AVQA News

Antelope Valley Quilt Association

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NOVEMBER PROGRAM

We need your participation for the November meeting. Bring a notion you love and that has made your quilting journey easier. I am not talking a seam ripper … haha.
We have many new members, and after the comments I received about the Quilter's College, we could all use a refresher on some of the notions that are worth the money or are just FOMO (fear of missing out) buys.
In December we will have our Holiday Party. Thank you to Marilyn for putting this together.

Guild Information

Guild Meeting: Thurs, Nov 12, 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, Nov 17, 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 2026-2027 Executive Board Members

President	Pat Crook
1st VP	VACANT
2nd VP	Debbie Rifkin
Secretary	Kathy Judkins
Treasurer	Lynn Aguirre
Parliamentarian	Robynn Frame

AVQA 2026-2027 Committee Chairs

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
Philanthropic	Terri Moss/Kathy Judkins
Publicity	Kathy Judkins/Susan Toner
Retreats	Terri Moss
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Happy November Birthdays!

5 Lynn Aguirre
21 Frances Barrera

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

October is here and almost gone. The fair entries were great, and it was so good to see so many members' quilts, and the spools looked awesome all together. Congratulations to all the ribbon winners!!
Quilter's College was a great time. Thank you to all the presenters and to Maggie for putting this together.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Pat

Antelope Valley Quilt Association
General Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2026

President/Pat Crook called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. She welcomed everyone and included a warm welcome to returning members.

1st VP/Programs (Vacant): President/Pat Crook announced the names of the members who will teach at Quilter's College tonight along with what they will be teaching:

Nette Louton - Paper Piecing
Cheryl Nieman - Ruler Work
Stephanie Shuping - Flying Geese
Hope Overgaard - Painting on Fabric
Lynn Aguirre – Bargello

Minutes/President/Pat Crook: Pat asked for any corrections to the minutes from the September 10th general meeting. There were no corrections. Pat asked for a motion to approve the September 10th General Meeting Minutes as published in the October newsletter. Motion was made by Cheryl Nieman and seconded by Debbie Rifkin. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report/Lynn Aguirre: Lynn said the deposit for the retreat in Temecula has been sent. Also, dues for SCCQG have been sent. She went over the report, giving the ending balance and the Money Management account balance. Lynn said two reports are due this month.

2nd VP/Quilt Show/Ways & Means/Debbie Rifkin: Debbie talked about having difficulty finding a place to have the next quilt show.
She showed some of the items that were made at the boutique sew-in at Harshfield Terrace on Saturday. She said we need more bowl cozies, especially larger ones made from 10"x10" squares. We also need quilts, table toppers, table runners, casserole trivets. Holiday fabrics and bright fabrics will sell well. Please drop off your donations at Debbie's house. We will have a fundraiser at Shakey's Pizza on Tuesday, October 20.

Block of the Month/UFO's/Nette Louton: Nette asked the members who made the block(s) of the month to come up to show them. She showed the next blocks: the barn, the blackbird on sunflower, and the sheep.

Membership/LeRae Humphrey & Kathy Nowell: We had 41 members with 3 new members, Dorothy Bargainer, Angus Andrews, and Andrea Beaver. Donna and Jim Roberts were at the meeting. Paula Rowland was visiting. Winners of the Membership drawings were Stephanie Shuping and Jennifer.

Door Prize/Kathy Greene: Vicki Brown won the door prize drawing.

Friendship Circles/Kathy Greene: Kathy said that friendship circles are about building friendships and learning. Debbie Rifkin said she is starting an evening friendship circle.

Holiday Party/Marilyn Hendrix: Marilyn announced that our holiday party will be at the Greenhouse Cafe and will include a traditional holiday dinner. Cost is $30. There will be a White Elephant pattern exchange of new or gently used patterns.

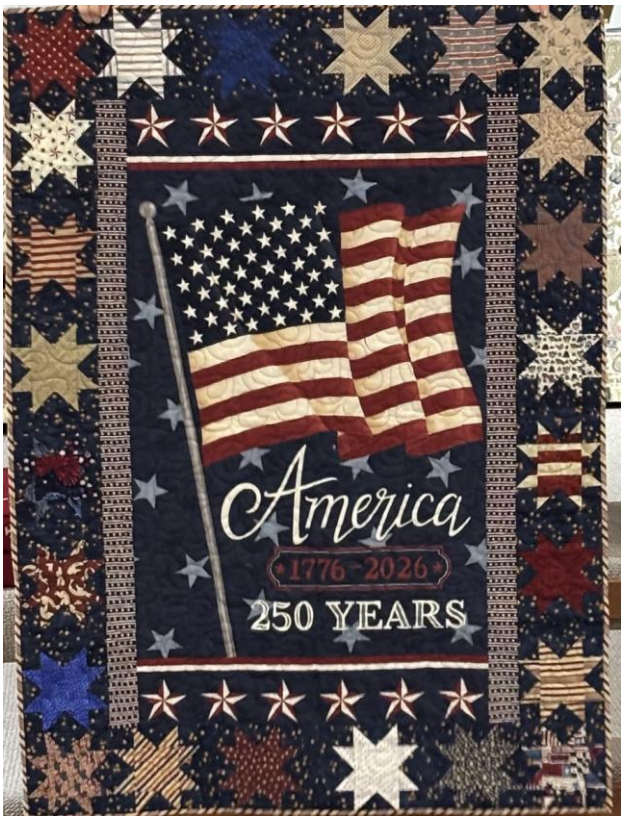
Philanthropic/Terri Moss & Kathy Judkins: There will be another sew-in at Harshfield Terrace on Saturday, November 7, to make items for the boutique. Patterns and fabric will be available. (Please note that this sew-in has been cancelled because the rooms are unavailable.)

Publicity/Kathy Judkins & Susan Toner: Kathy asked members to sign up to volunteer at the Road to California Quilt Show, to be held January 20-23, 2027, at the Ontario Convention Center. We need to provide one volunteer to work an 8-hour day, 10 volunteers to do white-glove duty for 2 hours each, and 4 volunteers to sit with the opportunity quilt and sell tickets on Saturday, January 23. Kathy also announced upcoming quilt shows in Santa Clarita, Victor Valley and Idyllwild, as well as an opportunity quilt drawing in Simi Valley. She explained to new members that SCCQG stands for Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds, and that it has an interesting web site. She also said that we have a private Facebook group, Antelope Valley Quilt Association; a public Facebook group, AVQA Festival of Quilts; and a website, avqa.org.

Fat Quarter Drawing/Maggie Konik: Debbie Rifkin won the drawing. She chose pink for November's fat quarters. Maggie had fabric birthday cupcakes for Shauna Sanchez and Deana Mullins.

Show and Share: The following members showed quilts and/or quilted projects: Terri Moss, Fran Bianchi, Betty Putzka, Cheryl Nieman, Peggy Vachon, Stephanie Shuping, Corine Cudney, Vicki Brown, Bonnie Aho, Maggie Konik, Peggy Campbell, and Debbie Rifkin

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m. Kathy Judkins, Secretary



Antelope Valley Quilt Association
Board Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2026

President Pat Crook called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. at Peggy Campbell's sewing studio in Lancaster.

Attendance: Pat Crook, Kathy Greene, Debbie Rifkin, Lynn Aguirre, Kathy Judkins

President Pat Crook said that Quilter's College went really well. She thanked the presenters.

Minutes: Pat Crook asked for a motion to approve the September 15, 2026, board meeting minutes as published in the October 2026 newsletter. The motion was made by Lynn Aguirre and seconded by Debbie Rifkin. The vote to approve carried.

1st VP/Programs (Vacant): Pat Crook said November's program hasn't been decided yet. LeRae will substitute for her. In December we'll have the holiday party. In February, Alicia

Campbell of The Batty Lady will speak. Stephanie will work with Alicia to have a workshop. Pat talked about having a tea in May if we can't find a place for the quilt show. The tea could be held at the Holiday Inn.

2nd VP/Quilt Show/Ways & Means/Debbie Rifkin: Debbie has called everyone she can think of for our quilt show. She asked the Fairgrounds what they would charge us to hold our quilt show there. For Friday and Saturday, it would be $7,100. For Friday through Sunday, it would be $9,000. Also, we would have to charge $10.00 for parking. Gino's is too small but would work for a tea for members and friends. We could invite the organizations we donate our quilts to and ask them to talk about their programs. We could have a mini-auction at the tea. The Poppy Festival is in April. We may be able to have a big basket to raffle at the Holiday Boutique at Grace Chapel. Kathy said she will take sewing-themed donations for the basket. Our fundraiser at Shakey's will be Tuesday, October 20, from 5:00 to 8:00. The Board agreed to try Zeffy. Members who have donated boutique items to the guild can be given letters for their tax information. Debbie will print more membership brochures for the boutiques. She still needs quilts for the Grace Chapel boutique in November. Scrunchies are another popular item that we can make. Donation items can be dropped off at Debbie's house. Volunteers are needed at the Grace Chapel Holiday Boutique:
Friday, November 13: set-up from 5pm to 7pm, selling from 7pm. to 9pm
Saturday, November 14: Selling from 9:30am to 1pm, tear-down from 1pm to 2pm
Debbie talked about more possibilities for boutiques and opportunity quilt raffle ticket sales: The Elks car show and Tractor Supply on Avenue L.

Treasurer/Lynn Aguirre: Lynn went over the Treasurer's Report. She said we are paid at St. Paul's through November. Pat thinks we should continue meeting at St. Paul's. Lynn will get in touch with Homestead (website host) about ending our contract with them. Kathy Judkins wanted to know if we can ask Homestead for photos that have been posted on our website. Debbie asked about getting Zelle for the guild to use at boutiques and shows. She'll work on getting Zeffy, an app for non-profit organizations to process credit cards.

Opportunity Quilt/Promotion/Road2CA/ Kathy Judkins: A few people signed up or told me they would sign up to volunteer at Road. I have sign-up sheets.

Philanthropic/Kathy Judkins & Terri Moss: I took 14 quilts to the Children's Center last Friday. I still have a couple of quilts for Palmdale Sheriff Station and at least four quilts for the Women's Clinic of the AV. Our next meeting will be on November 7 at Harshfield Terrace. (Please note that we will not meet at Harshfield Terrace due to an event they are holding there.)

Publicity/Kathy Judkins & Susan Toner: I talked to Robynn Frame about asking the Creative Arts Quilt friendship circle if they would like to create a 50-year logo for the guild. She said she will get back to me. Susan is looking into having guild business cards printed. We will design opportunity quilt postcards when the quilt is finished.

Holiday Party/Marilyn Hendrix: Marilyn sent a report to Pat. Thirty-one people signed up, and there are 3 or 4 maybe's.

Friendship Circles/Kathy Greene: Kathy is looking forward to 5th Friday circle meeting. Debbie is going to start a group, probably on Friday night from 6:00 to 9:00 at her house.

Old Business: Lynn Aguirre talked about the status of our application for non-profit status with the City of Lancaster.
Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m. Kathy Judkins, Secretary

Announcements:

Hospitality

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

Newsletter

The deadline for the next newsletter is Nov 22, 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 November drawing is PINK.

Ways and Means

🎄 **The Holidays Are Coming!** 🎁

The holidays are upon us, and we have a lot to do! Our first event is the **Grace Chapel Holiday Boutique**, and we need your help to make it a success.

We already have bowl cozies, popcorn bags, and jar openers, but we are still in need of **quilts and small gift items** such as scrunchies, gift card holders, and other handmade treasures.

📝 **What We Need from You:**

- If you have a philanthropic quilt you've been working on, please finish it up and bring drop it off at my house.
- Please bring any items you've made for the holiday boutique to my house as well.
- If you're unable to drop things off, please reach out to me, and I'll work with you to arrange a pickup.

🌈 **Remember to use bright, cheerful fabrics!**
Our handmade items make wonderful holiday gifts, and colorful fabrics help make them extra special.

With the holidays approaching and the boutique coming up, I'm putting our other fundraising activities on hold until January. This will give everyone some time to focus on making holiday gifts and items for the boutique.

✨ **Exciting Things Are Coming in the New Year!** ✨

We have lots to look forward to, including the Poppy Festival, more boutiques, and a Tea! Keep an eye out for more information at our next guild meeting.

Thank you all for sharing your time, talents, and creativity. Our events are successful because of the wonderful things our members make and the support you give!

Let's make this holiday season a bright and colorful one! ❤️ 📝
Debbie Rifkin, 2nd VP

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
First Monday 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 or the rooms have been reserved by another group.
10:00-2:00
Contact: Terri Moss or Kathy Judkins

FIFTH FRIDAY
Meets the fifth Friday of the months that have them.
(July/October/January/April)
1:30-4:30 PM
Contact: Stephanie Shuping or Kathy Greene

Kathy Greene, Friendship Circle Chairperson

UFO Squirrels Unite

Squirrels Unite I am thinking if we are getting UFO's done from 26 years ago, we are really achieving something. As I pull out things that are at least 10 years old, what was I thinking to buy all of this. Well, I liked the color, I liked the pattern, I liked the pattern and the color, I'll get to it next. Next has slipped a little bit. Oh, did I tell you that I bought a new pattern?????!!!!!! I am really turning into a squirrel, harvesting and putting away for the winter. I think that winter has arrived. Someone said, "Make peace with your stash." I am assessing what I want to work with at this time. The time will come when I see the end of some of my see-through containers; that time is not this month. HAHA By the way, you don't have to do this by yourself. Find a small group that can work on UFO's together.

Nette Louton

BOM Block of the Month

BOM Well I hope you have started your blocks for the month. I thought the easiest blocks were the 12.5 inch, but I really like the 6 inch. I made the goat, the barn and the raven with the zinnia this month. I just may have to include another raven somewhere. Don't get discouraged if you only get one done; you can pick up a few extra next month. I am thinking that all the Elizabeth Hartman patterns are just too cute. Isn't that a squirrel problem? See you soon and keep working.

Bits & Pieces/Philanthropic

The Philanthropic Committee donated 14 quilts to the AV Children's Center in Lancaster, 2 quilts to Palmdale Sheriff's Station, and 4 quilts to the AV Women's Clinic in Palmdale in October. Thank you to all the members who work so diligently to create these quilts. The children and expectant mothers love them.

Our November meeting at Harshfield has been cancelled because the room was reserved by another group.

Kathy Judkins & Terri Moss

Road2CA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to work at the Road to California Quilt Show! We still need 5 more white-glove volunteers and one 8-hour volunteer who will hang quilts and help set up exhibits. If we don't have enough volunteers, we will lose the opportunity to sell tickets for our raffle quilt at the show.

Your white-glove assignment, should you choose to accept it, is to guard all the quilts in your assigned row for two hours. This involves keeping an eye on the quilts while talking to quilt show attendees about the quilts. Guests will sometimes ask to see the back of a quilt, so you can pull back a corner of the quilt for them. You will discover interesting things about the quilts from the legends and often from the attendees. The quilters who made the quilts sometimes come to pose for photos with their quilts or to talk about their quilts. It is all very fun and inspiring.

Please check your calendar for January 2027 and let me know as soon as possible if you can volunteer. I need to mail our schedule and the volunteer forms to the raffle quilt coordinator by November 5.

Kathy Judkins

RAFFLE BASKET for Nov Boutique

We will be putting a Sewing Themed Raffle Basket together for our Boutique at Grace Chapel, November 13 & 14th. Any new or unused notions or patterns or sewing themed nicknacks would be a great addition. Contact Kathy Greene if you have a donation and we can arrange a pickup. "ORDER SEWING ROOM" is always on my "to-do" list; now is a perfect time to go through our treasures to find that sewing item we thought we just had to have, but didn't use, and donate to the basket. Thanks for all your help with this project. Kathy Greene

Door Prize for November

Kathy Greene, Door Prize Chairman