



Amador Rose

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January Guest Speaker: Sherry Lynn Wood



Lecture: "Improvise"

Sherri began making quilts in 1989 and selling them at the local farmer's market in Carbororo, NC. She sold her first quilt the second week out. Within the year she saw an exhibit on African-American Improvisational quilts which led her to begin improvising with patchwork and to her professional career as an artist. She is currently working in Oakland and spent the summer as an artist in residence at Recology in San Francisco. Her first book is *The Improv Handbook for Modern Quilters: A Guide to Creating, Quilting and Living Courageously*.

If you want to discover your own creative voice, explore modern quilting or learn how to turn your quilting passion into a business, this is the meeting you won't want to miss.

NEXT MEETING:

Saturday January 14, 2016
1:30 pm – 4 pm
Pleasanton Middle School
5001 Case Ave.
Pleasanton, CA

Find us on Facebook

Don't Forget:

- Your Name Tag!
- Quilts to share

Upcoming Speakers

- February – Rob Appell
- March - S. Malachowski

President's Message – Quilting the Illusion

I haven't made a strictly traditional quilt for a long, long, time, probably 15 years, or so; but I just made two traditional quilts this last month. So, why now? Sheer stubbornness not to have an unfinished project around? Possibly, but I think there was another reason.

I think it's due to an unusually frustrating, emotionally distraught, annoying couple of months at my house. I find that when times get hard, when I hit that wall and can't quite get over it, if clutter I can't control is in my space, my creative brain won't work properly and the only thing I can do is put lots of pieces together perfectly to create the illusion that I am in control of my environment. It's a Zen thing.

The basic rules of quilting, I think (and this is my own, totally irrational theory, not based on any historical fact), were made by women on the prairies as a self-protection mechanism. A prairie woman could not control the Indians, or grass fires or locusts, and she couldn't even get clean on a regular basis. She could not access Weather Scan on the Internet, she couldn't call AAA when the wagon broke down, or Webvan to have groceries delivered. She was out there in a lonely wilderness, often completely helpless; therefore, she had to have something to cling to, something to give her the illusion that she had some control over her environment. I think that when she could make $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares meet perfectly, diamonds and triangles with sharp little points, and quilt evenly 20 stitches to the inch, she felt in control of that quilt, and thus part of her life. Seriously, don't you think that's where the rules came from?

I do. I'm a contemporary art quilter. I don't do repetitive blocks, sashing, or traditional quilts anymore, but that's what I've been working on lately. Something about putting squares together in neat little rows helps me tolerate the mess in my bedroom while the workers are reconstructing the master bath. Something about cutting nice straight sashing and adding in corner squares distracts me from the emotional angst some family troubles are putting us all through. Something about making all those scrappy blocks flow together in color waves helps me ignore the chaos in the backyard where my husband's construction project has lain in bits and pieces, strewn with tools, for months. And let's not even *talk* about the falling-down fence (is the fence company really backed up for 5 months?), the half-stained deck, and the irritating tangle of computer & charger cords that inhabits the desk in the back office.

No, let me go into my sewing studio where I can cut and piece and reminisce about when my daughter was little and played with that doll blanket; about all of those friends whose names are on the nice, square, blocks; and keep sewing them in pretty patterns whose colors ebb and flow around me as I drink my tea, listen to country music and sew order and peace out of the chaos. I can retreat into my nice, little illusion that I am in control of my environment. It's my illusion, and I'm clinging to it.

~ Linda Schmidt, AVQ President



Workshops: 2017 New Skills and Ideas

Workshops are now accepting credit cards. AVQ workshops are focused on learning new skills – or understanding something better or in a new way. Each workshop teaches a technique or a set of skills that you can use in any project you want to create... PLEASE SIGNUP AT LEAST A MONTH PRIOR TO THE WORKSHOP TO ENSURE THE REQUIRED ENROLLMENT AND THAT YOU HAVE A SPOT IN THE CLASSROOM. Check out our teachers online to learn more about their classes and their art.

January 15, 2017 "Improvisational Patchwork Doodling" - Sherri Lynn Wood

The class is **sold out** but I am accepting names for the waiting list. **Check website for supply list.**



February 12, 2017 "Dancing Dot" - Rob Appell

The class is **sold out** but I am accepting names for the waiting list.

Check website for supply list.

March 12, 2017 "Orange Peel Ragtime Quilt" - Sharon Malachowski

Oh what fun! Playing with flannel to make a great comfy quilt. This is actually a very easy frayed-circle technique for the beginner and satisfying for the experienced quilter. The way you put this together there is no need to add batting, to quilt and **best of all, no binding!!!**

Check website for supply list.



HELP WANTED – We're looking for next year's Workshop Chair. Do you enjoy learning new techniques and meeting the teachers you have only heard about? Well then, this is the chairmanship for you. I'm wrapping up my final year as Workshop Chair and would love to have you tag along to learn what it's all about. **Best of all it's free!!!** Well, you do need to purchase your supplies and patterns but the class and the chance to work with these wonderful artists is free. Contact me if you have any questions at all.

To sign upStop by the workshop table at a meeting, or contact Jeanne Brophy, the Workshop Chair.

All classes are only \$45 – a bargain for these unique classes. **We are now accepting credit cards. There is a small fee per transaction.**

Your spot is guaranteed with your payment. **Workshops are held at the Livermore Library, at 1188 S. Livermore Ave. Livermore, CA. The workshop meets in the community room on far right corner of the front of the library next to the cafe. Setup is at 9:30am, class starts promptly at 10am - 4pm.**

Holiday Tea 2016

The Holiday Tea was a success! It could not have happened without all of the quilt members...and even a few non-members, who helped with set up, take-down and guidance. Thank you Community Quilts for a fabulous program that was nothing less than inspiring.

~ Inta Faulk, Hospitality Chair

AVQ Thank You for Donation

AVQ received an anonymous \$1000 gift specifically for the purchase of audio video equipment for our meetings and presentations. Thank you so much for the kind and generous donation. The board will determine what equipment will best suit AVQ needs and fit the budget. Merry Christmas to AVQ members!

~ Donna Fay Bower, AVQ Treasurer



AVQ Quilt Show 2017 *Colors of the Vineyard* 111 days and counting!!!

WHEN: Saturday, April 22nd 2017 and Sunday April 23rd 2017

WHERE: Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore CA

Many of you have been contacted by quilt show committee chairs. This has two purposes – to encourage you to enter a piece in the show AND to help us plan the layout of the show.

The next quilt show committee meeting is **TUESDAY, JANUARY 10TH at 6:30 pm** at Round Table Pizza in Pleasanton. We are currently looking for two **helpers** for the Raffle Basket committee. Susan Benson & Jodell Banovich are the chairs. If you are willing to assist during the Quilt Show weekend, please contact one of them.

At the January guild meeting on January 14th we will have a drawing for those of you who have completed your challenge pieces. To be eligible for the drawing you must:

1. Complete your challenge piece and turn in to Terry Kalashian.
2. Complete your Quilt Submission form. The entry forms will be available to all members on our website on January 1st. Be sure to include your picture.
3. Your piece must have a sleeve and your name on the ID label.

If you turned in your quilt early to Terry, you must complete your quilt submission form AND give her the ID label to attach to the back of the quilt.

You can find more detailed information on our website under Quilt Show, then Challenge. Two lucky members will win a ticket to Alex Anderson's lecture and a \$25 gift certificate.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or ideas.

~ Pam Campion, AVQ Quilt Show 2017 Chair

FCI Project (Federal Correctional Institution)

I want to thank all the members that answered our call for various fabrics to complete the quilt that is destined for President Obama. It is on its way and will be delivered through the Can Do Organization. The inmates were very appreciative and every sewing session made sure to thank us on behalf of you.

The quilt is featured on their website so you will be able to see the quilt at <http://www.candoclemency.com> and click on the article 'Women of FCI Dublin commemorate CP14 in a quilt for Obama.'

~ Audrey Hutchinson

Block of the Month

It's January, but this month we will have a colorful Spring Buttercup Block for block of the month! Come and pick up one or more to brighten your winter sewing.

~ Marion Leach, BOM for January



Cindy Needham - My Time Quilting Retreat

One of our group of four who signed up for the retreat March 6-9 cannot go with us. If you would like her spot at this sold out retreat in Auburn, CA, please let Sandi Fisher know ASAP. For a whole lot more information, go to www.cindyneedham.com/products/my-time-quilting-retreat-auburn-california.

~ Sandi Fisher



Community Quilts

Our holiday distribution of 270 quilts shows your overwhelming commitment to improving lives in our community. Thank you for all of your time, effort and generosity.

The Holiday Tea was a fun and inspiring event. Inta and her crew did an amazing job of organizing and setting up the tea. The parade of quilts is always fun. We want to thank the volunteers from Tri-Valley Explorers for their help with the parade.

Community Quilts is now gearing up for 2017! Following the December distribution there are NO adult or baby quilts left in our supply. If you are thinking about making a community quilt, please consider making one for an adult/teen or for a baby.

An adult/teen quilt should be from 45 - 60" in width and 60" - 75" in length.

A baby quilt should be from 36" - 41" in width and length.

The guild will provide your batting for the quilt. Please contact one of our members listed below to make arrangements to get the batting you need.

Pat Hove - Castro Valley

Audrey Hutchinson - Dublin

Linda Ballou - Livermore

Judy Peterson - Pleasanton

Diane Escobar - Pleasanton

Rose Seay - San Ramon

~ Nancy Moscardini, Donna Merritt and Coleen Kafoure, Community Quilts Co-Chairs

Quiltinators - New meeting places

I know that I have tried to confuse you lately and it sounds as though I have done a very good job. We (Quiltinators) as a group donate between 250-300 quilts a year to CQ, so I feel it is very important to enlist your support so that we can continue to help support those that need our help aka warm fuzzy hugs. Please join me at one or all of the venues listed below. As a bonus you may come to any Monday to sew at the VFW Hall but I will only be at the 1st and 3rd Mondays. On the third Mondays I will hold help clinics.

New addresses:

Dublin Library - Community Room
200 Civic Plaza. Dublin, Ca 94568

Time: 10am - 3pm

Date: **1st Wednesday of each month - Next meeting - Jan 4, 2017**
and/or

VFW Post 7265 - aka VFW/QOV/Quiltinators
522 L St., Livermore, Ca 94550

Time: 10:15 am (setup) 10:30-4pm Sew

Date: **1st and 3rd Mondays**

Next meeting - **Jan 2 and Jan 16, 2017 (help clinic)**

~ Jeanne B. Brophy, Quiltinators Chair

Quilts of Valor

We had a busy month. On December 3rd we presented five Quilts of Valor at the Daughters of the American Revolution Christmas luncheon to:

Paul J Biery who served in the Navy Seabees MC8 from 1966 to 1968 as a 2nd Class Petty Officer E5 in Vietnam;

Galen Marsh who served in the Army from 1964 to 1966 as a Specialist E-4 with 1st Logistical Command in Vietnam;

Antonio "Tony" Lopes who served in the Air Force from 1966 to 1969 in the 101st Airborne in Vietnam;





Russel Fox who served in the Army from 1944 to 1965 in the 3rd Infantry in WWII and Korea. Russel received the Purple Heart. He is the past Commander of American Legion Post 47 Livermore and District 10 President. He has 33 years in the American Legion and has donated 16,277 hours in service.

Juanite Fox who served in the Army at West point from 1950 to 1952. She is the former Commander of the American Legion Post 47 in Livermore and the American Legion Auxiliary President of Post 47. She was also District 10 President. Juanite has 49 years and 24,338 hours of service with the American Legion. Juanite and

Russel were married at West Point and have had 65 years of married bless.

Audrey Hutchinson and Barbara Stuart did a great job and we had a wonderful time.

On December 3rd, Independent News reporter Carol Graham was also present and she wrote a great article on the Quilts of Valor and the presentations at the Daughters of the American Revolution. If you don't receive the Independent you may view the article at: <http://www.independentnews.com>. I would like to thank Carol for the wonderful pictures and information on Amador Valley Quilters and the Quilts of Valor.

On December 9th at the Pleasanton Military Families Christmas dinner, we presented a Quilt of Valor to **Michael Lamonica**. Michael served in the United States Marines in Afghanistan. Michael was injured by an IED and we are so glad he has returned home. Michael is the son of our past AVQ President Marty Lamonica.

MEETINGS:

Mondays 10:30AM to 4PM at the Veterans Memorial Hall Livermore located at 522 S L St., corner of 5th. **Everyone is welcome**. Please bring: closed drinking cup, plug strip, sewing machine with book and sewing tools. The Quiltinators and Quilts of Valor have a great time and while doing that we make wonderful quilts!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Make a Difference for Pleasanton - January 14th at the Pleasanton Library 10AM to 2PM.

Quilts of Valor Sew Day - February 4th at the Veterans Memorial Building in Livermore.

~Bonnie Schwegerl, QOV & Rookie Quilt Program Chair

National Sew Day

Quilts of Valor National Sew Day Saturday, February 4th, 2017

Please join us at the

Veterans Memorial Building at corner of L and 5th Street, Livermore

We check in at 10:30am and sew till approx. 4pm



We'd love for everyone to come join us as we make tops for quilts of valor. All you need to bring is your sewing machine and sewing supplies. We provide the fabric already cut in a kit with the pattern. Lots of help is on hand for all the crazy questions. We make quilts that are approximately 60" x 80" and usually they have some patriotic and/or red, white and blue fabric. You can come for part of the time or leave early, we just want you to join us. We plan to have some fun activities as well as heavy duty sewing.

Over the past 4 years we have presented approximately 200 quilts to local veterans ranging from WWII to Afghanistan. Go to WWW.QOVF.ORG to see what our national organization is all about. We are sponsored by the Livermore VFW Post 7265.

To ensure we have kits, etc. for you to have a great day please call either Bonnie 510 -793-7583 or Audrey 925-330-4176 or be sure to sign up on a clipboard at our general meeting. At the AVQ December Tea we had 27 people already sign up.

We will have lunch for all – salad, pizza and drinks (non-alcoholic). A \$10 donation is requested to cover the costs.

~Audrey Hutchinson

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AVQ Committee Members

ROLE	NAME
Budding Beginners	BJ Meier
Quilt Show 2016 Challenge	Terry Kalashian & Dorothy Maddox
Retreat 2016	Audrey Hutchinson & Donna Fay Bower

AVQ Web LinksAVQ's website: www.amadorvalleyquilters.orgFacebook page for guild members: [Amador Valley Quilters](#)To look at the library's book list sorted by title, author, or subject, visit: [AVQ Library List](#)



January 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 10:30am-4:00pm QOV & Quiltinators (Livermore VFW)	3	4 10am-3pm Quiltinators (Dublin Library)	5 10am Cut-ups 7:30pm Progressive	6	7
8	9 10:30am-4:30pm QOV (Livermore VFW)	10 10am Over the Hill 6:30pm Quilt Show Mtg (Round Table Pizza, Pleasanton)	11 10am Threadheads 6:30pm Valley Girls	12	13	14 1:30 pm AVQ Meeting Make a Difference for Pleasanton
15 10am AVQ Workshop	16 10:30am-4:00pm QOV & Quiltinators (Livermore VFW)	17 10am BYOC	18	19 10am Out-of-the Boxers 10am Scrap Happy Traders	20 10am Sew'n'Sews Newsletter Deadline	21 "Heart of the Valley"
22 "Heart of the Valley"	23 10:30am-4:00pm QOV (Livermore VFW) 6:30pm AVQ Board Mtg	24	25 10am Handmaidens 1:30pm Technigals 6:30pm Modern Quilt Group	26 10am Livermore Flying Geese 6:30pm Bag People	27	28
29	30 10:30am-4:00pm QOV (Livermore VFW)	31				

QOV = Quilts of Valor

Livermore VFW = Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L St, Livermore, CA 94550

Dublin Library - Community Room, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin, CA 94568

For more information on the FRIENDSHIP GROUPS listed above, click here: [AVQ Calendar online.](#)**Quilt Shows and Activities in the Area & Beyond****November 29, 2016 - January 30, 2017****"VERTICAL EIGHT"**Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula
490 Aguajito Road, Carmel, CA

Regina Liske, longtime member of AVQ, will be exhibiting her quilts in Monterey again this season. This is Regina's eighth show at UUCMP and she will be exhibiting eight quilts. These soft wallcovers with seasonal themes enhance the spirit of the season and reflections for the coming year.

January 19-22, 2017**Road To California Quilter's Conference**www.road2ca.com (909) 946-0020

Ontario Convention Center

2000 E. Convention Center Way, Ontario, CA

January 21 & 22, 2017**"Heart of the Valley Quilts and Textiles"**

by Country Crossroads Quilt Guild

Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 10am-4pm

Admission \$8, under 12 free

Modesto Centre Plaza, 10th and K St., Modesto, CA



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