**Santa Clara Valley Quilt Association**

**Minutes of the General Meeting**

**Monday, June 26, 2023 at 7:00 pm
Locale: Zoom**

**Call to Order:** President Callista Bevans called the meeting to order at 07:30 pm. Break at 08:13pm. Back in order 08:27pm

**Announcements: (Callista)**

Flipped meeting tonight. Lecturer first, them meeting.

Rachel Derstine.

July meeting is in person. First Cong. Church

Aug Meeting is a Zoom

PIQF is back on October 12 thru 15, 2023. Need volunteers at ticket table and white glove. Take your pictures and sign up soon.

Camden Community Center: Open Sew Quilt in Public gathering 10a-2p. October 3rd, every other Tuesday thru Dec 9, 2023 Alternative to our old Quilting 101. Links in newsletter and website: 12 max positions. Tables and irons are all setup, juts bring your stuff. Go into site and sign up. Go back out of site. Go back into site NOW THAT YOU HAVE A MEMBERSHIP NUMBER, and sign up for the class and it’s only $2. Our signup starts July 19, opens to public the week after. Only 12 openings. Sign up early and fast. This is part of a city program, not just us, put if you sign up fast, it could be all those who are missing Quilting 101. See your newsletter and website for details.

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

Patty introduced tonight’s lecturer: Rachel Derstine.

Sandra introduced TrudyCleveland.com who will be teaching how to photograph your quilt with a smart phone in July. She gave a mini overall peak into the class and its contents: How To Shoot Your Quilt

Rachel’s Workshop still has openings for tomorrow. let Patty know ASAP tonight. There is homework you must do ahead.

August meeting Jennifer Holden CREATING CONTRAST IN YOUR QUILT with workshop the next day, Bargello Sunflower. See Newsletter

Sept Meeting Jenny Lion: Quilting Is A Contact Sport. Workshop next day, Fearless Feathers Four Ways.

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**Quilt Museum: (Martine):**

Open F, Sat, Sun 11-5

Currently on display: Queer Threads thru Aug 20—several local artists

{Lost sound for large portion of Martine’s talk.}

Textile Talks still going on.

Museum Shop looking for Baby Quilts, bags, cards, fabric art needed as donations or commissions.

No first Friday in July, will be back in August.

**Membership (Sharon H):**

107 folks on Zoom.

**Quilt Show:**

<https://ncqc.net/new-quilts-of-n-ca> coming up soon

**Community Quilts (Robin S):**

Our next Community Quilts workdays are June 28th, July 19th and July 26th , Aug 16 and Aug 23. 10:30 am – 3:00 pm at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Willow Glen.

Our **biggest need** is for your help quilting the tops we have received, turning them into finished quilts.

Robin Scheiderer

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Hello Quilters,

Our June donations included **58** of your lovely quilts and other:

10 to Sequoia Hospice in Milpitas

14 to VA Palo Alto Health Care System

18 to Oakland Children’s hospital NICU & Palliative care

16 to CARE helping underprivileged children in SF Bayview District

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**Sequoia Hospice**

Dee Walsh, the Hospice Volunteer Coordinator at Sequoia Hospice shared the following two stories with Christine Green when she dropped off your quilts. Christine sent us these so we could share them with all of you:

The first patient is an older man who is a bit disoriented and being cared for primarily by his wife and the hospice nurse.  When a quilt was given to him his wife sat and stroked it saying, “it’s so beautiful.”  The nurse told Dee that she knows the quilt brings as much comfort to the wife as to her patient.

The second patient is a 37 year old woman with a 7 year old daughter.  The woman has a very aggressive cancer and does not have much time.  The hospice nurse helping her asked Dee for a quilt (ASAP) so that the woman could use it as well as pass it on to her young daughter.

The comfort that all your efforts provide extends far beyond the immediate need of the patient and in this case may well be a link to her mother for this little girl for years to come.  Dee knows first hand the value of this kind of gift.  Her children were 7 and 9 when their father died of cancer.  Her grown daughter wears her dad’s fire shirts regularly.

What else is there to say? That’s quite an example of the comfort your quilts provide now and far into future.

**For the Veterans**

Ok, taking a breath and continuing on…

Check this out from our member Esta: Sabrina Hill worked with her husband, David Hill DMD to assemble and donate 100 of those ‘after-visit’ dentist baggies with toothbrush, toothpaste and floss for the veterans. Wow. The bags completely filled a large canvas bag!

We also received this wonderful thank you note from a Veteran:

From: Lyle Bickley

Sent: Saturday, May 27, 2023 10:15 AM

Subject: Thank you …

 Hi!

I'm a 84 year old vet who had just undergone surgery for a kidney stone at the Palo Alto VA. A volunteer came by my bed and offered me a beautiful quilt. I asked here where it came from and she told me the Santa Clara Valley Quilt Association, hence this "Thank you!" note.

 It's a terrific gift... And thank you to the SCVQA for donating quilts to the VA Palo Alto.

Best,

Lyle

 Now that warm weather has arrived, please consider donating tee-shirts, shorts and (new) ball caps for the veterans. See full needs list below.

**Oakland Children’s Hospital:**

Each of our deliveries to the hospital includes both holiday and non-holiday themed quilts.

**Loma Clara:**

I reached out to Chuck Berghoff (if you recall, his wife is now at Loma Clara Memory Care facility and Chuck donated her entire quilting room and supply to us). They are ready for more quilts and we will include them in our July donations. He mentions:

Thank you for your continuing support with the quilts.  They are so appreciated by the residents, which brings joy to their families and the staff at Loma Clara.

Chuck Berghoff, **[www.berghoff-foundation.org](https://www.berghoff-foundation.org/)**

**WE NEED YOU**

We still have over **300** of your lovely quilt tops still in our storage unit, each one just waiting to be quilted and turned into a finished quilt so it can finally bring hope and comfort to someone. We need your help quilting them.

Please know that quilting these is not a contest, competition or a race. Our goal is finished quilts. It may take you a month, it may take you two months. That’s Ok. Whatever style of quilting you are comfortable with (be it stitch in the ditch, diagonal lines, free motion motifs or ruler work) are all Ok. Please help us transform these tops into quilts.

Once quilted, finish the binding if you like (by hand or machine) or return the quilt to us and we’ll finish the binding. There are many ways to pick-up and drop-off quilts:

At the additional in-person meetings this year <Next is July 24>,

At any Popup boutiques that occur in-between the in-person meetings,

At Community Quilt workdays <twice a month>

Or contact Robin for other options

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**Workday Meetings:**

**Our next workdays are** June 28th, July 19th and July 26th, Aug 16 and Aug 23**.**  Our Community Quilts committee’s workdays are 10:30 am – 3:00 pm at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Willow Glen. Come by and check us out or bring lunch and join us for the day. Use the parking lot around the corner and down the road on Alta Glen Drive [see the map at the end of the newsletter]. From there it’s easy to follow the walkway through the breezeway into their garden courtyard and you will find us in the great hall on your right.

These workdays are a great opportunity for dropping off and picking up donation items. We always have a selection of quilt sandwiches and quilt kits available for you to browse and take home. Or contact me to drop off or pick-up items at my home in Sunnyvale. 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!

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

**Ways and Means:**

N/a

**Small Groups**:

N/a

**Meeting Raffle:**

N/a

**Block Party:**

Bonnie Ackroyd winner of blocks.

**Show and Tell:**

Marcia B: Noah’s Ark for family member

Joelle L: Too Many Triangles for sister

**Today’s Program:**

Done first.

**Retreat:**

Nov 3, 4, 5, 2023 Marin Retreat all set. Required COVID neg test. More details coming.

**Adjournment:** Closed meeting at 08:57 PM

Submitted by Michael Johnson, Recording Secretary:
Approved: