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SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Thank you to Deb for that interesting talk. It is great to learn everyone's stories.



Mary will be our featured speaker next month talking about Barn Quilts. Our workshop will be on Saturday after the meeting, September 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Maggie and Henry's barn. We only have about 8 kits left. Please let Mary know if you are interested in doing a Barn Quilt. We are going to have homemade pizza at the workshop. Please bring a pizza topping. I will send an email with sign-ups so we have a good mixture. The dough, cheese and sauce are being provided.

Until next month, keep sewing:) Pat

Sept. 10th guild meeting will feature our own Mary Coker as speaker.
Topic: "Outward Display of Our Quilting Heritage - Barn Quilts"

September Workshop will be making BARN QUILTS! Led by Mary Coker and Deb Beckwith

Maggie and Henry's Barn
Time: 10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Guild Information

Guild Meeting: Thurs, Sept 10, 2026. Meeting starts at 6:00 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. In person at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 502 W. Avenue K, Lancaster

Board Meeting: Tues, Sept 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.

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1st VP	VACANT
2nd VP	Debbie Rifkin
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Treasurer	Lynn Aguirre
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Challenge	VACANT
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	Cheryl Nieman
Opp Quilt Promo	VACANT
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Publicity	Susan Toner/Kathy Judkins
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Happy September Birthdays!

1 Marilyn Hendrix
8 Bonnie Aho
11 Robynn Frame
20 Stephanie Shuping

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow, this month was very busy! It was great to see everyone at the meeting and all your show and share. Wow, you have been very busy finishing your squirrel projects!

The new opportunity quilt is moving along nicely. Thank you to Cheryl for heading up this project.

I hope to see lots of entries in the AV Fair, especially the spools quilts.

Have a great month and see you soon.

Pat



Antelope Valley Quilt Association
General Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2026

President Pat Crook called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm at LeRae Humphrey's home. She introduced Deb Beckwith, who spoke about her quilting journey and showed us several beautiful quilts that she had made.

1st VP/Programs (Vacant): Mary Coker showed her barn quilt sample and talked about the workshop she will be teaching in Maggie and Henry Konik's barn on Saturday, September 12. The designs that students can choose from come from Talara Parrish's book, *Barn Quilt Addiction*. Mary bought medium-density overlay board (MDO) that she and some friends painted with primer. She explained that it holds up better outside than plywood does.

Treasurer/Lynn Aguirre: Lynn went over the Treasurer's report and said that the sales tax report was submitted. President Pat Crook asked for a motion to approve the report. LeRae Humphrey made the motion to approve. Nancy Walker seconded the motion. There were no questions. The motion carried.

2nd VP/Quilt Show/Ways & Means/Debbie Rifkin:

Quilt Show: Three dates are available - Thurs - Sat before Mother's Day, Thurs - Sat before Memorial Day, and June 10-12. Sundays are not available until fall. The cost has gone up from $3800 to $4500. Pat asked for a motion to have a quilt show every other year. LeRae Humphrey made the motion. Cheryl Nieman seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Debbie said there are other possible venues, but they are smaller with a similar price. Pat asked for a vote on the motion to have a quilt show every other year. The motion carried. Mary Coker made a motion to have the show in odd-numbered years. Cheryl Nieman seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Mary amended the motion to table the motion to allow time to get more information. Peggy Vachon seconded the motion.

Tehachapi Mountain Festival: Debbie said she needs people to help set up on Friday morning, take down on Sunday afternoon, and work at our booth on Saturday and Sunday.

LeRae Humphrey: The last day to enter your quilts, bags, table runners, and crafts in the AV Fair is August 30. Be sure to go online and enter.

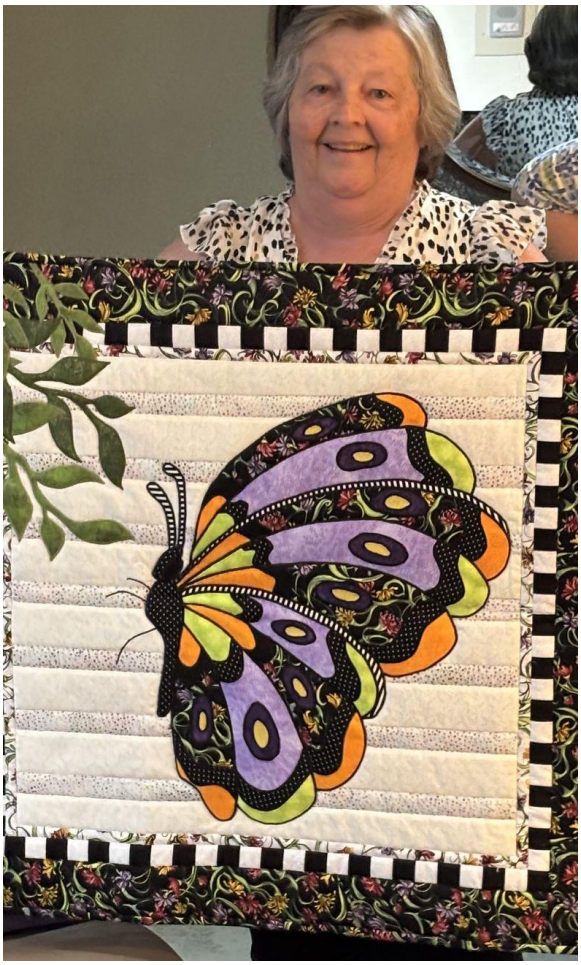
Block of the Month/UFO's/Nette Louton: Nette asked everyone who brought their spool quilts to come up and show them. Then she asked everyone who brought finished UFO's to come up and show them. She told us that the Bernina block of the month was not going to work because the instructions were difficult to follow. Instead, we will use *Farm Girl Vintage* and *Farm Girl Vintage 2* by Lori Holt. The assignment this month is to get the book(s) and decide on your background.

Door Prizes/Kathy Greene: The Back-to-School door prize was won by Marilyn Hendrix.

Fat Quarter Drawing/Maggie Konik: Peggy Campbell won the fat quarter drawing. She picked BROWN for September's fat quarter color.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.
Kathy Judkins, Secretary





Antelope Valley Quilt Association
Board Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2026

Attendance: Pat Crook, Lynn Aguirre, LeRae Humphrey, Kathy Greene, Debbie Rifkin, Susan Toner, Kathy Judkins

President/Pat Crook called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm. She thanked LeRae Humphrey for hosting the guild meeting. We had 36 people and 6 guests. Deb has resigned, so we need a 1st VP. Mary will be speaking at the September guild meeting. She has 8 boards left for anyone who hasn't signed up yet or anyone who would like to get another board. The workshop is on Saturday, September 12.

Minutes/Pat Crook: Pat asked if any corrections to the minutes from the last board meeting were needed. There were no corrections. Pat asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 21st board meeting as published in the August newsletter. Debbie Rifkin made the motion. Lynn Aguirre seconded the motion. The motion carried.

1st VP/Programs (Vacant): Pat said this is the guild's 50th anniversary. She will look for a place where we could have a tea in February or March. In October we will have Quilter's College. Maggie Konik has asked some of the members to demonstrate quilting techniques. Pat won't be here in November. The church's plumbing is still being worked on but should be finished in time for the September meeting. Another church has been proposed as a possible future meeting place and Pat is looking into it.

2nd VP/Quilt Show/Ways & Means/Debbie Rifkin: Debbie contacted Grace Chapel about renting a space at their Holiday Boutique which is November 13-14. She is waiting on Panera Bread to get back to her about a fundraiser. At our boutique at the Tehachapi Mountain Festival, we had total sales of $911.47, including tax. Debbie talked about what sells at boutiques and what we need to replenish before we have our boutiques at Grace Chapel and the Poppy Festival. Bowl cozies go well. The fabric sells them, so we need to use bright colors and contemporary fabrics. People look for Disney items. Aprons and large jar openers and potholders have also been requested. We also need a big banner. We are looking for the gold one that Peggy Vachon made several years ago.

Treasurer/Lynn Aguirre: Lynn went over the Treasurer's report. The charge for the space at Tehachapi was $125 plus tax.

Membership/LeRae Humphrey: We have 42 paid members. She had a question about saving the money we spend on printing by creating a Google doc that only members could access.

Publicity/Kathy Judkins and Susan Toner: Susan and Kathy will be co-chairs. Susan wants to focus

on what makes our guild fun. She would like to visit friendship circles and take some pictures.

Friendship Circles/Kathy Greene: Kathy talked about the Fifth Friday Group that meets at Drew's Vacuum & Sewing on Palmdale Blvd. Their focus is on learning to use their embroidery machines. The next meeting is on October 30th.

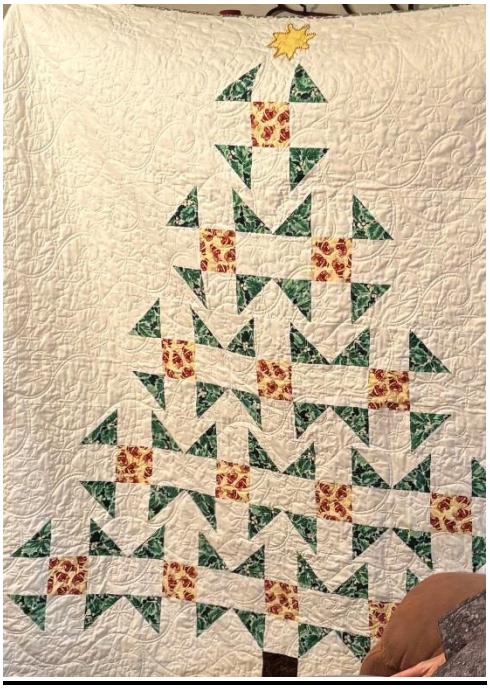
New Business: Terri Moss will be the new retreat chair. We are locked into the Temecula Retreat Center for June 21-24, 2027.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.
Kathy Judkins, Secretary

Announcements:

Hospitality

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



Newsletter

The deadline for the next newsletter is Sept 20, 2026. 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 September drawing is Brown.

Ways & Means

We had a great weekend at the **Tehachapi Mountain Festival**, with sales of approximately **$900!** 🎉 A huge thank-you to everyone who volunteered their time to help set up and staff our booth. Your support makes these events possible, and we truly appreciate you!

Our next event is the **Grace Chapel Holiday Boutique on November 13 & 14**. I'll begin taking volunteer sign-ups at our next guild meeting, so start thinking about what time you might be available to help.

The success of our events depends on **all of us**, both the members who volunteer to staff the events and those who contribute items for us to sell. Every bit of help makes a difference!

I am also awaiting confirmation from **Panera Bread** for a fundraiser on **September 10th**, before our regular guild meeting. Watch Facebook for more information once everything is confirmed.

Thank you again for supporting our guild and helping make our events successful!

See you at our next meeting! 🎉 ❤️



AVQA Friendship Circles

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

Door Prize

September Flaming Flamingo's Door Prize. See you in September!





Squirrels Unite

That is our battle cry. Yes, it is true. Nette bought another book yesterday, but she is still working on stash and projects that have been "stored" for a more opportune time to finish. I am finishing these kits, bags, and just all-around projects that I have lying around. If you have a project that you just have no passion for, I say, see if a friend would like to have it. Maybe it will be their passion. We don't need to "squirrel away" projects that just take up space. Let's have another great "Show and Share."



Bits & Pieces/Philanthropic

Bits & Pieces/Philanthropic Committee will meet from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 5th, at Harshfield Terrace, 6709 Columbia Way in Quartz Hill. Everyone is invited to join us to work on quilts that we donate to the Children's Center in Lancaster, Care Net, Women's Clinic of the AV, Palmdale Sheriff's Station, and foster kids. We'll have fabric to make kits and backings, kits to make quilt tops, and quilted quilts to bind. Just bring your sewing machine and basic sewing supplies. You can also bring one of your own projects to work on and pick up a philanthropic project to take home if you like.

Kathy Judkins & Terri Moss



BOM Block of the Month has been decided on. We will use *Vintage Farm Girl* or *Vintage Farm Girl 2.* At the next meeting we will start work on our first block. There are a lot of blocks to decide from, and you are welcome to work on the ones you want to work on. I can tell you, I am using both books for all of the animals. Would you think anything different? We will show blocks that we finish at each guild meeting just like last year, but some of the blocks may be different, because some people are doing the Lori Holt Christmas quilt. The more the merrier. I know one rule breaker, and that is doing an animal quilt from another quilter. I just like to see us all celebrating together an accomplishment!!! Do not think this is too hard. Call, text, get in a friendship group, look online. Be a part of the 2026 BOM.

Nette Louton, Block of the Month Coordinator



Publicity

I am pleased to announce that Susan Toner is our new co-chair for Publicity. Susan says she has a lot of time to work on her computer at home. She has been reading and taking notes on our Publicity position notebooks, and she already has several ideas that she would like to try. Her focus will be on the things that make our guild fun. When I asked Susan if she has had experience doing publicity, she said she hasn't done publicity work, but the most important thing she brings to this job is enthusiasm.

Kathy Judkins, Publicity Co-chair





