



# 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 15, Monday 7 p.m.**

**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!

**December 20, 2010 Holiday Social**

We will stuff bears and do some handwork like quilt tying. There will be an ornament exchange. Bring some treats to share.

**January 18, 2011 (Tuesday) Marcia Stein**  
It Helps to Have a Camera. Finding Photographic Subjects and Using Them in Your Quilts

Would you like to make quilts inspired by your own photos, but don't know where to begin? Marcia will show us how to find subjects that inspire us, what makes one photo better than another, and simple ways to improve our skills with a camera. Learn why your ability to tell a story is more important than the cost of your equipment, and why enthusiasm for your subject is your strongest ally. Includes small trunk show. <http://www.marciastein.com/index.html>

**Remember to Bring:** Membership Card, Name Tag, Show & Tell, Library Books, Block of the Month  
**Kathy Callahan & Rita Johnson—Co-Chairs**

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## President's Message

Dear Members,

Thank you to all those who sent their condolences and for the Guild's donation to the Music Teachers' Association of California in memory and honor of my mother. It will go towards a music scholarship. Even though my mother was soon to be 90 years old, I wasn't ready for her death. She died at my home with Hospice care, covered with the memory quilt a sister-in-law and I made for her 80th birthday at the millennium. The quilt was at the memorial service as one reflection of her life. That's one thing about quilts-- they frequently have special meaning and create more memories. I'm reengaging in my usual life and figuring out where things are in relationship to what needs to be done.

We need someone to work with **Fran Allen** to get the Opportunity Quilt on the road. Fran did a great deal last year to get things organized; then had a baby; has a husband who works shifts; and is not always able to attend the meetings. She needs a co-chair to get signatures and commitment from members to get the quilt out. Please let me know if you are willing to help with this important task.

Thank God for talented members like **Joan Beall** who stepped in to present a program when our October speaker cancelled due to illness. Joan read the book "*The Quilt Makers' Gift*" by Jeff Brumbeau and Gail Marcken and displayed quilts made by guild members that went along with the story. Not only is it a wonderful story about the gift of giving, it reflects the generosity of quilters, something we see in all that guild members do for charity. Thank you, Joan.

Bring your pocketbook to the next meeting as we'll be able to purchase Sweet Treats after speaker Beth Murphy talks about the process of putting them together. Donations will be accepted for this year's Christmas recipient, CASA. Sign up for one of the up and coming workshops presented by Guild members.

**Carole Bibeau, President**

## Workshops

You can sign up at a meeting or send Helen Anderson 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.

**Note:** November class is full.

DATE	WORKSHOP	TEACHER
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 Sweatshirt Jacket	Chris Roloff

## Treasurer's Report—10/27/10

Wells Fargo Checking Account	
Beginning Balance	\$23,432.74
Deposits	342.00
Expenditures	<u>(1,815.57)</u>
Total Assets Oct. 27, 2010	\$21,959.17

## Sunshine Report

Our sympathy to **Doris Bonham**, whose husband, Vern, died July 31.

Get well wishes to **Chris Roloff** and to **Star Curletto**, both of whom have been ill.

**Myrna Rutkas**, Chair  
Sunshine

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## Quilts to Share

I would like to thank everyone that has participated with the making of bears, and the donations of poly fill by **Janet Hutchins, Mary Ethel Jae** and **Florence Schnitzel**. I have confidence that we will reach our goal by December's deadline. **Anna Clare** and **Florence Schnitzel** made **nine bears** plus two using the smaller size pattern. So So Cute!

Bear totals can be found on the website along with patterns for both size bears. If you have questions about this project, contact me and I will be happy to help 925-757-0256 or [cynpin49@yahoo.com](mailto:cynpin49@yahoo.com)

We still have a few more months to participate in the pillowcase 2010 challenge, remember to return any kits signed out. Pillowcase totals for the month of October were outstanding "**forty-five**". We thank the following: **Karen Cowan** (4), **Ellen Heathcote** (2), **Kathryn Kluever** (2), **Birgit Knuth** (2), **Eileen Limberg** (2), **Claire McIvor** (7), **Waunell Michels**, **Marjorie Mrasek**, **Linda Pierce**, **Jane Powell** (4) **Kathy Schmitz** (5), **Jenifer Scott** (2), **Judith Seibold**, **Betty Simpson** (2), **Becky Styles**, **Susan Swindell** (3), and **Shirley Wilson** (2)

Whether you're expecting a boy or a girl, these quilts will brighten any nursery! **Nine adorable quilts** were donated by: **Mary Ethel Jae** (4), **Jackie Seidell**, **Carol Smith**, and **Lupe Withers** (3)

Quilt kits will be available at our next meeting. December will be our Christmas program so no kits available. Then in January we will have quilt kits and new block kits--a new project for 2011 We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving Season,

Respectfully, **Cynthia Allen**

### Board Meeting:

Wednesday, December 1, 2010, at the Farm Bureau Bldg, 5554 Clayton Road, Concord 94521 at 7:00 pm. All members are welcome to attend. This is a date change because of Thanksgiving.

## 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 newsletter is due to **Becky Styles** by noon Thursday, Dec. 2, 2010. 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.*

## Country Store

Yes, it is early to be thinking about us, but the Quilt Show will be here before we know it! As you are making holiday gifts for your friends and family this year, consider making an extra potholder or table runner or pin cushion to donate to the Country Store. This is a major fundraiser for our guild, and your special items can really make our store stand out as the "go to" corner for shoppers!

While you are sewing, take a look at your stash and pull out a couple of pieces of fabric for us, too. Or..... do you have a book on appliqué that you are no longer interested in reading? How about that quilt square that was left over after you made Aunt Sukey her quilt? It might make a great pillow for our show. Get those creative juices flowing this holiday season and make a little extra something for our store. (You can drop items off at the Farm House...there are bins in the back of the room just waiting for your gifts! OR, we are always happy to take things home from the meetings.)

Thanks from your 2011 Country Store Committee, and please help us get an early start on this fun fundraising adventure.

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## Patriotic Quilts

**"THANK YOU"** to our gracious and talented members for the following contributions; **Lupe Withers** for sewing a kit top together and **quilting/binding it**. Blocks were given by **Claire McIvor** (16), **Ellie Raia** (13), **Waunell Michels** (9), **Jackie Seidell** (8), **Ellen Heathcote** (3), **Shirley Wilson** (2), **Phyllis Nishimori**, **Susan Swindell**, **Carole Bibeau**, **Cindy Allen** (1 each) & **Sandy Mowrer** for a patriotic bag.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** In October we donated 6 more quilt tops to Quilts of Honor and one completed quilt to U.S. Marine Daniel "Levi" Crossley.

**FROM OUR "HEARTS" TO THEIRS;** We hope you enjoy using up some of your Valentine stash as you make the November "heart" block for a few courageous female soldiers serving our country.

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

## Patriotic Block November 2010



**SWEET HEART Block** If you receive your newsletter by snail mail, the instructions for this block are on the web page and at the Farmhouse.

## 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	<a href="http://www.stonemountainfabric.com">www.stonemountainfabric.com</a>	(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
Your California Fabric Connection	3445 Clayton Rd., Concord	(800) 479-7906

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

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