



# 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)

**November 16, Monday, 7 p.m.**

## **November 16, 2009**

We will be treated to demonstrations of techniques by **Aileen Ecob**: *Quilting Techniques*; **Barbara Fors**: *Fearless Fusible*; and **Eyrlene Kammerer**: *Borders*.

The members will be divided into 3 groups of approximately equal size, and each group will have an opportunity to see and ask questions of each of the demonstrators. Because it has been a long time since we had regular demonstrations, this is a great opportunity for each of us.

At this meeting we will also be voting to amend the BY - LAWS. We no longer need a consortium representative on our committees as stated in the bylaws.

## **December 14, 2009**

The meeting in December will be a social, with goodies from the members, if they wish to bring them. Water and cider will be the drinks. There will be some fun activities, and an exchange of a Christmas ornament for those who bring a wrapped, custom-made ornament. If there is someone in the group who is willing to lead some singing, we will entertain ourselves with music.

## **January 19, 2010 Mike McNamara**

*Humor, Meaning and Metaphor in Quilts (A Trunk Show)*

Mac shows some of the big bed quilts he's made for special people in his life. He pieces personal messages, using symbols, visual puns and metaphors, into each quilt. He feels that any quilt of his will have its owner chuckling themselves to sleep under it.

**Mark your calendars now: The Dec meeting will be Dec 14 and not Dec 21.**

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

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

## **President's Message**

Dear Members,

Well, now how delightful was Liz Piatt? She presented us with a wonderful look at her most humorous, totally unique quilts, which left us wanting more time to soak up all of the details. Many hoped she would be back sometime, somehow with the quilts hung up for us to really study. It was a really fun evening with Liz and her so helpful daughter, Shari.

I'm certainly looking forward to next month's meeting and the opportunity to attend 3 very different demonstrations. We offer demonstrations at the quilt show each year, but I have not found time to get to many of them. So this will be really fun to experience. Thank you, **Aileen, Barbara and Eyrlene**, for sharing your talents with us.

Don't forget that our December meeting will be one week earlier, so as not to conflict with Christmas week. We'll be gathering on **December 14<sup>th</sup>** for our holiday social. **Jean DeGregory** has many plans for this relaxed, fun, get to know each other better evening. If you want to participate in the ornament exchange, please, bring a wrapped custom-made ornament (you do not have to make it yourself). We'd also appreciate members bringing some finger food to share and we will provide the beverage.

We will be collecting food donations at both of the next meetings. You can leave them with our greeter, **Debbie Flanders**. Money will go to the Food Bank of CCC and non-perishables will go to the Monument Crisis Center. So you can chose which way to give.

I want to wish all of you a very happy Thanksgiving and especially hope for safe travel for you and your loved ones.

**Bonnie Engel, President**

### **Board Meeting:**

Wednesday, December 4, 2009, at the Farm Bureau Bldg, 5554 Clayton Road, Concord 94521 at 7:00 pm. All members are welcome to attend. This is a change because of Thanksgiving.

## Guild Workshops

We have an encore for the 'Double Wedding Ring' workshop. The workshop was so popular that Linda agreed to do a second one. It's already filling up from the original waiting list so if you're interested in this classic quilt design, sign up soon to reserve your space.

Sign up early to reserve your space so you don't miss out on these great workshops! You can sign up at a meeting or send a SASE with your choice(s) so I can send you the supply lists. Or you can just call me, I'm in our book.

Workshops are from 9AM-1PM at the 'Farm House,' 5554 Clayton Rd., just a few blocks from where we hold our Quilt Show.

If you're interested in giving a workshop (our guild

Date	Workshop	Teacher
Nov. 21	Christmas Ornaments, Tissue Paper Pieced	Chris Roloff
Jan. 16	Double Wedding Ring	Linda Elder
Feb.20	Drunken Geese	Meredith Morrow
March 20 & 21	Quilt Show	
April 17	Bargello Sweatshirt Jacket	Jean DeGregory
May 15	Drunken Geese	Meredith Morrow

gives its member teachers a pretty nice stipend for their time and effort so, besides sharing knowledge, techniques and fun, your pockets will jingle a bit louder and having a few more greenbacks in your wallet is always a good thing.....think more fabric!) or if you have any suggestions just give me a call or see me at a meeting.

Shari Wildschutte

## Treasurer's Report—10/28/09

Wells Fargo Checking Account	
Beginning Balance	\$22,423.32
Deposits	559.00
Expenditures	(1,719.97)
Total Assets October 28, 2009	\$21,262.35

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## Quilts to Share

Thank you **Rosemary Neeley** and **Linda Bingham** for finishing block packets for **Cynthia Wheeler's** Quilts of Valor Program. We have more packets available for all those wishing to help prepare for our July sew in.

Special thanks to **Mary Ethel Jae** for donating 7 quilts. You will be missed these next few months. All of us enjoy seeing your wide variety of quilts displayed as we walk into our general meeting. Have a Happy Holiday Season.

We would like to knowledge quilts received from **Myrna Rutkas** and **Nancy Engman**. Two very bright and cheery quilts. We would also thank Nancy for her donation of fabric that will be used for future quilts, and remind her she has been missed but not forgotten. Sending well wishes and hope to see you soon.

Big thanks to **Birgit Knuth** for finishing a quilt kit along with **Kay Huston's** quilt donation. These quilts were donated to Teen Challenge. Be sure to check at the back table for more opportunities to finish a quilt. These quilts are much needed especially during this time of year.

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and Holiday Season  
Respectfully, **Cynthia Allen**

## Block Exchange

**Fran Allen** received blocks in quasi-fall colors. She has a whole quilt planned using the blocks from the group as well as apple blocks and another block. Also, **Bev Parker** received card trick blocks made in blue, yellow and white, for which all the pieces were cut.

No pattern was given out, so two patterns will be presented at the November meeting.

## Round Robin Group

At the September meeting four of us passed a center square to the next person on the list. The next rotation will be at the November meeting. One in the group is doing a strip quilt; she made one row. The other members will add a border to the edge of the row or make a row to co-ordinate with the original.

Contact either **Chris Roloff** or **Ann Gimbel** if you'd like to join or have any questions.

## 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 December/January newsletter is due to **Becky Styles** by noon Thursday, December 5, 2009. There is no newsletter in January. 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.*

## Places to Go and Things To Do

**November 6-8 Quilter's Quest Shop Hop.** Eleven shops in the SF Bay Area have joined together for this shop hop.

**November 1-15 Surface Design Association (SDA)** announces their second annual fundraising online auction, where *anyone* may bid and buy at <http://surfacedesign.cmarket.com>.

**November 17 –February 7. Still Crazy.** San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles. History of Victorian crazy quilts through contemporary art quilts. Check our Guild Website for other opportunities to see quilts and quilt shows you can enter.

## News from the Quilt Frame

The 2011 Opportunity Quilt, "Rhapsody in Blue", has been placed in the frame and is being worked on by our hand quilters. The quilt measures approximately 90" x 106" and features 20 paper-pieced stars on a white background. Floral fabrics accent the blue and white crisply pieced stars. If you can, stop by the Farmhouse to see this beauty.

The 2012 Opportunity Quilt pattern has been selected. It is the Conway Album Quilt designed by Irma Gail Hatcher. The quilt features a center appliquéd medallion, appliquéd flowers, baskets and a swag border. Our talented appliquers will have a great time with this quilt!

Also, please support **Fran Allen's** efforts in circulating the 2010 Opportunity Quilt, "Chesapeake Rose" to various guilds in Northern California. Contact Fran if you are willing to take the quilt to another guild's meeting and sell tickets. Opportunity Quilt ticket sales are one of our biggest fund raisers and support our speaker programs as well as charitable work.

**Linda Elder**

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## Opportunity Quilt Report

A huge THANK YOU to **Debbie Slack** for taking the quilt to Arnold and bringing back well needed information. Another HUGE THANK YOU to **Patricia Hemmingway, Barbara Fors, Cynthia Allen and Tammy Zanella** for doing the leg work and signing up to take the quilt out. The Guild and I appreciate all of you very much.

For all of those who are still interested in taking the quilt out but have not had the chance to sign up, the Opportunity Quilt binder will be passed around again next meeting for you to sign up. However if you come across an opportunity to take the quilt out before the meeting, please call me and I would be more than willing to help set that up.

Even though some members may not be able to take the opportunity quilt out you can still do your part to help. I am always on the lookout for new places and new ways to show OUR Opportunity quilt and sell tickets. If you can keep an eye out for events or maybe other creative places to sell tickets, then notify me with all the important information. I will be sure to take a special note of your efforts and you will not be overlooked at the next meeting. This will really help to keep the quilt traveling.

Also I have tentative dates for taking the quilt to Santa Rosa Jan 7th or 21st or February 18th set up is at 9:30 am. If any member is interested please contact me via email or telephone to finish setting that up.

Again **THANK YOU** to all the members who have helped get our opportunity quilt out and traveling.

All my appreciation, **Frances Allen** 925 642-8947

## Sunshine Report

Our wishes for a fast and full recovery following a broken hip go to **Kay Huston**. She'd appreciate hearing from her quilting friends.

Heartfelt sympathy to **Verlene Steiner**, whose sister, Barbara Foremen, died in Reno. Oct. 8.

Get well wishes to **Kathy Rummel**, who was recently hospitalized. We hope you're feeling better.

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

**Myrna Rutkas**, Sunshine

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

Cotton Patch	1025 Brown Ave, Lafayette	(925) 284-1177
Donna's Quilting Loft	5439-D Clayton Road, Clayton	(925) 672-0401
Main Street Quilts	533 Main St., Martinez	(925) 372-3700
Queen B's	720 West 2nd St., Antioch	(925) 978-4587
Sew Ewe Quilt	470 Harvest Park Dr. Ste 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
Thimble Creek	1150 D Burnett Ave., Concord	(925) 676-5522

### FARMHOUSE/CLASSROOM SCHEDULE 5554 Clayton Road, Concord, CA 94521

<b>Sunday</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> – Holy Tearers* 11:00 to 2:00 pm <i>Bonnie Engel</i> 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Twisted Thimbles* – 11:00 to 5:00 PM <i>Glenna Valley</i>	<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 to 3:00* <i>Shari Wildschutte</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Twisted Thimbles* – 6:00 to 9:00 PM <i>Glenna Valley</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> – Quilty Ladies* _ 10:00 to 2:00 <i>Linda Suttich</i>	<b>Friday</b>	9:30 to 12:30 – Loose Ends* <i>Myrna Rutkas</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 to 3:00 * <i>Linda Elder</i>	<b>Saturday</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 pm-Midnight—Twisted Thimbles* <i>Kathy Rummel</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> – 10:00 to 3:00 Sew Crazy Quilters <i>Linda Guess</i>

### 2010 Creative Arts Retreat-Jan 28-31

3 or 4 Day Options at the Concord Hilton  
Registration has begun, if you are interested,  
Contact Joan Wong 925-699-1214 or [joanwong@cal.berkeley.edu](mailto:joanwong@cal.berkeley.edu)  
Or you can also find information at [www.wcpres.org/ministries/womens](http://www.wcpres.org/ministries/womens)  
(sponsored by the Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church)

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