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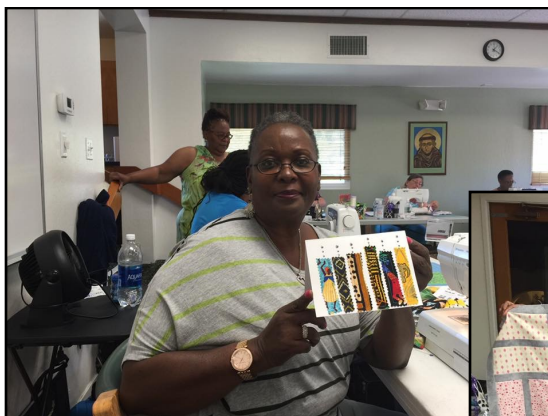
# QUILTING SISTAH NEWS

## *African American Quilt Guild of Oakland*

### AAQGO 2016 Retreat

We all had great fun at this year's retreat in Danville, CA! 18 guild members showed up on Friday to sew and have a lot of fun! This is Ann Robinson's 10th year as our hostess and party planner. She did not disappoint! Some people worked on the 2 mystery quilts, others brought their own projects. We did several quick projects including a scissor holder, a cell phone holder, handmade greeting cards, covered notebooks and a coupon card holder out of Kraft-text (paper that acts like fabric). We all left with new friends, new skills, and wonderful gifts from the crazy games we played! Ann is in search of an enthusiastic person to take over her hostess role, please contact Ann or Marie if you are interested! Until next year... Kyla

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



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At our July 23rd general meeting, elections for our AAQGO officers for 2016 - 2018 were held. The election results were as follows:

President: Marie de Porres Taylor

Vice President: Ann Robinson

Secretary: Rosita Thomas

Treasurer: Dolores Vitero Presley

Parliamentarian: Rev. FranCione

Historian: Donald Foreman

As you know our board is made up of elected persons as well as appointed chairs of our various standing committees. Included in this newsletter are names of all of our elected AAQGO Board members. I am grateful to our elected officers who are continuing in their roles. Without their dedication to the mission of AAQGO, our organization would not be as vibrant as it is. I would like to thank Marilyn Handis for her hard work as our parliamentarian and welcome Rev. FranCione as our new parliamentarian. We have new members that will be stepping up to chair many of our committees. I am truly grateful to our committee chairs. In our next newsletter I will be singing the praises of both our former committee chairs and our new committee chairs.

It is important in any organization to have members who will "step up to the plate" and serve in a leadership capacity. In order for the African American Quilt Guild of Oakland to be alive and grow, we must have members willing to work to keep our organization alive and well. We have seen tremendous growth in our membership this year and I want to see us as an organization to thrive by having all of our membership sharing their gifts with our organization.

On a personal level, I want to thank you for electing me as your President. With your help, I want to see AAQGO soar into our new year; challenging our quilting skills into even better works of art. I want AAQGO to be a welcoming organization that greets new members with warmth and openness; where we meet each other at whatever our quilting skills are and together move our skills to greater heights. In order for this welcoming community to happen each and every member must take an active role in the organization. I am counting on every member to assist in making the African American Quilt Guild of Oakland even better in the years of 2016 to 2018!

Blessings,

*Marie de Porres Taylor*



## BACK TO BASICS

Thanks to all for attending my three part Back to Basic Workshops. I hope you found it beneficial. What I discovered is that there is always a need to learn.

I know I went over a lot of items, but remember to practice, practice, practice, it does not come over night.

- Learn your tools
- Practice safe cutting
- Practice ¼" seam allowance
- Practice pressing vs. ironing
- Practice squaring
- Be consistent
- Enjoy your results

I learned the basics from a great teacher, but today I get most of my new tips from the internet (You-tube, Pinterest, Google, etc.) and from other quilters. When time permits reach out to your fellow quilter. We all do things our way, but always with the basics in the back of our minds! Find a buddy. Working with others will keep you sewing and learning.

Other than your Guild meetings, attend quilt shows and exhibits and visit quilt shops, where you can see other items and experience other quilters. The one thing I've learned in my 16 plus years is that quilters are alright, and very helpful! All you have to do is ask. All questions are good questions!

I challenge each of us to stay motivated. Use your Guild to be the best you can be.

*Ann Robinson*





## **DO YOU *JUST* BELONG**

Are you an active member  
the kind that you would be missed?

Or are you just contented  
that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings and  
mingle with the flock?

Or do you just stay at home  
to criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part  
to help the work along?

Or are you satisfied  
to only just belong?

Do you work with your committee  
and get right in the mix?

Or leave the work to just a few  
and talk about the "CLIQUEs?"

Think this over MEMBER-\_\_\_\_\_

You know right from wrong?

Are you an active member

Or DO YOU JUST BELONG

*Author Unknown*

Our new fiscal year will begin on September 1, 2016. This means it is time to start or renew your membership. Membership applications will be available at the August meeting or you can download the form from our website.



## AAQGO MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

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New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

The membership year is from September 1 to August 31. All persons must complete an application annually and pay \$30 annual dues for adult members and \$15 annual dues for youth members (17 years and under).

**AAQGO PRIVACY INFORMATION:** We publish a Membership Roster and make it available to Guild members only. Our by-laws state that the Roster information may not be sold or used by anyone else.

**Check the box** next to your demographic information that you **approve** being listed in the Member Roster.

- ☐ **Name** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Address** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **City, State, ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Home Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Email address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birth Date (MO/DAY)** \_\_\_\_\_

**VOLUNTEERING:** AAQGO is an all volunteer organization. Our events and activities are made possible by members who volunteer their time and expertise. There are opportunities for everyone - even those with limited time. Let us know your skills and the activity in which you can help.

I do: Traditional Piecing \_\_\_\_\_ Art Quilts \_\_\_\_\_ Hand Quilting \_\_\_\_\_ Machine Quilting \_\_\_\_\_ Applique \_\_\_\_\_ Dyeing \_\_\_\_\_ Beading \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

I would be interested in helping with: General Meeting \_\_\_\_\_ Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Hanging Quilt Exhibits \_\_\_\_\_ Programs \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_ Community Outreach \_\_\_\_\_ Education \_\_\_\_\_ Worthy Causes \_\_\_\_\_ Publicity \_\_\_\_\_ Teaching a skill or technique \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

I would like the Guild to present the following activities or demonstrations

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**EXPECTATIONS** of Guild membership are as follows:

- Know and understand the organization's by-laws
- Participate in Community service projects and donate a minimum of one+ sewn works per year for Worthy Causes charities. Sewn works can include block of the month, quilts, pillow cases, etc.
- Participate in Opportunity Quilt fundraising by selling a minimum of \$20 in ticket sales

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## FROM OUR QUILT SHOW CHAIRPERSON

After an exciting two plus year term as your Quilt Show Chair, I want to thank you all for your participation in this ground breaking exhibit. The foundation of the exhibit rests with team members Marie Taylor, Dolores Presley and Marsha Carter.

We are indebted to our fiscal sponsors, Alliance for California Traditional Arts, the Clorox Company Foundation, Alameda County Arts Commission and Hoffman Fabrics and our venue sponsors City of Oakland, Laney College, Joyce Gordon Gallery, Women's Cancer Resource Center, Alameda County Arts Commission and California Humanities for helping to make this show possible. As we moved into the exhibition phase, the project would not have flourished without our webmaster, Ann Robinson and our guild secretary Rosita Thomas who served as chief proof reader. Outside support came from our photographer and consultant, Eric Murphy, our quilt preparation master, Nyls Jongewaard and a number of community members who helped hang the quilts at various venues.

Equally important to the success of the exhibit were the community workshop leaders that included Marsha Carter, Ora Clay, Amal Johnson, Ora Knowell, Niambi Kee, Suzi Taylor, Jackie Houston, Frances Porter, FranCione, Carole Rogers, Dolores Presley, Julia Vitero, Nell Mays and Norma Mason. If you helped without catalog, thank you too!

To all of the Guild members who stepped out of their comfort zones, researched, designed, created, explored, pieced and quilted their way to very successful quilt show, you have my deepest respect and thanks. Your efforts made the 2016 show a memorable one for us all.

Thank you!

*Marion Coleman*



***Firestorm - (c) Marion Coleman***

**ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERVISOR KEITH CARSON,  
THE ALAMEDA COUNTY ART COMMISSION, AND  
AAQGO RECEPTION  
MAY 31, 2016**

**African American Quilt Guild of  
Oakland Exhibition**

Please join Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson,  
the Alameda County Art Commission, and the African  
American Quilt Guild of Oakland for a reception kicking  
off an exhibition of their lovely quilts!

Where: Alameda County Administration Building

1221 Oak Street, 5th Floor Lobby

When: Tuesday, May 31 from 4:30-6:00pm

Please RSVP at <http://tiny.cc/quiltguildreception>. For any ques-  
tions, please contact Supervisor Carson's office at 510-272-6695.



Oakland Geese by Jackie Houston  
Photo Credit Eric Murphy



Chinese Dragon by Jamie Gladney Presley  
Photo Credit Eric Murphy





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## ***Neighborhood Coming Together: Quilts Around Oakland***



Members and Supporters,

If you were unable to visit our city-wide displays and are interested in purchasing the catalog of our "*Neighborhoods Coming Together: Quilts Around Oakland*" exhibition as seen in the New York Times on February 2, 2016 <http://www.nytimes.com/2016/02/03/arts/design/quilts-with-a-sense-of-place-stitched-in-oakland.html>, the catalog is now available. The cost to members is \$20 plus \$5.95 shipping and handling and to our supporters \$25 plus \$5.95 shipping and handling. Additionally, catalogs will be available for purchase at our monthly meeting.

*"Neighborhoods Coming Together: Quilts Around Oakland,"* is a 60+ page, full-color catalog of quilts exhibited city-wide during 2015-16 in Oakland, California, by the African American Quilt Guild of Oakland. It includes color photos of quilts by Guild and community members, as well as facts about each quilt and the artist's statement and inspiration.

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## Catalog Order Form

**Description:** *"Neighborhoods Coming Together: Quilts Around Oakland,"* over 60-page, full-color catalog of quilts exhibited city-wide during 2015-16 in Oakland, California by the African American Quilt Guild of Oakland. Catalog includes color photos of quilts by Guild and community members, as well as facts about each quilt and the artist's statement and inspiration.

**Purchaser's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:**

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(Street)

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(City, State, Zip code)

**Ship to Address** (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**E-mail Address** (to clarify order information if needed & confirm order shipment date)

**Number of Catalogs** (enter number) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Shipping & Handling** (fee for up 2, additional S&H if >2.).....\$ 5.95

**Order Total:** .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to:** AAQGO

**Mail order form & check to:** AAQGO, P.O. Box 31834, Oakland, CA 94604

*Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for delivery*

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## THE HARDEST WORKING MALE IN AAQGO



**DONALD FOREMAN**

### Teaching moments:



### Working moments:



### Learning moments:



### Creative moments:



Hattie Lee's Star



Quilter's Quest 2012

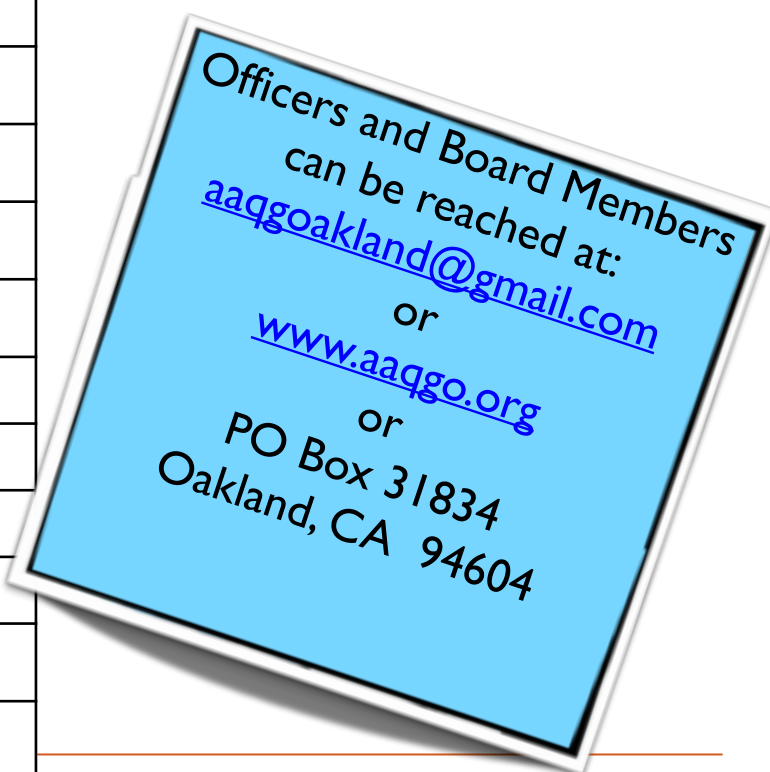


Jelly Roll Rookie



## Who is who? and what is what?

<b>2016 - 2018 Officers and Board Members</b>	
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<b>Parliamentarian</b>	FranCione
<b>Founder</b>	Esther Pancho
<b>Education</b>	Deborah Salmon
<b>Exhibits</b>	Julia Vitero
<b>Library</b>	Shyrrl Spann-Hancock
<b>Membership</b>	Suzi Taylor
<b>Newsletter</b>	Dolores Vitero Presley
<b>NCQC Liaison</b>	Ernie Tril
<b>Opportunity Quilt</b>	Vacant
<b>Publicity</b>	Vacant
<b>Quilt Show</b>	Marion Coleman
<b>Sunshine</b>	Evelyn Johnson
<b>Website</b>	Ann Robinson
<b>Worthy Causes</b>	Felicia Germany



### **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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**Next Meeting**  
Saturday, August 27, 2016  
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.  
West Oakland Library  
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