

## QUILTING SISTAH NEWS



### *African American Quilt Guild of Oakland*

#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

As the Newsletter committee publishes the summer newsletter, many of you are returning from trips and cruises, preparing children to return to school, surviving the late summer heat and most of all looking at the new summer additions to your fabric stash.

Beginning at the September 2019 meeting, AAQGO will start our 20th Anniversary celebrations! Two of the original seven charter members still meet with us. Other members are new to the Guild. This anniversary year will be a time to celebrate, reminisce, tell the old stories and celebrate sharing our quilting traditions for over 20 years. Rosita Thomas is the chair of the Anniversary Committee and her committee members are hard at work creating an exciting and momentous 20th year. Please feel free to come to meetings and share stories and celebrate the progress the Guild has made in the past 20 years. Over the next several months stay tuned for all of the information about the festivities.

The Newsletter has a new feature this month on listening to the membership. Enjoy the words of our members on what the African American Quilt Guild of Oakland means to them in the following article.

I will leave you with words that may sum up your summer quilting experiences:

I will quilt on a boat  
I will quilt with a goat  
I will quilt on the train  
I will quilt in the rain  
I will quilt with a fox  
I will quilt in a box

I will quilt with a mouse  
 I will quilt in a house  
 I will quilt here or there  
 I will quilt everywhere

Blessings,  
 Marie de Porres Taylor

## GUILD MEMBERS ON WHAT THEY LOVE ABOUT BEING A GUILD MEMBER



Susan Steinhauer	Sharing information; seeing what others have done; meeting new people
Norma Mason	Camaraderie, skill learning and building, the people, and the opportunity to show your creations
Catherine Mukai	Being in membership and getting to say hi to everyone each month. Without the guild, I never would've tried making small quilts
Cheryl Buckley	Being around all the nice ladies who have given me the inspiration to start on a quilt. I am learning the techniques needed to make a quilt
Jerry Hickey	The members and their various talents
Joyce Smith	The opportunity to be around people who are friendly and welcoming. I love seeing all the great quilts, too
Carolyn Pope	Fellowship and learning new techniques in workshops
Marie De Porres Taylor	Being with other people who quilt. Friendship among membership. Learning and developing my quilting skills

Cynthia Coats	Learning new quilting techniques. Sharing knowledge, getting to know people with the same interests
Louise Jackson	Sisterhood of quilters and the inspiration of seeing others' works and the classes, demos and handouts
Loretta Henry	Being around people that I do not have to explain my quilting passion to; learning new skills and techniques
Zondra Martin	I love being a part of all the beautiful people at AAQGO because they're warm, friendly and loving people. And, they motivate me to complete my UFO's (unfinished quilts) and I learn new skills and techniques
Cassandra "Sandi" Knight	The community/fellowship
Pat Bailey	Show and Tell, displaying quilts
Teresa Weyand	The fun, friendship and fellowship! The ability and artistry of Guild members to inspire me to move out of my comfort zone
Dolores Presley	The opportunity to see old friends and make new friends
Ora Clay	Being a member of AAQGO, I like having access to the resources and skills of other members. I can ask questions about "how to do" and members are more than willing to help me
Benita Jones	I love being a member of the guild. The guild members are some of the best people in the world, they always make you feel loved and they really do care.

Katie Wishom	I have embraced quilting as a member of the Guild and find it a way to relax and be creative. It's my one activity that I find time for and it gives me a wonderful sense of accomplishment.
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## Our next Quilting Question for members: What 3 quilting tools are essentials to you?

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- September 21 Meeting – Member Potluck. Bring a dish, share the recipe in our 20th Anniversary Cookbook!
- October 12, 2009 - January 6, 2020 - Inclusion Is Diversity, Ora Clay - Albany Community Center Foyer

### Benefits of Guild Membership

- ♥ Fun, friendship, and fellowship
- ♥ Workshops eliminate the need to take a lot of quilting classes
- ♥ The opportunity to show your work
- ♥ Interesting speakers both from the Guild and from outside
- ♥ Encouragement from other quilters to enter quilt shows, submit your work for publication
- ♥ All this, for a membership fee for a year, equivalent to a night at the movies with popcorn and a drink!



Don't forget to feed our **Kitty!** She helps to keep the cost down on disposable products used with our snacks that we bring to guild meetings.

## Inclusion Is Diversity

After taking a class at Museum of the African Diaspora with Marion Coleman, Ora Clay has hit the ground running. In addition to Quilts Around Oakland, Ora has displayed quilts locally and nationally, most recently at the 13th Annual African American Fiber Art Exhibition in North Charleston, South Carolina. She now has a solo show locally.

Starting in October and running till January 2020, Ora's show will be at the Albany Community Center Foyer, 1249 Marin Avenue, Albany CA. The three-month display kicks off with an Opening Reception on Sunday, October 13, 2019, from 4-6 PM.

The show will have multiple quilts on the theme of "Inclusion Is Diversity." The quilt below, Cynthia Rose, is inspired by Prince's song "Coffee and Starfish" about a very special little girl.

You can read more about the show here: <https://issuu.com/albanyrec/docs/issuu/44>. You can also see more of Ora's work on her website, <https://www.quilts-by-ora.com/>.

The City of Albany accepts applications for the three-month display space every year. Applications are not limited to Albany residents, and many art forms, including quilts, are accepted.





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**Patricia Bass Bailey**  
*The Color Purple*



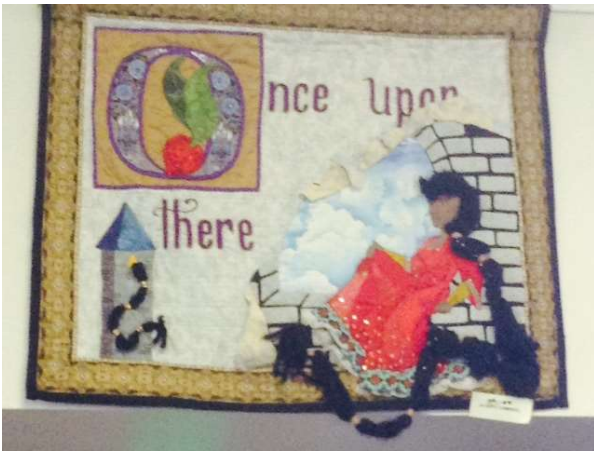
**Ann Robinson**  
*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*



**Julia Vitero**  
*America Reads*



**Fran Porter**



**LaQuita Tummings**  
*Once Upon a Time*



**Norma Mason**  
*Read*



**Dolores Vitero Presley**  
*Devil in a Blue Dress*



**Rosita Thomas**  
*Jungle Story*





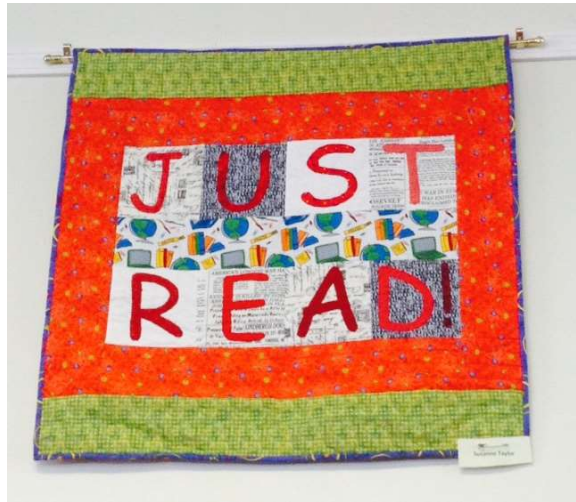
**Ernestine Tril**  
*Library Books*



**Loretta Henry**  
*When You Open a Book*



**Ora Clay**



**Suzi Taylor**  
*Just Read*





**Dolores Vitero Presley**  
*Cinnamon Kiss*  
*Rose Gold*  
*White Butterfly*



**Catherine Mukai**  
*Read*



**Nell Mays**  
*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*

# I AM AAQGO - Susan Steinhauer



Name	Susan Steinhauer
Age(ish)	69
Occupation	Retired
Where I was born	New York City
Where I currently live	Oakland for the past 22 years
Favorite Place to Take visiting friends	San Francisco Museum of Modern Art
The people who mean the most to me	My husband and my children
Hobbies	Baking, Gardening and Quilting
Favorite Food/dessert	BBQ/Black & White Cookies
One thing I want to accomplish	Travel more
What I like most about quilting	Community
One thing I want to accomplish in quilting	Learn more new techniques

## *SASSY QUILTER RETREAT AT SAN DAMIANO*



*Here we are - ready to QUILT!*



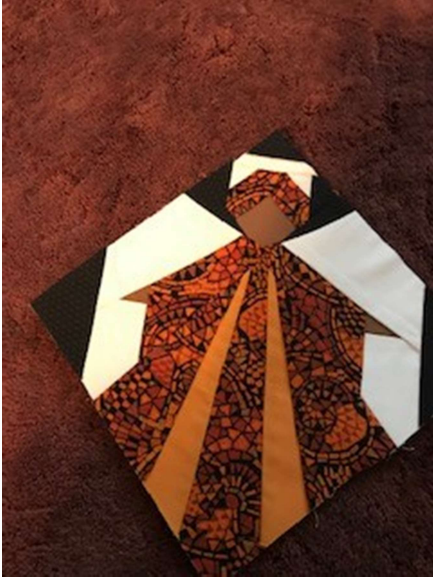
Once again, guild members and friends enjoyed the annual 3-day retreat at serene San Damiano where the weather was uncharacteristically mild. The retreat and party leader was the apparently indefatigable Ann Robinson. As we began the retreat, we each received beautiful, individualized bags made by Ann. That kicked off the fun and creativity that is always a hallmark of the retreat.

We each made two gifts for a gift exchange and everyone was delighted with the creative and colorful gifts they received at the gift exchange party held each evening. There were two mystery projects that are shown here as works in progress and a paper pieced angel. Others worked on completing projects that seemed destined to



become UFO's (unfinished objects). Here are a few pictures of the retreat in action. I am certain that in the next newsletter we will enjoy seeing other completed quilts from the quilt. Teresa

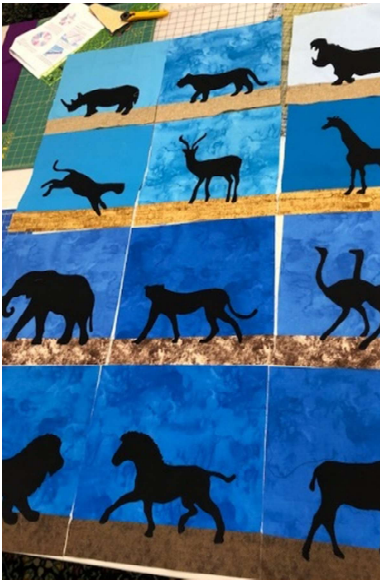
**Loretta Cohen's Finished Angel and Around the World Work in Progress**



**Carolyn Walker's Around the World and Mystery Quilt**



**Teresa Weyand's Animals at Dusk; Women Enjoying the Retreat  
and Julie Belcher's Mystery Quilt**



**BIRTHDAYS!**



<i>August</i>	<i>September</i>	<i>October</i>
<i>Cheryl Buckley - 8/6</i>	<i>Donald Foreman - 9/4</i>	<i>Kyla Lafoon - 10/3</i>
<i>Veronica Lofton - 8/9</i>	<i>Ernestine Tril - 9/7</i>	<i>Ora Clay - 10/6</i>
<i>Pat Bailey - 8/16</i>	<i>Zondra Martin - 9/9</i>	<i>Blanche Brown - 10/10</i>
<i>Nell Mays - 8/19</i>	<i>LaQuita Tummings - 9/24</i>	<i>Louise Jackson - 10/10</i>
<i>Joyce Smith - 8/24</i>		<i>Heidi Patrick - 10/12</i>
<i>Niambi Kee - 8/26</i>		<i>Marilyn Handis - 10/19</i>
<i>Evelyn Johnson - 8/28</i>		
<i>Karla Robinson - 8/29</i>		
<i>Niambi Clay - 8/31</i>		

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<p><b>September 14-15</b>  <i>Harvest of Quilts</i>          Elk Grove Quilt Guild          S.E.S. Hall          10428 E. Stockton Boulevard          Elk Grove, CA  <a href="http://www.elkgrovequiltguild.org">www.elkgrovequiltguild.org</a></p>	<p><b>October 5-6</b>  <i>Falling Leaves Quilt Show</i>          Ladies of the Lake Quilt Guild          Lake County Fairgrounds          401 Martin Street          Lakeport, CA  <a href="http://www.LLQG.org">www.LLQG.org</a></p>
<p><b>September 28 – 10 am to 4 pm</b>          Artistry in Fashion event, hosted by the Cañada College Fashion Department,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 10AM-4PM: Outdoor shopping extravaganza with local designers selling clothes, jewelry, and accessories</li> <li>➤ 11AM: Designer Showcase/Fashion Show in the outdoor amphitheater</li> <li>➤ Noon-3PM: Fashion Department Open House displaying student projects</li> <li>➤ 12:30PM and 2PM Guest Speaker Sarah Veblen (author, lecturer, fit expert and sewing professional) will speak in the Fashion Department Bldg. 3 Room 255.</li> </ul> <p>A \$10 donation is requested for entry Cañada College is located at 4200 Farm Hill Boulevard in Redwood City, CA.</p>	
<p><b>October 12 – January 6, 2020</b>          Inclusion Is Diversity          Works by Ora Clay  <b>Opening Reception Sunday,          October 13, 2019, 4-6 PM</b>          Albany Community Center Foyer          1249 Marin Avenue          Albany, CA</p>	<p><b>October 16 – October 20</b>  <b>Pacific International Quilt Festival</b>          Santa Clara Convention Center          5001 Great America Parkway          Santa Clara, CA</p>
<p><b>November 10, 2019, 3-5 pm</b>          Melanie Falick's <i>Making a Life</i> release party          A Verb for Keeping Warm          6328 San Pablo Ave          Oakland, CA 94608</p>	<p><b>December 6-8/2019 10 am – 5 pm</b>  <i>Artifactory Annual Holiday Sale</i>          1120 Hopkins Avenue          Palo Alto, CA  <a href="http://www.artifactoryholidayfair.com/">www.artifactoryholidayfair.com/</a></p>



# OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

September 1, 2018 - August 31, 2020

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## SUSPENDED OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FOR 2018-2020

Parliamentarian  
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