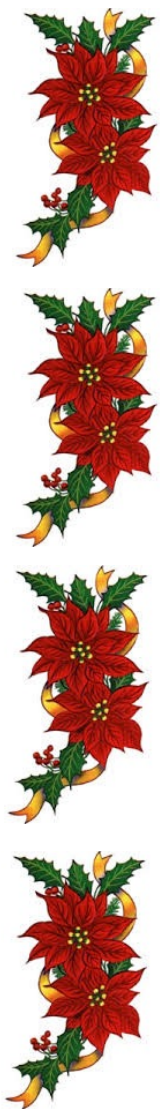


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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

QUILTING SISTAH NEWS

African American Quilt Guild of Oakland



AAQGO
Holiday Party 2015

Potluck and Gift Exchange
Bring a Dish and a gift!
(Homemade or value less than \$10.00)

DATE: Saturday, December 5th, 2015

WHERE: Ann Robinson
[Redacted]

TIME: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

RSVP: by email aaqgoakland@gmail.com

Bring a Dish!

Last Name
A - M appetizer, main dish, side-dish or salad
N - Z bread, dessert or, paper goods, or drinks
Also bring a canned good for donation to our local food bank



**Our Guild Meeting is the
4th Saturday each Month**



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you know the new year of AAQGO began at our September 26th meeting. We are off and running on a very exciting new year. At our November meeting we will learn and work on new holiday gift projects. I always get great gift ideas at our November. Ann Robinson and her merry band of elves keep our hands and mind busy with projects. On Saturday, December 5th, we will celebrate our Annual Holiday Party. Members check your AAQGO emails for further details.

The biggest event of our new year will be our third Quilt Show. ***Neighborhoods Coming Together: Quilts Around Oakland*** is the theme of our Quilt Show. The quilts members will display are all works of art. Marion Coleman, our Quilt Show chairperson, challenged members to venture out of their comfort zone in terms of quilting skills. The current completed quilts are absolutely stunning. In the coming months, the newsletter will publish details concerning where you will be able to see the quilts which will be displayed throughout Oakland.

As we move forward this year, please join us at our monthly meetings. If you are reading this newsletter and have not paid your membership dues, stop what you are doing and pick up your check book and pay your dues! The African American Quilt Guild is not complete without you! Please renew your membership or join the Guild. We need your creative energy!

Blessings, *Marie*

Please join us for our next meeting -- the annual Gift Making event --

Saturday November 28, starting at 12:00 p.m. (Noon)
at the West Oakland Library, 1801 Adeline, Oakland, CA

You will receive project patterns the day of the meeting. Or visit the **new** [AAQGO](#) website after the meeting to download the patterns. **Photos of the projects and IMPORTANT PRE-WORK info can be found on the Website.**

Upcoming meetings and events:

- December 5 – Holiday Party
- January - Worthy Cause Sew Day
- February – Black History Month Family Workshop
 - March – Guest Speaker

WEBSITE UPDATE

I have been told that if you want something done, give it to a busy person. This year that busy person was our Vice President, who is in charge of our monthly meeting programs, and now our Webmistress, Ann Robinson (nee Seals). Ann, with the help from a former co-worker, rebuilt the entire website from top to bottom. Thank you Les for helping Ann and the Guild. Ann said that she is so pleased with the website, especially the ease to maintain it.

Ann mastered learning new software while planning HER wedding and rearranging her house to accommodate another person. The latter might have been a more stressful task, as I have seen her sewing room!

One important feature of the new website that the user will never see is that it is no longer computer specific. The ability for more than one person to work on it from different locations is one reason Ann chose this software.

By the time you receive this newsletter, our new site will be up and running. The name remains the same - <http://www.aaqgo.org> Visit it and let us know what you think.

Dolores Vitero Presley

QUILTERS - SUNSHINE AND DROUGHT

California has been in a serious drought.
The trees and shrubbery are dead or withering.
Dust everywhere, vacuum cleaners can't keep up.
The rainstorms will surely come in due season.
The skies will be overcast and moods will be blue.
In the meantime look for bright sunny days at
African American Quilt Guild of Oakland.



The new budget was approved - colorful new quilt designed birthday cards were found. We have some specially crafted get-well and sympathy cards should we need them. Begged, borrowed and crocodile tears have been shed to find and use discount coupons for higher priced ticket items like books, tools and specialty fabric panels. Still looking for more great prizes and games to make the monthly drawings more fun and interesting. Group e-mails go out to members who've been missed for several months.

Your Sunshine Coordinator is trying very hard to make all members feel welcome, appreciated and maybe even the warmth of a sunny quilting day. You can help - - let me know when you like something. Get on the current roster and tell me if I need to send a get-well or sympathy card. Reach out to members who may need helpful quilting tips or encouragement. We share the sunshine - let make it happen!

THE *HOT* SHEET

A Resource for Finding Quilting Instructions

CLASSES

- ★ Bay Area Senior Centers
- ★ Some Bay Area Adult Education Schools
- ★ Some Local Fabric Shops

INTERNET ACCESS

- ★ Missouri Start Quilt Makers
- ★ Craftsy.com
- ★ Fons and Porter
- ★ YouTube videos
- ★ About.com
- ★ Quilterscache.com
- ★ Pintrest.com
- ★ To find a particular pattern/technique, try using google; e.g. quilting+bear paw pattern, how to bind a quilt, quilt cutting techniques, etc.



BOOKS

- ★ Quilts! Quilts! Quilts! (McClun and Nownes) excellent for beginners
- ★ Quilts for Babies - Easy as ABC; More Quilts for Babies - Easy as ABC; (Ursula Reikes)
- ★ Quilt in a Day (Eleanor Burns)
- ★ Check with local librarian
- ★ Look for books on amazon.com

INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION

- ★ During the announcements portion of the meeting, make your request for assistance
- ★ Using your roster, email a member(s)

Leave your additions to this list with the Resource Librarian

Guild Member BUZZ!



Welcome
New and returning
members!



Carol Pancho Ash
Alla Blanca
Felecia Germany
Evelyn Johnson
Catherine Mukai
Sandra Murray-Isaacs
Deborah Robinson
Gloria E. Wells

Birthdays!

NOVEMBER

Lovenia Fuston
Shyrrl Spann
Hancock
Marion Thomas
Julia Vitero

DECEMBER

Marsha Carter
Barbara Fuston
Carolyn Pope
Rosita Thomas
Gloria Wells
Teresa Weyand
Dorothy Wilkins

JANUARY

Carole Rogers
Lola Tatum



SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS



Our positive thoughts and prayers to all members and their families facing health challenges.

Our condolences to the family of **Debbie Mason** on the loss of her Grandfather. Our condolences to the family of **Pat Bailey** on the loss of her Uncle. Our condolences to the family of Alix Jennings on the loss of her brother and brother-in-law.



Just a reminder, our email address, aaqgoaklan@gmail.com is to be used for Guild business only. Names and addresses are not to be shared with other organizations or businesses. Please use your roster to contact individuals in the Guild. The Guild will no longer forward your messages. Feel free to print out information the you want to share and give to our Resource Librarian at each meeting.

Local Events

Art Quilt Tahoe
Zephyr Point Conference Center
South Lake Tahoe, CA
www.artquiltahoe.com

November 12 - December 16

Strata

New Works from the Studio Art Quilt Associates
Harrington Art Gallery-Firehouse
Arts Center
Pleasanton, CA
510.409.5035
4kgrady@gmail.com

November 27-29

Celebration of Craftswomen
Herbst Pavilion, Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA
www.celebrationofwomen.com

December 4 - 6

The Artifactory Holiday Fair
Palo Alta, CA
<http://artifactory2004.weebly.com/>

December 19 - 20

KPFA Holiday Fair
Craneway Pavilion
Richmond, CA

Quilting Sistah News accepts classified ads pertaining to quilting and/or sewing from our members. The cost is \$5 for a scan of your business card or an ad of 25 words or less. Your ad will be published in the



PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL QUILT FESTIVAL, SANTA CLARA, CA 2015

Whether you are new to the game and never made a quilt stitch or are old, jaded and need some inspiration, you should have been there. To me, this year had a different less frantic more friendly vibe. Registrants hailed from 16 states and abroad displaying nearly 1000 quilts including displays from Australia, Canada, Germany, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, South Africa and the United Kingdom.

Try to image the buzz, color, creativity and stories told by and about quilts from that many cultures, personalities, experiences and skill sets. Beyond the amazement of the workmanship, beauty and imagination were so many shared views. I didn't immediately understand the impact but there was this one simple quilt from New Zealand of an almost "whole cloth" image in black and with showers of orange tones and a soldier in black silhouette. When I read the bio, it explained the tribute to area soldiers who have given so much to defend their country's people. It is a universal story, ours have and are doing the same. There were a number of exhibits not to be missed - our own Laquita Tummings' portrait quilt, former member Connie Horne's wearable art coat, Dr. Maya Angelou tribute and later scheduled trunk show by Allison Allen. There were the fee based classes and the fashion show which I also missed but you can't beat the cost of "free" learning, tools and techniques presented by all the vendors.

Putting the awesome exhibits on pause for a moment let's reflect on the 155 vendors occupying 300 booths brimming with countless quilting/sewing gadgets, tools and techniques plus some jewelry and other bling. Wish I knew how much was spent there and what was the boost to the local economy - I contributed a modest amount sticking mainly to thread and a stencil and powder pouncing kit to help with quilting. Although the venue is a great resource for every imaginable new quilting tool and short cut, books, patterns, some maybe not so readily available fabric but sewing machines big and small. Message from a "little birdie" is that one of our members bought one of the new "bells and whistles" machines - guess we'll see more beautiful work.

Okay, so back to the exhibit. There was every category: traditional, modern, art, fabric and theme challenges, quilting intricacies and some I'm missing. Again saw the quilt with the changing faces between Jackie Kennedy, Oprah Winfrey and Mother Theresa. There was the *Beatles Song Title Challenge*. There was the *Wicked Cherrywood Challenge*, a lime and black palette featuring any personal interpretation of the word wicked and not limited to influences of the Broadway musical and the Wizard of Oz. Other exhibits included quilted sculptures by Susan Else (she's been our guest), *Oasis* by Studio Art Quilt Assoc (SAQA) and a presentation by Northern CA Quilt Council (NCQC) of which our Guild is a member - wonder why we never knew about the exhibit. Okay, there were lot more - my brain is feeble and my camera has issues. All I can say is you should have been there.

I spent almost two days and didn't see it all.

Some of us hitched a ride in a carpool, Amtrak has a great senior rated 30 minute trip from Hayward and I overheard one person saying she was headed out for a four hour charter bus ride back to Southern California. I've combined a family visit and flew into Houston to catch the exhibit there and met people from here. Even met some quilting vacationers from Australia who'd come especially to see the show but also as an excuse to meet up with relatives who'd just relocated. Somebody needing a seat here in the dining area sat down beside me and struck up a conversation. She turned out to be Sally Socolich who wrote the book "Bargain Hunting in the Bay Area" selling over a half million copies. She now works with fabric. Can't tell you how many casual conversations I had about the sheer artistry, talent, detail, vision and long hours that must have gone into the show and craft - all while just standing around admiring.

Well, what'll be your story next year - are you already planning to go?? Hope you'll spend a bit more time pre-planning than I, maybe book a class.

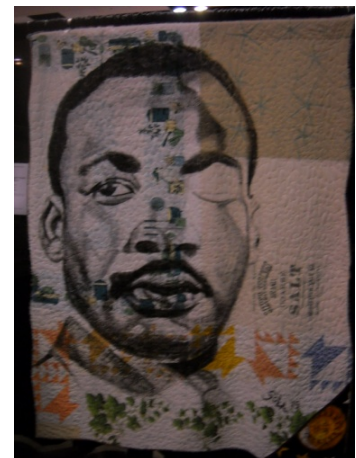
You, too, can submit a quilt or more for the show. Their website is www.quiltfest.com and I pre-registered for \$20 which included all four days' entrance and a preview on the night before. Meanwhile do yourself a favor and check out some of local shows, you might pick up some valuable tips and get a new or different perspective. Hey, you could even write this article next time.



Quilted coat by former member Connie Horne



Best of Country



Martin Luther King, Jr.

Nell Mays

CULTURAL FESTIVAL

LAWRENCE BERKELEY LAB

October 28, 2015

After the rain - a downpour lasting five minutes - stopped, we were able to hang a few of the quilts. Many people stopped by our tables asking about our quilts and our Guild. A good time was had by all at Lawrence Laboratory in Berkeley.

Thank you Susie Patrick, Jackie Clemons-Dorsey, Zondra Martin, Ann Robinson and Dolores Vitero Presley for making this a success.

Helen Anderson



LAKEVIEW LIBRARY EXHIBIT

This year's President's Challenge of red and white wall hangings were displayed at the Lakeview Library from August 4th to September 22nd and on September 24th at the Grand Lake Gardens Senior Residence. The exhibit included two embroidered pillows and 22 wall hangings ranging from embroidered red work, traditional patterns, contemporary and original pieces and Sunbonnet Sue. The Guild received many positive comments from library patrons and residents at Grand Lake Gardens. Visit our website www.aaqgo.org to see images of all the quilts.

Julia Vitero



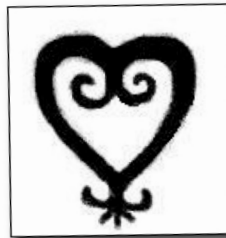
Ora Clay



Alicia Decatur



Marsha Carter



Tip - Maintain your machine

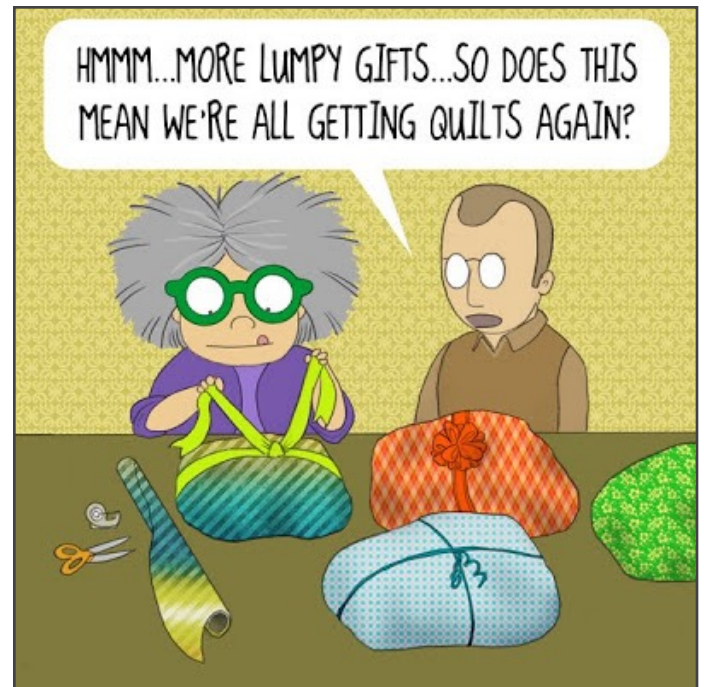
Remember to periodically clear any lint and oil the bobbin case of your machine. A well-maintained machine is one that will provide years and years of trouble-free sewing. One easy way to regularly take care of this routine maintenance is to clean and oil after you have emptied five bobbins (keep empty bobbins together so you know). For professional maintenance, most manufacturers recommend a regular cleaning once a year. Choose one month a year and regularly take your machine in for a "spa" day during that month each year.

For more tips, go to:

<http://www.craftsy.com/blog/2013/10/favorite-quilting-tips-and-tricks/>

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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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