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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

QUILTING SISTAH NEWS

African American Quilt Guild of Oakland



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Meeting Reminders

- * Be on-time * Sign-in
and pick-up new info at
the table
- * Wear your name tag
- * Turn in your BOM
- * Turn in a worthy cause
quilt or pillowcase
- * Bring your 2 minute
show and tell
- * Bring Library
donations or buy
something good!
- * No Perfumes or
scented lotion
- * Please help put the
chairs away and
restore the room to
the way we found it.

COME TO THE NOVEMBER MEETING! IT IS OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIFT MAKING WORKSHOP!

We are so lucky this year, the fourth Saturday is November 22nd, and not the Saturday after Thanksgiving! This popular annual event will have quick gifts, practical items and decorations that you can complete during the workshop! Ann Seals and Kyla Laffoon have a lot of fun projects on this years list! Members will receive a detailed email listing all of the projects and supplies to bring before the meeting.

At the workshop, members will receive a complete packet containing the patterns and instructions for all of the projects. You can then make the projects with your friends and families.

Above are two pictures of two projects you will be able to make! A cute pair of snowmen made from recycled or new white athletic socks and embellishments. Also, a very cute reindeer ornament made from wine corks, fabric, and beads.

We are expecting a record turnout of members! So bring your Holiday smile and a treat to share!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As days grow shorter and nights grow longer, it is quilting time! It is time to search your stash and find a new pattern to work on. It is time for you to focus on your quilts for our 2016 Quilt Show - *Bringing Neighbors Together, Quilts Around Oakland*. We need every member to participate in our show!

On September 27th, we celebrated our Guild's new year with style and welcoming. The members of the Sisters Quilting Collective of Sacramento were our guests. We had a catered lunch by our vice president, Ann Seals, where Guild members competed for prizes for the best decorated table. Guild officers and board members shared their dreams for their office this year. We had presentations from the Sisters Quilting Collective, who were excited to celebrate with us at our first meeting. The excitement and enthusiasm in the room was overflowing with high energy. It was a great day of sharing and conversing on the one topic we all had in common - quilting.

My wish for this new year is that the high energy and enthusiasm we experience during our September meeting carry throughout the year. Each meeting will be exciting. We are in the middle of creating and making our quilts(s) for our quilt show. As you know, they are to be ready by December 31st. Each meeting is planned to teach a new skill, listen to a guest speaker, show new quilting projects, and learn new project for holiday gifts.

One of the highlights of our first meeting was the bestowing of Honorary Membership to Joy E. Johnson, who is the second member to receive this honor. The first was our Guild founder, Esther Poncho. Joy was the second president of the Guild. Through the years, Joy has held various positions within the Guild and actively participated in helping to achieve our goal of sharing quilting activities in the community. The membership is very honored to bestow Joy E. Johnson with the title of Honorary Member.

I hope to see you at our next meeting.

Blessings,

Marie



TRIP TO THE HOMELAND ~ JOHANNESBURG

Several members of AAQGO joined over seventy quilters and friends of quilters to attend the South African Quilt Convention held in Johannesburg, South African in July 2014. The visit to the homeland was a first for some and it was definitely a memorable trip for everyone. AAQGO members Marion Coleman and Patricia Montgomery had quilts exhibiting in “Conscience of the Human Spirit: The Life of Nelson Mandela”. This project was a collaboration between Michigan State University, The Women of Color Quilters Network and South African Quilt Artists.

In addition to seeing the Mandela quilts, members were treated to a variety of South African cultural venues including Lesedi Village, a World Heritage Site that presents information about the tribes who populated South Africa prior to the European invasion.



Karla Robinson with a Pedi tribesman.

These Pedi men wear kilts to remind themselves of their defeat by Scotsmen who wore kilts. The Pedi people thought the Scotsmen were woman and wouldn't fight them which lead to their defeat of the Pedi people.



One of the highlights of the visit was meeting members of the Clover Afrika Mamas, a social service organization that has a quilting component. The left photo shows Marion Coleman with three of the Mamas and the project director. The right photo shows Clover Afrika Mamas staff at their booth at the Quilt Convention.

Other Johannesburg highlights included trips to Soweto (South Western Township), the Apartheid Museum and Mandela Square.

Following are images from the Apartheid Museum visit and Soweto:



Children outside childcare center in township. These children are in great need of clothes and supplies and tour members brought items to give to them.



Soweto Grocery Store and deactivated nuclear power plant towers now public art.

The International Quilt Convention was held over three days. They had a good turnout although the event was small in comparison to PIQF and other US quilt festivals. But there are always places to spend money.



Jill Krog and Marion in front of Jill's quilt, "Inspirations"

Jill's son is a professional photographer who knew Nelson Mandela personally and she used photos of Mr. Mandela that had not been previously published.

This picture with the unknown tourist is to show the scale and magnitude of the Mandela Square sculpture. The square is a gateway for shopping, restaurants and a library. The city has much to offer and it would be interesting to meet more local people to hear about their lives today after 20 years of democracy.

Marion Coleman

Guild Member BUZZ!



SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS



Our positive thoughts and prayers to all members and their families facing health challenges. Glad to see **Mary Wimbly** up and about.

Our condolences to **Amal Johnson** on the loss of her Mother.

Congratulations to **Carolyn Pope** on her one woman show at Urban Furniture.

New and returning members!

Jamie Gladney-Presley
Elizabeth King-Kano
Lillian LeBlanc
Natalie Lindsey

Quilting Tip of the Day:

You can take your quilting books to a copy shop and have them spiral bound. This allows the book to stay open and flat while you're using the instructions. It also makes tracing appliqué templates easier!



Birthdays!

NOVEMBER

Rose Marie Caraway
Louvenia Fuston
Teri Green
Shyrrl Spann Hancock
Marion Thomas
Julia Vitero



DECEMBER

Marsha Carter
Verlie Collins
Barbara Fuston
Debbie Mason
Carolyn Pope
Rosita Thomas
Teresa Weyand
Dorothy Wilkins

JANUARY

Frances Beal
Lucille James
Norma Mason
Carole Rogers
Lola Tatum



LOCAL EVENTS

November 28 - 30

Celebration of Craftswomen

Herbst Pavilion
Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA

December 4 - 6 and 11 - 13

Giftique

Hayward Art Council
Foothill Gallery
Hayward, CA
www.haywardartcouncil.org

December 5 - 7

Artifactory Holiday Faire

1190 Hopkins Ave
Palo Alto, CA

January 22 - 25, 2015

The Road of California

Ontario Convention Center
Ontario, CA

February 19 - 22, 2015

Stitchers West Knitter Conference

Santa Clara Convention Center
Santa Clara, CA
www.knittinguniverse.com/stitches

March 14 - 15, 2015

40 Years of Quilted Memories Quilt Show

Santa Clara Valley Quilt Association
San Clara Convention Center
Santa Clara, CA 95654
www.scvqa.org

March 28 - 29, 2015

Foothill Quilters Show Gold Country Fairgrounds Auburn, CA

May 2 - 3, 2015

Carquinez Strait Stitchers Quilt Show

The Historic Clock Tower
Benecia, CA

June 5 - 6, 2015

Contemporary Crafts Market

Pasadena Convention Center
Pasadena, CA

For free pass:

http://www.craftsource.org/free_pass.htm



QUILTING SISTERS ARE LIKE THREADS OF GOLD IN THE FABRIC OF LIFE

If you missed the September AAQGO meeting – you missed a wonderful fellowship experience. Members of Sacramento's *Sisters Quilting Collective* were invited to join us for a festive luncheon meeting and a show and tell.

Similar to AAQGO, the mission of the SQC is to bring awareness of the historical value of African – American quilts, as well as to celebrate and continue the tradition of quilting. They are a group of individuals who are not only quilters, but fiber artist and crafters – similar to AAQGO. SQC had its beginning in 2012 after an exhibition of quilts held at the Brickhouse Gallery in Sacramento, CA.

Marsha Carter, AAQGO member and also a SQC member, hosted the September luncheon meeting and invited fellow guild members to dress up the West Oakland Library meeting space with decorated tables. September's meeting theme was ***"Quilting Sisters are Like Threads of Gold in the Fabric of Life"***. There were eight tables decorated by AAQGO members that made the usually drab room "smile."

At most meetings, one normally sits next to someone they already know. This time, our Membership Chair, Nickcolyer Hills, greeted and distributed seat assignments that assured AAQGO and SQC members were mixed up at each table so everyone got a chance to meet and chat with someone new. We found that we had more in common as we pursue excellence in quilting the "fabric of life".

A group of AAQGO members lead by Francis Porter judged each decorated table prior to the meeting.



After the delicious buffet lunch prepared and served by Vice-President Ann Seals and her team, both AAQGO and SQC members had a "show and tell" and talked about upcoming activities.

I'm hoping that a new "annual tradition" is in the making: Each new membership year – AAQGO could invite SQC or another sister guild to attend the first membership meeting. Perhaps an invitation will be extended to AAQGO members to go as a group to one of the SQC meetings.

Guild members should support the new board members as they purposefully seek to enrich each membership meeting in a meaningful way!

Teri Green



TABLE DECORATION AWARDS

TABLE DECORATING COORDINATOR

Shyrrl Spann Hancock

PARTICIPANT AWARDS

1. Shyrrl Spann Hancock
2. Jackie Houston
3. "The Sister's" - Jackqueline Clemons-Dorsey, Susie Patrick, Heidi Patrick
4. Teri Green and company

PARTICIPANT AWARDS GIFT DONORS

K'ren Martin, Carolyn Pope, Marsha Carter and AAQGO

QUILT STORE GIFT CERTIFICATES DONORS

1. JUDGES FAVORITE - *"QUILTING SISTERS ARE LIKE THREADS OF GOLD IN THE FABRIC OF LIFE"*
Wooden Gate Quilt Shop - Winner, Marie dePorres Taylor
2. BEST CONTESTANT THEME - **Cotton Patch Quilt Shop** - Winner, Helen Anderson
3. BEST AAQGO THEME - *"QUILTING SISTERS ARE LIKE THREADS OF GOLD IN THE FABRIC OF LIFE"*
New Pieces Quilt Shop - Winner's, Rosita Thomas, Ann Seals, Erni Tril

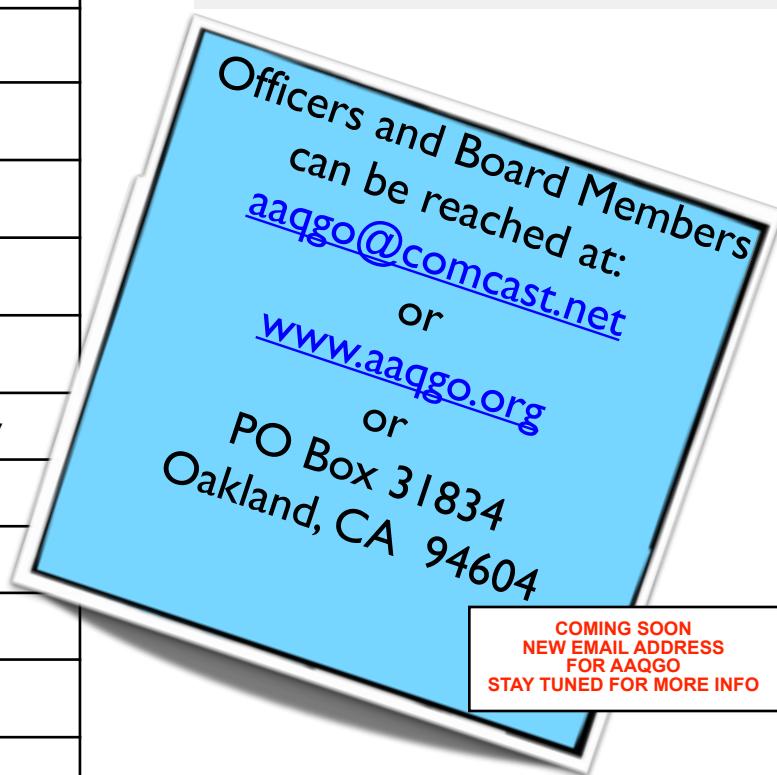
MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS TO ALL ATTENDING

1. **BEVERLY'S FABRIC STORE**, Alameda, CA
2. **STONEMOUNTAIN & DAUGHTER FABRICS**, Berkeley, CA.



Who is who? and what is what?

2014 - 2016 Officers and Board Members	
President	Marie dePorres Taylor
Vice President	Ann Seals
Secretary	Rosita Thomas
Treasurer	Dolores Vitero Presley
Historian	Donald Foreman
Parliamentarian	Marilyn Handis
Founder	Esther Pancho
Education	Deborah Salmon
Exhibits	Julia Vitero
Library	Shyrrl Spann-Hancock
Membership	Nickcolyer Hills
Newsletter	Dolores Vitero Presley
NCQC Liaison	Katie Wishom
Opportunity Quilt	Teri Green
Publicity	Vacant
Quilt Show	Marion Coleman
Sunshine	Nell Mays
Website	Ann Seals
Worthy Causes	Jackie Clemons-Dorsey



MEMBERSHIP:

Membership shall be open to anyone interested in the purpose and objectives of this Guild, and payment of annual dues. No discrimination shall be made with regard to race, color, creed, or national origin.

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