Join Our Board!

The vision of San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles is to preserve, celebrate and promote knowledge about quilts and textiles, their creation, their beauty, and their relationship to human culture and expression.

Make a difference with the San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles!

Are you looking to leverage your skills and grow your positive impact on our community? Our board is an energized group of passionate community members dedicated to the mission of the arts. The SJMQT is growing, and we invite you to consider joining our board of directors as we scale our programs and impact.

To pursue a position on the board, please send your resume and a brief statement about why you are interested in joining us to: SJMQTRecruitmentCommittee@gmail.com.

Board Member Scope of Responsibilities:

Serve as an ambassador for the museum – spreading the work on SJMQT impact  
**Time:** Bi-Monthly meetings via Zoom  
**Strategic Retreats:** Two weekend days per year in the Bay Area/San Jose, CA with Zoom attendance as an option if required  
**Financial:** Recognize SJMQT as a priority for personal giving and make an annual “stretch” donation at a personally meaningful level  
**Committee work:** 3-12 hours a month, depending on project scope  
**Museum events:** Participate in exhibition openings and other events as a board member, COVID restrictions permitting  
**Term length:** 2 years; with a maximum of three uninterrupted terms permitted  
**Support SJMQT’s Mission:** Willing to use their networks and connections to promote the purpose and agenda of the organization

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Board Member Overview

General
The San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles Board is responsible for the Museum’s governance, including financial oversight, setting the museum’s mission and vision, selecting, and evaluating the director, and protecting the museum’s integrity and reputation. Board members are critical participants in the fundraising process, helping the director identify, meet, and thank donors throughout the year.

Committees
Each board member is expected to advance the Museum by leading or participating actively on one of the following standing and ad hoc committees:

- Board Development and Recruitment
- Diversity
- Facilities
- Finance
- Fundraising and Donor Relations
- Real Estate

What We Are Looking For
Because are committed to continuing to develop a diverse board, we are seeking members with a variety of backgrounds, skills, genders, ages, cultures, and ethnicities. Interest and/or experience with textiles or art is a plus. To replace retiring members and expand to our desired size of 15, we are looking for new members preferably with relevant experience or interest in the following areas:

- General interest in the work of the San Jose Museum of Quilt & Textiles
- Retail/E-Commerce expertise
- Event Planning
- Finance and Financial Planning expertise
- Fundraising/Capital campaign experience
- Experience in the tech industry, marketing, contract law
- Nonprofit board Experience

Selection Process:
1. Send us an email with a) your resume, b) a brief statement about why you are interested in joining us
2. If you are selected to continue to the interview process, The Recruitment Committee will arrange a call to discuss your interests, availability, and possible role(s) for you
3. Tour the museum with the director and a member to see the space and learn more about us
4. The board will vote to approve your membership at or before the next meeting
5. Agree to our Board Agreement & receive orientation materials
6. Join the next board meeting!

This is an excellent volunteer opportunity for anyone interested in the arts and culture of the Bay Area!
About the Museum
The San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles, founded in 1977, shares and celebrates the art and culture of textiles. Called a “must-see arts destination in San Jose,” the museum anchors San Jose’s vibrant SoFA (South First Arts) District.

The first museum in the United States to focus exclusively on quilts and textiles as art and one of only seven textile museums in the Western hemisphere, the museum’s collection consists of some 1,250 historic and art quilts, ethnic textiles, and contemporary tapestries and textile art of which approximately 900 are on view in the SJMQT database.

During the COVID shutdown, the museum co-developed the popular weekly online Textile Talks series, moved its ongoing Artist in Residence (AIR) program online, and continued with its hands-on workshops on Zoom. The museum also established a digital database of over 900 textile works that can be searched and viewed online. They reopened to the public on June 18, 2021 with brand-new exhibitions and an exciting lineup of exhibitions to follow. In May 2022, SJQMT was thrilled to welcome its newly appointed director, Camille Ann Brewer.

Board Opportunities and Initiatives
The Future of San Jose
This is an exciting time for San Jose, the 10th largest city in the United States. Some of the largest tech companies in Silicon Valley and elsewhere are here, additional transit options are opening up, and new options and possibilities are on the horizon for arts organizations. The museum’s neighborhood will change dramatically over the next decade and as a board member, you can play an important role in positioning the organization to take full advantage of the opportunities ahead.

Diversity and Inclusion
In late 2019, we embarked on the American Alliance of Museums’ two-year-long Facing Change program, which seeks to help museum boards build a diverse and inclusive culture that will better reflect and serve their communities. We are committed to continuing to develop diversity of background, skills, gender, age, economics, and ethnicity on our board.

Accreditation
SJMQT has made significant progress on its accreditation application with the American Alliance of Museums and we expect to complete it during this fiscal year.

Questions?
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