

QUILTING SISTAH NEWS



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MY LAST WORDS AS AAQGO PRESIDENT

September 2022

Over the last 10 years, it has been an honor and privilege to serve as your president. When I was elected in 2012, little did I know I would serve in this office for so long. I have enjoyed serving as your president. I have enjoyed meeting each and every one of you, as well as, appreciating how your quilting gifts could be used to enrich the entire organization.

When I assumed the presidency, one of my goals was to make AAQGO known throughout the national quilting community. We had our second quilt exhibit at Allen Temple Baptist Church. With the vision and encouragement of our late member Marion Coleman, our quilt exhibit "Neighborhoods Coming Together: Quilts Around Oakland" accomplished this goal. This exhibit gave us national exposure – the New York Times – and a special exhibit at the National Quilt Museum in Paducah. It also gave us the impetus to explore more creative exhibits such as our 20 by 20 quilts to celebrate our 20th anniversary.

During my tenure, we celebrated our 20th anniversary as an organization. Our enthusiastic anniversary chairperson, Rosita Thomas and her respective committees, made our celebrations memorable. Our anniversary cookbook has been disturbed throughout the United States. Our anniversary celebration allowed us the opportunity to reach out to other "sistah" quilting guilds throughout the country. Finally, our quilts were displayed at the Alameda County Supervisor's Offices and a special exhibit at the East Bay Heritage Quilters 2022 Voices in Cloth show.

Our guild has the privilege of being a part of the de Young Museum's Faith Ringgold exhibit. As well as, our relationship with the Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archives and the Oakland Museum of California were developed. These liaisons could not have occurred without the leadership of our exhibit committee chairs, Ora Clay, LaQuita Tummings and Dolores Vitero Presley.

However, none of these accomplishments could have happened without you - the members. Each of you enthusiastically embraced these projects and used your creativity, skills, gifts and talents to contribute to the success of AAQGO. Because of each of you, AAQGO is great and famous. Each of you embraced the motto "Each One Teach One" in your willingness to assist each other and AAQGO.

The gavel passes to Ann Robinson, who will carry us forward as the new guild president. She brings her unique gifts and visions for the future. I send Ann all the congratulations, love and support!

Thank you for allowing me to be your president. AAQGO is an important part of my life and I will continue share my gifts with AAQGO. As I close, I leave you with my last “presidential” quote from Michelle Obama:

“There’s power in allowing yourself to be known and heard, in using your unique story, in using your authentic voice. And there’s grace in being willing to know and hear others.”

Blessings,

Marie dePorres Taylor

At the September meeting we said goodbye to President Marie de Porres Taylor and gave her a quilt signed and made by all members of the Guild.



She thanked committee chairs and officers with flowers and quilting related gifts.

WELCOME BACK, PRESIDENT ANN ROBINSON

We welcome back Ann Robinson who has served as president of the Guild in the past. We had a group discussion about activities and learning opportunities we would like to see as a Guild.

JUNETEENTH WORKSHOP

Due to COVID we opted to have a community event commemorating Juneteenth in lieu of our annual Black History Month in February. Community members attended and Guild members taught sewing skills. Just a slice of life view into the event - Little Miss Nyla, around age 4, attended AAQGO's Juneteenth Workshop with her mother. She was comfortable enough to join the kids table with Aunties Ann and Nell to work on her quilt project, while her mother worked at a separate table. Miss Nyla was a natural, after just a little nudge she readily set up her color board. She was neat, quickly finished her first pattern and went for a second one. Pink is her favorite color. – *Auntie Nell*

When I asked what her favorite color was ... she said pink ... so while she was making her quilt and talking to Auntie Nell, I had someone pick out a pink backpack. She froze thinking she was getting it then, BUT I tricked her by putting it under the table! She seemed really happy at the end of her day since she did, in fact, get the pink Dora backpack AND a pink Care Bear pillow stuffed with books. She was not shy while working on her quilt. – *Auntie Ann*

STANFORD JUNETEENTH EVENT

In June, several Guild members Rosita Thomas, Marie de Porres Taylor, Nell Mays Cassandra Knight and Carolyn Pope traveled to Stanford University to give a quilt presentation. The event was warmly received and we received a thank you note.

Hi Rosita, Thank you and your fellow guild members for bringing your beautiful quilts and stories to our campus. Folks continue to talk about the experience. Wishing you all a nice holiday weekend. All the best, Lisa Carol Simpson Associate Director, Campus Services at Stanford.



East Bay Heritage Quilters ~ *Visions in Cloth* ~ March 2022

A few of the 75 quilts created to celebrate our 20TH Anniversary 2000 ~ 2020





Zondra Martin



Anita Carse



Jacquelyn Carter



Marilyn Handis



Madlyn Jones



Norma Mason



Dolores Vitero Presley



Ann Robinson



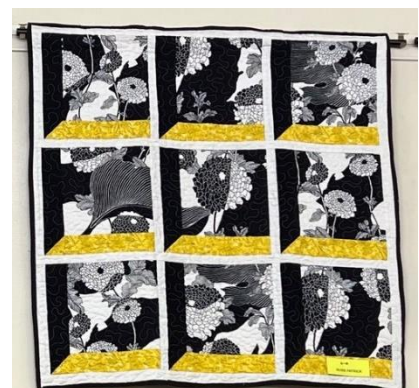
Patricia Bass Bailey



Carolyn Pope



Loretta Henry



Susie Patrick



Cynthia Coats



Ernie Tril



Julia Vitero



Brianna Meli



Faith Darling



Katie Wishom



Niambi Clay



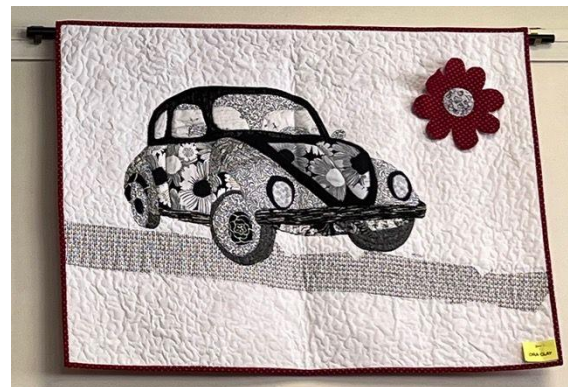
Evelyn Johnson



Nell Mays



Amal Johnson



Ora Clay

OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA
AUGUST 5, 2022
FIRST FRIDAY EVENT
SHOW AND TELL





THANK YOU OMCA STAFF

deYoung Museum
August – October 2022
9-Patch Workshop and Family Day Art Project



THE MANY BENEFITS OF GUILD MEMBERSHIP

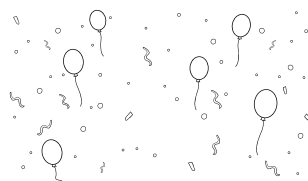
- ♥ Fun, friendship and fellowship
- ♥ Workshops eliminate the need to take a lot of quilting classes
- ♥ Someone always has an answer to any quilting-related problem
- ♥ The opportunity to show your work in a supportive and encouraging environment
- ♥ Interesting speakers both from the Guild and from outside
- ♥ Encouragement from other quilters to enter quilt shows, 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!

Guild Members:

We give coasters to guests who come to our meetings. If anyone has time and a few 5x5" scraps, please consider making coasters for our guests! Or Sunshine Committee giveaways.

Sunshine and Shadows
Sending love and healing wishes to Frances Porter!

Happy Birthday to our friends!



JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Midge Robinson - 4 Jennifer Mallet - 24	Veronica Lofton - 9 Pat Bailey - 16 Holly Tranzor - 17 Nell Mays - 19 Lulu Winslow - 22 Evelyn Johnson - 28 Karla Moss - 29 Niambi Clay - 31	Donald Forman - 4 Ernie Tril - 7 Zondra Martin - 9 Sally Dickson - 11 LaQuita Tummings - 24
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Ora Clay - 6 Blanche Brown - 10 Marilyn Handis - 19 Deborah Butler - 24	Marion Thomas - 22 Teri Green - 28	Rosita Thomas - 6 Verlie Collins - 11 Marsha Carter - 12 Gloria Wells - 14 Teresa Weyand - 20 Dorothy Wilkins - 25 Carolyn Pope - 28 Barbara Fuston - 29 Denise Curtis - 30

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

August 31, 2022 – August 31, 2024

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Treasurer	Dolores Vitero Presley
Historian	
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Black History Month Family Workshop	Ann Robinson
Education	Ernestine Tril
Exhibits	Ora Clay/Dolores Vitero Presley
Membership	Teresa Weyand/Jerry Hickey
Newsletter	Teresa Weyand/Dolores Vitero Presley
Sunshine	Evelyn Johnson
Website	Ann Robinson
Worthy Causes	Deborah Butler
SUSPENDED OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FOR 2022-2024	
Parliamentarian	
Library	
Opportunity Quilt	
Publicity	
Retreat	

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, sexual orientation or national origin.