



The Weathervane

Guild of Quilters of Contra Costa County

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**Pleasant Hill Community Center
320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill
(\$3 donation—nonmembers)
Monday, August 18, 2008**

August 18, 2008 Cyndy Lyle Rymer

Cyndy started quilting in the 70s while in high school. Was editor at C&T FOR EIGHT YEARS. She appeared on "Simply Quilts" along with her son and on a segment of NBC "IN THE WINE COUNTRY" in which she showed a quilt inspired by a wine label. Cyndy continues to play with new equipment and software, and loves sharing her discoveries with all levels of quilters.

September 15, 2008 Sandy Coelho

What is Good Design?

This is an interactive lecture. All members will be at tables. Come, show up, sit down and enjoy!

October 20, 2008 Kimberly Wulfert

Speed Dating – Know More About YOUR Antique Quilt

Kim will date and describe Guild members' antique/vintage quilts, blocks and tops. Yes GQCCC members have old quilts too! Kim will share her easy lesson in how to date quilts and share quilts from her 1800 – 1950 collection. Guild members are asked to bring your antique quilts in at 6:15pm so that Kim can date and describe in terms of how the date was arrived at and what makes it a classic, unique or a humble utility quilt. All quilts are important to our quilting heritage.

www.antiquequilt dating.com

Remember to Bring: *Membership Card, Name Tag, Show & Tell, Library Books, Block of the Month*

Nancy Engman & Jean DeGregory—Co-Chairs

Board Meeting:

Wednesday, August 27, 2008, at the School House 7:00 pm.
All members are welcome to attend.

President's Message

Wow, our July Patriotic Quilts Sew In was a huge success! **Cynthia Wheeler** and **Cynthia Allen** did an amazing job with organizing and feeding the 50+ participants.

We were especially pleased to hear from the Quilts of Valor representatives about the impact these quilts have on our valiant soldiers. These quilts demonstrate how much we appreciate their service and sacrifice in a very tangible way. In the same way our projects for Quilts to Share reach out to touch the lives of young and old locally, who are also in need of some special love.

I am so proud of all of you, who have contributed in some way this year to help with either of these two programs. Keep up the good work!

And if you missed this sew in, remember you have another opportunity in November to support Quilts to Share. What better gift can we give anyone than our time and talents in service for others.

Thank you one and all.

Bonnie Engel

Website

www.contracostaquiltguild.org

I will soon be updating the website to show more photos of Guild activities and some Show and Tell items from our meetings. This will replace the Art of Quilting page. If you have any things you would like to see on the website or changes that need to be made please feel free to email me. The website is meant to be a tool for you, as well as outreach to other quilters.

Kathy Callahan quiltkathy@aol.com

Guild Workshops

Aug.16 Fabric Dying-Beyond the Basics **Reba Siero**

Reba's Fabric Dying workshops have proven to be so popular that she has consented to teach one more workshop this year. I know it's short notice but interested members need to reserve their space ASAP by calling Shari Wildschutte at (925)685-5541.

As usual the workshop is \$15.00 and there is a \$30.00 supply fee. Reba will supply everything but the **OLD** clothes on your back...oh, and a bin or bucket to take your eye popping, fantastically gorgeous, fat quarters home in.

In October we will be learning simple appliqué—look for more information in September.

Oct.18 Prep & Go-Simple Appliqué **Barb Shates**

See you in class,
Shari Wildschutte

Treasurer's Report—7/30/08

Wells Fargo Checking Account	
Beginning Balance	\$22,859.29
Deposits	2,143.00
Expenditures	<u>(2,663.15)</u>
Total Assets May 28, 2008	\$22,369.14

The Quilt Frame

Our 2009 Opportunity Quilt "Amish Gem" is off the frame and it is beautiful! It's bold Amish colors are complimented by 363 hours of hand quilting designed by **Pat DeRushia**. **Linda Elder** is taking care of the final touches, binding, labeling, and adding a sleeve. The quilt is 67 by 67 inches in size. It should be a great fund raiser.

Marion Wohlfrom, Chair for Quilt on the Frame

QUILTERS' SABLE

- S**—Stash
- A**—Accumulation
- B**—Beyond
- L**—Life
- E**—Expectancy

Source unknown. Submitted by **Marion Wohlfrom**

July Sew-in / Patriotic Quilt Tops for our Soldiers

WHEW! What a fantastic turnout. 56 guild members plus Delta Quilters members Claudia, Joyce & Carmen, and Cynthia Hilton, a EBHQ member, pulled together to make 34 quilt tops, backs, bindings and labels in just 2 hours of sewing. Again, that is FANTASTIC!

At this moment the packages are being bundled up to be delivered to Gail Belmont who will quilt and deliver them to locations the Quilts of Valor organization requests.

While everyone was fed a terrific dinner catered by **Cynthia Allen**, Gail shared stories of her experiences with the Quilts of Valor program. She is an inspiration to us all, an award winning longarm quilter, veteran and volunteer for the Quilts of Valor. At the time this is being written, she is in Washington DC along with 9 other top longarm quilters receiving appreciation for the hours they have donated quilting the patriotic quilts.

I want to thank you for your continued and strong support for this important project over the last 2 years, it makes my heart very happy. Thank you.

Cynthia Wheeler

Note: because the quilts will not be available for viewing after quilting we photographed all of the quilt tops and put them into a book for all to see. Also fun candid photos during the sew-in taken by **Kathy Callahan** and **Shari Wildschutte** will also be in the book. Don't forget to ask me for it during the meetings.

A Bequest Sale

September 27 & 28
Brookview Clubhouse

9 – 5 Saturday – sorting and marking
9 – 5 Sunday - selling

The Guild has received 2 bequests of fabric etc. We will need help getting it ready and then selling it. Please call. **Joan Beall** (925 686 2047) to volunteer or donate. No consignments this time.

Newsletter Input

If you wish to change how you receive your newsletter, please let me know at the email address below. Newsletter input for the September newsletter is due to **Becky Styles** by noon Thursday, August 28, 2008. Send Email to stylesbecky@yahoo.com or phone 925-672-6845. We welcome submissions from all members and publish as many as we can. *Appropriate advertisements are accepted for the monthly newsletter at the following rates:*

\$5—Business card size	\$10 — 1/6 page ad
\$25—1/3 page ad	\$40—1/2 page ad

Quilts to Share — Help Needed!

WILL TRAIN, NO SKILLS NEEDED, SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.

Cynthia Allen and I love to drive the Quilts to Share program, she with the community sharing side and mine with the patriotic side. We work together as a strong team to make the programs fun for everyone to participate in. But, the program is getting so large that we need help to keep from drowning in the fabric. We need help moving fabric, sorting, washing, cutting, packaging, collecting, distributing to members, preparing for sew-ins, taking photos, getting donations and just general support. Working with us, you will learn how to turn scraps into quilts and pillow cases that will be loved back to pieces again. The work may be intense at times but just the satisfaction of knowing that so many people receive comfort from our efforts is much greater. Please call either one of us, we are in the book.
Cynthia Wheeler

Mystery

It has come to our attention that there is a pervasive mystery unraveling in our Guild. Are YOU part of it? Start checking now! Agatha Chrissee is around! More at the next meeting.
Nancy Engman and **Jean De Gregory** (2nd Vice Presidents).

Scrapscapes

Sandy Coelho, our September speaker, will be doing a Scrapscapes Workshop on Sunday, September 14 at 1201 Monument Blvd, Brookview Clubhouse, Concord, 11 am to 5 pm. Fee \$45.

This is a 8" x 10" winter landscape. Any quilting level can do this because no piecing is involved. It's a simple small scale project and you will leave with a finished product.

Places to Go and Things To Do

August 10, 2008 Samplings 2008 The History Guild presents A Festival of Textiles at the Oakland Museum of California 12 to 4 pm."Quilt Sharing" with Inez Brooks-Myers 1 to 2:30 pm Lecture Hall The public is invited to bring a favorite quilt to his event. Learn from textile experts about the name of the pattern and when it was made. Time allows for only one quilt per person.

Aug 14-16 2008 "The Original Creative Festival", Grand Sierra Resort 2500 E 2nd St, Reno NV www.pcmexpo.com

September 21, "Wine, Women & Quilts"

Napa Valley Quilters Quilt Show 2008, Trunk Show by Laura Nownes. Justin Siena High School, Napa.

September 27-28, 2008 "Eastern Expressions in Cloth" presented by the Gold Bug Quilters. El Dorado County Fairgrounds, Placerville, CA

October 4 & 5, 2008, 7th "Annual Falling Leaves Quilt Show" presented by the Ladies of the Lake Quilt Guild, Featuring Quilt Artist Judy Mathieson. Lake County Fairgrounds, Lakeport, CA

October 4 & 5, 2008. 2008 Fall Quilt Show presented by Loose Threads Quilt Guild, Valley Springs Elementary School, Valley Springs, CA

Cautionary Tale from Joan Beall

When I'm doing a lot of piecing I use a cone of thread that sits on a stand to hold it upright beside my machine. The other day I needed to do some top stitching which required switching to navy blue thread. I pulled the cone thread out of the machine and draped it over the top of the stand. I had about half the top stitching done when the machine started to jam. After a few choice words I removed the bobbin case, cleaned it out, rethreaded the machine and went back to top stitching. After the same thing happening two more time (the words getting MUCH choicer each time) I happened to look over to where the cone of thread and stand sat. Uh oh!!! The loose end of the cone thread had blown into the right end of my machine and wound itself very securely all around the motor. \$139 later (they had to remove the whole case of the machine) I finished the top stitching.

Moral of the story: ALWAYS move the stand and cone thread AWAY from your machine while using another thread

New Officers

Glenna Valley will be taking over the School House Care position.

Debbie Flanders will be covering the Greeters position until **Sharon Horsfall** is able to return.

Our Affiliates - Please patronize these members of our Guild

A Quilted Heart	878 Alamo Drive, Vacaville	(707) 447-9000
Cotton Patch	1025 Brown Ave, Lafayette	(925) 284-1177
Donna's Quilting Loft	5439-D Clayton Road, Clayton	(925) 672-0401
Lafayette Sewing Center	1048 Brown Avenue, Lafayette	(925) 284-7920
Main Street Quilts	533 Main Street, Martinez	(925) 372-3700
New Pieces	1605 Solano Avenue, Berkeley	(510) 527-6779
Queen B's	720 West Second Street, Antioch	(925) 978-4587
Quilters Quarters	4343 Pacific Avenue B2, Stockton	(209) 462-0161
Sew Ewe Quilt	470 Harvest Park, Suite E, Brentwood	(925) 634-7153
Stone Mountain & Daughter Fabrics	2518 Shattuck, Berkeley	(510) 845-6106
The Quilting Company	2003 San Miguel Drive, Walnut Creek	(925) 930-0517
The Quilter's Inn	125 F Railroad Avenue, Danville	(925) 837-8458
The Sewing Machine Shop	1661 Botelho Drive Suite 180, Walnut Creek	(925) 937-7575
Thimble Creek	1150 Burnett Avenue, Suite D & E Concord	(925) 676-5522

Schoolhouse Open Hours 2050 Oak Park Blvd, PH

Sunday	1 st – Holy Tearers 11:00 to 2:00 pm (Not meeting Labor Day Weekend) 2 nd – open 3 rd – Twisted Thimbles – 11:00 to 5:00 PM 4 th – open	Wednesday	2 nd – Quilty Ladies _ 10:00 to 2:00 3 rd – open 4 th – Quilty Ladies 10:00 to 3:00
Monday	Open?	Thursday	10:00 to 3:00
Tuesday	Evening – Twisted Thimbles – 6:00 to 9:00 PM 1 st – open	Friday	9:30 to 12:30 – Loose Ends
		Saturday	1 st – 4 pm-Midnight—Twisted Thimbles 2 nd and 4 th – 10:00 to 3:00 Sew Crazy Quilters

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