Terrace.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President/Debbie Rifkin:** We need help with the boutique this weekend, Friday and Saturday. There is a boutique at the Lancaster Library on December 11, 12 and 13, 10-12 all three days. Please sign up to work at the boutique. On December 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Quilt Show meeting at Shakey's in Palmdale, at 5:30. There is also a fundraiser at Shakey's on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Join us at 6:00 for dinner. The Quilt Show has many positions that need

to be filled. We will need to know in January what you are going to display at the Quilt Show because it is a smaller space and we will need to figure out the arrangement. We are also in need of small items to sell at the library boutique.

**Treasurer's Report/Lynn Aguirre:** Registered for the non-profit raffle program with a \$30 fee. Filed 990N and 199N to the IRS and State. Reconciled Checking is \$7,554.16 and Money Market is \$20,221.72. If you have any questions about the guilds funds, please just ask.

**Nette Louton/Positions available next year:** We will need a new President, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, and other positions next year. Please think about stepping up to help the guild.

**Membership/Opportunity Quilt Tickets/LeRae Humphrey/Kathy Nowell:** There were 37 in attendance: 36 members, and 1 new guest. The drawings were won by Vickie Wall and Patti Melano.

**Retreats/Laura Beauregard/Deb Beckwith:** There are 6 spaces left for the retreat. The retreat is in Temecula on June 22-25. Check-in is at 10:00 and lunch will be served.

**Door Prizes/Kathy Greene:** Peggy Cruz won the door prize.

**Fat Quarter Drawing/Maggie Konik:** Harriet Spann was our winner this month. She has picked Yellow as the color for next month.

**Publicity/Kathy Judkins:** Kathy has flyers you can get from her to pass out for the Quilt Show.

**Philanthropic/Kathy Judkins/Terri Moss:** There are two Facebook pages, private and public. Please ask to join the private one. There will not be a meeting in December.

**Publicity:** We are still in need of someone to promote our group.

**Road to California/Kathy Judkins:** We still need 2 to 3 more people to sell tickets for our Opportunity Quilt.

**Sunshine/Peggy Cruz:** If you know of anyone who is ill or is having surgery, please let Peggy know so she can send out a card.

**Sew Scrappy Spools Quilt:** The block for January is the star block on page 11.

**New Business:** Maggie's husband Henry is making sewing supplies for us to sell at the boutique. Thread cutter is \$20, button coaster is \$10 and binding tool is \$10.

**Birthday Announcements/Maggie Konik:** Lynn Aguirre, Carla Wolf, Nani Johnson and Fran Bianchi

**Announcements:** The November board meeting will be held on November 18, 2024, at Peggy Campbell's Sewing Studio at 5:30.

**Show & Share:** Lynell Rodio, Gillian Ray, LeRae Humphrey, Stephanie Shuping, Nette Louton, Peggy Cruz, Nancy Walker, and Robynn Frame

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:04 p.m.



**Antelope Valley Quilt Association**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**November 18, 2025**

**President/Pat Crook** called meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. Meeting was held at Peggy Campbell's

Sewing Studio in Lancaster. Robynn Frame, Secretary

**Attendance:** Pat Crook, Lynn Aguirre, Robynn Frame, Nette Louton, LeRae Humphrey and Kathy Judkins.

**Welcome and opening remarks/Pat Crook:**

Welcome. We had a great meeting with our speaker Janis Rivera. 13 people showed up for the workshop. Some of us got farther along than others but we had a lot of fun. We seem to be filling the sanctuary at the church with about 35 members showing up for our meetings. It was asked why we moved into the sanctuary. Answer: the hall was freezing in the winter and very warm in the summer and we weren't filling the space. We still have not heard back from the church whether we can use the space next year so we are still looking for an alternate space just in case they come back and say we can't use it.

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

**1st VP/Maggie Konik.** VACANT –Peggy Vachon will give a talk about machine embroidery and how you can quilt in the hoop. LeRae will think about how she can give a workshop on machine embroidery for January. Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> will be an after-Holiday Party and will be a potluck.

**2nd VP/Debbie Rifkin:** The boutique made \$542 and sold 10 raffle tickets. Kena Quilts, Al's Vacuum and Sewing and Material Matters have signed up to be vendors at the Quilt Show so far.

**Treasurer/Lynn Aguirre:** The boutique brought in \$602, less \$60 in the cash box, less sales tax for a total of \$487 for our group. submitted. IRS and State information sheet submitted.

**Publicity/Kathy Judkins:** I have submitted our opportunity quilt photo and quilt show information to the SCCQG website and will start sending it out to other websites that list quilt shows. Will put it on the Lancaster community page.

### **Parliamentarian/Nette Louton stepping in for**

**Donna Roberts:** We are looking for a new President, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Parliamentarian and maybe others for next year. If members do not step up to take on these positions, there will not be a guild. We cannot run a guild without officers.

### **Committee Reports: Membership/LeRae**

**Humphrey:** We have a total of 60 members. Less than half have collected their membership booklets and opportunity quilt raffle tickets. Peggy Vachon would like an updated membership list sent to her. LeRae has proposed a new way of doing the raffle drawing for membership. It is a lot to hand out the tickets and deal with handing out other items. She would like to assign numbers to each member and pull a number which will go back in the bucket for next month. It was agreed upon to proceed with this method. The quilt show committee would like to have a membership table with a power point showing some of the things we do and taking membership applications.

**Philanthropic/Kathy Judkins:** We won't be meeting in December since both Terri and I have other events to go to, but the room at Harshfield is available if anyone wants to use it. I want to reduce the philanthropic stash in my house by having fabric sales/giveaways at the guild meetings every month until it's gone. Is there enough time and space to do this at the meetings? Yes, we can accommodate this. Also, we can sell fat quarters and ½ yard fabric at the boutiques.

**Road to California/Kathy Judkins:** I have emailed the volunteer information to the raffle quilt coordinator at Road to California. During the first week of January, I will send reminders to volunteers.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:57.**

## **Announcements:**

### **Hospitality**

We are asking friendship circles to take turns doing Hospitality. Contact Debbie Rifkin to sign up.

### **Newsletter**

The deadline for the next newsletter is Dec 21, 2025. 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 Jan drawing is **YELLOW**.

### **AVQA Friendship Circles**

AVQA has five active Friendship Circles that cater to all our friendship needs. A Friendship Circle is time together with friends with none of the stress affiliated with group activities. Just come with your project for friendships, and hopefully some productivity. Friendship groups are also a great time to learn from our friends. There is lots of talent waiting to be shared.

#### **SEW CRAZY**

First Tuesday of every month.

1:00-4:00

Contact Peggy Campbell

#### **PINS AND NEEDLES**

Every Wednesday

10:00-2:00

Contact Fran Bianchi

#### **CREATIVE ARTS QUILTERS**

Second Tuesday of every month

11:00-2:00

Contact Carla Wolf

#### **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



10:00-2:00

Contact Terri Moss or Kathy Judkins



## Ways and Means

Happy Thanksgiving! 🦃🍂 And Happy Holidays!

Just a reminder that **there is no regular meeting in December**, but we'd still love to see you!  
Please join us for a **Guild Fundraiser at Shakey's**:

📅 **December 11**

📍 **Shakey's Pizza, 39450 10th Street West #A, Palmdale, CA 93550**

Come early and do a little Christmas shopping in Palmdale before or after dinner—and be sure to **invite your friends** to help support our guild!

We'll start with a **Quilt Show meeting at 5:30 PM**, followed by dinner, conversation, and catching up. We are still looking for volunteers to help with the quilt show. **It will take all of us to make this event a success!** Don't forget to start thinking about your quilt entries.

Although the December boutique at the Lancaster Library was canceled, we **still need bowl cozies, potato bags, popcorn bags, and aprons** for

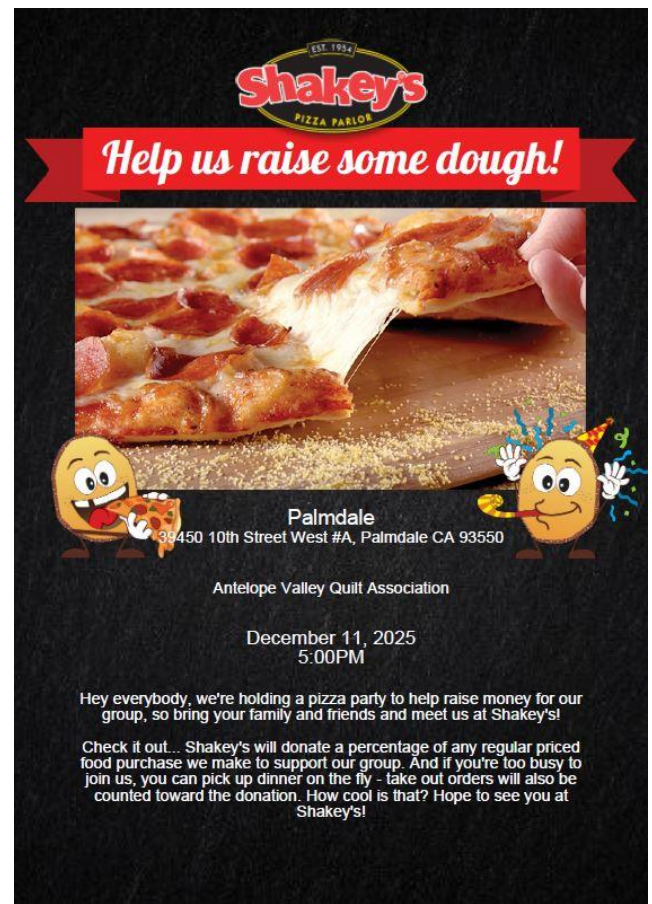
upcoming boutiques and for our quilt show boutique. Your contributions make a big difference!

## Publicity

We have quilt show flyers for all AVQA members to distribute to quilt shows, quilt shops, other guilds' meetings, potential vendors, art museums, antique shops, schools, colleges, hair salons, medical offices, etc.

Please contact us to get your flyers.

Kathy Judkins, Robynn Frame, and Debbie Rifkin



## R2CA

The Road to California volunteer forms have been submitted and now we wait for confirmation of everyone's chosen times. I will send reminders as soon as I find out. There is a dress code for white glove volunteers: please plan to wear a white shirt and black pants.

Also, if you can sell tickets for our opportunity quilt for two hours on Saturday afternoon, please let me know.

Kathy Judkins, Opportunity Quilt Team Member



## Parliamentarian



Part of my job is to find people that would be interested in serving on the board. Now we need a person to run for President, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, maybe a 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, maybe a Secretary. Lynn said that she would stay on as Treasurer. Please think about taking one of these jobs. Remember, many hands make work light. I think that is the saying.

My job is all about rules and keeping the guild tidy. Speaking of tidy, have you thought about making your sewing room tidy. If you have and have any tips, please send them to me and we will start a column about keeping things tidy. SCRAPS!!!!

Nette Louton, Parliamentarian



## BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Book: *Sew Scrappy Spools*

June: 4 patch, page 1  
July: Flag, page 4  
August: Log Cabin, page 2  
September: Geese, page 6  
October: Pinwheel, page 9  
November: Stamps block, page 10  
December: Star, page 11  
January: You will have to wait and see.

## Philanthropic

The AVQA Philanthropic Committee donated 10 quilts to the Children's Center and 5 quilts to the Women's Clinic of the Antelope Valley this month. We will not have a meeting in December, but you are always welcome to call or send me a text if you would like to get a kit for making a top or a quilt to bind. We have a lot of kits available! Happy Holidays!

Kathy Judkins and Terri Moss