



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)

December 14, Monday, 7 p.m.

December 14, 2009

Members are asked to bring a pencil.

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. There will be some time devoted to music and the singing of carols.

January 19, 2010 Mike McNamara (Tuesday not Wednesday)

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.

February 16, 2010 Merylyn Scott (Tuesday not Wednesday)

Peace by Piece, One Quilter's Journey

Using a selection of her quilts as mile markers, she will trace her inner life journey from chaos and self-destruction to inner peace, paralleling her quiltographical journey from a crazy-quilt in 1970 to sensational stars in 2009.

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

Board Meeting:

Wednesday, January 27, 2010, at the Farm Bureau Bldg, 5554 Clayton Road, Concord 94521 at 7:00 pm. All members are welcome to attend.

President's Message

Hi Members!

Can it really be December already? I want to wish all of you the happiest of holiday seasons. I hope the time is filled with good times with loved ones and a renewed spirit to face 2010. Doesn't 2010 still sound futuristic, yet here we are about to enter it!

We had a great turn out at the last meeting with our 3 outstanding members demonstrating some of their talents. Thank you, Aileen, Barbara and Erylene for sharing your tips with us. I know I learned something and was inspired by each presenter. It was a wonderful evening thanks to Jean's excellent planning.

Our December social on the 14th should be a lot of fun with our ornament exchange, lots of goodies, singing and games. You just never know what Jean has up her sleeve to keep us entertained. It's always fun to relax and get to know each other a little better. I hope each of you will get to meet either someone new or get to know someone a little better. As a large guild it can be hard to meet people outside our regular circle, so this is the chance to do that.

I hope to be able to use some of holiday time to complete something for our quilt show, which will be here before we know it. The applications are ready and we have new categories, which are clearly explained. There will still be a Best of Show awarded and 3 ribbons in each of the other categories. Thank you, Joan, and your committee which researched, discussed and determined these for us. I know you all worked very hard on this decision.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Enjoy, stay safe and keep on quilting!

Bonnie Engel, President

Holiday Tip

If you put small pieces of white bread in a cookie jar, the cookies will stay fresh. The bread will become hard. Use any small cookie cutter for the bread pieces.

This tip comes from lifetime member **Laura Siri**.

Guild Workshops

There are still a couple of spaces left in the Bargello Sweatshirt Jacket workshop so if you're interested sign up early, either at a guild meeting or you can send me an SASE with your check (\$15.00) and I'll sign you up and send you a supply list.....best to get your sweatshirt now, they're easier to find now than in spring.....or you can just give me a call.

I'd like to take a bit of space to say a big **THANK YOU** to our member teachers and to all the participants who make our workshop series so successful. These workshops have been so much fun because of the talent and generosity of members sharing their techniques, tips and tricks and members who come ready to have a good time (and by gosh they do!) and leave with new

Date	Workshop	Teacher
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

knowledge to enhance their sewing time...not to mention new friendships. Thank you ALL!!!!

Workshops are from 9 AM-1 PM 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 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—12/2/09

Wells Fargo Checking Account	
Beginning Balance	\$21,262.35
Deposits	474.00
Expenditures	(982.24)
Total Assets October 28, 2009	\$20,754.11

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Patriotic Quilts

We would like to offer thanks to **Carolee** from the Cotton Patch for generously donating a large bag of red, white & blue fabrics for the Patriotic Quilts program. Also last meeting we received the largest single donation of fully completed quilts from **Betty Todd**. Thank you too from everyone that turned in quilt blocks. Your donations are helping us build our stash of blocks that will be used at the July 2010 Patriotic Sew-in. We will accept at any time red, white & blue blocks or tops or quilts you would like to donate. The best sizes for each are listed below. Your continuous support has given many soldiers wonderful quilt hugs.

Blocks – prefer 12 ½” unfinished but will accept other sizes

Tops – prefer not larger than 50” x 60” (cost too much to mail)

Cynthia Wheeler

NCQC

The next meeting will be “Meet the Teachers” on January 20, 2010, at 10 am at our regular meeting location, Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill. This is a good opportunity to check out the latest teachers and lecturers available. www.NCQC.net

Cynthia Wheeler, your NCQC Representative

Silent Auction

We're going to have a silent auction at next year's Quilt Show. I'm looking for “orphan quilts”. A quilt – any size – that you made and then put away, not knowing someone who wanted it or not having wall space to hang it. Please contact me if you have such an item and we'll earn some money for the Guild.

Joan Beall 686-2047



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 February newsletter is due to **Becky Styles** by noon Thursday, January 28, 2010. There is no newsletter in January. 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. Contact me for rates.*

Places to Go and Things To Do

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.

Machine for Sale

Inspira quilt frame with Pfaff Grand Quilter sewing machine with hand controls. Frame can be set up for 10' or 5' for smaller quilts. Grand Quilter has almost a 9" throat, thread cutter button, speed control and stitch regulator for even stitches while quilting. Grand Quilter also has an extension table, knee lift for presser foot and foot control for sewing when not on the Inspira quilt frame. Excellent instructional DVD included. Pantographs for all over designs or edge to edge borders also included.

3 years old. Price: \$1950

See pictures below.

Respond to almanorwest@sbcglobal.net or Call **Cindy Greco** at 925-934-0395



Quilts to Share

We appreciate donations from the following quilters: **Jane Giulieri, Audrey McInerney, and Lynda Ehrich.**

"We're going to make a difference" The way we're going to do this is by joining American Patchwork & Quilting efforts to make One Million Pillowcases. "Make a Pillowcase - Make a Difference." These pillowcases will provide comfort for a cancer patient, a foster child, encouragement for a battered woman, and for a nursing home resident. We will donate to a local shop and keep track under Guild of Quilters of Contra Costa. You will be able to look up on line our Guild's donation. Sounds fun! We're all excited to start this fun event in January. Pillowcases kits will be back and ready to be signed out. This event will run for the 2010 year.

Please bring all other donations in January. December will be a Christmas Program. Teen Challenge Quilt kits will be available in January or contact Carol or Catherine Smith.

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season,
Respectfully **Cynthia Allen**

Sunshine Report

Our long-time member and quilt teacher, Kay Huston, died on Nov. 1. Our sincere condolences to her family.

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

Myrna Rutkas, Sunshine

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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	www.stonemountainfabric.com	(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

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