**Santa Clara Valley Quilt Association**

**Minutes of the General Meeting**

**Monday, February 27, 2023 at 7:00 pm  
Locale: Zoom Online**

**Call to Order:** President Callista Bevans called the meeting to order at 07:07 pm.

**Announcements: (Callista)**

Big announcement is increasing volunteerism!

Need Historian and Quilt Show chairperson—now.

Will need more soon. Watch for web page and newsletter and emails. Volunteerism is needed to keep everything going.

Virtual sew-in THIRD THURSDAY of each month. Sew newsletter and website for details.

**Programs (Sandra W & Patty H): (please see your newsletter/Website for all details)**

Tonight 2-27-23 MJ Kinman Gems of Joy

Tomorrow 2-28-23 is workshop. Still openings left. Pattern can be emailed tonight or pick up really early in AM from Patty H.

Zoom Meeting in **March**: Nanette Zeller. Love of Nature.

Thread painting workshop the next day.

In-person meeting in **April**: Sheila Collins: Creative Exploration in person 1st Congregational Church.

Workshop the next day Posies in the Sunshine.

Zoom meeting in **May**: Katherine Pellman: Paperdolls for Grown-ups.

Two part workshop following.

**Quilt Museum: (Martine):**

Open Fri, Sat, Sun 11-5

Quilt National showing thru April 16, 2023

Textile Talks Weds 11 am

You can access all the previously recorded Textile Talks here: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXsBpWjk3xVCTzucHkrU3ly5NlLa7mW3f

**Membership (Sharon H):**

131 on Zoom tonight

**Community Quilts (Robin S):**

In February, we were able to donate **78** of your quilts:

5 to PAMF Mnt View and Sunnyvale Chemo treatment patients

5 to Sequoia Hospice in Milpitas

10 to VA Palo Alto Health Care System

18 to Oakland Children’s hospital NICU & Palliative care

  5 to Unity Care providing housing for Foster Youths

11 to Parisi House on the Hill women’s shelter

  4 to Loma Clara memory care facility, Morgan Hill

15 to CARE Bayview shelter kids

  5 to Sew for love (large white garbage bags of your scraps)

We take all sizes of quilts: Twin bed down to NICU. **Our biggest need remains finished quilts for Adults:** twin bed 60" x 84" size down to wheelchair/lap quilts 36" x 45”, and any size in between.

**Sequoia Hospice**

Last month I shared the email that Dee Walsh, from Sequoia Hospice, sent to us with comments she has received from the nurses and medical staff. <If you missed the comments, the newsletters are available out on the members only section of the [SCVQA website](https://scvqa.wildapricot.org/newsletter)>. Here is a photo of our February quilt donations to Sequoia, with (starting from the left) one of their nurses, Dee, and three of her staff. Your quilts bring love and joy to the caregivers as well as the patients.

**Spring Cleaning**

With all this rain, I’ve noticed everything is turning green, making me feel like Spring is right around the corner. Whether you dive into a full spring cleaning or deal with one closet at time, keep these organizations in mind – **The Veterans** and **Sew for Love.**

Has your stash of Tote bags, Duffle bags, and Backpacks been multiplying in the dark? The Veterans can use any that you no longer need, that are still in good condition.

They can also use recreational items like jig-saw puzzles (make sure they are complete and less than 500 pieces), adult Coloring Books with Crayons or Colored Pencils, Journal and Sketch Pads, and Puzzle Books.

Sew for Love will take old clean blankets, pillows & towels as well as yarn, cotton fabric, denim, flannel, sherpa, polar fleece, vinyl, and even upholstery pieces. These do not need to be cut small. Collect these in clean bags and label them as Sew for Love.

**Oakland Children’s Hospital:**

If you are making holiday themed quilts for the NICU & Palliative Care units, I’ll need Easter quilts by Sunday March 19th. Earlier is better as I’ll start sending them in early March.

Yes, these dates are several weeks before the actual Holiday. It now takes about two weeks to get the quilts up to the hospital (our “delivery mechanism” now includes four different volunteers!!) and I want to make sure the care units have them with plenty of time to enjoy ahead of the holiday.

**Quilt Sandwiches**

You see them at all our in-person meetings and boutique sales. Community Quilts group sets out a bunch of bags with all sizes and colors of quilt sandwiches (e.g. NICU, lap quilts, long lap quilts and twin bed quilts), ready for you to take and quilt.

Now that we are resuming in-person meetings, we need you all to resume taking sandwiches to quilt. We have such a huge backlog of lovely quilt tops that are just waiting to be quilted and turned into finished quilts so they can bring hope and comfort to someone. The quilting can be as easy as straight lines, a simple meander or stipple pattern, you can practice your ruler work or free motion quilting motifs. Remember: the goal is a finished quilt.

PLEASE think about this for the April in-person general meeting: Consider picking up and quilting a sandwich from us! If you each were to take even just one, we would get them turned into finished quilts in no time at all! Wouldn’t that be wonderful. With that in mind, I mentioned the following idea last month…

**Thread**

Our most basic tool. How many different types do you have? Have you tried them all? Grab one of our quilt sandwiches and make a **“Thread”** sampler!  Sew diagonal lines across the quilt every 2-3”… using your different types of threads. Test drive them on the same quilt to see if you can feel the difference (Aurifil, Superior, try Bottom line in your bobbin, experiment with InvisaFil™ - that Invisible thread, compare 40 weight vs. 50 weight, poly vs cotton, regular vs variegated…) Can you feel the difference? Can you see a difference? Which ones do you like the look of in the different areas of the quilt pattern? Plus, when you are done with your test drive, you’ll have finished the quilting for us!! Yayyyy!!

And then: if you enjoy adding the binding (by hand or machine) Great! If not, bring it back to us. We have numerous ladies who enjoy working on the bindings.

**Our biggest need – finished quilts for Adults:**

Veteran, Foster youth, Hospice: 60" x 72" or 60" x 84"

Cancer treatment, Memory care: 40" x 60"

Veteran/Wheelchair: 36" x 45"

**Quilt Kits**

A lot of members have picked up our quilt kits and reported back to us that they are very easy to assemble. Each kit includes the fabric squares, strips, and instructions to make simple quilt tops. We have two patterns that make lap quilts and two patterns that make larger six foot long tops. Make the top and bring it back to us or finish it yourself. We have lots of Quilt Kits available.

These four easy kit patterns (remember: No matching seams) and are also great stash busters. The patterns are now on the [SCVQA website](https://scvqa.wildapricot.org/patterns) for those of you who want to do some stash busting of your own.

**Workday Meetings:**

Our Community Quilt workday meetings are a great opportunity for dropping off and picking up donation items. We always have a selection of the quilt sandwiches and quilt kits available for you to browse and take home. Or contact me to drop off or pickup items at my home in Sunnyvale.

**Our next workdays are March 15th and 20th, and April 19th and 26th**. Our Community Quilts committee’s workdays are 10:30 am – 3:00 pm at Christ the Good Shepard Lutheran Church in Willow Glen. Come by and check us out or bring a lunch and join us for the day.

Send me an email if you want to be included in my CQ Workday email message announcements.

You are the ones that make this all possible. Thank you!

Remember, **each** quilt makes a difference in someone’s life!

**Small Groups**:

N/a

**Block Party:**

Pink and Red: Winner is Robin S.

**Show and Tell:**

Mel’s Novel Projects 6”x8”, 3-D Wind Chime mobile based, Mark Making last workshop, Memory Quilt pillow cases for a friend; Mitzuko’s Mandala from Mel’s class at PIQF last year; Joelle’s Star Wars quilt based on cross-stitch patterns; Cherice’s Novel Challenge project plus Color challenge in Pink, also first challenge of the year Flower - The First One, also panel quilt of Dragons; Andrea’s Andersen and Tims project (City circle) plus another; Sandie’s community quilt donation and Llama quilts; Marcia’s Buggy Barn; Tracy’s Wonky Sister; Barbara’s Bookshelves & Cats; Mandy finished a backpack; Joelle showed postcards.

Joy has a quilt on the The Quilt Show FB:

And facebook page post: https://www.facebook.com/TheQuiltShow/posts/pfbid02SvGvekUvDxijWRUThAo5kk7nRXnzrdCVR37Ui5A2JkZzLbdqLjQLyx4MLSHG7g5al

**Today’s Program:**

MJ Kinman: Gems of Joy 07:50

**Adjournment:** President Callista Blevins closed the meeting at 09:02 pm

Submitted by Michael Johnson, Recording Secretary: 09:05

Approved: