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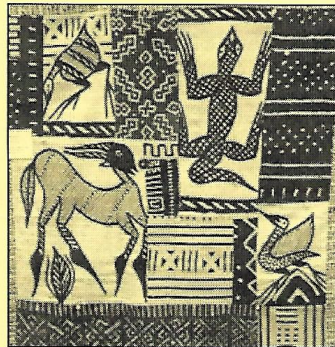
# QUILTING SISTAH NEWS

*African American Quilt Guild of Oakland*

CELEBRATE AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

## AFRICAN AMERICAN QUILT GUILD OF OAKLAND

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

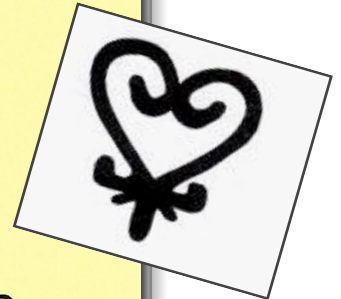


The Public is invited to our  
**ANNUAL FREE DEMONSTRATION  
and FAMILY WORKSHOP.**

Supplies will be provided so you can make  
your own quilt block.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1 – 4 PM**

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Saturday  
each  
Month**


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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! The African American Quilt Guild of Oakland (AAQGO) has a busy year planned. From Worthy Cause Projects, Black History Month Family Day activities, quilt show exhibits, learning new quilting techniques, sew day projects and guest speakers – we will keep the membership busy.

As we enter into February and the celebration of Black History Month we will be reaching out to teach, inform and share with the community about the significance, history, skills and the art of quilting within African American Culture. Passing this knowledge on is a key mission of the Guild.

On February 25, 2017, we will present our Annual Black History Month Family Day program. This is our most important meeting of the year. As a Guild, we share our gifts and skills of quilting with the entire Oakland community. Every visitor who attends will leave knowing how to quilt. This meeting is always so inspiring and energetic. We have guests as young as 2 years old to over 90 years old learning how to quilt. Many of our members first introduction to quilting was at one of our annual Black History Month programs.

Our quilt guild received another honor. The National Quilt Museum in Paducah Kentucky has invited AAQGO to exhibit our "Neighborhoods Coming Together: Quilts Around Oakland" quilt show at the Museum from February 17 to April 11, 2017. This is such an honor for AAQGO, but especially for our quilters who will be exhibiting at the Museum. I want to thank Marion Coleman, our quilt show chairperson, and her "crew" for her hard work in advocating for the Guild and for our show "Neighborhoods Coming Together: Quilts Around Oakland".

As we move forward into 2017 and look at the struggles we may encounter, let us not forget to call forth the strength and determination of our ancestors as we fight for justice, peace and equality. Let us remember the words of Rosa Parks, "I felt a determination cover my body like a quilt on a winter night." May our quilts be the shelter we need to empower, comfort and strengthen our continued fight for justice and peace.

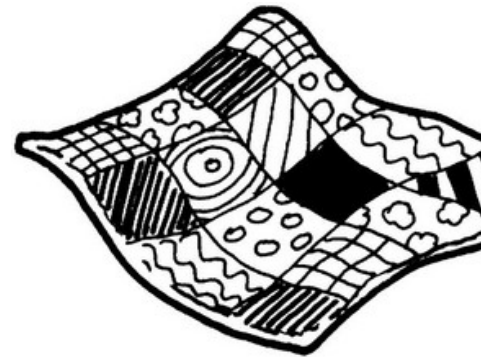


Blessings,

*Marie dePorres Taylor*

President

# I AM AAQGO



**Name:** Christina Hope Tatman  
**Age(ish):** 50ish  
**Occupation:** Office administrator at Holy Names High School  
**Where I was born:** Los Angeles, California  
**Town in which I currently live:** Bay Farm Island, Alameda  
**How long I've lived in (town, state):** 12-13 years  
**What I like most about (town, state):** The water  
**Favorite place to take friends when they come to visit:** The beach, out to the Bay  
**The people who mean the most to me:** Family  
**A Key event in my life and the impact it had on me:** When my grandmother passed away. My grandmother was a seamstress, she could look at something and sew it. People always used to say I had my grandmother's spirit. A few months after she passed away, I started sewing on the machine. It brings me joy and peace on many different levels.  
**Hobbies:** Reading, cooking, and word searches  
**Favorite Sports Team:** The Warriors, for the camaraderie  
**Sports I enjoy:** Basketball and swimming  
**Pet(s):** None at the moment  
**Favorite Food/dessert:** Banana pudding, gingerbread  
**One thing I want to accomplish while I am able:** I'd like to make art quilts, with a story behind them  
**I "give back" by volunteering with:** working with high schoolers  
**Favorite vacation destination:** My mother used to work for Pan-Am, and we went to Waikiki, Hawaii  
**What I like most about quilting:** The repetition, and picking the fabric.  
**One thing I want to accomplish in quilting:** I want to understand how to be able to create my first quilt and feel good about it.  
**How AAQGO has made me a better quilter:** All the tutorials and one-on-one time, and the encouragement.



Christina and granddaughter Yemariam

## Spotlight on History

The opening of the National Museum of African American History and Culture on Saturday, September 29, 2016 was a joyous event. Visitors came from near and far to experience events on the Capitol Mall, see the opening ceremony and visit the monumental exhibits in the museum. It was a lifetime experience to see three presidents (Presidents Clinton, Bush and Obama) in one place for a happy celebration. We were uplifted by verse and song and felt the power of the ancestors filling us with sorrow and pride. The tolerance of visitors to wait in long lines was exceptional.

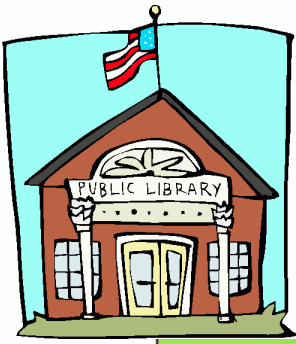
I had the good fortune to visit on Sunday and I wandered the around the various galleries for nearly 12 hours and I still did not see everything. The recommended tour route starts in the lower levels and patrons move upward in time to see the misery and struggles that our ancestors faced and survived. It was abundantly clear how much African Americans have endured while producing a rich cultural legacy in the arts, sciences, military, sports and industry.

One of the most moving exhibits for me was the lunch counter from the civil rights movement. I was walking in a world of the 1960s when a young man shouted "Hey". I asked if I knew him and he said no but you were far away. My face must have expressed so many memories from growing up in the Jim Crow south.

If the opportunity presents itself, don't miss the chance to visit.



Marion in front of new museum on Friday before the opening.



## LANEY COLLEGE LIBRARY

This is the fourth year the Guild has displayed large and small quilts at the Laney College Library. Seventeen large and twelve small quilts are on display from February 13th through March 31st.

A creative postcard making workshop will be held on Wednesday, March 15th between 11 am and 1 pm. More information on the workshop will be sent to you early March, however, if you are interested in participating, please send me an email.

*Julia Vitero*

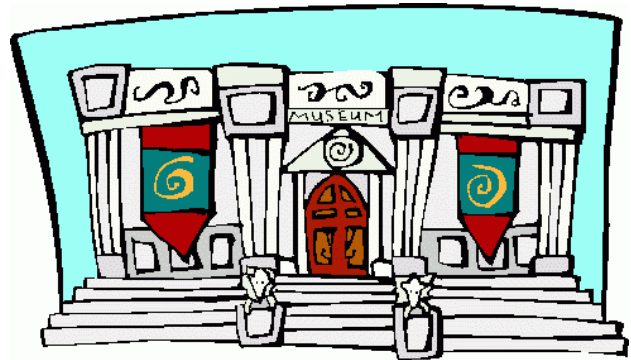


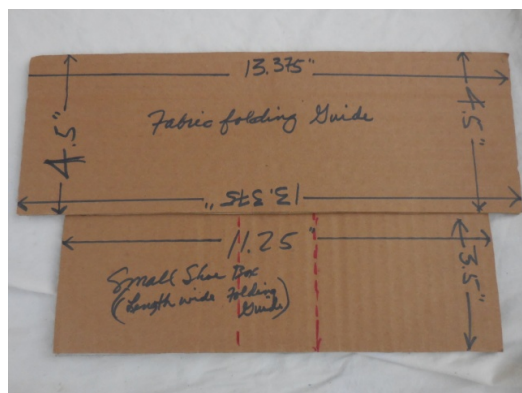
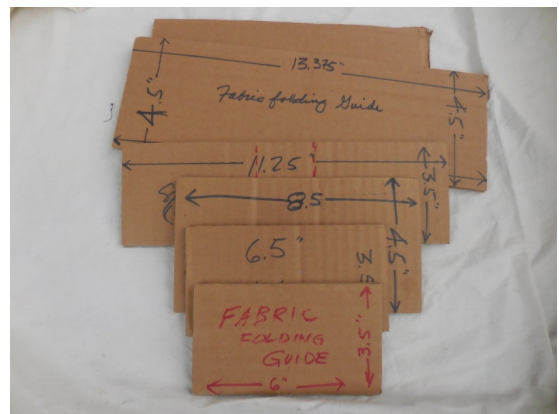
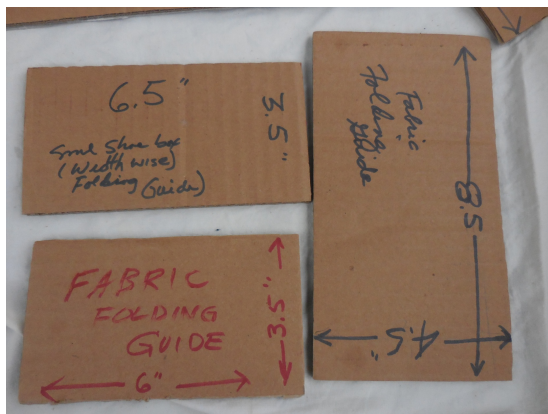
Photo taken at Art Museum of Sonoma County in Santa Rosa during a field trip by members Carolyn Pope, Norma Mason and Julia Vitero. Shown standing in front of Faith Ringgold's piece *Mama Can Sing, Papa Can Blow #1: Somebody Stole My Broken Heart*.

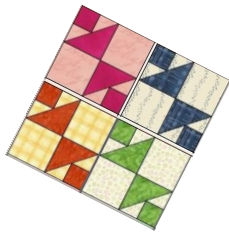


## TIPS FROM DONALD

I like to keep my quilting fabric neatly folded in plastic or cardboard boxes. Below are several photos of my fabric folding guides that I use. The guides are of thick cardboard salvaged from packing boxes or cartons that are used to ship sewing machines or other heavy items.

*Donald Foreman*





## BUILD YOUR BLOCKS FOR CALICO



January's Worthy Cause sew day featured a bounty of donated and beautiful fabric! The larger pieces are just right for backings and pillowcases, and consider using the smaller cuts to piece the front of your worthy cause quilt which will be donated to the Child Abuse Listening, Interviewing and Coordination Center or [CALICO](#).

First stop for making blocks: your stash. Second stop: your friend's stash! If you don't have enough coordinating pieces, see if you can trade out of what you have on hand. Someone you know just might have the print you need. This year's worthy cause quilt could be just the occasion to use what you've been saving up.

The spring AAQGO flea market on May 27 is another place to look for coordinating fabric to sash and bind your worthy cause quilt. Bring what's aged to perfection from your stash and come ready to take some new pieces home.

If you haven't been to Bay Quilts in Richmond yet, please do stop by as they are an AAQGO associate member. As you know there are plenty of independent and woman-owned fabric stores just a short drive away, each of which has its own deals and sales. Get yourself on the mailing lists to find out when you can really score some deals.

You can also find deals at larger stores, again by subscribing to emails and text alerts. You can often use your coupons from competing stores, if that's what you have handy. Beverly's has flat folds at a special 50% off on Fridays, and you can check out the remnants wherever you are for the perfect piece at the perfect price.

Remember that your worthy cause quilts, pillowcases, and tote bags will provide comfort to someone who needs it. Making your worthy cause projects will also allow you to sharpen and show off your skills. You can work with a small team to make the work fly by, trading blocks or distributing tasks so everyone gets to do their favorite part. Happy quilting!

*Catherine Mukai*



# CALICO

## Guild Member BUZZ!

### SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS



**Donald** - Mothers are so special. Sorry for your great loss.

**Shrryl** - We are saddened to hear about the loss of your Sister. May God give you the strength to bear your loss.

**Dolores** - Wishing you a blessed 50th wedding anniversary. May God continue to fill your life with more love and happiness.

**FranCione** - Congratulations for serving 30 faithful years in the Ministry.

**Loretta** - Wishing a speedy recovery and return. We miss you !

### Birthdays!

#### FEBRUARY

Theodora Adkins  
Alla Blanca  
Catherine Mukai  
Jeanette Walton



#### MARCH

Helen Anderson  
Cynthia Coats  
Karen Katusi Mattern  
Fern Royce

#### APRIL

Loretta Cohen  
Amal Johnson  
Benita Jones  
Dolores Vitero Presley  
Susie Faye Patrick  
Sandra Sweeting Hall

## LOCAL EVENTS

**February 16 - April 11**  
*Neighborhoods Coming Together: Quilts Around Oakland*  
National Quilt Museum  
Paducah, Kentucky

**February 23 - 26**  
Stitches West Knitters  
Conference  
Santa Clara Convention Center  
Santa Clara, CA

**February 25 - 26**  
*39th Annual Quilt Show*  
Pajaro Valley Quilt Association  
Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds  
Watsonville, CA  
[www.pvqa.org](http://www.pvqa.org)

**March 4 - 5**  
*2017 Quilt and Doll Show*  
Manteca Quilters  
Stockton, CA

**March 18 - 19**  
*34th Annual On the Road Again*  
Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds  
Yuba City, CA

**March 24 - 25**  
*Quilt San Francisco 2017*  
St. Mary's Cathedral  
San Francisco, CA

**April 1 - 2**  
*Santa Clara Valley Quilt Show*  
Santa Clara Convention Center  
Santa Clara, CA  
[www.scvqa.org](http://www.scvqa.org)

**April 7- 8**  
*Gem of the Foothills*  
Foothills Quilter's Guild  
Parkside Church and ARD  
Regional Park  
Auburn, CA  
[www.foothillquilters.org](http://www.foothillquilters.org)

**April 22 - 23**  
*Colors of the Vineyard*  
Amador Valley Quilters  
Livermore, CA  
[www.amadorvalleyquilters.org](http://www.amadorvalleyquilters.org)

**April 22 - 23**  
*Carquinez Strait Stitchers Quilt Show*  
Historical Clock Tower  
Benicia, CA  
[www.cssquilter.org](http://www.cssquilter.org)

**June 17 - 18**  
*3rd Annual KPFA Craft Show*  
Craneway Pavilion  
Richmond, CA

**July 12 - 15**  
*The First National African American Quilt Convention*  
Lawrence, Kansas  
[www.naaqc.org](http://www.naaqc.org)  
1.785.371.6682

**September 2 - 4, 2017**  
*Kings Mountain Art Fair*  
Woodside, CA

**September 16 - 17, 2017**  
Diablo Valley Quilters Show  
Walnut Creek, CA

**August 1 - 31**  
*Never Ever Forget*  
*African American History: The Middle Passage and Beyond*  
African American History  
Legacy (AAHL)  
The Brickyard Gallery and Art Complex  
Sacramento, CA  
209.957.9177  
Diablo Valley Quilters Show  
Walnut Creek, CA



## Who is who? and what is what?

| <b>2016 - 2018 Officers and Board Members</b> |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| <b>President</b>                              | Marie dePorres Taylor  |
| <b>Vice President</b>                         | Ann Robinson           |
| <b>Secretary</b>                              | Rosita Thomas          |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                              | Dolores Vitero Presley |
| <b>Historian</b>                              | Donald Foreman         |
| <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>                          | Felecia Germany        |



"I'm telling you, Edith, carpal-tunnel just proves that I deserve a big blue ribbon!"



### **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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