



Fabled Asp Memorial Quilt Created by Karen Hampton

We honor Bay Area lesbians with disabilities who have joined the ancestors in the past 20 years.

African American quilt-maker Karen Hampton has stitched and burned the images, names and words of a dozen of these women into a multi-layered tribute on hand-dyed fabric. Grounded in the African American story quilt tradition, Karen's use of materials and symbols reflects the diaphanous, complex lives of disabled lesbians.

“We are both bold and hidden. These twelve women built community, among their friends, in the Bay Area, and throughout the US and beyond. They began and sustained resources for lesbians, feminists, people with disabilities. Active in their Native American, Jewish, Arab and African American communities, they wrote, sang and made visual art. Their political activism included membership in the Black Panthers, starting Ms. Magazine, founding the Women's Cancer Resource Center to running for City Council (and so much more) – as out dykes. Filled with difficulty and delight, their lives were too short. Brilliant, confrontational, joyful and sexy, these women were warriors and peacemakers. The memorial quilt is a manifestation of literal and symbolic ways they touch those of their many communities who carry their legacies forward. Through text and texture, material and design, the quilt reflects the endurance of love, the deepening of roots, the whisper of their voices in this re-memory.”

–Barbara Ruth, resident poet of Fabled Asp

1. Margaret Sloan-Hunter (1947-2004) Author, activist, mother, butch, a founding editor of Ms. Magazine, 1974 chairwoman of the National Black Feminist Organization, co-founder of *Lavender Woman*, the first lesbian newspaper out of Chicago.

2. Nanci Stern (1950-1992) Co-Founder Full Moon Coffee House Collective and Bookstore, co-editor of *With the Power of Each Breath*, therapist.

3. Joanne Garrett (1950-1995) Beloved community activist, a creator and sustainer of the Women’s Cancer Resource Center.



4. Diane “Hugs” Hugaert (c.1955- 2001) Community leader, writer, member of the East Bay Pirates, and longstanding member of Wry Crips Disabled Women’s Theatre which she named in a satirical twist on “Rye Crisps”.

5. Pandoura Carpenter (1948-2008) Director of Wry Crips, author of “Taxi Tales,” Co-Founder of *Onyx: Black Lesbian Newsletter*, founding member of Progressives Challenging Anti-Semitism, mensch.

6. Paula Gunn Allen (1939-2008) Award-winning American Indian scholar and poet and prolific author, a foremost voice in Native American literature and the study of American literature.

7. Lovey Ufland (1946-2008) Recovery maven, community activist, organizer of Prostitutes Union of Massachusetts, survivor, cake-maker.

8. Pat Parker (1944-1989) Author/poet, activist, Black Panther, director of Feminist Women's Health Center, founder of the Black Women's Revolutionary Council. Women's Press Collective.

9. Carrie Gagliardi (1955-2008) Disability activist and social justice leader whose work included city and county commissions and taskforces on homelessness and accessibility.

10. Mary Gennoy (1951-2004) Activist for legalization of medical marijuana and well-loved in the leather community, she ran for San Francisco County Supervisor in 2000.

11. Jackie Winnow (1947-1991) Lesbian-feminist activist, founder of the Women’s Cancer Resource Center. Coordinator L/G & Aids Unit of San Francisco Human Rights Commission (seen here with her spouse Teya Schaffer).

12. Silvia Kohan (1948-2003) Singer and songwriter, known for “Fat Girl Blues” and the song written for her, “Moon Over Venice.” Her commercial album, “Finally Real,” was produced by George Winston.