

Santa Clara Valley Quilt Association
Minutes of the General Meeting
March 28, 2022
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Welcome: President Callista Bevins called the meeting to order at 9:35 am. Callista briefly reviewed Zoom etiquette.

Nominating Committee: Callista noted that a Nominating Committee has been formed and is headed by Marie Strait. One of the openings they are looking to fill is the Recording Secretary. Sarah Beetem, the current Recording Secretary was not in attendance, but sent a short description of this role. Sarah believes this is an excellent position for any member wanting to get more involved in the Association. It entails taking notes at Board meetings and for the administrative section of General Meetings. The Secretary's notes are reviewed and approved by the Board. Callista added that while the Board meetings will remain via Zoom, General Meetings will hopefully go back to in-person at least part of the time. If anyone is interested in this post, please contact Marie Strait.

Programs: Sue Bianchi and Sandra Woodard present information about upcoming speakers and workshops.

On April 26th, Youngmin Lee will present the art of Korean quilting

On May 23rd, Jenny Haynes will come to us from her studio in Britain demonstrating using inset curves in a modern take on quilting.

On June 20th, Natalya Khorover will demonstrate how she recycles all sorts of material into unique nature scenes.

Community Quilts: Robin Scheiderer reported that 26 quilts were distributed to Sequoia Hospice in Milpitas, Palo Alto Medical Foundation, Palo Alto Veterans Hospital, Unity Care and to Loma Clara. Robin said that there is a large need for longer bed-sized completed quilts. She has some tops already sandwiched and ready for finishing. Many kits were given out at the March Popup. More will be assembled at the next Community Quilts work day.

She has been contacted by 2 new recipients, Parisi House on the Hill, a residential drug and alcohol rehabilitation center in San Jose and Casa de Clara a small faith-based shelter for mothers and children in San Jose. Both of these entities are requesting bed-size quilts. Robin said that for these two places requested 14 single-sized quilts (~60" x80") and 2 queen-sized (~??, didn't get this) are needed. She is still collecting Holiday quilts for the NICU (size within 18" to 36" range). Easter and the 4th of July are the next up!

Robin also read a very heartfelt thank you from one of the recipients of one of our quilts. She further reported that she is looking for recipients for the many lap-size quilts that she has. Send email to Robin regarding dropping off completed quilts. More information is on the website.

Quilt Show: The Quilt Show happens April 23 and April 24. Roberta Pabst reported that 290 members exhibits have been registered for the Quilt Show. If you add the quilts from the Museum and from SAQA, there will be over 300 quilts on display at the Quilt Show. There will also be informational booths from the Embroiderer's Guild and FabMo. There is a link on the SCVQA website for volunteers to sign up to help with the show. MANY volunteers are still needed! There is also a link to purchase tickets online. Tickets purchased online will be at the Will Call table at the show. There will be somewhere between 10 and 13 Opportunity baskets and 2 antique sewing machines will be silently auctioned. And there are 17 confirmed vendors. Masks will not be required and vaccination status will not be checked. BUT masking will be strongly encouraged and there will be signs stating this in the Hall. There will also be a few masks at the door for those who need/want them.

Roberta reported that there will likely be no food service as at past shows. The new food concessionaire has a prohibitively high minimum per day that we will not be able to meet. The Association would be required to make up the difference. There will be vending machines with some food and beverages. There is also a Grab and Go stand in the Hyatt hotel lobby attached to the Convention Center. Sack lunches that members bring must be discreet and eaten outside the Hall.

Museum: Martine Yingling reported that the Museum has purchased an antique appliqued and hand-quilted quilt in memory of Sylvia Moore, founding member of both this Association and the Quilt Museum. The Museum is celebrating it's 45th Anniversary by displaying quilts and artwork from the Museum's own collection. Textile Talks and First Friday continue. Details are on the Museum website.

Ways and Means: After the break, Callista thanked all those who attended the March Popup held at Gloria Kahn's house. Funds brought in were equivalent to the amount that would have been collected if we had meeting in person for the past quarter. Plans are under way for the next Popup in late spring or early summer.

Block Party: There were 30 Spring Garden blocks turned in. Michelle Sullivan won the blocks this month.

Show and Tell: There were about 20 member quilts or art works shared.

Program: the March program was author and quilter Lisa Shepard Stewart speaking on "Quilting with African Textiles."

Callista adjourned the meeting at 11:50 am.

Submitted by Betty Eastham, substituting for Sarah Beetem.