**Santa Clara Valley Quilt Association**

**Minutes of the General Meeting**

**Monday, October 24, 2022 at 7:00pm
Locale: Zoom on-line**

**Call to Order:** President Callista Bevans called the meeting to order at approx. 7:05.

**Announcements: (Callista)**

Schedule is out for 2023. Thank you to Patti, Sandra, and Randa for the large amount of fast work. If you have friend, please feel free to send out the schedule so they can join.

In-Town Retreat registration extended to 10-28-22. Contact Nancy Reece to register. Newsletter has more details, pg 9-10.

Meetings in Nov and Dec meetings are earlier than usual du to holiday adjustments.

**Programs:**

Speaker for tonight, Christina Camelli, wants pictures of your quilts so she can work on how to quilt them to present in coming up in class. Please send during break tonight. See chat for email. (Later in meeting, she has now received plenty of pictures. Thank you.

Nov 14, 2022 at 9:30 upcoming is Sue Sherman lecture: Quilting Journey of a Renaissance Woman.

Two-part Hawaiian Appliqué Workshop for Sue Sherman is Nov 15, 2022, and Jan 3, 2023. Part One is appliqué of one of three small pattern choices. Part Two in Jan is Hawaiian Quilt of you chosen piece.

Dec 12, 2022 is a lecture from Sue Stone in the UK: Woman With a Fish. No workshop.

Jan 23, 2023 at 9:30 Mel Beach is going a lecture: Fun and Games in Quilting, then she is doing an IN-PERSON workshop on Jan 24, 2023: Mark Making Magic & Design by Dice. REGISTER EARLY

POSTCARD ERRATA:

Please change any postcards you have or gave out if possible that the meeting in July is at 9:30 am, not in the evening as listed. In person. So sorry. Web site is now correct.

**Quilt Museum: (Martine)**

Museum hours: Fri, Sat, Sun. 11a-5p. SOUTH FIRST FRIDAYS gathering/party is 5pm-9pm, the first Friday of the month.

Quilt National opening Oct 8, 2022, but more quilts are coming to the Purcell Gallery. Exhibits two local quilters: Sue Bianchi and Joan Schulze. Also present on display are Catherine Beard, Irene Roderick, Kathy Nina, Kestrel Michaud, Yasuko Saito, Alicia Merett, Maggie Vanderweit, Judy Hooworth, LeAnn Hileman, Donald Kennedy.

Artist in Residence is on hiatus.

Textile Talk still every Weds at 11 am.

**Membership: n/a**

**Community Quilts: (Robin)**

We had a great day during the pop-up boutique sale on the 9th!  Your donations filled up three of those blue Ikea bags with finished quilts, two bags with tops, 4 of those white garbage bags with scraps and you all dropped off a whole bunch of additional bags with items for the veterans. Thank you!

Our Nov donations again include new organizations:

10 to C.A.R.E. SF Bayview area (recurring)

5 to SF Chapter of CA Association of Nurse Practitioner’s (holiday)

5 to PAMF Mt View and Sunnyvale Chemo treatment

 5 to Sequoia Hospice in Milpitas

14 to VA Palo Alto Health Care System

17 to Oakland Children’s hospital NICU & Palliative care (a lot of these were your Halloween and Fall themed quilts!)

9 to Parisi House on the Hill women and family shelter, San Jose

4 to Sew for love (white garbage bags full of your scraps)

With these 69 quilts, you all have now donated OVER 500 quilts this (calendar) year!! That number really just blows my mind. 500 You all have brought joy and comfort to so many individuals, families and caregivers!

**Our biggest need right now is for finished quilts!**

**(from 36”x48” quilts up to 60”x80” twin bed quilts)**

C.A.R.E. SF Bayview area

During our Oct popup boutique Kathy Herr, a returning member, reached out to us about donating quilts. [C.A.R.E.](https://www.ymcasf.org/programs/bayview-family-resource-center) is the Center for Academic Re-entry and Empowerment in the Bayview section of San Francisco. They work collaboratively with families to create service plans that empower and support families to strengthen social, emotional and physical well-being. This includes:

* Case Management and Family Advocacy
* Enhanced Visitation
* Parenting Classes: Triple P
* Support Groups: Healthy Relationships, Fatherhood, Anger Management, Baby and Me
* Parent and Child Interactive Activities and Events
* Food Pantry and Diaper Bank

Our first donation included baby and child quilts. Our Nov. donations will also include larger quilts for middle and high school students. We will be including them in our recurring donations.

The SF Chapter of CA Association of Nurse Practitioners serves the bay area and is holding their annual Nurse Practitioners appreciation event. We donated 5 quilts for their appreciation event that celebrates the nurse practitioners and acknowledges all their hard work.

Your small scraps - Sew for love

Many of you are handing over bags of scraps (small and large) along with the quilts and tops you give us. This is so great! Here is a photo from Michelle Zeiler of [Sew for Love](https://simplylovetosew.webs.com/sewforlove.htm) of three cubies stuffed with the scrap donations you donated at the popup event.

Keep those scraps coming! Between the pet beds and cubies, we can use all that you can give us. You can drop off your scraps at a QC workday in Campbell or contact me to drop them off at my home (in Sunnyvale). Remember to keep cutting until all your scraps pieces (cotton fabric scraps, cotton batting scraps and polyester batting scraps) are smaller than 4”, in all dimensions.

Thank you Stories from Sequoia Hospice:

Dee Walsh, the Hospice Volunteer Coordinator at Sequoia Hospice in Milpitas says:

“The quilts and each one of you bring so much joy.  It begins in the office, we love looking at each one and appreciating the work that goes into them.  Then experiencing the shock and joy they bring someone is priceless!  Thank you for allowing us to be a part of these amazing gifts.“

She went on to add:

“I just wanted to share with you some of the many compliments and appreciation from our patients and families.  All of the amazing quilts have bought so many smiles.  I always mention Santa Clara Valley Quilt Association donates these quilts and they are made with love.  Thank you with all of my heart.

3.      One of our nurses was looking for a birthday gift for two of her patients.  These patient’s had not received a quilt yet so she picked a quilt out for each patient.  Seeing the enjoyment the RN had in choosing the perfect quilt for each patient was so heartwarming.  Both patients loved the quilts and the families wanted a thank you to be extended to who made them.

4.      This female patient is fully alert and oriented.  She was presented with one of the amazing quilts.  She was so stunned by the detailed work and beauty, we both enjoyed and talked about it together.  This patient got teary eyed and was adamant to thank the person who made this for her.

…Dee“

Supporting our Veterans

I received the following thank you from Dat Hoang-Gia, Unites States Marine Corps Veteran and Clinical Nurse Specialist at the Geriatric Research Education Clinical Center in Palo Alto Veterans center.

“For the past 10 years I have worked at the Palo Alto Veterans Affair, and have come across so many beautiful quilts that have been donate to the Veterans. It is such a wonderful gift that brightens up the room and brings joy to Veterans. I would like to reach out to the group donating the quilts to thank them”

Several of the quilts we donated this month to the VA will be used for their holiday fundraiser. Their Palo Alto fundraiser is Dec 7 and items can be viewed in Bldg 101 at the hospital.

As we move into the holiday season, many stores will be having great sales. If you are able, the next time you see a sale, consider picking up items for a veteran. Items like deodorant, toothpaste, nail clippers, tee shirts, knit hats, socks and sweatpants (see full Patient Needs List below for recommended sizes). We will continue to collect supplies for the veterans. You can bring them to a QC workday in Campbell or contact me to drop them off at my home (in Sunnyvale).

NICU Holidays:

The NICU and Palliative Care units at Oakland Children’s Hospital have children ranging in ages from infants up to 12 years old and take quilts from 18” x18” up to 36” x 48” long. They truly appreciate all the quilts we send them!  If you are making Christmas, Hanukkah or other December holiday themed quilts, I’ll need them by Sunday, Dec 4th (but earlier is better!)

Parisi House on the Hill

In Aug, I reported that Parisi House reached out to let us know they are ready for another set of twin bed quilts 60x80. You all came through fast! We were able to deliver the quilts to them this month!

If you had started a twin bed size top for them, please keep going! This is a size the Veterans, Foster youth and Hospice organizations all appreciate receiving. If this size is too large for you to easily quilt, consider making the top and CQ will layer it for another member to quilt.

Special Holiday Requests:

Halloween is almost here and then it feels like the holiday season is eagerly waiting right around the corner to pounce on us! We have received a couple special requests for holiday season donations. If you have time to finish one or more quilts before the holidays occupy all your time, please consider these needs:

Santa Clara County & St.Vincent de Paul – for mentally challenged adults.

Terean, with St.Vincent de Paul, contacted us. She explains “Every year we get gifts from donors for a group of 30 mentally challenged adults, I was hoping that perhaps your group could make lap quilts for them this year as this year we don’t have the money for much”. These need to be dropped at my home by NOV 13.

Terean also mentioned that they will receive a list of veterans and their families from Family Giving Tree. I don’t know yet what this request will entail, but she will pass on the details as soon as she receives them.

**Our biggest need right now is for finished quilts**, **from 36”x48” quilts up to 60”x80” twin bed quilts.** Suggested sizes in chat window and on website.

Our Island of Misfit Squares!

I have mentioned before that we had received a large number of pre-cut fabric squares that have been languishing in our storage unit (our own Island of the Misfit Toys!! 😊).  Last month CQ group bundled them together with sashing and borders strips and the instructions to make the “Stacked Coin” quilt top. We had 30 of these kits available at the popup. WOW! All of them were picked up! And at last week’s CQ Workday, two completed tops and one completed quilt were returned!! We will be making up more of the Stacked Coin kits at our workday.

The “Stacked Coin” tops finish out to about 32”x41”. This is a great pattern for beginners as there are NO matching seams! It also makes for an easy mental-cleanse between challenging projects.

With the success of the first kit, we created the “Coins and Stripes” pattern. Again, NO matching seams! This top is a little larger, finishing out to about 53”x70”. We will have these kits ready for the Jan In-Person meeting.

Workday Meetings:

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Quite a few of you have been coming to drop off quilts, tops, and other donations during our CQ workdays and at my home in Sunnyvale. These have been essential in allowing us to maintain our monthly donations to the organizations we support!!

Our Community Quilts committee’s workdays are 10:30 am – 3:00 pm at Christ the Good Shepard Lutheran Church in Campbell. Come by and check us out: Oct 26, and Nov 16. (use the parking lot around the corner and down the road on Alta Glen Dr.) 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.

Send me an email if you want to be included in my CQ Workday email message announcements. If you would like to pickup sandwiches or kits to work on, be sure to drop me an email or text so I can be sure we have them on hand for you.

I’ll end with one last Thank You!

You are the ones that make this all possible. OVER 500 Quilts this year!!

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

Thank you,

Robin Scheiderer

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**Small Groups**: n/a

**Semi-Annual Marin Retreat**: ONGOING INFO/*no change*: Nancy Reis and KaIe Diemer have reported that this has been cancelled due to lack of staff at Nature Bridge.

**Block Party:**

15 Halloween Theme blocks. Winner of the blocks is Michelle Sullivan.

Send in blocks and get entered into the drawing for ALL the blocks of that month’s theme.

**Show and Tell:**

Sandra: Paper pieced horse, Witchy Raggedy Anne Doll

Sandy: NICU quilts (multiples) Christmas, Halloween, Valentines

Cherise: two baby quilts for twins, I Spy fabrics, with different quilting

 to distinguish between them.

Sally: Quilt based on backpacking photo from husband’s hobby

Joelle: NICU Halloween quilt, Left over blocks from another quilt, New

 baby quilt for a church member’s baby.

**Tonight’s Program: Done non-recorded.**

**Adjournment:** President Callista Blevins closed the meeting at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Submitted by Michael Johnson, Recording Secretary, on 11-6-2022

Approved: