



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, March 17, 2008**

March 17, 2008 Karen D. Boutte

African American Quilt And Quilters

This fun and informative talk began as a special event for U.C. Santa Cruz and has grown and changed along the way. The audience will hear a little quilt and family history and Karen's history as a quilter. You will also hear about quilting during slavery and after emancipation.

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 Robbins Challenges and Block Exchanged.

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.

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

Audrey Macedo-Burman—Chair

Board Meeting:

Wednesday, March 26, 2008, at the School House 7:00 pm.
All members are welcome to attend.

Website

www.contracostaquiltguild.org

President's Message

I participated in the layout committee, deciding which quilt goes where for the quilt show. What a job! But the fun is a sneak peak at all the photos. We're going to have some **beautiful** quilts in the show. We're 128 quilts strong and all who entered get a pat on the back for a job well done.

It's not too late to donate to the Country Store. I end up with duplicate quilt gadgets because my friends and family know I quilt and buy me gadgets I already have. Clear your drawers! Then there is the fabric you are never, in a million years, going to use. It's taking up valuable storage space that you could use for fabric you will use. Or fabric that you just had to buy (next year's Country Store donation?) Anyway, bring your items to the schoolhouse, there are tags and instructions there, or even to the show. We'd prefer earlier but late is better than never.

Most of all, come early, stay late to see what your fellow members have been doing, There are mini classes, you've **got** to see the quiltlets, and lots of vendors. Remember, wear your apron if you don't want to pay admission.

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

Cynthia Wheeler – your NCQC Representative

Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales

THANK YOU to all that have taken the opportunity quilt to other guild meetings and sold tickets. As promised, the quilt would sell the tickets, and it did. On many occasions ticket sellers ran out and had to mail tickets to those who wanted them.

Cynthia Wheeler-Quilt Marketer

Quilts to Share

I am pleased to share with you that last month we were able to give **ten quilts** to C.A.S.A Sandy Burns is a court appointed advocate of Contra Costa county. She sees to the needs of our county children, and they are in much need of quilts and comforters. So we give BIG thanks to the following quilters: **Mary Ethel Jae** (4), **Jo Mathies** (2) and a receiving blanket, **Cynthia Hilton**, **Susan Swindell**, and **Ardith Millsap** (2)

At our April meeting we will have quilt kits available. Please pick one up. You may hand or machine quilt, tie with crochet yarn...be creative and have fun!

We will continue collecting pillow cases, then also in April we will have packets available. Check the back table. We thank the following members for donating **thirteen pillowcases**. **Joyce Lindquist** (5), **Susan Swindell** (3), and **Ladies of the Anne Loucks Chapter NSDAR** (Daughter of the American Revolution), (5).

Sincere thanks!
Respectfully **Cynthia Allen**

Treasurer's Report—2/27/08

Beginning Balance	
—Wells Fargo Checking Account	\$13,032.80
Deposits	3,919.00
Expenditures	<u>(1,206.64)</u>
Total Assets February 27, 2008	\$15,745.16

Demonstration Teachers Needed

Teachers are needed to demonstrate during the quilt show. Some ideas are wrapped baskets, postcards, appliqué techniques, embroidery ideas, printing on fabric, sashiko, or anything else related to creating quilts. Please call **Cynthia Wheeler** (754-1230) and let her know what you would like to do.

Guild Workshops

We only have 2 workshops left until next October and they're great ones. Sign up early to be sure you get the one(s) you want.

Date	Class	Teacher
Mar 15 & 16	Quilt Show	
Apr 19	Wonky Blocks	Barbara Fors
May 17	Painting with Water Color Pastels	Audrey Macedo-Burman

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 **Eyrlene Kammerer** or **Shari Wildschutte** to reserve your space. If you send a check be sure to enclose a SASE, so we can send you a class supply list. Please make sure to send it so we receive it at least 7 days before the date of the class. If the workshops don't have a minimum of 7 participants 7 days before the class date, we may have to cancel it. 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, March 27, 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

Sunshine

Our heartfelt sympathy to Laura Siri, whose husband, Adolpho, died Feb. 7.
Best wishes for improved mobility to Sharon Horsfall, who had a recent fall.
Gay Nielsen, a former guild member, passed away Jan. 19. Our condolences are extended 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, Sunshine

Quilt Show March 15 & 16, 2008

- Thanks to everyone who provided our publicity bookmarks to local businesses and shops.
- Invite everyone you know to come and see. It is an excellent opportunity to share with friends and neighbors and co-workers your love of quilting.

Debbie Flanders has Admission Certificates if you wish to purchase advance entry for your invited guests.

March 12 -13 Turn in your quilt

- Wednesday 10-3, Thursday 10-3 and 7-9 pm.
- Bring your quilts to the classroom at the schoolhouse. We will have sleeves and paper labels for you to attach if you have forgotten them.

March 14 Quilt Show Set Up

- We are permitted to enter the Centre Concord at 1 pm.
- Members may help in many ways so if you get off work early to lend a hand you are very welcome.

Helpers get a lovely preview of the show and pizza too.

March 15-16 The Big Event

- Wear your apron and don't forget your name tags.
- Workers will get free admission by wearing an apron with the weathervane logo.
- If you did not get to sign up just check in when you arrive to help where needed. You might be the right person at just the right time.
- Invite your friends and neighbors to sew a block for the Quilts of Valor going to wounded soldiers.

Let's have fun having the best year ever.

March 17 - General Meeting back to normal on Monday

- Winners of Viewers Choice voting announced.
- Winner of Opportunity Quilt raffle announced.

Suggestion box is available for all your constructive comments.

Barbara Fors

For our professional Longarmers

In April, NCQC is giving professional Longarmers an opportunity to present themselves in front of the quilting community. All the Guild professional Longarmers have the opportunity to be on the panel to present their business at the next NCQC meeting. Go to the NCQC website www.NCQC.net and print out the application and send it in if you would like to participate.

Machine Repairs Apr 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.

Places to Go and Things To Do

March 7-8, 2008 Desert Magic Quilt Show presented by Desert Guilds Palm Springs Pavilion, 401 S. Pavilion Way, Palm Springs, CA. 10 AM - 5 PM. Adm \$7 Info: 760-367-5817

March 15-16 Guild of Quilters of Contra Costa County 35th Annual Show, Centre Concord, 5298 Clayton Road, Concord, CA Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4, Adm \$6.

March 15-16, 2008 Yuba-Sutter Valley Quilt Guild 25th Annual Show "Silver Threads", Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds, 442 Franklin Avenue, Yuba City, CA. Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4, Adm \$6. Info: dleight@juno.com

March 28-30, 2008 Glendale Quilt Show, Burbank Hotel and Convention Ctr., 2500 N. Hollywood Way, mkpusateri@yahoo.com

April 12-13, 2008, Voices in Cloth East Bay Heritage Quilters, Oakland Convention Ctr., 550 Tenth St. & Broadway. voices_in_cloth@yahoo.com

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

Block Exchange

At the December meeting **Chris Roloff** shared the top she made using the Rambling Rose blocks the group made for her in August. It's beautiful.

Fran McNamee used the red white and blue blocks she received at the November meeting to piece a top for the Quilts of Valor. When assembled the white sections of the blocks give the appearance of an intertwining ribbon. Very unique. She actually has enough blocks to make two tops.

Also at the November meeting **Karen Cowan** received her paper-foundation-pieced stars in blue with a white background.

Ann Gimbel has asked each member of the Block Exchange group to bring a 9-inch by 13-inch piece of pre-washed fabric in a bright color. The fabric will be used to make a dragon in the style of Therese May. She'll get lots of practice using machine embroidery stitches to embellish the blocks.

Quilt Show — Patriotic Quilt Blocks Sew-in

Need supervision helpers. During the quilt show there will be a patriotic quilt block sew-in located in the demonstration room.

All materials, sewing machines, and instruction will be available for anyone who would like to participate.

If you are able to stay a short time to help sewers please call **Cynthia Wheeler**.

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

Sunday	1 st – open 2 nd – open 3 rd – Twisted Thimbles – 11:00 to 5:00 AM 4 th – open		
Monday	Open?	Wednesday	3 rd - open 4 th – Quilty Ladies 10:00 to 3:00
Tuesday	Evening – Twisted Thimbles – 6:00 to 9:00 PM 1 st – open 2 nd – Quilty Ladies _ 10:00 to 2:00	Thursday	10:00 to 3:00
		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 3 rd – Workshops Check with Shari Wildschutte

Quilt Show March 15 & 16 2008

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