



# 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, April 21, 2008**

## **April 21, 2008 Tracy Brookshier**

### *A Love Affair with Japan*

A trunk show of Tracy's quilts designed in traditional Japanese and other Asian inspired fabrics. Tracy discusses Asian design, Japanese quilting culture and observation from her trips to Japan.

## **May 19, 2008 Diane Steele**

### *Group Quilts: Round Robbin Challenges and Block Exchanges.*

If you think the center medallion with three added borders is the only way to group quilts, just wait: Diane will bring a trunk show of group projects which she has been a part of and spice up your quilting life. Everyone will receive a handout with lots of ideas for projects.

## **June 16-2008 Cindy Needham**

### *For The Love Of Linens*

Cindy's program is a trunk show where she brings a large collection of vintage linen quilts and talks about the story behind each one and gives tips and technique ideas on creating your own heirlooms.

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

**Audrey Macedo-Burman—Chair**

## **Website**

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

## **Board Meeting:**

Wednesday, April 30, 2008, at the School House 7:00 pm.  
All members are welcome to attend.

## **President's Message**

### **What a show!!**

Many, many thanks to all of you who assisted so ably to make everything run like clockwork **Except** one little glitch. At the end of take-down Barbara, Reba and I walked through the Center Concord with the site manager and signed off that everything was as it should be. I got in my car and merrily drove away. Barbara and Reba were getting in their cars when the manager came running out. "The tables!" she says. "What about them?" Barbara says – "they'll be picked up tomorrow morning, it's in the contract." "We have two events tomorrow" wails the manager. "they can't stay there!" And so...Barbara and Reba hefted **29** (!) big tables to the back hall. That deserves special kudos (and a note in the file to check on what's happening at Center Concord the day **after** our show!)

Thanks to all of you who donated to and worked so hard on items for the Country Store. Also thanks to those of you who donated money instead of goods. We understand that the pressure of life means that not everyone has the time or energy to prepare items for donation. The funds help pay for our speakers and classes, so every bit is carefully spent. We had a very useful brainstorming session on ways to make the process smoother and there will be handouts with information as we gear up next year.

The Guild has aluminum stands that are available for the taking. You'll need an open pickup truck. Contact me if you are interested.

So heave a big sigh – it's over for this year. Go back to all those UFO's that are cluttering your quilting space. I'm off to an appliqué retreat in Washington state I know, I know, some of you think that would be a fate worse than death. But I **like** it!

See you there,  
Joan

## NCQC: Northern California Quilt Council

The next meeting will be "Meet the Longarmers" on April 16, 2008 @ 10:30am 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 welcome to attend these meetings. [WWW.NCQC.NET](http://WWW.NCQC.NET)

**Cynthia Wheeler – your NCQC Representative**

## Quilts to Share

Sandy Burns graciously took three quilts made by **Cheryl Cote** and **Ardith Millsap** to C.A.S.A. At this time there is a need for quilts throughout our county, so be sure to pick up a quilt kit at the general meeting. We will also have block packets and pillowcase kits. Don't miss our April meeting!

Sincere thanks!  
Respectfully **Cynthia Allen**

## Treasurer's Report—3/26/08

Wells Fargo Checking Account	
Beginning Balance	\$15,745.16
Deposits	20,309.73
Expenditures	<u>(9,959.32)</u>
Total Assets March 26, 2008	\$26,095.57

## Sunshine

Best wishes for improved health to Lena Kollé, who will be having surgery in April. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Leslie Grubin and family. Virginia Grubin, a lifetime member of the guild, passed away on March 9. Another lifetime member, Norma Schiewe, died March 6. We extend our sympathy to her family. If you know of a member in need of a note of cheer or sympathy, please call me at 682-9121. **Myrna Rutkas**,

## Block Exchange

At the March meeting **Beverly Parker** received Miss Kitty blocks; she gave us the background fabric to make a 12-inch pieced block. **Leslie Finta** gave out directions to make a bearpaw block using blue fabric.

At the quilt show it was great to see **Chris Roloff's** finished quilt made out of Block of the Month blocks.

Thanks, **Ann Gimbel** and **Chris Roloff**

## Guild Workshops

Wow! Just 2 workshops to go until Fall, time really does fly when you're having fun. There are a couple spaces left in the Wonky Block workshop so if you're

Date	Class	Teacher
Apr 19	Wonky Blocks	Barbara Fors
May 17	Painting with Water Color Pastels	Audrey Macedo -Burman

interested give Shari or Eyrleene a call to reserve your space. It's going to be fun. The Painting with Water-color pastels workshop is full but you can still get on the waiting list in case someone cancels. Learn a new skill or brush up one you've not used in awhile and have fun doing it! You can't beat the price...\$15.00.

You can sign up at a Guild meeting or send a check indicating which classes you want to **Eyrleene Kammerer** or **Shari Wildschutte** to reserve your space. See you in class,  
**Shari Wildschutte**

## Newsletter Input

If you wish to change how you received your newsletter, please let me know at the email address below. Newsletter input for the April newsletter is due to **Becky Styles** by noon Thursday, May 1, 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 at the following rates:*

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

## Machine Repairs April 24 and 25

Bart Cabbage will be at the Schoolhouse on Thursday, April 24, and Friday, April 25. 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.

## Quilt Show Results

Give yourselves a nice pat on the back for the great show. Viewers commented especially about the fantastic variety of wonderful quilts and everyone enjoyed the vendors' goods. Although the attendance was down we made more money!

**Unsold Consignments** must be picked up in the classroom by April 20. All leftovers will be donated, without exception.

The **Opportunity Quilt** was won by Kathy Grow, a neighbor of **Marian Wolfroms**.

### VIEWER'S CHOICE AWARDS

BEST OF SHOW	
All Stars	<b>Jackie Seidell</b>
BEST WEARABLE	
Color Profusion	<b>Lucie Brown</b>

### DESIGN CATEGORIES

BEST CONTEMPORARY	
In Full Bloom	<b>Cindy Greco</b>
BEST TRADITIONAL	
Reproducing the 30s	<b>Betty Berg</b>
BEST ORIGINAL DESIGN	<b>Barbara Hillman</b>

### CONSTRUCTION CATEGORIES

BEST APPLIQUÉ	
Hearts of Love for Elisa & Scott	<b>Barbara Shates</b>
BEST MIXED TECHNIQUE	
Reminiscence	<b>Rosa Mae Hawkes</b>

### QUILTING CATEGORIES

BEST HAND QUILTING	
Hearts of Love for Elisa & Scott	<b>Barbara Shates</b>
BEST MACHINE QUILTING	
Bakers Dozen	<b>Vilma Sharrock</b>
BEST MIXED METHOD	
All Stars	<b>Jackie Seidell</b>

**Barbara Fors**

## 35 Patriotic Quilts Delivered to QOV Foundation

During the quilt show the hallway to the demonstration room and the demonstration room were filled with red, white and blue quilts. At the end of the show Gail Belmont (our Quilts of Valor longarm contact) swooped them away. In total we were able to deliver 15 top and back sets (ready to be quilted) and 20 completed quilts. Excellent!

**Cynthia Wheeler**

## Places to Go and Things To Do

**April 12-13, 2008, Voices in Cloth** East Bay Heritage Quilters, Oakland Convention Ctr., 550 Tenth St. & Broadway. [voices\\_in\\_cloth@yahoo.com](mailto:voices_in_cloth@yahoo.com)

**April 26-27, 2008, Seven Sisters Quilt Show**, Alex Madonna Expo Ctr., 100 Madonna Rd., San Luis Obispo, CA

**April 18-20, 2008 "The Best of the Valley"** regional show of quilts International Agricenter 4500 South Laspina St Tulare

**April 19-20 2008 Cabin Fever Quilt Guild** Veterans Hall Portola

**Apr 26-27 2008 "Seven Sisters Quilt Show"** Associated Quilt Guilds of the Central Coast Madonna Inn San Luis Obispo

**May 3-4 2008 "Springtime in the Pines"** Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Nevada Co Nevada Co Fairgrounds Grass Valley

**May 3-4 2008 "Legacies of Love: Our Stories"** Piece-makers Quilt Guild Quilt Show Hayward Centennial Hall 22292 Foothill Blvd. , Hayward 510-537-9307

## Our Quilt Show Demonstration Teachers are the Best!

It was practically standing room only in the demonstration room. Many times attendees had to be moved out of the room for the next teacher. It was wonderful. Thank you to **Barbara Shates, Joan Beall, Susan Gray, Margaret Price, Susan Terry, Aileyn Ecob, Bernice Clauss and Kathy Callahan** for sharing their skills during the demonstrations at the quilt show. The level of artistry and skill in this guild is amazing. **Cynthia Wheeler**

## 2 Patriotic Quilt Tops made during the Show

Thank you to **Joan Beall, Reba Siero, Chris Roloff, Sheri Wildshutte, Frances Lienhart and Debbie Flanders** for providing sewing machines at the Quilt Show. Attendees completed enough blocks to make two quilt tops. Some of the sewers had never sewn before and it was really fun to see the big smiles on their faces when the block was hung up on the wall.

**Cynthia Wheeler**

## Slate of Officers for 2008/2009

The Nominating Committee would like to submit the following names for the empty offices:

President	<b>Bonnie Engel</b>
1st Vice President (shared)	<b>Carol Bibeau</b>
	<b>Teresa Molnar</b>
2nd Vice President (shared)	<b>Jean DeGregory</b>
	<b>Nancy Engman</b>
Corresponding Secretary	<b>Cynthia Wheeler</b>

Elections are in May and installation in June.

Nominating Committee: **Chris Roloff, MaryAnn Johnson, Mryna Rutkas, Becky Styles**

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

A Quilted Heart	878 Alamo Drive, Vacaville	(707) 447-9000
Black Cat Quilts	2608 Ocean Avenue, San Francisco	(415) 337-1355
Cotton Patch	1025 Brown Ave, Lafayette	(925) 284-1177
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

<b>Sunday</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> - open 2 <sup>nd</sup> - open 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Twisted Thimbles - 11:00 to 5:00 AM 4 <sup>th</sup> - open	<b>Wednesday</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> - open 4 <sup>th</sup> - Quilty Ladies 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 1 <sup>st</sup> - open 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Quilty Ladies _ 10:00 to 2:00	<b>Friday</b>	9:30 to 12:30 - Loose Ends
		<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 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Workshops Check with Shari Wildschutte

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