

Anne Ito and Janet Shore, along with several committees of devoted members, spent two years of exhaustive work in preparing for this Bay Area conference for quilters. "Growth Through Diversity" was held on July 25-29, 1984, and drew quilt enthusiasts from many states and foreign countries. The lecturers and teachers list read like a "Who's Who" in quilting. You can appreciate the phenomenal response to the Symposium just by reviewing its components:

- + A 96-quilt members' show, hung to highlight each piece and its maker as Art and Artist;
- + A superb Teachers' quilt show;
- + A traveling exhibit of 10 Afro-American quilts, curated by Dr. Maude Wahlman;
- + First-class raffle quilts, traditional & contemporary;
- + A Studio Tour;
- + A members' Fashion Show, with fine, whimsical, even comical entries;
- + A participants' Show-and-Tell;
- + A showing of garments made from Japanese fabrics;
- + Lectures/Workshops/Merchants Mall/goodie bags, etc.

Residual benefits from this first Symposium far exceeded anyone's expectations. For members of EBHQ, it was the best opportunity yet to socialize with the greater quilt community while growing in quilting skills of every kind. Is there any question as to why the organization would want to repeat this endeavor in 1988?

With a current membership of nearly 700 individuals and 21 affiliates, EBHQ remains diverse in the quilting experience of its members, as well as in age and background. There is no typical member; we are as varied as our quilts.

The organization upholds its 10-year standard of incomparable programs and peripheral activities. The talents of teachers, artists, historians and collectors from all over the world are shared through monthly evening meetings, and supplemented by daytime Drop-Ins and community participation. Our most precious resource, our ever-amazing Bay Area membership, is feted annually at our Members Show. Finally, the excellent vehicle of communication among members, this Friendship Knot, brings together all the aspects of a vibrant, open, growing, supportive and nurturing membership.

Thank you! Thank you very much, all of you who have helped in big ways and small to make us what we are today. Happy, happy 10th birthday to each and every one of you East Bay Heritage Quilters!

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