



Amador Rose

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July Guest Speaker: Mel Beach

Lecture: Challenge Yourself! Discover the World of Quilt Challenges

Workshop: Intriguing Interleave Quilts



Mel's quilting adventure began in 2003 and, since then, she has enjoyed every moment spent creating modern, bold and fun quilts. While living in New York State, she learned to quilt on her own via books, magazines and television. Since moving to Northern California, she has immersed herself in the vibrant quilting community here in the Bay Area as well as online. She loves experimenting with new techniques and designs, and especially enjoys combining bright colors and exciting textures, whether its solids, ombres (her personal favorite), prints and/or

her own hand dyed fabrics. Mel is especially drawn to participating in Quilt Challenges, both at the local and national/international level! Each new challenge pushes her to grow as a quilter as she creates innovative designs to celebrate fiber through new techniques, fabrics and layouts. Mel will share her love of challenges with us.

NEXT MEETING:

Saturday July 8, 2017

1:30 pm – 4 pm

Pleasanton Middle School

5001 Case Ave.

Pleasanton, CA

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Don't Forget:

- **Your Name Tag!**
- **Quilts to share**

Upcoming Speakers

- August – Ashley Nickels
- September – Meri Vahl
- October – In-house

President's Message

Many thanks to those who have stepped forward to keep AVQ running smoothly, especially our new newsletter editor - Amy Sams. In addition, we now have a Welcoming Chair - Helen Rydbeck - and Sue Green and Renee Haynes volunteered at the June meeting to take Budding Beginners.

Speaking of meetings, we will change the order of our July meeting to accommodate our speaker, Mel Beach. She will make her presentation after sharing.

AVQ is exploring ways to support our members who wish to share their quilting-related blogs or websites. I have been writing for seven years about my never-ending quest to tidy up my sewing room. You are welcome to stop by <https://lanilongshore.wordpress.com/> to see my progress (or lack thereof). I would love to see how the rest of you share your quilting journey. Let me know where I can find you on the web, and whether you would like that information in our directory.

As you read this edition of The Amador Rose, take special note of all the opportunities there are to share your art and skills, both with the guild and the wider community. Some could provide immediate rewards, like reserving a table at the Bankhead summer concert series in Livermore to sell your quilts and quilt-related items, and some are more long-term. Whatever your interests, AVQ is here to help you find a way to learn, to grow, to contribute, and to make friends.

Make quilts - make art - make magic! Lani Longshore



Workshops: 2017-2018 New Skills and Ideas

We have an exciting list of workshops to offer you this upcoming year. Take time and go to our website and see what's scheduled. Decide what workshops you want to take and reserve your seat now. If you need to cancel you will get a full refund 90 days in advance of the workshop. Don't be disappointed, sign up now.

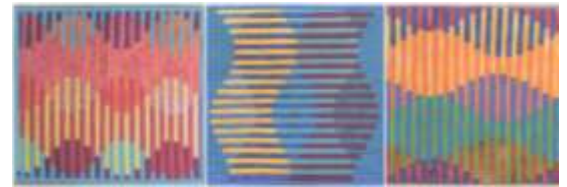
On the website (www.amadorvalleyquilters.org/speakers) you will see the speaker and class topic and the supply list.

At the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore
Workshops are 10am – 4pm. The cost is \$50.
You may pay by cash, check or credit card.

July 9, 2017 Mel Beach

“Intriguing Interleave Quilts” at Bothwell Arts Center

You will unlock the fun and intrigue of Interleave quilts. This workshop will reveal all the secrets behind creating the illusion of curves and transparency. Best of all, these Interleaves are assembled using a "quilt-as-you-go" technique, so your unique Interleave quilt will be pieced and quilted at the same time. **Check the AVQ website for the supply list.**



August 13, 2017 Ashley Nickels

“Basics of Modern Machine Quilting” at Bothwell Art Center

In this class, you will learn basic machine quilting techniques and gain insight into creating a modern composition on your quilts. This would be a great class to learn new techniques and try them out on a Community Quilt. It's a win-win. CQ gets a completed quilt and you get to practice your quilting. Give it a try.

Check the AVQ website for the supply list.

September 10, 2017 Meri Vahl Workshop: Layered Landscapes.

Open up a whole new world of artistic possibilities with this playful and fun technique. No fusing or sewing machines necessary for this one day class. Just bring your favorite photograph for inspiration, scissors, lots of straight or safety pins, fine BLACK tulle (other colors as desired), and fabric to make your artistic vision come true. In addition, I'll demonstrate how I create people for my quilts, and I'll show you an easy way to add borders so you can make an art quilt of any size, and you will only have to machine quilt the outside edges of your project.



October In-house program TBD

November 12th Alexandra Vonburg Workshop: Free Form Piecing.

Free form piecing is a no-template method of making unique multiple blocks that will fit together for a whole quilt. A great way to feature scraps and favorite novelties

January 14th Jenifer Dick “Starburst”

February In-house program TBD

March 11th Peggy Martin “Jelly Roll Jive”

April 15th Christine Barnes “Luminosity”

To sign up: stop by the Workshop Table or contact Audrey Hutchinson, Workshop Chair.



Block of the Month

The July BOM is a ginger jar set made with Asian-like fabrics on a white/off-white background. There will be three (3) designs to select from. Don't forget to bring your batik "Next Door Neighbor" blocks to the July meeting.

~ Maya Madhavan and Kathy Proctor, BOM Co-Chairs

Quilters Who Like Horses, Take Note

A visitor to our quilt show has asked if there are any members who would like to collaborate on a project with her to make tote bags from horse feed sacks as a fundraiser for a local horse rescue group. Please call Gretchen Kyle at (510) 386-6127.

Breaking News It HAS happened; the lost has been found!

The long-lost box #14 has been found. It is in good shape. You may check out books from this mystery box and others at the meeting in July. Stop by and see new books and say "Hi" to our new Librarian, Maureen Hall.



There is Still a Chance to Volunteer for AVQ

While board positions are rapidly filling up, there are still a few vacancies, including:

- Travel
- Silent Auction
- Opportunity Quilt Chair

Contact: Lani Longshore for more information

Marketplace Makers – An Opportunity to Sell Your Wares, 2017 – Livermore

For six Tuesday nights over the summer (July 11, 18, 25 and Aug 1, 8, 15), the Bankhead Theatre in Livermore showcases art and music with an outdoor concert from 5:30 – 8:30 pm. The crowds fill the green space in front of the theatre (on 1st St) and artist display and sell their wares on the surrounding sidewalks. “*Evenings on the Green*” is open to all artists displaying artist-only products, demonstrations, and/or education. If you wish to reserve a table and sell your work, contact email: agiancola@lvpac.org, ph: 925-447-2787 to reserve a table. First come, first serve! Find out more at www.bothwell.lvpac.org under ‘events’

Alameda County Fair Raffle for Community Quilts June 16 - July 9



A big **THANK YOU** to all those that have volunteered their time, Pre-Fair - Receiving and Judging quilts, hanging quilts, working for the Fair (earnings for AVQ) and Raffle Sales (earnings for Community Quilts). We met many visitors to the Fair that were excited about buying a chance on our beautiful quilt, watching us sew on a Featherweight and hearing about Quilts of Valor.

There is still time to sign up for a shift to work for the Fairgrounds. AVQ earns \$4/hr. for early shifts and after 3 pm we get \$5/hr. This is a fun fund raiser for both the Guild and for Community Quilts.

~Jeanne Brophy, Fair Coordinator, jeannebquiltz@gmail.com, 925-462-1600 (home) 925-487-2499 (Cell)



Quilt Show Wrap Up

We are wrapping up all the Quilt Show information and financial records and I am happy to report that the **NET profit for Colors of the Vineyard was over \$12,000.** Thanks to all of you who helped make the show a success. This provides money for guild activities for a TWO-YEAR period. Thanks to all of the committee chairs, we have developed guidelines, floor plans and procedures for the RLCC venue. We would like to think we have worked out most of the kinks in our maiden voyage at a new venue. Also, after reviewing the publicity survey results (from guests at our show), we have a streamlined marketing plan that will be most effective at a reasonable cost. It has been my pleasure to chair the show and I have enjoyed working with so many new faces and sharing the beautiful work of members with the community.

Also, **the board is currently discussing and making plans for Quilt Show 2019.** I strongly suggested to the board that the Opportunity Quilt and Quilt Show should share the same theme. It makes a much smoother marketing plan. It is necessary to begin work on the Opportunity Quilt by this fall. I am happy to serve as a mentor. Consider working with a friend or a team of 3-4 to get the ball rolling. If you would consider helping in the first steps of planning, please contact *Lani Longshore*

~ Pam Campion, 2017 Quilt Show Chair

Quilts of Valor

We had an exciting Memorial weekend when we presented Quilts of Valor to 8 Livermore VFW members. Frank



Rich – Army Air Corps WWII received a quilt made by Donna Jo Kingdon; Leonard Gregory – Navy WWII received Leslie Sorenson's QOV; Keith Andersen – Navy Korea received a quilt made by Audrey Hutchinson; Emil Cigliuti- Navy Korea received a quilt made by Jerrie Powell; John Cartensen-Airforce Korea received Judy Trahan's QOV; Keith Hurner – Army Korea received Michelle McCumbers's QOV; Eugene Cota Army Korea and Air Force Vietnam received Mary Watcher's QOV (shown at left). This was preceded by a great lunch.

The next day we wrapped up our weekend with a presentation to Raymond T Devany – Army WWII received a quilt made by Jan Steinhoff. Ray had an accident so was unable to attend on Memorial Day. Now we are in the throes of presenting quilts at the Alameda County Fair. On Thursday 22nd, Mary Adamson – Navy, received a quilt made by Vicki Shore & Audrey Hutchinson.

We welcome everyone to come join us on Mondays at the VFW Hall, 522 L Street Livermore. We are there from 10:30 – 4pm and we have kits available for you, or you may decide to use a pattern and fabric we have available to cut your own kit. Rookie Days are the 4th Monday which is an opportunity for you to bring along a neophyte and we

will have a tutor ready to help them at every step of the process. We love enlarging the group and want we make everyone feel very welcome.

~ Audrey Hutchinson, Quilts of Valor Chair



Community Quilts

We received 52 quilts in June. Community Quilts will not accept any quilt tops at this time. We are in need of completed quilts for Adult Males and Females.

Quilt Kits Available: Please stop by the Community Quilts table to pick up a kit to quilt. Our kits include a quilt top, batting, backing, fabric for the binding, and a label. The kits vary in size from baby to adult and the dimensions of the quilt are shown on the front of the kit so you know what you are taking. There is no deadline for returning the completed project.

Just a reminder, if you plan to make a quilt for Community Quilts, the Guild will provide you with batting. 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

~ Donna Fay Bower, Community Quilts Co-Chairs

Membership

The 2017-18 membership drive will begin at the July guild meeting. Dues remain \$40 for the year. This year it will be possible to pay your membership dues by credit card; however, if you use a credit card, a small additional fee will be added to your total so as to cover the expense of processing the credit card transaction. You may still pay by cash or check, without any processing fees.

The 2017-18 Directory will be printed to include any changes in contact information up to and including September 30. Stay tuned for details on how to renew, make changes, or enlist new members.

~ Chris Sagan, Membership Chair

For Sale

QUILT CABINET FOR SALE. Approx. 46" tall, 26" wide and 14" deep. There are 2 rods across the top to hang quilts as well. Asking \$200. For photos and information, please contact Mary Ann Soby 925-998-8967 or soby2@comcast.net.

Photos are from the top and the front; side panels open



**AVQ Board Members** June 2017-May 2018

ROLE	NAME
President	Lani Longshore
Co-Vice Presidents	Carole Annas & Karen Loughrige
Secretary	Pat Elam
Treasurer	Becky Callahan
Block of the Month	Maya Madhavan & Kathy Proctor
Community Quilts	Donna Fay Bower
Display Blocks	Sue Green
Historian	Barbara Grimes
Hospitality	Inta Faulk
Library	Maureen Hall
Membership	Chris Sagan
Newsletter	Amy Sams
Opportunity Quilt 2018	OPEN
Parliamentarian	Victoria Shore
Program 1 Co-Chairs	A.Hutchinson, T.Kalashian, C.McConkie
Program 2	OPEN
Publicity	Joanne Lenigan
Quilt Show 2019	OPEN
Quilts Of Valor & Rookie Quilts	Audrey Hutchinson
Retreat	OPEN
Travel	OPEN
Webmasters	Kim Jagger, Rebecca Robb
Welcoming	Helen Rydbeck
Workshops	Audrey Hutchinson, MaryAnn Soby

AVQ Committee Members

ROLE	NAME
AVQ's Representative to NCQC	Jeanne Brophy
Budding Beginners	Sue Green, Renee Haynes
Fair Coordinator	Jeanne Brophy
Silent Auction (May 2018)	OPEN
Ways and Means	Sandi Fisher

AVQ Web Links

AVQ's website: www.amadorvalleyquilters.org

Facebook 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](#)



July 2017

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

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

2017 Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show

<http://sistersoutdoorquiltshow.org/>

July 8, 2017 – 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sisters, Oregon

Heart of the Redwoods Quilt Show, 2017

www.reqq.com

July 15 & 16, 2017

Eureka, CA

Quilters by the Sea

Quiltshow@quiltersbythesea.com

July 22 & 23, 2017

Long Beach, CA

Alden Lane's Quilting in the Garden

<http://www.aldenlane.com/events/quilting-in-the-garden>

Sept. 23 & 24, 2017

Pacific International Quilt Festival

<http://www.quiltfest.com/> Oct. 12 – 15, 2017



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