



# 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)**

**September 15, 2008**

**Monday, 7 p.m.**

**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](http://www.antiquequilt dating.com)

**NOVEMBER 17, 2008 Cynthia Allen**

*Quilts to Share Sew-In*

This month we use our sewing talents to focus on our local community needs. **YOU** can help by turning scraps into quilts which are **LOVED** by the individuals who receive these beautiful quilts. **YOUR** labor of **LOVE** is greatly appreciated. The satisfaction of knowing that so many people receive comfort from our efforts is much greater. Please watch the newsletter for more details.

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

**Nancy Engman & Jean DeGregory—Co-Chairs**

**Board Meeting:**

Wednesday, September 24, 2008, at the School House 7:00 pm. All members are welcome to attend.

## President's Message

What a great turn out for our August meeting! I hope you were all inspired by Cyndy Lyle Rymer's slides and quilts. The California landscape especially in wine country is so beautiful and unique, it's easy to see the appeal in creating quilts based on them. We are also most thankful for her donation of her newest book to our library.

Kudos to **Jean DeGregory** and **Nancy Engman** on challenging us to complete our UFOs. My sewing room has more than I dare admit stashed in various containers, so I was eager to accept the challenge of getting them completed. I even have Cyndy's Mt. Diablo pattern with fabric, which I purchased last year, I hope not even started also qualify as UFOs. May's meeting will be a chance for us all to get rid of our UFO quilt and show off what we accomplished.

I also want to thank **Rose Raker** for volunteering to host our next speaker & workshop leader for 3 nights at her home. We had a little glitch about the housing, but Rose saved the day for us!

And don't forget our Bequest Sale this month, what a great way for us to raise money for the guild and supplement our own stashes and libraries, thanks to the generous donations from past members. **Joan Beall** is doing a great job organizing this and I expect there were will be a good response.

Stay cool and have a safe Labor day!

**Bonnie Engel**

## Website

[www.contracostaquiltguild.org](http://www.contracostaquiltguild.org)

Under Opportunities on the Website you can find quilt shows where you can enter quilts in other guild shows. Check it out on our Website.

## Guild Workshops

We have some great workshops coming up and we should be able to announce the last few soon. Sign up early so you don't miss out on the fun while you learn something new.

For our first work shop **Barbara Shates** is teaching her 'Prep and Go' technique for easy appliqué. Take "the A word" out of Appliqué and make a really cool owl using her kit and your background fabric. Check out the sample block at our September meeting. Since PIQF is the same week end Barbara has offered to do the work shop on a different date if we don't get enough sign-ups. We started a list for those who want to take the class but can't because PIQF.

Date	Workshop	Teacher
Oct 18	Prep & Go Easy Applique	Barbara Shates
Nov. 15	TBA	
Jan 17	Fabric Cards	Susan Terry
Feb. 21	TBA	
March	Quilt Show	
Apr 18	Double Wedding Ring	Linda Elder
May 16	Paper Piecing	Bonnie Engel

If you have any suggestions for work shops or if you would just love to share a technique or project with the other members of our guild, please feel free to call me anytime.

### Demos/Make and Take for the Guild Quilt Show

If you would like to do a Demo or a Make and Take for our show in March, know someone who might, or have any suggestions, please contact Shari Wildschutte. See you in class, **Shari Wildschutte**

## Treasurer's Report—8/27/08

Wells Fargo Checking Account	
Beginning Balance	\$22,369.14
Deposits	1,166.00
Expenditures	(644.02)
Total Assets August 27, 2008	\$22,891.12

## 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 consign-

## 2008 Quilt Show Revenue Results

### Income

Admissions	\$ 6,475.90
Advance Tickets	67.00
Country Store	4,742.02
Opportunity Quilt Tickets	4,553.00
Quiltlets	202.00
Vendors	3,872.50
	\$ 19,912.42

### Expenses

Advance Tickets	\$ 40.00
Consignment Sales	1,676.76
Country Store	85.15
Misc. (starting bank; flowers, etc.)	4,055.62
Opportunity Quilt	432.83
Printing	344.34
Publicity	96.12
Rent	3,005.00
Supplies	154.32
	\$ 9,890.14

**Net Revenue** \$ 10,022.28

## Block Exchange

The 2008-2009 Block Exchange Group met at the August guild meeting to decide which month each member would present a pattern. **Chris Roloff** wants to make the Candy Wrappers Quilt from the May 2008 issue of *Quilter's Newsletter Magazine*. She handed out paper foundation "fans" for the group to piece using pink fabric. She'll attach the completed "fans" to the curved background pieces. Look for the finished "fans" at the September meeting.

## Machine Repair

Bart Cabbage will be at the Schoolhouse on Thursday, Oct. 9, and Friday, Oct/ 10. His fee is \$55 for sewing machines and \$65 for sergers.

There is a 10% additional fee which is payable to the Guild. We would prefer this payment to be made by check.

Appointments are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Non-members are also welcome. If you have any questions or would like to make an appointment, please call **Myrna Rutkas** at 682-9121.

## 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, September 25, 2008. Send Email to [stylesbecky@yahoo.com](mailto: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 contact me for rates.*

## Program

Agatha Chrisee is still on the hunt for UFO's. Confess and sign the pledge to finish one (or more?) by the May meeting. Program Chairs Nancy and Jean promise that it will be worth your while and fun. And think how grateful you will be to get the UFO out of your way and off your conscience!! If you would like a pledge, contact Jean [knit-tyj@comcast.net](mailto:knit-tyj@comcast.net).

The Program Chairs are also looking for members who are capable and would like to present a program for your own Guild. We know you are out there, so call or email Nancy or Jean [npengman@comcast.net](mailto:npengman@comcast.net) [knit-tyj@comcast.net](mailto:knit-tyj@comcast.net) and let us talk to you. Don't hide your light under a quilt! If you don't fess up, maybe one of your friends will "volunteer" you---or maybe Agatha Chrisee will find you.

## Membership News

Wow! We now have 238 members in our wonderful guild. If you haven't yet renewed, please email me or give me a call! The directories and membership cards will be available at the next guild meeting on Monday, September 15. The more you pick up makes fewer to mail!

**Reba Siero**, Membership chair  
(925) 228-8211  
[rebasiero@yahoo.com](mailto:rebasiero@yahoo.com)

## 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

### 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, Harvest of Colors: A Members

Showcase presented by Coastal Quilters Guild, Inc. of Santa Barbara and Goleta, CA. Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara, CA.

### October 4 & 5, 2008. 2008 Fall Quilt Show

presented by Loose Threads Quilt Guild, Valley Springs Elementary School, Valley Springs, CA

## Quilts to Share

One of the greatest gifts we give each other is to love unconditionally. A way of showing love is through service. Many of you help by serving within our Quilt Guild, and it shows. This month Quilts to Share would like to thank the members that participated by making quilts, pillowcases and blocks that will be used in future projects.

This past month we received five quilts from the following members: **Barbara Fors, Jo Mathies, Ardith Millsap (2)** and **Chris Roloff**.

Quilts were given to WRAP A SMILE, if you would like to know more about this non profit organization call **Karen Mahshi**, she would be happy to share a program that is dear to her heart.

Hugs go to **Fran Smith** thanking her for making knit hats and baby clothes which will be donated to another non profit program our guild supports, LAYETTE PROJECT of Pleasant Hill. Also keep in mind when going through your stash or perhaps if you have leftover backing from a warm and cozy project, flannel fabric that can be used in making receiving blankets and burp cloths, these items are always needed for our baby projects.

Many of you signed out pillowcases, "Thanks" ... "BIG THANKS" to the following that returned nicely finished pillowcases which made a total of eleven for the month of August. **Marilyn Finson (4), Pam Gibeling, Penny Gustafson (2), Bernadette Moran, Barbara Shates (2), and Mona Trowbridge**.

Some of the members have asked about the new block packets that you have been encouraged to make. These blocks will be sewn into tops during our November sew'in. We need more involvement and there will be different block patterns available in September. Remember to return your block by our October meeting so we can start to make kits for November. Blocks were returned by the following: **Chris Lee**, and **F.S.** Have a fun summer. see you at our next meeting  
Respectfully **Cynthia Allen**

## Sunshine Report

Heartfelt sympathy to Rosemary Raker, who has had two family losses recently. Her mother-in-law, Mae Raker, died July 24. She lost her father, James Driscoll, on Aug. 16.

If you know of a member who could use a note of cheer or sympathy, please call me at 682-9121.

Myrna Rutkas, Sunshine

## NCQC: Northern California Quilt Council

The next NCQC meeting will be "Meet the Quilt Shop Owners" on October 15, 2008 @ 10:00am at the our regular meeting location Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill. All current members of the guild are also members of NCQC and as members you are invited to attend these meetings. [WWW.NCQC.NET](http://WWW.NCQC.NET)

Cynthia Wheeler – your NCQC Representative

## Our Affiliates - Please patronize these members of our Guild

<b>A Quilted Heart</b>	<b>878 Alamo Drive, Vacaville</b>	<b>(707) 447-9000</b>
<b>Cotton Patch</b>	<b>1025 Brown Ave, Lafayette</b>	<b>(925) 284-1177</b>
<b>Donna's Quilting Loft</b>	<b>5439-D Clayton Road, Clayton</b>	<b>(925) 672-0401</b>
<b>Stone Mountain &amp; Daughter Fabrics</b>	<b>2518 Shattuck, Berkeley</b>	<b>(510) 845-6106</b>
<b>The Quilting Company</b>	<b>2003 San Miguel Drive, Walnut Creek</b>	<b>(925) 930-0517</b>

## Schoolhouse Open Hours 2050 Oak Park Blvd, PH

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

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