**Santa Clara Valley Quilt Association**

**Minutes of the General Meeting**

**Monday, January 23, 2023 at 9:30 am
Locale: Westhope Presbyterian Church: Sanctuary**

**12850 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga, CA 95070.**

**Call to Order:** President Callista Bevans called the meeting to order at 09:40 am.

**Announcements: (Callista)**

Retreat in Marin coming up. See newsletter for details

Still looking for Historian Board position to be filled. Easy handoff.

 Please contact Callista if interested.

Quilt Show Committee first meets: Feb 12, 2023 Zoom Please reach

 out to Callista if interested in participating.

Nominating Committee starting to form. Contact our Parliamentarian,

 Marian D. if interested in participating.

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

There is still room in Mel’s Workshop tomorrow, 1-24-23.

Feb 28, 2023 Tuesday (Meeting Online Zoom 2-27-23): MJ Kinman workshop Online Zoom: Gems & Joy

March speaker Online 3-27-23: Nanette Zeller. Thread Painting: Creative journey and finding your artistic voice. 3-28-23 Online Zoom Workshop registration and detail in newsletter.

April 25, 2023 (April General meeting is an in-person on Apr. 24, 2023 at 7pm). In-Person Workshop with Sheila Collins, Posies in the Sunshine. See newsletter for details.

**Quilt Museum: (Martine)**

Fri, Sat, Sun. 11a-5p museum is open.

Quilt National is there and open for viewing thru mid-Apr

**Membership (Sharon H):**

328 active members. If you are not a member, please go online and register. Super easy to do.

**Community Quilts (Robin S):**

**(see newsletter and website for many details)**

We were able to donate 61 quilts in January:

 6 to Sequoia Hospice

11 to Veterans

15 to Oakland Children’s hospital

20 to CARE, SF Bayview center

 9 to Sew for Love (large white garbage bags of your scraps)

**Our quilt inventory is very low. Our biggest need remains finished quilts for Adults:** wheelchair/lap quilts 36" x 45”, all way up to twin bed 60" x 84"

Dee Walsh, from **Sequoia Hospice** sent us more feedback. She mentions that as they are brought in and Before they are prepared for our patients, all of the staff enjoys looking at each one  and admiring all the love and detail.

From a caregiver: “I gave a quilt to a patient who is confused, when she saw it her eyes opened wide and she stroked it.  I placed the quilt across her lap and she kept touching and stroking it.  The colors were bright and it was evident she enjoyed this amazing gift.”

Dee mentions, she “also continually being told by the health aids and nurses, when they’re at a patients home they will put their quilt over the patient after cleaning or treating them.    They enjoy and take pride as this was made from love.  “

…<a few more in newsletter>

She ends with following: “Thank you with all of my heart!  We are  blessed and honored to have these amazing handmade quilts  provided to our patients and families.”

**For our Veterans** We continue to take donations, including gently used books and any of those 2023 promotional calendars that you don’t want. With the cold weather, they can use knit hats, long sleeve tee shirts, socks and sweatpants. Check newsletters for the full list.

 **The NICU and Palliative Care units at Oakland Children’s Hospital** think all the quilts are wonderful! If you are making holiday themed quilts, I’ll need Valentine’s Day quilts by Sunday, Feb 5th. I’ll need St. Patrick’s Day themed quilts by Sunday March 5th.

If you don’t have a use for all the **scraps** you generate making a quilt, remember, we can use all that you can give us. Gather them in a clean bag and drop them off to us. As with the Veteran donations, you can drop them off during in-person meetings like today, at our CQ workdays, or contact me to drop at my home in Sunnyvale.

With all this rain, I’ve noticed everything is starting to turn green, making me feel like Spring is right around the corner. When you start spring cleaning, remember **Sew for Love** will take old clean blankets, pillows & towels, yarn, cotton fabric, denim, flannel, sherpa, polar fleece, vinyl, upholstery pieces, batting, fabric and even thread scraps - - - nothing is too small.

Here is one of the Cubies that they stuff with the scraps. If you would like to take one home to stuff yourself, we have empty cubies at our tables in the other room.

**Quilt Kits**

Also in the other room, we have **81** Quilt Kits available at our tables. 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 slightly larger, 6 foot long tops. Make the top and bring it back to us to layer or finish yourself.

**Here’s something to consider: Thread**

One of our most basic tools. How many different types do you have? How many have you tried? Grab a quilt sandwich from our tables and make a **“Thread”** sampler!  Sew diagonal lines across the quilt every 2-3”… each with a different type of thread. Test drive them on the same quilt to experience the difference (Aurifil, Superior, try Bottom line in your bobbin, experiment with InvisaFil™ Invisible thread, compare 40 weight vs. 50 weight, poly vs cotton, regular vs variegated…)

What difference do feel? What difference do you see? Which ones do you like? And when you are done with your test drive, you’ll have finished the quilting!

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

**Workday Meetings:**

Our CQ workday meetings are twice a month. Find our details on the guild website, in the newsletters or pickup a flyer at our tables next door.

**Thank you!**

You’ve already dropped off many quilt tops, finished quilts and veterans donations today. You are the ones that make this all possible.

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

Thank you

**Ways and Means (Tina B)**

Boutique going well today. If you have donations to future boutiques, please reach out to Tina.

Raffle tickets being sold at break.

18 prizes for raffle. Betty, Mandy, Josephine, Marilie, Carolyn S, Josephine x2 (hand off to friend), Betty x2 (handoff to friend), MaryAnn B, Banina, Mandy x2 (handoff to friend), MaryAnn B x2 (hand off to friend), Molly, Marion D, Betty x3 (handoff to friend), Nanette, Marilie x 2 (handoff to friend), Lee MJ, Marile x3 (handoff to friend)

**Small Groups**:

No input

**Block Party:**

20 blocks: won by Lisa S.

**Show and Tell:**

Peter D x 2, Unk name: plaid clamshell x 1, Claudia D x1, Sandra W x 1

Michelle BOM winner last March completed small quilt, Unk name Magical Bargello, Sandy U: Llama quilt and blue wonky disappearing Four-patch, Cynthia K: Ukrainian landscape and Milaga, Unk name: Hearts & Stars, Unk name: [TextileArtists.org](http://TextileArtists.org) textile class right now ends Friday 1-27-23, Sarah: Software prism play(?) and Project Quilting challenge projects x 2.

**Today’s Program:**

Fun & Games in Quilting by Mel Beach

https://melbeachquilts.com/

Still room in her workshop tomorrow, 1-24-23.

**Adjournment:** President Callista Blevins closed the meeting at 11:37

Submitted by Michael Johnson, Recording Secretary:

Approved: