



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)
March 15, Monday 7 p.m.

March 15, 2010 Rami Kim

Quilted and Folded Excellence

Rami Kim is a DNA scientist who turned in her lab coat to become a fabric artist, quilter, and teacher. She has distinguished herself as an innovative and award-winning designer. When Rami's not traveling, she lives with her husband and two daughters in California.

April 19, 2010 Cathie Hoover

Trunk Show—Quilts and Garments

Quiltmaker and Wearable Art have been Cathie's passion since 1979. She is known for her sense of humor and strives to keep her work and teaching light, fun, and productive for her students. Cathie is equally knowledgeable in quilt and wearable art techniques, with experience in teaching and winning awards in both areas. She resides in "Dairy-Rich" Central Valley city of Moo-desto with her husband and six grandchildren.

May 17, 2010 Colleen Grainger

How'd You Do That? Answers Revealed

Born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area, Colleen Grainger, after living in Alaska for 25 years, now travels between both states as a full-time quilter. She learned to sew as a child and started quilting in 1998. Six months later she became a long arm quilter, and designed her first quilt pattern. She also began converting patterns into mysteries to meet customer's requests. Her new career was born and she loves what she's doing now.

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

Nancy Engman & Jean DeGregory—Co-Chairs

President's Message

Hi Members!

Just in case you didn't know, our Quilt Show is just a few weeks away and the excitement is building! I hope all of you have signed up to help in one or more ways at the show. We have a job for everyone. Thank you, Reba, for demonstrating our weathervane block again this year.

The nominating committee is busy contacting members to serve on the elected board next year. The openings are for president, 1st V.P., 2nd V.P. and corresponding secretary. I've done each of the first 3 jobs and must say being President has been my favorite. We have so many dedicated, experienced ladies chairing our committees, that it makes this job flow so well. Remember you don't have to wait to be asked, just contact Audrey to nominate yourself.

Merrilyn Scott was just delightful at the last meeting, I was intrigued by her folded flowers and stars. I'm so glad we had such a great turnout. Next in our speaker lineup is Rami Kim. I've heard a lot good things about her and expect to be very entertained.

I'm keeping this short, since I've heard there is a lot of information to be packed into this newsletter.

See you in March!

Bonnie Engel, President

Treasurer's Report—2/27/10

Wells Fargo Checking Account	
Beginning Balance	\$18,498.03
Deposits	333.00
Expenditures	(1,864.98)
Total Assets January 27, 2010	\$16,966.05

Board Meeting:

Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at the Farm Bureau Bldg, 5554 Clayton Road, Concord 94521 at 7:00 pm. All members are welcome to attend.

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Workshops

There is still time to reserve your space in the Bargello Sweatshirt Jacket workshop, but there's only 1 space left so if you're interested see me at the next meeting or just call me. The Drunken Geese workshop is full to overflowing but you can sign up on the waiting list just in case there's a cancellation.

Our workshop policies are in the membership book but just to remind everyone I will occasionally post them here also.

1. Workshop fees are due at sign up. Your check and a legal size self-addressed, stamped envelope (if we need to mail you the supply list) will hold your place in the class. Make checks payable to 'The Guild of Quilters of Contra Costa County' and mail them to the workshop chairperson.
2. There will be a waiting list if the class fills up.
3. If the class does not fill up it may be cancelled. Minimum is 7, maximum is 10.
4. Refunds will be made if:
 - a. the workshop is canceled
 - b. member cancels 30 days before the workshop
 - c. if a replacement can be found by the member or from the waiting list
5. Replacements from the waiting list will be filled in order of sign up. If the vacancy cannot be filled, the member may sell the reservation to another member.
6. If there are still openings 14 days prior to the workshop, non-members may sign up. A \$2.00 surcharge will be added to the normal fee.
7. Participants are responsible for cleaning up their area.

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.

You can sign up at a meeting or send your check (made out to the guild) along with an SASE to me with your choice(s) so I can send you the supply lists. Or you can just call me, I'm in our book.

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.

March 20 & 21	See you at the Quilt Show	
April 17	Bargello Sweatshirt Jacket	Jean DeGregory
May 115	Drunken Geese	Meredith Morrow

Shari Wildschutte

Quilts to Share

When we work together, we can accomplish so much. When we're involving ourselves by actively participating, such as within our guild programs, we never have the feeling we are serving those in need alone. We may not be able to make or give everything we desire but we remind ourselves that one never goes wrong by helping others; no act is never too small, especially when helping a child. Which is why it is always heartwarming to see all the items our guild members donate throughout the year. We have a very generous guild. The following members donated quilts to Teen Challenge. We thank you: **Frances Allen, Carol Clark, Barbara Poland, Chris Roloff, Frances Smith, and Susan Swindell**

Eleven pillowcases were received by the following: **Kathy Berger, Carol Clark, Rosemary Neely, Willie Rice, Chris Roloff, Suzanne Salter (2), Florence Schnitzel, and Susan Swindell (3)**, Keep the pillowcases coming! More will be available next meeting along with more quilt kits.

The preparations are in motion for our July sew in. Mark your planners for another fun evening. If you would like to help please contact Cynthia Allen 925-757-0256 or send an e-mail cynpin49@yahoo.com. Any donations to Quilts to Share should come through me, so I can acknowledge your donation properly.

Thank you
Respectfully, **Cynthia Allen**

Patriotic Quilts

Happy New Year! Thank you for the two quilts that were donated at the January meeting. We will be needing many more blocks for the July 2010 Patriotic Sew-in. July is sneaking up on us so if you are making a block maybe you can consider making one in red white and blue and bringing it to the next meeting. 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. Thank you for your continuing support of this program.

Blocks – prefer 12 ½” unfinished but will accept other sizes
Tops – prefer not larger than 50” x 60” (cost too much to mail if larger)

Cynthia Wheeler

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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 April newsletter is due to **Becky Styles** by noon Thursday, April 29, 2010. Send Email to styles-becky@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.*

Quilt Show

Did you know...?

...You can get prepaid admission certificates for your family and friends from **Debbie Flanders** or **Chris Roloff**.

...There are Quilt Show posters available at the farmhouse for you to post in your neighborhood. The open hours are noted in your membership book.

...It's not too late to volunteer. The sign up book is at the farmhouse and will be at the next general meeting March 15.

...You get in to the show for free if you arrive in your apron with the guild logo. Remember to wear your name badge.

...Our website has lots of quilt show information.

Barbara Fors

Sunshine Report

We hope that **Beverly Parker** and **Kim Veach** are recovering well following recent hospitalizations.

Sincere condolences are extended to the family of **Heather Bolstad**, a former member, who died on Feb. 4. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Myrna Rutkas, Chair
Sunshine

Machine Repair

Bart Cabbage will be at the Farmhouse on Thursday, April 22, and Friday, April 23. His fee is \$60 for sewing machines and \$70 for sergers.

There is an \$5 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.

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Greetings from your Country Store Committee

It is getting closer.....and we thought we'd do some reminding/coercing/pleading.....

WE NEED STUFF! We'd love your good quality, sellable items!

WE NEED WORKERS!

So much for the pleading... Now for logistics:

Donations: Contact **Kathy Snyder** if you have questions, concerns.

- You can bring your items to the Farmhouse... we are making regular pickups to keep the bins ready for all of your goodies.
- We will be collecting one more time at the general meeting. (thanks to those of you who already brought some fine things to the last meeting!) Please price your items. A sticky tag/string tag/ whatever works.

Consignments: Contact **Eileen Limberg** if you have questions, concerns.

- We ask that you bring your consignment items to the farmhouse, during quilt drop-off hours. (Wed 3/17 10-3, Thurs, 3/18 10-3 and 7-9). We will be there waiting eagerly for your items. If you can't make those times, Eileen can make arrangements with you for pick-up. Be sure to check with Eileen that you have your selling # and are following our new "rules". We hope there will be smooth sailing with our new tagging system, so please bear with us.

Volunteer workers: We really need HELP. Call **Fran McNamee** if you can give us a bit of your time....even if you are unable to do an entire shift....PLEASE?

- ♦ **Cashiers:** Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, Sunday lunch, Sunday afternoon.
- ♦ **Fluffers/floaters:** Saturday late afternoon, Sunday lunch and Sunday afternoon

Questions or suggestions? Give us a call! Some of us are new to the Guild, so we hope that you will bear with us and help us to make this a success.

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Our Affiliates - Please patronize these members of our Guild

Cotton Patch	1025 Brown Ave, Lafayette	(925) 284-1177
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>Thursday 10:00 to 3:00* <i>Shari Wildschutte</i> 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>
<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>		

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