

QUILTING SISTAH NEWS

African American Quilt Guild of Oakland

“Quilts with a Sense of Place, Stitched in Oakland”

You've heard about it and now the entire world knows about our upcoming quilt show, **Neighborhoods Coming Together: Quilts Around Oakland**.

Thanks to Patricia Leigh Brown and her photographer, who met with Guild members on several occasions and prepared an expose which appeared in The Arts section on February 2nd. Patricia tells how the guild and community came together to tell the story of Oakland in quilts.

Check out the write up in the New York Times at this link: <http://www.nytimes.com/2016/02/03/arts/design/quilts-with-a-sense-of-place-stitched-in-oakland.html>

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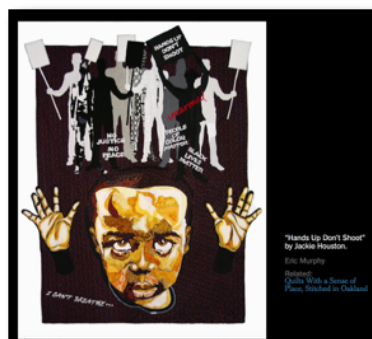
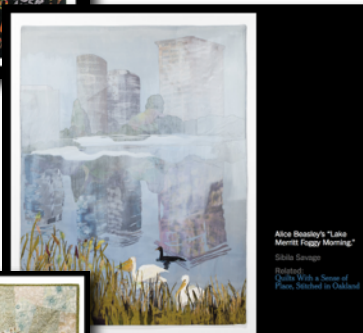
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**Our Guild Meeting is the
4th Saturday each Month**



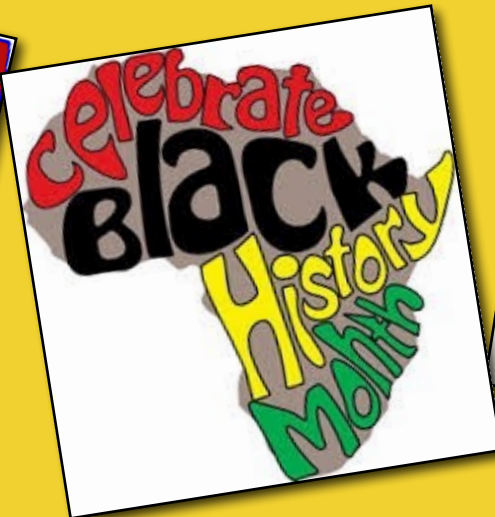
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Black History Month! As we spend time this month celebrating the contributions of African Americans to our country and the world, the African American Quilt Guild of Oakland members are preparing for our annual Black History Month Family Workshop. One of the primary goals of our Guild is to teach the community the art of quilt making. The Black History Month program is always one of the highlights of the year's activities. I am looking forward to our meeting on Saturday, February 27, 2016. It will be exciting to see all the new quilters learning the art we members love. It will be exciting see the young quilters learning how to make a nine patch block.

At last our Quilt Show, Neighborhoods Coming Together: Quilts Around Oakland, is ready to exhibit! We have over 100 quilts that will be displayed all over Oakland. As members have displayed their quilts at meetings, I have been in awe at each new quilt and so very proud of our members who are "master quilters" in my book. This Quilt Show goes beyond the traditional Shows, and provides a unique opportunity to display our craft to a larger audience and over a longer period of time. As you continue to read the newsletter, you will discover where our quilts will be displayed.

We would not have this Quilt Show without the diligent work of our chairperson, Marion Coleman, and her committee. She has cajoled, encouraged, stretched us far beyond what many of us quilters thought we could accomplish. When the catalog of our Quilt Show is published, we will be able to share our quilts with our family and friends who could not travel to Oakland. Our Quilt Show proclaims "there is an Oakland and it is beautiful and unique".

Blessings, Marie



TIPS FROM SUZI

Here is a "recipe" for the almost-as-good-as-Best Press spray. I like it a lot, especially for those stubborn wrinkles and creases.

2 Cups	distilled water
2 Ounces	vodka
1/3 Cup	liquid starch
6-12 drops	essential (optional as it is just for scent).

Michaels and Jo Ann's both have it.

"Be kind."
Suzi Taylor



OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA Demo night - Hand Quilting with La Quitqa Tummings, Julia Vitero and Dolores Presley



Neighborhoods Coming Together: Quilts Around Oakland is a citywide quilt exhibition and quilt making project developed by the African American Quilt Guild of Oakland (AAQGO) for 2014-2016. The project involves creating quilts about people, the environment, history, business, culture and other aspects of life in Oakland. Over 100 quilts have been made by guild and community members during the project period. Community quilt workshops have been conducted in schools, community centers and non profit organizations.

Project exhibition dates include

2/1/16-2/29/16. Oakland City Hall Rotunda Gallery, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza

2/16/16 Laney College Library, 900 Fallon

3/3/16-4/30/16 Joyce Gordon Gallery, 406 14th Street

4/1/16-5/30/16 Women's Cancer Resource Center, 5741 Telegraph

5/27/16-8/12/16 Board of Supervisors Gallery, Alameda County Administration Building, 1221 Oak Street

Quilts will also be hanging at participating schools and senior centers.

This project is funded in part by Alliance for California Traditional Arts, Clorox Foundation, Alameda County Arts Commission, Hoffman Fabrics and members of the African American Quilt Guild of Oakland.

The African American Quilt Guild of Oakland was created in June 2000 to preserve and continue the tradition of quilting. We promote fellowship among persons interested in all aspects of quilting. Our goal is to contribute to the knowledge and appreciation of fine quilting and quilts. We sponsor and support quilting activities through regular meetings and special events with the community.

We have a multiracial/multicultural membership with members who live in several of the Bay Area Counties. Membership is open to anyone interested in the purpose and objective of the guild. No discrimination shall be made with regard to race, color, creed, sex or national original.

Meetings are held on the fourth Saturday at 1 p.m. at West Oakland Public Library, 1801 Adeline Street, Oakland, CA www.aaqgo.org

THINK OAKLAND—THINK QUILTS



Guild Member BUZZ!



SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS



Our condolences to the family of **Jackie Houston** on the loss of her Mother. Our condolences to the family of **Ora Clay** on the loss of her Mother.

Glad to see **Julia Vitero** and **Marion Coleman** up and about after their eye surgeries. Our positive thoughts and prayers to all members and their families facing health challenges.

New and returning members!

Deborah Brown
Marie Claude
Provenchor



Birthdays!

FEBRUARY

Theodora Adkins
Alla Blanca
K'Ren Martin
Catherine Mukai
Renea Rambo



MARCH

Helen Anderson
Anne Jones

APRIL

Alice Beasley
Loretta Cohen
Amal Johnson
Benita Jones
Susie Patrick
Dolores Vitero Presley
Marie Claude Provenchor
Deborah Robinson
Sandra Sweeting-Hall
Mary Wimbley
Katie Wishom

LOCAL EVENTS

February 1 - 29

NEIGHBORHOODS COMING TOGETHER:

QUILTS AROUND OAKLAND
Oakland City Hall Rotunda Gallery
1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza
Oakland

February 16 end date tba

NEIGHBORHOODS COMING TOGETHER:

QUILTS AROUND OAKLAND
Laney College Library
900 Fallon
Oakland

February 27 - 28

Fruits of Our Love and Labor
Foothill Quilters Guild
34th Annual Quilt Show
Gold Country Fairgrounds
Auburn, CA
www.foothillquilters.org

March 3 - April 30

NEIGHBORHOODS COMING TOGETHER:
QUILTS AROUND OAKLAND
Joyce Gordon Gallery
406 14th Street Oakland

March 7 - April 22

The Sew n Sews a Mini group of AAQGO Presents
Alameda County Law Library
Oakland, CA

March 19-20

2016 Quilt Show
Sisters Quilting Collective
Oak Park Community Center
Sacramento, CA
916.470.7234, 916.484.5025

April 1 - May 30

NEIGHBORHOODS COMING TOGETHER:
QUILTS AROUND OAKLAND
Women's Cancer Resource Center
5741 Telegraph Avenue
Oakland

March 9 - May 10

The Sew n Sews a Mini group of AAQGO Small Quilt Display
Hayward Senior Center
Hayward, CA

May 27 - August 12

NEIGHBORHOODS COMING TOGETHER:
QUILTS AROUND OAKLAND
Board of Supervisors Gallery
Alameda County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street
Oakland

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!



Name

Catherine Mukai

Age(ish)

30s

Occupation

Air Quality Consultant

Where I was born

Japan

Town in which I currently live

Oakland

How long I've lived in Oakland

7 years

What I like most about Oakland

I like that Oakland is dense and has anything you could ever want. And it's home! I have my favorite spots, like the Mountain View Cemetery, the Rose Garden, and many coffee shops that I cycle through.

Favorite place to take friends when they come to visit

Jack London Square, Berkeley Bowl, Kona Club, Grand Lake Farmer's Market, Lake Merritt

The people who mean the most to me

my dog, Charlie. He's my best friend.

Hobbies

Quilting! And sewing dresses, cross stitch, hiking, my job, and hanging out with my dog.

Favorite Sports Team

I don't watch many games, but I have to support our Oakland teams.

Sports I enjoy

Not much of a sports watcher, but I love Superbowl Sunday.

Pet(s)

Charlie, an American Akita dog.

Favorite Food/dessert

I can't say no to french fries



I am AAQGO

I "give back" by volunteering with
Donating blood

Favorite vacation destination

My favorite is a staycation to work on my crafts, or Austin, Texas. And Oregon. I like road trips.

What I like most about quilting

I started quilting to not waste the scraps from when I tried to sew clothes, but quilting has become my primary craft. I try to use scraps as much as possible but when I make quilts as gifts I get to buy new fabric. I haven't learned to machine quilt so after machine piecing I do all my quilting by hand. This means I only make one quilt a year. Every other year I give a quilt away—I have four quilts at home now and pretty soon I will have more quilts than places to put them.

One thing I want to accomplish in quilting

I want to make all types of quilts, like a Hawaiian quilt, cathedral windows, yo-yos, and maybe also more applique. What I have made so far is very traditional with the most challenging being either my grandmother's flower garden or my double wedding ring. I'd like to learn a few more techniques for streamlining.

How AAQGO has made me a better quilter

I just joined but I hope AAQGO helps me make a lot more quilts. I'm already really into the block of the month. I'm happy to have stumbled into a meeting and hope to keep learning from the group!

90 Minute Ironing Board Cover

Handwritten Pattern by Donald Foreman

See Pictures on the next page!

90 Minute Ironing Board Cover

Photo 1

Equipment and supplies for ironing board cover: Fabric, marking pens, paper gauge marked at 2" and 6" Spaces, bodkin or cord puller (a large safety pin can be used), cording/twine and cord clamp.

Photo 2

Ironing board placed top down on fabric.

Photo 3

Using 6" gauge, mark 6" line around the entire outline of board. After marking outline of board, cut fabric using marked lines as guide.

Photo 4

New cover shape without casing.

Photo 5

Using gauge to mark 2" line from outer edge of cover.

Photo 6

Mark entire perimeter of cover except 2" along back of ironing board to allow an opening to insert cording.

Photo 7

Form casing by folding outer edge of cover to meet 2" line.

Photo 8

Pin and stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " from cut edge of fabric or $\frac{3}{4}$ " from fold.

Photo 9

2" opening left for cording.

Photo 10

Measure cording for cover.

Photo 11

Insert bodkin or cord puller through casing.

Photo 12

Cording pulled completely through casing.

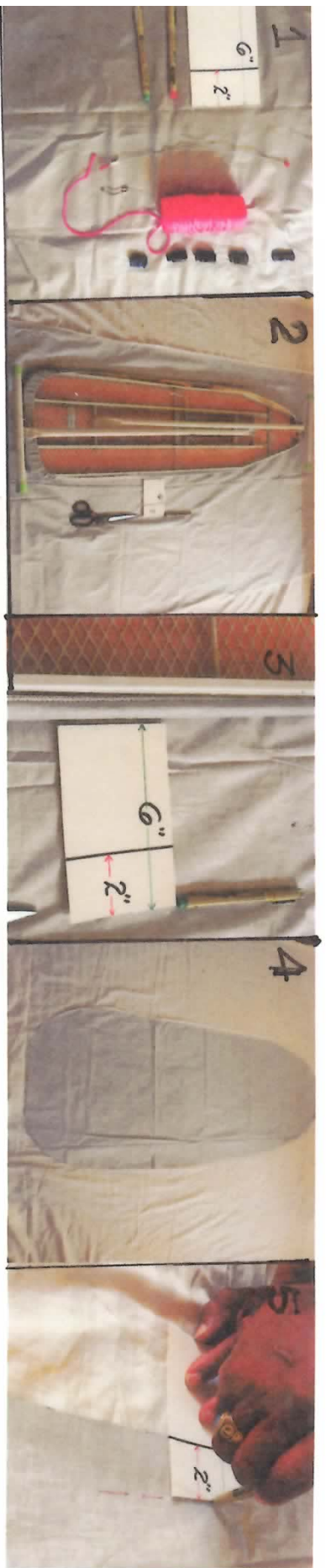
Photo 13

Cording clamp secures both ends.

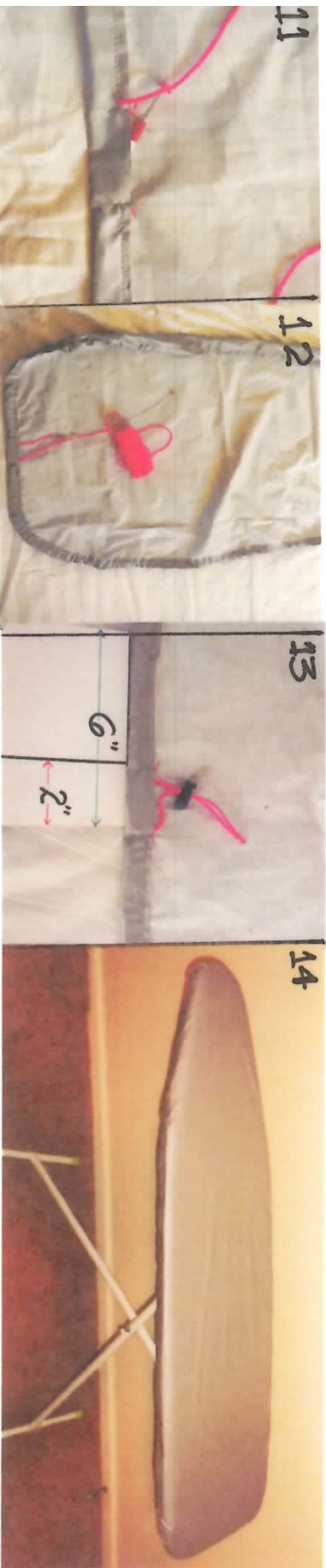
Photo 14

New cover ready for use!!!





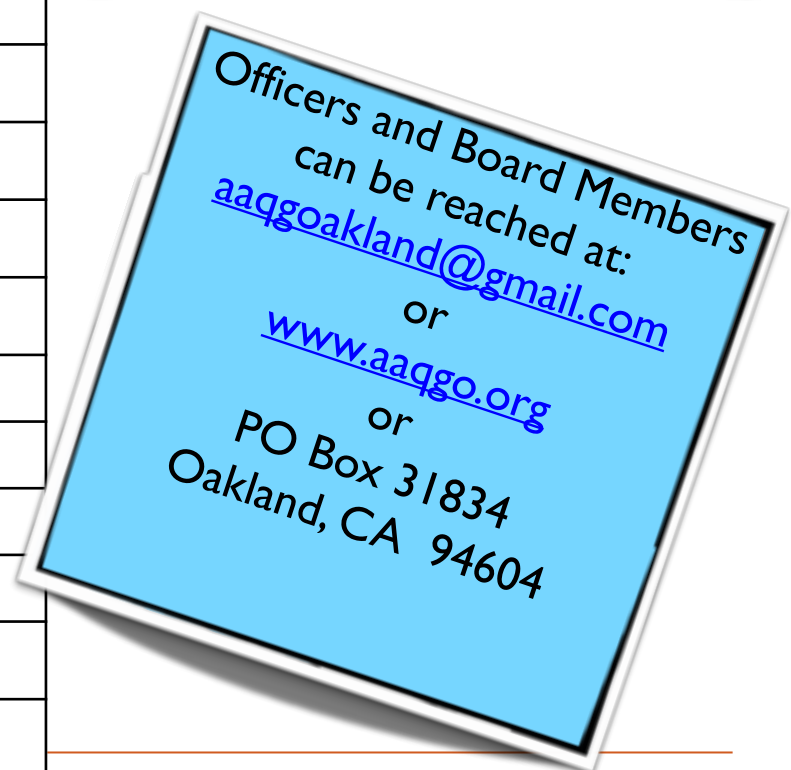
90 Minute Iron Board Cover



done! forever
02/2016

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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