



Stone Soup Leadership Institute's
Story of the Week: Cleve Jones, The AIDS Memorial Quilt
PRIDE MONTH
Week of June 23– 29, 2024



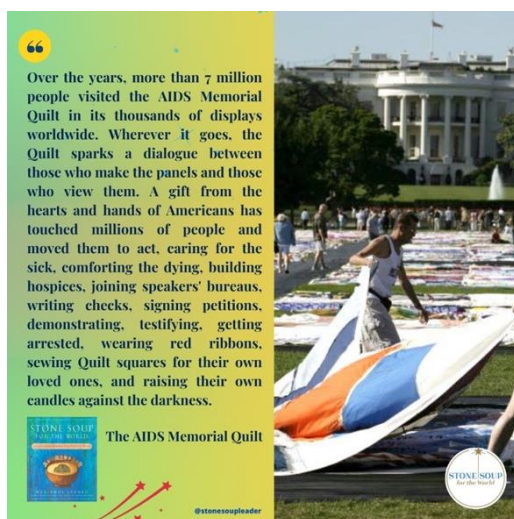
Sunday June 23: Story:
The AIDS Memorial Quilt

READ how the AIDS Memorial Quilt was conceived by long-time human rights activist Cleve Jones and his friends as a way to honor San Francisco's Mayor George Moscone and Harvey Milk and loved ones who died from AIDS.

Cleve Jones received letters imploring him to bring the Quilt to their hometowns. He and his friends loaded up the Quilt, and set out across this country and around the world, displaying the Quilt as the centerpiece of local educational and fund-raising campaigns. What happened next helped shape the future for how our nation would remember those

who lost their lives due to the AIDS crisis.

Discover how strangers bonded together united over their desire to “document the lives they feared history would neglect” in the book, Stone Soup for the World: Life-Changing Stories of Everyday Heroes. <https://stonesoupleadership.org/storage/2022/12/story-the-quilt.pdf>



Monday: June 24: The AIDS Memorial Quilt

The Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt was first unfolded, on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., on October 11, 1987. It displayed 1,920 names.

There are now 48,000 panels – each a handmade memorial to a life lost to AIDS. Each one measures 6' by 3', the size of a grave. It is 1.2–1.3 million square feet and weighs 54 tons.

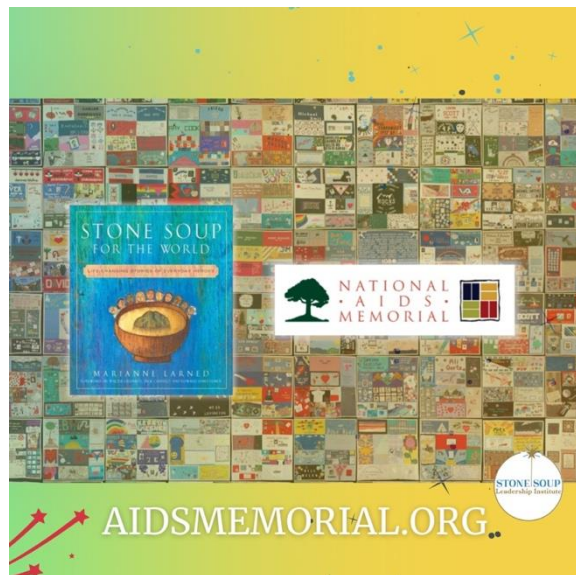
Cleve Jones and the story of the Quilt is featured in Stone Soup for the World and in the Stone Soup Educational Curriculum.



Tuesday: June 25: The AIDS Memorial Quilt

WATCH this moving excerpt from documentary *Surviving Voices - AIDS Memorial Quilt Panel Makers*.

Link: <https://youtu.be/X7Y-1UsNcuU>



Wednesday: June 26: Honor Roll: The AIDS Memorial Quilt

The National AIDS Memorial, through a partnership with the AIDS Quilt Touch team, brings together all 50,000 panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt in an interactive experience so people around the world can experience the beauty of the Quilt and witness the love and stories stitched into each panel. It represents one of the largest acts of activism and social justice. The organization works to help ensure that the lives of people who died from AIDS are not forgotten and the story of AIDS is known by future generations - so that never again will a community be harmed because of fear, silence, discrimination, or stigma.

<https://www.aidsmemorial.org>

Learn more about the history of the Quilt and its legacy here: <https://www.aidsmemorial.org/quilt>

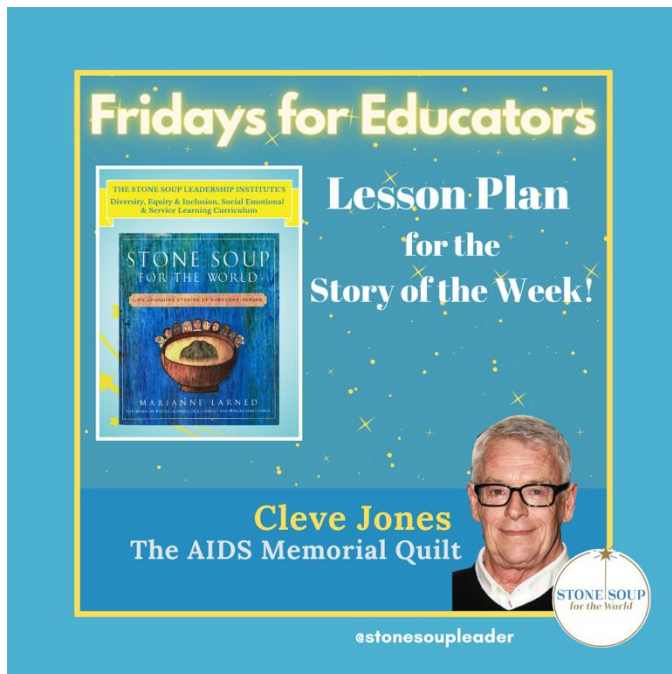


ThrowbackThursday: June 27: Scholarships: Institute Feature

Over the years, the Institute has provided scholarships to every youth in our programs – around the world. For some it is the only one they receive. They stand proudly with all the others on the stage who are pursuing their dreams for higher education. This year, the Institute is presenting scholarships to Chauncey Sherman Smith, Gabriela Covello, Sherli Mishel Rodriguez Ixlaj and Ukrainian refugee, Kseniia Pienkova.

Scholarships are essential for all students. We hope everyone will consider providing scholarships to the young people in your lives and in the world.

<https://mvyli.org/scholarships>

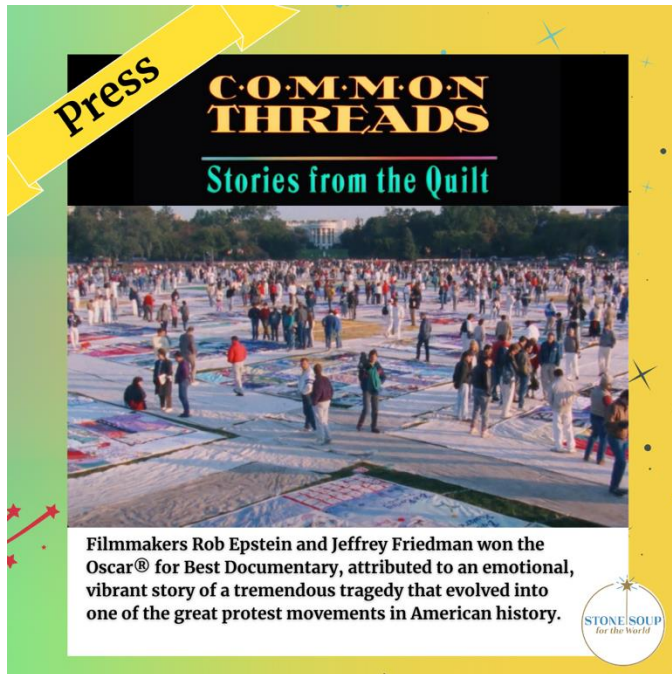


Friday: June 28: Lesson Plan: The AIDS Memorial Quilt

EDUCATORS use this FREE Lesson plan to help your students learn how they can overcome fear and prejudice against people with AIDS as well as other medical issues.

Help your students learn about the values of compassion, open mindedness, dedication and the ability to unite people around a cause.

Link: <https://stonesoupleadership.org/storage/2022/12/lesson-plan-the-quilt.pdf>



Saturday: June 29: Press:
The AIDS Memorial Quilt

WATCH the Academy Award winning documentary film *Common Threads: Stories of the Quilt*. Narrated by Dustin Hoffman, with a musical score written and performed by Bobby McFerrin, the film focuses on five people who are in the Quilt, combining personal reminiscences with archive footage of the people and their families along with footage of health professionals, politicians and other people with AIDS.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iCpf5vRrhM4>

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