



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER ~ November 2024

## QUILTING SISTAH NEWS

*African American Quilt Guild of Oakland*

### *In Loving Memory*



*The African American Quilt Guild of Oakland  
is saddened to announce the passing of our friend  
and long-time member Nell Mays  
on September 3, 2024.*

*Our condolences to her family. She will be  
greatly missed for her  
creativity and thoughtfulness.*

*Nell joined the African American Quilt Guild of Oakland in 2008 and served as our Sunshine Chairperson 2012-2017.*

*Nell excelled in making quilts from collected scraps which she carefully ironed and stored by color. We were always amazed at what she created from pieces as small as one square inch. She was very generous with her creations, giving us a cup mat, a postcard and other items made from her scraps.*

*Nell will be missed by all her knew her.*



## *MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT*

As the African American Quilt Guild of Oakland, we are entering our 25th year as an organization! As old folks say “time flies!” At our September 2024 meeting, we opened our new year as an organization by celebrating the monumental birthday of our AAQGO member, Frances Porter, who celebrated her 100th birthday. To acknowledge this remarkable birthday AAQGO made Fran Porter and honorary member of the Guild, which means Fran no longer has to pay membership dues! Esther Poncho, the founder of AAQGO, is the other honorary Guild member. We presented Jacquelyn Carter with a gift of thanks for assuming the role of president after the untimely death of our president Ann Robinson.

I am grateful to the members of the African American Quilt Guild who chose to be elected for our officers or volunteered to become or remain as committee chairs:

Marie de Porres Taylor—President

Marsha Carter—Vice President

Treasurer—Dolores Vitero Presley

Secretary—Dianne Marangio

Parliamentarian—Elaine Yau

Historian—Loretta Henry

Past President—Jacquelyn Carter

25th Anniversary—Rosita Thomas

Education—Ernestine Tril

Black History Month Family Celebration—Ernestine Tril & Marie dePorres Taylor

Exhibits—Ora Clay & Dolores Vitero Presley

Membership—Teresa Korpall Weyand & Jerry Oyarzo Hickey

Newsletter—Dolores Vitero Presley & Teresa Korpall Weyand

Sunshine—Evelyn Johnson

Website—Catherine Mukai

Worthy Cause—Deborah Butler

As your Board, we are planning an exciting two years of activity to commemorate our 25 years of existence. If you have been away, I invite you return to our monthly meetings and bring a friend. Come and learn new skills and techniques to improve your skills as a quilter whether you are a traditional quilter, an art quilter, a story quilter or a combination of all quilting modalities. There is a place for you within AAQGO.

As I assume the role as president of AAQGO, know that I am here for you. I want AAQGO to excel as a Guild. However, I am counting on each and every member to be an active member of the Guild; to bring to the Guild your gifts and talents to share with the membership. As Michelle Obama says we are all leaders and as leaders, “Try new things. Don’t be afraid. Step

out of your comfort zones and soar!" As members of the African American Quilt Guild of Oakland, this is my prayer as we celebrate our 25th year of existence!

Blessings  
*Marie dePorres Taylor*

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FRAN PORTER**

We had a wonderful time celebrating Fran! Thank you to all who contributed to the salad bar luncheon; and for the cake and cheesecake we enjoyed for dessert. Fran brought several quilts and shared her inspiration for each. Fran is featured in Stacey Russo's book, *Beyond 70, The Lives of Creative Women*.

### **Celebration of Fran Porter's 100th birthday**



# QUILTS ON DISPLAY



**CUATRO REINAS DE LOS MUERTOS**  
*(Four Queens of the Dead)*  
Ernestine Tril

Dia de Los Muertos  
Hayward Area Historical Society

# VISITING HOUSTON



Carolyn Pope ~ Dolores Presley ~ Norma Mason

# SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

Our positive thoughts and prayers to all members and their families who are facing medical challenges.

## EVENTS

<p>11/30-12/1, 2024 Craneway/KPFA Holiday Fair The Henry J. Kaiser Building Oakland, CA</p>	<p>The Artifactory Holiday Fair 1190 Hopkins Avenue Palo Alto, CA <a href="http://www.artfactoryholidayfair.com">www.artfactoryholidayfair.com</a></p>
<p>1/31 – 2/2, 2025 The 2025 Folsom Quilt Show Folsom Community Center Folsom, CA <a href="http://www.folsomquilt.org">www.folsomquilt.org</a></p>	 <p><b>Human Pieces</b> La Quita Tummings 2013 AAQGO Quilt Show</p>



## ***BIRTHDAYS***

### ***NOVEMBER***

Beverly Davis ~ 29

Teri Green ~ 28

Marion Thomas ~ 22

Julia Vitero ~ 4

### ***DECEMBER***

Marsha Carter ~ 12

Verlie Collins ~ 11

Denis Curtis ~ 30

Barbara Fuston ~ 29

Carolyn Pope-Chappelle ~ 28

Gloria Wells ~ 14

Teresa Weyand ~ 20

### ***JANUARY***

Deborah Brown ~ 15

Wanda Carter ~ 21

Linda Johnson-Jones ~ 14

Norma Mason ~ 9

Rosita Thomas ~ 6

# OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

September 1, 2024- August 31, 2026

Officers and committee chairpersons can be reached at [aaqgoakland@gmail.com](mailto:aaqgoakland@gmail.com) or  
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JUST A REMINDER - Our email address - [aaqgoakland@gmail.com](mailto:aaqgoakland@gmail.com) - is to be used for Guild business only. Names and addresses are not to be shared with other organizations or businesses. Please use your roster to contact individuals in the Guild.

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 sexual or national origin.

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