

QUILTING SISTAH NEWS



African American Quilt Guild of Oakland

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the African American Quilt Guild of Oakland, we are not only celebrating Black History this month but the 20th anniversary of the foundation of AAQGO. The Guild was founded to preserve and continue the quilting tradition. As we know quilting in the African American community has a long rich heritage. African American quilting is as old as the history of African slaves arriving in America. From slavery to the present day, African American women and men have found ways to quilt, preserve the tradition and create new artistic quilting techniques.

As we celebrate the 20 year history of AAQGO, let us not forget the mission of the Guild:

“To preserve and continue the tradition of quilting. To promote fellowship among interested persons in all aspects of quilting. To contribute to the knowledge and appreciation of fine quilting and quilts. To sponsor and support quilting activities through regular meetings and special events.”

This month we will hold our annual Black History Month Family Workshop. It is the Guild's way of promoting the art of quilting within the larger Oakland and Bay Area community. On exhibit at the Family Workshop will be Guild members' 20 by 20 quilts telling the story of what has transpired in the Guild, the community and the world since the foundation of the Guild.

One of our anniversary projects is an AAQGO cookbook. I am encouraging each Guild member to submit a recipe(s) to be included in the commemorative cookbook. Historically food has been an important part of our meetings. It has been a way for us to not only engage in the joys of sharing quilting knowledge but a way to fellowship and share food with one another. I have tasted some delicious dishes. Now, it is your time to share the recipes you have shared at the Guild meetings.

As we celebrate Black History Month and the 20th anniversary of the foundation of the African American Quilt Guild of Oakland, let us not forget the words of Marcus Garvey:

“A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots.”

Blessings,
Marie dePorres Taylor

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

February 22, 2020- Black History Month. Ann Robinson will lead the meeting.

March 21, 2020 - Diablo Valley Quilters will be visiting and sharing this year's opportunity quilt - **Alaska, by Laundry Basket Quilts, Edyta Sitar designer. Finished size=72" x 72". Machine quilted by Angie Woolman Quilt Arts**

THE MANY BENEFITS OF GUILD MEMBERSHIP

- ♥ Fun, friendship and fellowship
- ♥ Workshops eliminate the need to take a lot of quilting classes
- ♥ Someone always has an answer to any quilting related problem
- ♥ The opportunity to show your work in a supportive and encouraging environment
- ♥ Interesting speakers both from the Guild and from outside
- ♥ Encouragement from other quilters to enter quilt shows and to submit your work for publication
- ♥ Great snacks and a fun Holiday party
- ♥ All this, for a membership fee for a year, equivalent to a night at the movies with popcorn and a drink!

WHAT MEMBERS LIKE BEST ABOUT OUR GUILD

Deborah Butler	I like that each one teaches one. We all learn from one another
Ernie Tril	Comradery and learning new skills
Patricia Bailey	Show and tell and the opportunity to see what others have created
Rosita Thomas	Sisterhood and inspiration
Katie Wishom	Being inspired by others creativity and the friendship
Donald Foreman	The creative and inventive members and the inspiration
Jerry Hickey	Making new friends
Ora Clay	Resources from other quilters and the willingness of others to share
Faith Darling	Meeting all the great people and the ideas exchanged
Cheryl Buckley	Comradery and learning
Cynthia Coats	Being surrounded by people with shared interests and seeing other people's quilts
Sue Steinhauer	The comradery
Heidi Patrick	Visiting with my friends and learning new quilting techniques
Marie Taylor	Fellowship and learning new quilting techniques from members and new ideas
Sandi Knight	Community to create in
Veronica Lofton	Learning new techniques
Evelyn Johnson	The social and learning opportunities
Carolyn Pope	Community and free fabric
Ora Clay	Seeing what others have created gives me motivation
Lucille Barengo	As a new member, it is a pleasure to join this wonderfully talented group of women
Teresa Weyand	I came for the quilting and stayed for the sisterhood



A LOVE LETTER TO THE QUILT FROM NELL MAYS

What I've liked most about being a member of AAQGO is the opportunity to have met and in some cases been tutored by the likes of internationally known quilters like Alice Beasley and Marion Coleman.

I have enjoyed being able to continue dialogue with April Shipp Anue, doll maker, African dancer and Michigan master quilter, who designed the acclaimed 10 X 10 foot "Strange Fruits" memorializing 5,000 lynching victims. A person who most recently is garnering a lot of attention as a sculptor.

I've also become friends with AAQGO member and UCLA professor, Patricia Turner, historian and world traveler who takes Zumba classes in every city she visits. I have access to notices of quilt exhibits and sometimes offers to enter competitions all over California, South Carolina, and international shows like Pacific International Quilt Fest and the Houston International Quilt Show.

I've also had the awesome chance to answer the call to enter a quilt and travel to South Africa with the Women of Color Network for an exhibit honoring Nelson Mandela.

I've been able to meet quilters from all over the United States. There's all the local and some very talented quilters that I get to view their work and "pick their brain" about design and construction. Maybe more importantly has been the ability to establish a circle of friendship, quilt exposure and knowledge beyond anything I ever imagined while looking at my grandmother's "quilting bee" frame when I was about 10 years old.

Quilts at Laney College Library– February 2020

Quilt members continue to answer the call for quilts from the community. Here are quilts from Laney College Library show which is being curated by LaQuita Tummings. Kudos to all the talented women!

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**LANEY COLLEGE
FEBRUARY-MARCH 2020**



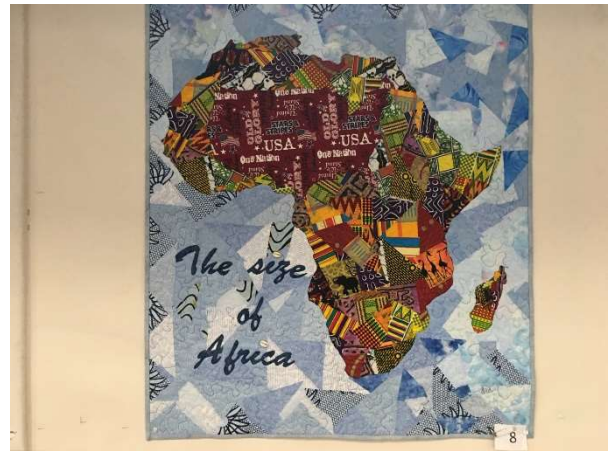
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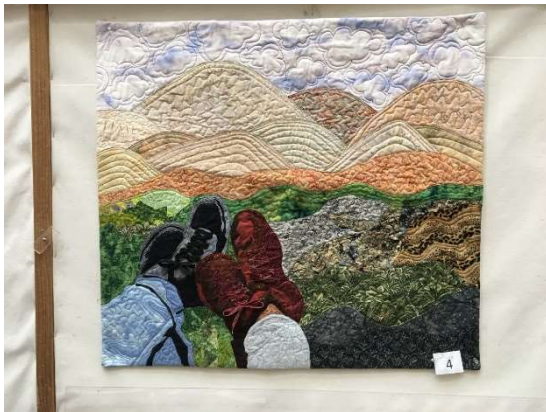
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JULIA VITERO



CYNTHIA COATS



ROSITA THOMAS



LORETTA HENRY AND FRANCES PORTER



EVELYN JOHNSON AND CAROLYN POPE

SEW N SEWS

The Sew n Sews are a mini-group of some of our members who present quilts at various venues and give each other quilt challenges. Here they are at the San Francisco Foundation offices at an artist reception.



Four of the exhibitors with curator



DOLORES PRESLEY and CAROLYN POPE



ENDANGERED SPECIES

Teresa Weyand is honored to have two quilts included in Donna Marcincowski DeSoto (Teresa's best friend from high school in Hawaii) recent book, "Inspired by Endangered Species" published by Schiffer. The Endangered Species quilts have been shown at International Quilt Show in Houston and at the Library of Congress. Here are Teresa's quilts representing Hector's



Dolphin and Lord Howe Stick Insects.



I Am AAQGO – Faith Darling



Name	Faith Darling
Age(ish)	76
Occupation	Retired income tax preparer
Where I was born	Richmond, Indiana
Town in which I currently live	Oakland, CA
How long I've lived in Oakland	45 years minus 11 years in SF
What I like most about Oakland	Diversity, lots of art and creativity
Favorite place to take friends when they come to visit	Asian Museum in SF, ferry boat ride across the bay
The people who mean the most to me	My sweet family and friends, but I like lots of different kinds of people
A Key event in my life and the impact it had on me	Becoming a mother at a too-early age taught me so much and I'm still learning!
Hobbies	Quilting, writing, reading, traveling

Name	Faith Darling
Favorite Sports Team	Oakland A's-what else?
Sports I enjoy	Walking
Pet(s)	None, I just talk to myself
Favorite Food/dessert	Anything chocolate
One thing I want to accomplish while I am able	Have my out-of-town family at my house this year for Christmas, maybe go back to Japan some day.
I "give back" by volunteering with	I teach a Sat. a.m. class for people who want to take the U.S. citizenship exam and I volunteer at the Downtown Oakland Senior Ctr.
Favorite vacation destination	Any place with hiking and walking
What I like most about quilting	Playing with fabric and colors, trying new techniques, meeting new friends
One thing I want to accomplish in quilting	Keep it fun and not turn it into a "job", and make a full-size quilt
How AAQGO has made me a better quilter	As a beginner, learning new tips and techniques, making new friends; I am loving it.
Other information you would like to share	I began quilting in early 2019 after wanting to my whole life. I am so pleased to have found a quilting community, and am enjoying it tremendously. Quilting has made me look at the whole world as a potential quilt design and awakened a new sense of the importance and pleasure of art in my life.

I AM AAQGO – Marisa Brown



Name	Marisa Brown
Age(ish)	42
Occupation	Science teacher
Where I was born	San Francisco
Town in which I currently live	Oakland
How long I've lived in Oakland	25 years
What I like most about Oakland	Lake Merritt
Favorite place to take friends when they come to visit	Hiking near Chabot Space and Science Center
The people who mean the most to me	My family—my mom, daughter, sister, brother
A Key event in my life and the impact it had on me	Becoming a teacher really gave me a purpose in life
Hobbies	Hiking, travelling, quilting
Favorite Sports Team	SF 49ers/Warriors
Sports I enjoy	Football, basketball, soccer

Pet(s)	2 dogs—Lily and Dewey
Favorite Food/dessert	Chocolate cake
One thing I want to accomplish while I am able	Make a quilt that I design
I "give back" by volunteering with	Sharon's wings of love
Favorite vacation destination	Costa Rica
What I like most about quilting	It relaxes me and makes me feel good.
One thing I want to accomplish in quilting	Making a baby quilt
How AAQGO has made me a better quilter	I appreciate sharing tips and watching other people work.
Other information you would like to share	I really enjoy coming to the quilting group.

THANK YOU TO THE GUILD FROM AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS FOR 150 PLACEMATS FOR MEALS ON WHEELS

Quilters,
 10-11-17
 Heartfelt thanks from Amador Valley Quilters for your donation of 150 placemats for distribution to Meals-on-Wheels recipients in December. Your efforts will help make the holidays special.

Piece!

Barbara Crawford
 AVQ Outreach

THANK YOU TO THE GUILD FROM SUTTER MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION FOR QUILTS DONATED TO AUCTION



September 6, 2019

Dear Friend,

With your help, quilters in and around the Sacramento area have raised over \$720,000 for Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento's fight against breast cancer. Over 3,400 beautiful quilts have been donated since the first Quilt Auction in 1999.

We would like to thank you for your past support of breast cancer services and programs at Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento through the quilt auction. It is impossible to accurately describe how much your generosity means to our breast cancer patients and their families and for that, we are thankful.

Planning and preparation by our local quilters and auction volunteers has already begun for our 2020 Quilt Auction which will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2020. As you can imagine, the auction cannot happen without the donation of quilts from supporters like you. People donate quilts for a number of reasons, whether it is to honor a loved one, to celebrate their personal recovery or because they have a passion for giving. Quilts will be auctioned to raise money for breast cancer programs and services at Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento. Please consider donating a quilt for the 2020 Quilt Auction.

As in the past, the quilts can be of any color, style and size. We ask that the quilts be new and hand or machine quilted. No tied quilts, please. Each quilt must have a 4-inch hanging sleeve on the back in order for the quilt to be displayed properly.

Quilt donations may be turned in to your quilt guild's auction representative or at one of several area quilt shops from now through September 1, 2020. Enclosed is a list of quilt shops accepting donations.

For more information please visit the auction website at suttermedicalcenter.org/quiltauction. You may also contact me at buncem@sutterhealth.org or 916-887-7070.

Thank you for your past support of the Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento's Breast Cancer Quilt Auction. We hope we can count on your continued support in 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Megan Bunce'.

Megan Bunce
Events Manager

THANK YOU TO THE GUILD FROM HIGHLAND HOSPITAL



October 28, 2019

TO:

African American Quilt Guild of Oakland
PO Box 31834 Oakland, CA 94604

FROM:

Wah Chong, MSW
Medical Social Worker
Department of Care Management

RE: Donated Quilts

On behalf of the underserved families who deliver their newborns at Highland Hospital, I wanted to express our deepest gratitude for your members in reaching out and offering to donate quilts to our Highland families. I am grateful and honored to have been invited to speak at your meeting on October 26th, 2019. It was wonderful to be able to observe the workshop and hear about the process of creating a quilt and how it brings movement to one's eye. We are appreciative of the two sample quilts gifted on this date. We look forward to the ongoing communication for your generous donation of quilts.

Your generous time and expert skills are greatly appreciated. THANK YOU again!

Best Regards,

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*Thanks for your support of Calico
this holiday season!*

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Dear Felecia,

Like you, we know the end of the year goes by quickly, in a blur of holiday parties, warm gatherings and family visits. By the time January arrives, it seems hard to recall where the time went and what presents we gave to whom. **During the whirlwind of this holiday season, we urge you to give an unforgettable gift to CALICO that will bring justice and healing to abused children throughout 2020.**

This year, CALICO has conducted more than 600 interviews with children and adults with developmental disabilities who have been victims of sexual or physical abuse, neglect, or witnessed severe violence. Thanks to generous donors like you, CALICO gives each child or adult with developmental disabilities a safe place to tell what happened to them and the guidance necessary for a healthy recovery. Please consider donating this year, as your gift is more vital than ever - **CALICO's \$200K mortgage is due in May 2020.** This is the year to invest in CALICO's future by helping us secure a home for our staff, our partners, and most importantly the children we serve every day. We need your support in paying off the remaining \$200K of our mortgage. Your gift invests in the present and the future of justice and healing for victims of abuse in Alameda County.

Because of supporters like you, we have been able to help young victims such as Joey. Joey's uncle had been sexually abusing him for several years. When he turned nine-years-old, Joey told his mother about the abuse. She called the police. However, Joey was embarrassed to talk about it further - until he came to CALICO. With the support of CALICO's expert staff, Joey clearly relayed the details of what his uncle did, allowing a detective to obtain a search warrant, which led to the uncle's arrest. A child welfare worker was also able to determine that Joey was safe living with his mother. With support through every step of this process Joey is now doing well and attending therapy sessions. Joey's mom told CALICO, "He is like a new child - so much happier than in the last few years."

You can help CALICO continue to aid children like Joey. Children just like him continue to be hurt, and they need CALICO's help to move them toward safety, health and healing. **Please consider the rewards of making a financial contribution as the year draws to an end, knowing that it is a gift these children and their families will not forget.** Thank you for taking a stand against abuse in our community and supporting CALICO in our mission to achieve justice and healing for abused children.

Sincerely,

Erin Harper
Executive Director



P.S. You can make your donation go even further by asking your company whether it has a donation-matching program. You may be able to double the impact of your generous support!

NEW MEMBERS AND RETURNING MEMBERS

WELCOME!!!!

Marisa Brown

Deborah Butler

Renea Rambo

SUNSHINE AND SHADOW

Our positive thoughts and prayers to Dolores Presley and Felecia Germany and all other members who are facing challenges.

Teresa Weyand's family is pleased to announce that their youngest son, Luke will begin matriculating at Saint Mary's University in Moraga February 2020. Luke is planning to be a Special Education teacher.

BIRTHDAYS!

<i>February</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>April</i>
Renea Rambo – 14 Theodora Adkins – 17 Catherine Mukai – 20 Danielle Forestier	Cynthia Coats – 6 Betty Ubiles – 14 Carolyn Walker – 14 Sandra Oby – 16 Helen Anderson – 26	Dolores Vitero Presley – 5 Benita Jones – 10 Amal Johnson – 11 Anita Carse – 17 Katie Wishom – 17 Faith Darling – 20 Sandra Sweeting-Hall – 20 Susie Faye Patrick – 22 Marcell Johnson – 26 Loretta Cohen – 28

Let's Get COOKING!

We're putting the icing on our cookbook and want to make ONE LAST CALL FOR RECIPES. We want your recipes!

Please send your recipes for main dishes, appetizers, side dishes and salads, beverages, and desserts to Catherine Mukai at catmukai@gmail.com. Time is running out!

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>March 21 - 22</u> <i>Voices in Cloth</i> East Bay Heritage Quilters Craneway Pavilion Richmond, CA www.ebhq.org/quilt-shows/vic2020	<u>April 3 - 4</u> <i>Share the Joy of Quilting</i> Foothill Quilters Guild 38th Annual Show Parkside Church & ARD Regional Park Auburn, CA www.foothillquilters.org
<u>April 29 - June 19</u> <i>Sankofa</i> North Charleston Cultural Arts Department 14th Annual African American Fiber Art Exhibit North Charleston City Hall North Charleston, SC NorthCharlestonCulturalArtsDepartment.Slideroom.com	<u>June 6 - 7</u> <i>Every Quilt is a Story</i> Carson Valley Quilt Guild Douglas County Community & Senior Center Gardnerville, NV www.quiltshow.cvqg.com
<u>July 9-11: Quilt Festival Long Beach</u> Long Beach Convention Center, 300 East Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802 http://www.quilts.com/quilt-festival-long-beach.html	

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