



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)
June 21, Monday 7 p.m.

June 21, 2010 Jerry Fujimoto

Journey as a Quilter

Jerry has been quilting for ten years. He enjoys designing his own patterns, teaching and speaking. Most of his work has an Asian motif to it, although he has and will dabble in any other style of quilt. He finds the choosing of the fabric the most challenging and fun part of making a quilt. "I just love when you find just the right fabrics, what a rush!" Jerry enjoys teaching and the satisfaction of seeing the look on his students face when "it" all comes together. His trunk runneth over with his many design samples and projects he has completed

July 19, 2010 6:30 pm start time

Sew-in for Community Services

See the Quilts to Share report to choose with which group you want to wok. We'll be making wheelchair bags, pillowcases, blocks, binding and handwork, etc.

August 16, 2010 Marie Strait

Successes and Failures on a Fabric Diet

Marie began quilting in a quilt shop in Stockton, CA in 1976 and, soon after, for Manteca Adult School. Charter President of Manteca Quilters Guild and co-chaired their first show, which was the first show held in CA Central Valley. Was a leader in quilting in the area, with many leadership jobs. In 1993, she moved to Washington DC, and taught for 10 years at G Street Fabrics. Since returning to CA in 2005, she has been teaching at a local quilt shop

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

Board Meeting:

Wednesday, June 30, 2010, at the Farm Bureau Bldg, 5554 Clayton Road, Concord 94521 at 7:00 pm. All members are welcome to attend.

President's Message

Dear Members,

Well, it's hard to believe, but this is my last president's letter. The past 2 years have really flown by, probably because I have totally enjoyed this position and just love our guild. It has been a pleasure and honor to lead this outstanding group. I thank all of you for entrusting me with this job. When I look back over it, there were certainly a few bumps along the way. Most significantly was the abrupt closing of our beloved classroom in the old Pleasant Hill Schoolhouse, but the troops rallied and did the impossible in record time. Now we are facing another move as we search for a new space to hold our general meetings. Fortunately, this seems to be going more smoothly as the committee is already considering several excellent options. So this is what I have learned: sometimes challenges and changes are even good for us and no matter what comes our way, as a group we will survive. Thank you one and all for your support. Our wonderful, devoted members are our greatest asset.

I want to mention that our Open House at the Farmhouse was well attended. Thank you, **Chris Roloff**, for doing a great job at welcoming our new members. She hopes to do this every 6 months. It was a great chance for us to get to know each other and answer the many questions new members have.

One final advertisement: we still need someone or a group to co-ordinate the travel schedule for our 2011 opportunity quilt. The quilting is almost complete, so it will be ready to travel very soon. Let me or Carole Bibeau know, if you are interested.

So now, I leave you in Carole's very capable hands. All I can say is, it's been great and thanks for the memories.

With love,
Bonnie Engel

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Quilts to Share

Our hands can comfort. With this in mind, let our hearts and hands be stretched out in compassion toward others. I have the privilege to see your compassion for those in need every month. It is a joy. I thank you for your support to Quilts to Share and your donations to our community. We thank the following for donating **ten fantastic quilts**. **Linda Hiatt, Mary Ethel Jae (5), Teresa Molnar, Julia Nakao, and Lupe Withers (2)**

CHECK IT OUT! Our website will list updated information about our pillow case donation; have fun keeping track of the number of pillowcases we have donated plus who were some of the recipients. Keep them coming. We have until the end of this year to participate with Patchwork's challenge. This May we received **forty pillow cases** from the following: Thumbs Up! **Yvonne Cottrel, Leslie Finta (2), Marilyn Finson (2), Barbara Fors (3), Cindy Gregor (2), Jane Giulieri (3), Ellen Heathcote (2), Ginny Horner, Mary Ethel Jae (4), Birgit Knuth (2), Eyrlene Krammerer, Sharon Mazanec (2), Sandy Mowrer, Rosemary Neeley (2), Jane Powell (7), Florence Schnitzel (2), Jackie Seidell (5), Barbara Shates (4), Susan Swindell (3) and Tammy Zanella (2)**

Big Thanks to **Marilyn Finson** and **Mariene Wunder** for their donation of polyfill. We are hoping to have a dozen bears stuffed in July. So check your shelves, use your JoAnn coupons and bring your bag of polyfill to our June meeting



Here's a little update on our July Sew-in. Well, you know about the bears -- We will need a few stuffers. **Joan Beall** will be heading our handwork group: appliqué hearts, sewing up our teddy bears and binding. Your supplies will be a variety of needles, scissors, and threads.

Myrna Rutkas will be helping with our pillow case group. This is a great night to learn this slick technique. Pillow cases will be pre-cut; bring machine, scissors, and neutral thread. If you wish to bring your own rotary cutter, mat and iron, we will make room; or we will have an area providing these items.

Quilts to Share (continued)

Catherine and Carol Smith will be heading our Quilt Kit table. We are in need of machine quilters. Anyone willing to machine in the ditch, or tie a quilt, we need your help. Also we have quilt tops to work on. Don't pass up the opportunity to work with this group. Bring your machine, scissors, thread. Anything that you think will be helpful with this project.

For those wishing to work on foundation string piecing, we have **Shari Wildschutte** helping with this activity. It is a fun project, and great way to learn how to use smaller scraps.

Be thinking about what you feel comfortable working on. If you have any questions on what to bring, check with your activity helper or call me 925-757-0256. I will be happy to answer your questions.

Light refreshments will be served. Veggie tray, salad and cold cut sandwiches will be served. Dessert will be "pot lucked" Sweet treats are always welcomed. If nothing else come for fun games and friendship. Quilters are always leaving you in stitches!

Respectfully,
Cynthia Allen

Treasurer's Report—5/26/10

Wells Fargo Checking Account	
Beginning Balance	\$\$26,415.85
Deposits	386.00
Expenditures	<u>(1,883.04)</u>
Total Assets May 26, 2010	\$24,918.81

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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, July 1, 2010. 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.*

Open House

On Saturday, May 22, twenty or so new members attended a welcoming meeting at the Farm House. They got a chance to see what is available at our room, meet some of the officers & members of the guild, learn about the various meeting groups & view various projects such as samples from past workshops. They also got to view the 2011 Opportunity Quilt in progress.

I'm hoping to schedule another Welcome Meeting in another six months. We now have 319 members.

The current membership expires in June 2010 except for the members who joined at the Quilt show. The renewal application is now available on the Web Site. I'll also bring applications to the next Guild meeting.

Chris Roloff
Membership Chair

Country Store

This is the last message for awhile from your country store committee. Thanks again to all who helped make this a successful year. We have received a few of the evaluation forms from consignors...if there are more out there, we'd LOVE to get your feedback. Any suggestions, ideas and (yes) complaints will help to make 2011 even better.

Also....we are still in possession of the many baby hats that were donated. If you are the one(s) who wants them back, please give Kathy a call (685-7710). If we don't hear from you this month, we'll donate to the crisis nursery.

Kathy, Eileen, Fran and Phyllis

Block Exchange

At the May meeting **Becky Styles** received the blocks from the black and white fabrics combined with bright colors.

The block for the June meeting is to be a red, white, and blue block to be turned in at the July sew-in.

Since the current block exchange group will finish in September, we plan to have a new group organized by the August meeting. If anyone has comments, suggestions or ideas for the Block Exchange group, please contact **Chris Roloff** at 370-7162, croloff44@yahoo.com or **Ann Gimbel** at 284-7969, anngimbel@hotmail.com. At the June meeting we'll have a sign-up list for the new group.

Round Robin

We'll show the completed tops at the June meeting. I can't wait to see what the rest of the group has done.

If you're interested in participating in a Round Robin, please contact either **Chris Roloff** or **Ann Gimbel**.

Places to Go and Things To Do

June 12 & 13, 2010 Quilts by the Bay presented by Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild, Seaside High School Gymnasiums, 2200 Noche Buena Street, Seaside, CA

June 24-26, 2010 Quilting, Stitches & Crafts Expo, Reno, Nevada, Nevada Conference & Exhibition Center, Featured quilters: Mark Lipinski, Pam Clarke, Kaye Wood.

June 26-27, 2010, Golden Threads presented by the Mother Lode Quilters Guild. Sutter Creek Auditorium and Community Center, Sutter Creek, CA Featured Quilter Anelie Belden

June 24-26, 2010 Ricky Tims Super Quilt Seminar. William Jessup University, Rocklin, CA

July 17-18, 2010 Christmas in July Quilt Show presented by Loose Threads Quilt Guild. Valley Springs Elementary School, 240 Pine Street, Valley Springs, CA. Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4 Adm \$6 Children 5-12 \$3. Featured Artist - Anelie Belden

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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 first – Holy Tearers* 11:00 to 2:00 pm <i>Bonnie Engel</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">third 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></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">2nd & 4th Quilty Ladies* _ 10:00 to 2:00 <i>Linda Suttich</i></p>	<p>Wednesday 10 to 3 This group does handwork only* <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 first 4 pm-Midnight—Twisted Thimbles* <i>Kathy Rummel</i></p> <p>fourth 10:00 to 3:00 Sew Crazy Quilters <i>Linda Guess</i></p>
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If you want to start a new group contact *Glenna Valley*. If you want to join an existing group, contact the group host-ess listed above. All groups with * will welcome members.

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