

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)

September 20, Monday 7 p.m.

Cynthia Allen will go over the sewing of the big bears. We'll meet at the round table in the back of our meeting room prior to the September & October meeting to address the assembly of the big bear. Demo will be at 6:30 pm.

September 20, 2010 Judy Sisneros
Stitches of Hope—Cambodia

Judy Sisneros is a teacher and author who enjoys teaching and traveling. She will show and tell us about the extraordinary trip she made with her friend to Cambodia where they taught hand quilting to young girls who had been rescued from the sex slave trade. It promises to be a fascinating and moving lecture. Judy will also show some of her newest and best quilts.

October 18, 2010 Joe Wood
Art of Quilting, Piece by Piece

Joe has left the banking world to join the quilting world where he and his wife run Thimble Creek. Joe designs quilts and teaches some classes. Please join us for a trunk show of his marvelous quilts.

November 15, 2010 Beth Murphy
Pincushion Boutique Sweet Treats.

Beth will speak to us about the process of coming up with sweet treats and share some of the quilt patterns that use them. She will have sweet treats and patterns for sale. So plan for great temptations and satisfy your sweet tooth tonight!

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

Kathy Callahan & Rita Johnson—Co-Chairs

Board Meeting:

Wednesday, September 29, 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!

As President, I was looking forward to meeting more people in the guild and becoming better acquainted with others. Wow, that has happened in a short period of time in office, more than I would have imagined. My view of the organization has expanded along with connections to guild members. Maybe you're one of those members who would like to become better acquainted, I'm sure there's an opportunity awaiting you.

This is a perfect segway for a request for some volunteers. **Shari Wildschutte** is no longer able to carry out responsibilities as workshop chairperson. She has done a tremendous amount of work, thank you Sheri. So whoever follows in her footsteps has a great foundation laid. Are you interested?

We are still in need of someone to arrange for travel of the 2011 Opportunity Quilt, which **Linda Elder** reported to the Board, is ready to travel. Need more information about what that entails, please inquire. No experience required.

I'm also looking for a few members to meet to discuss ways we might include youth under our education umbrella and then present recommendations to the Board. Got time, got ideas? Contact me and I'll be making a couple of contacts to people who shared ideas with me after the August meeting.

At the Board meeting a decision was made to contract with the Concord Centre for our new meeting space to begin in March 2011. Many venues were pursued (25+) and the Centre was by far the most comparable to the Pleasant Hill Community Center in terms of space and cost. **Becky Styles** is to be commended for all her time and effort in searching for a new space. Also, thanks to all who presented their ideas. It's a significant change but we're up for the challenges.

See you in September.

Carole Bibeau
President

Workshops

The first 2 workshops are in danger of being cancelled. We need 5 more people for the fabric painting class and 6 more for the fusible flowers. Bonnie Engel is the temporary workshop chair. Her email is bonnie.engel@us.henkel.com or call 978-2138 after 12 noon.

'Painting on Fabric' is our first offering and Lisa Fulmer will be teaching four or five techniques using paints to embellish your fabrics.

DATE	WORKSHOP	TEACHER
Sept. 18	Painting on Fabric	Lisa Fulmer
Oct. 23	Fusible Fantasy Flowers	Barbara Fors
Nov. 20	The Baggy Bag	Eyrlene Kammerer
Dec. 18	Drafting a Feathered Star	Reba Siero
Jan. 15	Beginning Machine Quilting	Linda Elder
Mar. 19	Back Basted Appliqué	Kathy Callahan
April 16	Ribbon Embroidery	Joan Beall
May 21	Stained Glass Sweat-shirt Jacket	Chris Roloff

You can sign up at a meeting or send me an SASE with your check (\$15.00 for each workshop) and choice(s) and I will send you the supply lists. Workshop policies are posted in our membership directory so please check them out. 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.

I'm still working on a workshop for Feb. but need a teacher so.....If you're interested in giving a workshop or if you have any suggestions, just give me a call or see me at a meeting. 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.

Quilts to Share

Our Bear project is growing. We've had a request for more bears bodies so that older kids in CASA can stuff them and give them to their younger siblings. If we get enough bear bodies, we'll try to help them out. Bear bodies can be brought to any of the meetings. Thanks for the donations of stuffing we have received. Keep it coming since it takes quite a bit to fill the big bears.

As of July the Guild of Quilters start their 2010 - 2011 year. I, as chairman of Quilts to Share, thought it best to clear up any confusion with past practices. I am excited

Quilts to Share (continued)

with the opportunities we as a Guild provide to many of the non-profit organizations and local hospitals, along with many of our elder care facilities within our county. It is my hope that with these changes Quilts to Share will better serve its members and community

2010-2011 agenda

Frances Allen has accepted the task of Quilts to Share bookkeeper. This will be an added help with updating our donations and providing information to **Kathy Callahan** with current donations and other information for our website.

All donations will be collected by the chairman. Items will be collected monthly and distributed in a timely manner. This will be helpful with not only distribution of items but keeping records and acknowledging members and their quilts and other very much appreciated donations.

The members of Contra Costa Guild of Quilters are known for their very generous donations to the community and it is a wonderful privilege working with the members. I thank **Carol** and **Catherine Smith** for making quilt kits and pillowcase kits.

August we had a total of **seven quilts** line our walk way. Hope everyone had a chance to admire the lovely quilts. We thank the following: **Lupe Withers (3)**, **Chris Roloff**, **Julia Nakao(2)** and **Birgit Knuth**. **Frances Smith** for donated knit blankets and hats. We welcome **Frances** to Quilts to Share.

Quilt kits will be available. We encourage you to sign one out. We appreciate all those willing to machine quilts or tie quilts. If you would like to help with future quilts, contact me at 925-757-0256 or e-mail cynpin49@yahoo.com so we can make arrangements. This year the need for baby quilts is up and we thank **Bonnie Engel** for her donations of baby fabric. Since the number of births is up we have an opportunity to dig into our stash of blues, pinks, and soft colors and make a difference in someone's life. **Carolie Hensley** donated diapers, clothing and other items that we will put with our quilt donations. Thank you, Carolie. Not sure of a baby size quilt? All sizes are listed on the web.

We received thirteen pillowcases We thank the following: **Susan Swindell (4)**, **Pam Smith (2)**, **Sandy Bower**, **Kathy Berger (2)**, and **Dianne Slattery (4)**. We will continue with our pillowcase challenge through December for Patch Work 2010 "make a million pillowcases." After December we will accept pillowcases but kits will be limited. It has been a fun goal. Kathy has updated the web site with the pillowcase numbers, be sure to click on *information for Quilts to Share*

BIG thanks to all those who donated poly fill for our December Teddy Bear activity, **Valleria Furtado** for fabric scraps and **Mary** and **Meredith Morrow** for yarn. January we will have new block kits available and a few new projects. Update will be in our January newsletter. Fresh start in January. Set a new goal or challenge for the New Year!

Thanks to everyone

Respectfully, **Cynthia Allen**

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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, Sept. 30, 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.*

Sunshine Report

Rosemary Raker is at home, slowly gaining strength following surgery. She'd appreciate hearing from her fellow quilters. We wish her the very best.

Myrna Rutkas, Chair
Sunshine

Thanks

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the amazing quilt you created for me. Each night I admire it and find new names and more hidden words in the quilting. I will treasure it always and it will constantly make me smile, as I remember those 2 great years as your president and the wonderful members who supported me. **Joan Beall** certainly kept her word, when she told me, it would be gorgeous and big. Thank you all so much, I am indeed honored and it was well worth the wait.

Bonnie Engel

Nametags

New Nametags! The board has decided it is time to create readable names on our nametags. So I will be passing out new larger print tags in plastic holders at the September meeting. Please, look for my table and pick up yours. Also as we sign up new members they will have a handwritten tag in a different color for 6 months, so we can recognize and welcome them to our guild. Another change is that you may drop them off as you leave and I will be responsible for bringing them to each meeting. We hope these changes will make it easier for us to get to know each other.

Bonnie Engel

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Block Exchange

We had snowmen in August, when **Cindy Allen** received her paper-foundation pieced snowman blocks. They're very cute. At the same meeting **Chris Roloff** handed out a paper-foundation pieced tilting tree pattern. Although she provided some of the fabrics, each member of the Block Exchange group will need to add 4 green fabrics.

We have a group of 12 stitchers who have signed up for the 2010-2011 Block Exchange Group. **Chris Roloff** and I will be sending out the list via e-mail, so the group can get started at the September meeting. If you haven't signed up for the group, it isn't too late to join. Just contact **Chris Roloff** at 370-7162 chrisroloff@comcast.net or **Ann Gimbel** at 284-7969 gimbel.a.l@gmail.com.

Round Robin

We currently have 7 quilters signed up to work on Round Robins in 2010-2011. We will form two groups. We'll try to work out the details via e-mail or phone, but may set up a meeting before starting the first rotation. If you have any questions or want to join, please contact either Chris or Ann.

NCQC

In planning for their October meeting, Sharona from NCQC asks the following question: "What started you quilting?" or "How did you start quilting?" So if you would like to share, please email her at sharona@newpieces.com with your answer.

Kathy Callahan
NCQC Representative

Caringbridge—Rose Raker

Rose and I have set up a website at CaringBridge to keep people up to date on Rose's health condition. The site can be accessed at:

<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/roseraker>

I will update the journal as new information is available. You can subscribe to Rose's journal and get an email of every new journal entry. Or, you can just periodically visit my CaringBridge website.

Please leave a message in the guestbook so I know you have visited.

Thank you.

Rose and Bob Raker

Treasurer's Report—8/25/10

Wells Fargo Checking Account	
Beginning Balance	\$24,671.93
Deposits	219.00
Expenditures	(1,390.61)
Total Assets April 28, 2010	\$23,500.32

Patriotic Quilts

Your Patriotic Quilt Team is overwhelmed...as the joy of giving continues. A big THANK YOU, from the bottom of our hearts for the following:

QUILT TOPS: Beverly Spurs, Valerie Furtado, Barb Shates, Audrey McInerney, Sandy Butner (1) Ellen Heathcote (1 quilted) and Audrey McInerney who designed and assembled 2 tops made from "lost and found" member blocks. **BLOCKS:** Shirley Wilson (3), Jane Powell, Beate Dirska & Helen Anderson (2), Linda Elder, Sharon Graves, Lupe Withers, Wendy Schwerin, Sharon Mazanec (1 each) and Becky Styles (1) plus some red fabric. And a special thanks to Claire McIvor for 103 fence rail squares that we can't wait to see how many quilts can be made from them.

Thanks to you, 6 quilts were delivered on August 7 to Quilts of Honor. They will to be distributed to our brave and injured soldiers, returning to Travis Air Force Base.

Patriotic Block for September

September's "Turnabout Variation" block is 9 1/2 unfinished, simple to cut and sew.

Monthly patterns can be found at the Patriotic table at monthly meetings, in the newsletter and on our Website www.contracostaquiltguild.org, under Newsletter, Patriotic Quilts.

Please check out our corner table each month, where you can pick up kits & patterns.

****Reminder!** We want to personally thank you, so please **remember to include your name** with your contribution.

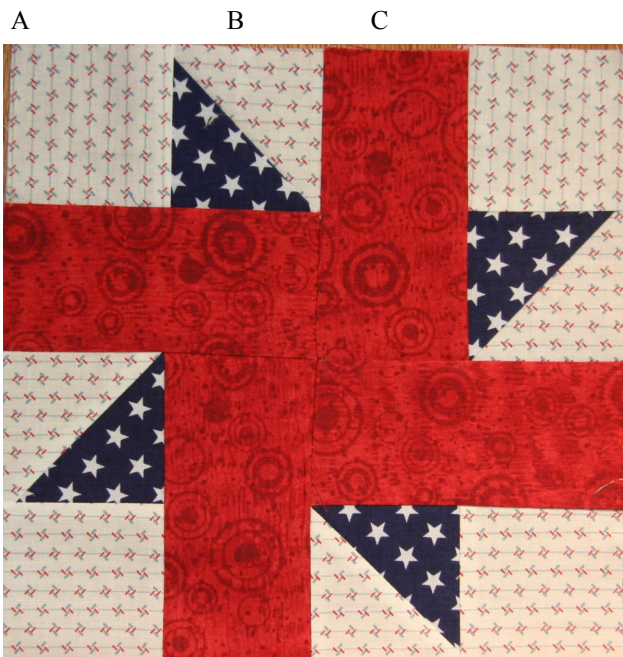
Your Patriotic Team, **Sandy Butner (933-1086), Audrey McInerney & Barb Shates**

Library

Please check your shelves for library books. We have a few missing. I will try to an inventory late September, early October and then get the library list on the website.

Kathy Rummel
Library

Patriotic Block September 2010



Unfinished size: 9 1/2 X 9 1/2

TURNABOUT VARIATION: Make this block using a combination of red or blue. The background should read solid using white or cream

Cutting instructions:

A - Cut 4 squares measuring 2 3/4 X 2 3/4 in cream or white

B - Cut 2 squares 3 1/8 X 3 1/8 in cream or white
Cut 2 squares 3 1/8 X 3 1/8 in red or blue
Sew together for 1/2 square triangle units: Pair squares *right sides together*, placing the lighter fabric on top. With a sharp pencil make a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of the lighter fabric. Using a 1/4 inch seam, *sew on each side of the diagonal line*. Press. Cut on the marked line through both layers, press toward the darker fabric & trip dog ears.

C - Cut 4 rectangles 2 3/4 X 5 in red or blue (opposite of B)

Use the picture above to piece the block together, using a 1/4 inch seam

We appreciate your contribution!

Questions: call **Sandy Butner** 933-1086, **Audrey McInerney** or **Barb Shates**

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Machine Repair

Bart Cabbage will be at the Farmhouse on Thursday, Oct. 7, and Friday, Oct. 8. His fee is \$60 for sewing machines and \$70 for sergers.

There is a \$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.

C & T Book Sale

The annual C & T Publishing sales is September 11. Please check www.CTPub.com for location. Lots of good quilting books at very reasonable prices.

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Places to Go and Things To Do

Date	Show/Event Info
August 17 – October 31	San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles. ITAB: International TECHstyle Art Biennial. 520 South First Street, San Jose. Adm: general - \$6.50, Students & Seniors - \$5, members & children under 13 = free. Also first Friday of month is free admission. INFO: 408-971-0323 or www.sjqiltmuseum.org
July 31, 2010 – January 9, 2011	To Dye for: A World Saturated in Color. DeYoung Museum – Legion of Honor, Golden Gate Park, 50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive, SF. Textiles and costumes from the Fine Arts Museums' collection of textiles from Africa, Asia and the Americas.
September 10-11	"A Garden of Friendships" Quilt Show presented by Gold Bug Quilters. Church of the Foothills, Cameron Park, CA Adm: \$6 (children and gentlemen free) Info: www.goldbugquilters.org
September 16-18	Bay Area Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival , San Mateo County Event Center, Fiesta Hall, enter at 1346 Saratoga Drive, San Mateo. Adm: \$10 For info, directions and \$1 off admission coupon: http://www.quiltcraftsew.com/festival-dates.html
September 18	Fabric Sale {\$2/yard} to benefit Ovarian Cancer Research. Our Savior School, 1385 South Livevermore Avenue, Livermore, CA (about 3 miles from I580 exit). Cash or check only. Info: 925-447-8544
September 18-19	Sierra Quilt Guild's 21st Annual Quilts and Threads Show. Mother Lode Fairgrounds, Sonoma, CA Adm: \$7 Featured Quilter: Wina Helm. Info: www.sierraquiltguild.com
September 19	"Seasons of Color" presented by the Napa Valley Quilters Guild. Justin-Siena High School. 4026 Maher Street, Napa CA Adm. \$5 Nancy Brown will be the guest artist and present a trunk show at 10:30 am and 3 pm
September 25-26	Harvest Quilt Show & Fiber Arts Show presented by South Valley Quilt Association at the Taste of Morgan Hill Morgan Hill community & Cultural Center, 17000 Monterey Road, Morgan Hill, CA Featured Artist: Jill Schumacher Free Admission & Parking Info at www.svqa.org
September 25-26	Quilting in the Garden presented by Alden Lane Nursery & In Between Stitches. Featuring Sue Nickels and others. See web site for more info and list of classes and tours. INFO: http://www.aldenlane.com/stitch.html
October 2-3	9th Annual Falling Leaves Quilt Show presented by Ladies of Lake Quilt Guild. Lake County Fairgrounds, 401 Martin St., Lakeport, CA Adm: \$6 Featured Quilter Sandy Turner INFO: www.LLQG.org
October 14-17	Pacific International Quilt Festival Santa Clara Convention Center, Santa Clara. Adm: \$14 (includes re-admission)
October 23-24	Delta Quilters Guild Quilt Show. Contra Costa Fairgrounds, Antioch, Guest Artist Don Linn Adm \$7 INFO: http://www.deltaquilters.org/Quilt_Show.html

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></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>
<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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