



# 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)**

**October 20, 2008  
Monday, 7 p.m.**

**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.

**December 15, 2008 “Elves Jean & Nancy”**  
**Holiday Social – Spinning Wheel – a local Old Time – Bluegrass – Irish band**

Our annual Holiday Social will feature Spinning Wheel a group of friends, joined by their love of Old Music. The program called “Old Time Saturday Night” recreates something of the feelings of those good old times. Please join us to celebrate the holiday season and enjoy tasty treats. The elves are still working on this night's event; 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, October 29, 2008, at the School House 7:00 pm. All members are welcome to attend.

## President's Message

I am so glad I got back from my trip home to PA in time for the last meeting. I really enjoyed Sandy's Coelho's presentation and quilts. The whimsical “Mad hatter” cake keeps coming to mind and still makes me smile. What a delight it was to get to know Sandy and gain from her insights and inspirations. But how does she do it all with 5 children and still remain so calm? And I was amazed to see the successful results of her workshop the day before. Obviously she is a good teacher, but, of course, she also had excellent students.

I know I am looking forward to our bequest sale September 28. Thank you, **Joan Beall**, for managing this big project and all the volunteers, who will help to prepare it all. We have such a wonderful Guild filled with members, who are always ready to help when needed. Thank you to the helpers and the shoppers!

Please, remember that next month we will have Kimberly Wulfert speed dating our antique quilts, starting at 6 pm. I am really anxious to find out more about the three I have inherited from my mother's family, one of which just came home with me. I was told once that my son's log cabin quilt has some fabrics from the Civil War time, I will be interested in knowing, if she agrees with that. It's always nice to take a step back in time and appreciate the early quilters and their creations. Along those same lines, the Bedford Gallery in Walnut Creek has an exhibit of Early American quilts until November 23, which you might want to check out.

Don't forget about PIQF this month! We are very proud to have a member's quilt on display, so keep your eyes open for **Rosemary Neeley's** entry. Congratulations, Rosemary!

Finally **Audrey Macedo-Burman** still needs members to take our opportunity quilt to other guilds or events to sell tickets. So, please, contact her to find out how you can help her. Her number is 689-5254. This outstanding quilt deserves our best fund-raising efforts!

Have a great month!  
**Bonnie Engel**

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## Guild Workshops

Our Workshop schedule is complete and we've got some really great ones for you. These workshops are always a lot of fun and the maximum class size is 10 so there's plenty of individual attention available.

Sign up early to reserve your space for the classes you want. Sign up at a meeting and pick up a supply list or send a check indicating which classes you want to Shari Wildschutte. Be sure to include a SASE so I can send you a supply list.

Date	Workshop	Teacher
Oct 18	Prep & Go Easy Appliqué	Barbara Shates
Nov. 15	Cathedral Windows	Linda Hyatt
Jan 17	Fabric Cards	Susan Terry
Feb. 21	Through the Windowpane	Martha Settle
March 21 & 22	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—9/24/08

Wells Fargo Checking Account	
Beginning Balance	\$22,891.12
Deposits	849.60
Expenditures	(954.35)
Total Assets September 24, 2008	\$22,786.37

## Publicity Chair

Want to help make our next quilt show a success? Get the word out to other quilters and the public about our wonderful show!! Looking for someone to lead the efforts. I am currently getting the word out on the internet but would like to have someone take over the spearheading of other efforts. I have lots of information to pass on. Consider adding your own flair for how best to get the word out. Contact Kathy Callahan 937-5209 or email [quiltkathy@aol.com](mailto:quiltkathy@aol.com)

## Patriotic Quilts

This project is continuing all year long, but at the moment the focus is on the baby and teen quilts for the Quilts to Share Sew-in in November. If you decide to clean your sewing room for the holidays and happen to find some homeless blocks, we will be glad to take them off your hands and put them into a quilt to be shared with those in need.

**Cynthia Wheeler**

## Help Needed! Will Train, No Skills Needed, Satisfaction Guaranteed

We have recently received some much needed help from members and appreciate it greatly. But the program is growing and we continue to need more 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 that will be loved. The end result is very rewarding. Please look into your hearts and try to find a little space each month that we can count on. Call **Cynthia Allen** or **Cynthia Wheeler**, we are in the book.

## Sunshine Report

Best wishes to **Pat Miller**. We hope you are recovering well from your surgery.

Our condolences to **Izabel Scully** in the death of her former daughter-in-law, Helen Stephens.

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

**Myrna Rutkas**, Sunshine

## 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.

## NCQC

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

## 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, October 30, 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.

## Places to Go and Things To Do

**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

**October 16-19, 2008 PIQF** Santa Clara, CA

**October 17-19, 2008, Autumn Splendor.** Presented by River City Quilters Guild. Scottish Rite Masonic Center, Sacramento, CA.

**October 18-19, 2008 Forest Home Farms Pumpkin Patch Quilt Block Contest.** San Ramon, CA. First Prize \$150; Contact Shirley Smith (925) 997-6575 or [shirls@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shirls@sbcglobal.net)

## Quilts to Share

Get your machines ready! We're gearing up for our November's sew 'n. So mark your calendar for a night of fun. Bring a friend and together feel the satisfaction of knowing that so many people receive comfort from our efforts. Cynthia Wheeler has put it best: "You can help by turning scraps into quilts which are loved by the individuals who receive these beautiful quilts." We will have sign up sheets at our October meeting and you can call me 925-757-0256. We will need volunteers to bring sergers, irons/ironing boards, we will also need many willing to bring their sewing machines. Tables will be ready to sew blocks into tops, backings, and block packets. Remember to return block packages at our October meeting so I have time to make our quilt top kits. BIG! BIG! thanks go to **Carol** and **Catherine Smith** for their help with making quilt blocks, quilt top packets, and helping with the preparation for our November Sew 'n. All your help is appreciated and makes our Quilts to Share program the success it has become.

Thanks to the following members that returned block packets in September.

**Shari Wildschutte (6), Rosemary Raker (3), Bonnie Engel, Valleria Furtado (6), Pam Gibeling, Chris Lee, Chris Roloff (2).**

We are preparing to donate our Pillowcases to various programs throughout our community this holiday season. We would like to thank the following for participating with our pillowcases project: **Sandy Butner (2), Audrey McInerney (3), Cindy Mohler, Bernadette F. Moran, Barbara Shates (2), Carol smith (3), Joy Zubkousky**

A lovely quilt was donated by **Ann Gimbel** and knit hats by Ann's mother **Fran Smith**. How thankful I am, how thankful we all must be, for the women in our lives. The special women that set an example of divine qualities, which cause them to reach out in kindness and with love to those about them. I thank you for giving encouragement, strength, and love to others in need. Thank you for your support  
Respectfully,  
**Cynthia Allen**

## Membership News

The membership directories and cards are available for pick up in the Guild Room at the School House when it is open. I will have them at the next meeting, October 20. After that they will be mailed. Please try to pick them up if you can, to help save on the postage! Thanks!

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

## Opportunity Quilt Tickets

The ticket packets will be available for pick up beginning with the October 20 meeting. I will have them at the November meeting as well.

**Reba Siero**, Opportunity Quilt Ticket chair

**Minute Chocolate Mug Cake from Audrey Macedo-Burman**

- 1 coffee mug
- 4 tablespoons flour (that's plain flour, not self-rising)
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons baking cocoa
- 1 egg
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 3 tablespoons oil
- 3 tablespoons chocolate chips (optional)
- Some nuts (optional)

Small splash of vanilla  
 Add dry ingredients to mug, and mix well. Add the egg and mix thoroughly. Pour in the milk and oil and mix well.  
 Add the chocolate chips (if using) and vanilla and mix again.  
 Put your mug in the microwave and cook for 3 minutes on high. The cake will rise over top of the mug, but don't be alarmed!  
 Allow to cool a little, and tip out onto a plate if desired.  
 EAT! (this can serve 2 if you want to share!)  
 And why is this the most dangerous cake recipe in the world?  
 Because now we are all only 5 minutes away from chocolate cake at any time of the day or night.

**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>New Pieces</b>	<b>766 Gilman St at 4th St., Berkeley</b>	<b>(510) 527-6779</b>
<b>Sew Ewe Quilt</b>	<b>470 Harvest Park Dr. Ste E, Brentwood</b>	<b>(925) 634-7153</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

**FIRST CLASS**

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