



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 20, Monday 7 p.m.

December 20, 2010 Holiday Social

Join us to stuff some bears, stitch them up and add pretty ribbons to holiday music. Maybe do some quilt tying, too. We'll have an ornament exchange for all that want to participate. Please bring some goodies to share; we'll have the liquid refreshment. Don't forget you can still donate to the CASA program to help provide some of the basics for those in the program.

January 18, 2011 Marcia Stein

It Helps to Have a Camera. Finding Photographic Subjects and Using Them in Your Quilts (remember this is a Tuesday night meeting)

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>

Tuesday, February 15, 2011 Merrill-Lee West

Divide and Conquer - the Quilters' Challenge (remember this is a Tuesday night meeting)

Merrill-Lee is a free-lance designer and teacher, who has been quilting, sewing, and teaching for over four decades. Formerly, she was a Home Economist for a national fabric chain. <http://merrill-lee-designs.com/>

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

Kathy Callahan & Rita Johnson—Co-Chairs

President's Message

The New Year is approaching quickly, it's a time to look back, reflect and then look forward with anticipation.

When I reflect on the last 6 months of guild activity, what strikes me most is the amount of charity work that has been done. As you read the rest of the newsletter you'll see specific numbers of what has been sent to various groups, organizations and individuals. You are a prolific, generous group. We will be sending our check to CASA this next week as part of our Holiday tradition to give to those in need. Guild member Sandy Burns provided information about the organization at the November meeting and will be key in seeing that our donation (\$359 collected from members and \$250 guild donation) is used in ways that benefit the children.

In the fall issue of Quilters' Newsletter highlights of the results of the 2010 Quilting in America survey was given. I found it interesting and decided to pass it on for those who may not have seen the information. "If you purchased in the neighborhood of 94.3 yards of fabric in the last year you're in line with the average dedicated quilter. Who's that, you ask? Well, she's smart (72% dedicated quilters attend college), she's savvy (she's quilted for 16 years or so), and she's about 62 years old. She's also got the pocket change required to pay for all that fabric – her annual household income runs close to \$91,000, which comes in handy now that the price of a good quality piece of quilting cotton averages \$9.46 per yard. If you don't have a calculator handy 94.3 yards of fabric at that price comes to \$892.08. Zowie!" More information about the survey can be found at www.quiltersvillage.com.

Wishing you all a safe, peaceful and joyful holiday! Good luck on getting all those holiday projects done too. See you in the New Year and at the December meeting.

Carole Bibeau, President

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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.

DATE	TOPIC	TEACHER
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

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.

Sunshine Report

We hope that **Marlena Wunder** is recovering well from recent surgery.

Esther Cullings passed away Nov. 14 in Sevierville, TN, at the age of 97. Esther was the president of our guild when it was established in 1973.

Sadly, we have lost another guild member. **Rosemary Raker** died Nov. 29. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to her husband, Bob, and to others in her family.

Myrna Rutkas, Chair
Sunshine

Board Meeting:

Wednesday, January 26, 2011, at the Farm Bureau Bldg, 5554 Clayton Road, Concord 94521 at 7:00 pm. All members are welcome to attend.

Quilts to Share

Wishing Everyone Happy Holidays!

We received a nice thank you from Jan Foley. Jan says " To the Guild of Quilters. Thank you so much for 83 beautiful pillowcases. Our residents at Willow Pass Health Care Center truly enjoy them. My Best, "

Teen Challenge received 4 pillowcases and 2 quilts, and Concord family Welfare/Provident Living received 20 pillowcases.

This month we gave 39 bears to C.A.S.A, 20 more pillowcases and 5 quilts. Thank you **Mary Ethel Jae** for these wonderful quilts. As Sandy Burns shared with us at our November meeting these quilts are deeply appreciated by each one of the children in the C/A/S/A program. I thank all those that gave to our holiday fund raiser.

First of December we made a donation to the Pleasant Hill Layette Center. Thank you **Lupe Withers**, for making 2 more adorable baby quilts. This brought our quilt donation to 10, along with 6 knit blankets and 6 knit caps made by **Fran Smith**. A bag of baby clothes were given from **Valleria Furtado**. Valleria also made 13 baby bibs. We will start signing out bib kits in January. It should be a quick and easy project. We will be donating to local nurseries and senior centers.

Thanks to the following for making 17 more pillowcases: **Carol Clark**, **Ellen Heathcote** (2), **Claire Mclvor** (5), **Julie Nakao** (3), **Diane Slattery**, **Susan Swindell** (3), and **Shirley Wilson** (2). Check the web for totals of pillowcases. December will end our 2010 Patchwork Challenge. Just this month we distributed **218 pillowcases throughout our county. HIGH FIVE!**

*Happy New Year
Respectfully Cynthia Allen*

Treasurer's Report—12/1/10

Wells Fargo Checking Account	
Beginning Balance	\$21,959.17
Deposits	105.00
Expenditures	(980.14)
Total Assets Oct. 27, 2010	\$21,084.03

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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 February newsletter is due to **Becky Styles** by noon Thursday, Jan. 28, 2011. 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.*

Country Store

Here we are again, putting a little bug in your ear....

As you are cleaning your quilt/guest room for those much anticipated visits from your relatives over the next month or so, please remember our Country Store! Too much fabric to hide under the bed? Too many books to stash in the bathroom vanity? Too many pincushions to fit in your guest's nightstand? Well....we can help you out! Bring these things to the December guild meeting and we will happily take them off your hands! Or, if you like, you can also bring items to the Farmhouse...just look for the big plastic bins in the rear of the room and leave them there.

Remember that you can also participate in the Country Store Experience by doing consignment sales. Make a few extra sachets or pillows or potholders while sewing for the holidays and plan to sell them at the store. The Guild will get a percentage, but you will also make some pocket change—a win-win deal, don't you think? In January, we will be starting sign-ups for consignment numbers....so give this some thought.

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

We had another productive month of your time and talent to honor our brave soldiers! Four tops will be delivered soon to Quilts of Honor and a completed quilt will be given to Blue Star Moms for local distribution.. This all happens because of YOU!

A special thank you goes to **Lupe Withers** who quilted another top for us as well as putting one together; **Sally Morris**, a top, back and binding; **Carole Bibeau**, 1 quilt top, **Susan Swindell** put together a top and **Bonnie Engel**, some fabric. BOM squares: **Valleria Furtado** (15), **Barb Fors** (9), **Claire McIvor** (8), **Fran McNamee** (6), **Ellen Heathcote**, **Cynthia Allen**, **Shirley Wilson** (2), **Phyllis Nishimori**, **Carole Bibeau**, **Dianne Slattery**, **Betty Simpson**, **Anna Clare**, **Anne Bergland** (1 each) .

We hope you enjoy making the cozy school house block for this month. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Warm Blessings for the New Year.

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

Block Exchange

This month two people gave patterns for blocks because we are skipping an exchange in December. **Chris Roloff** is having more tilty Christmas trees made using a paper-foundation pieced method. Also **Rosemary Neeley** is having the group make 9-patch blocks, using squares from packets of charm squares. At the November meeting **Florence Schnitzel** received flying geese made in red, white and blue.

Thanks, **Ann Gimbel**

Places to Go

January 15-16, 2011 Heart of the Valley Quilt & Textile Arts Show presented by Country Crossroads Quilters at Modesto Centre Plaza 10th & K Streets, Modesto, CA
Featured Quilters: Joyce Compton & Nancy Galloway.
INFO: www.countrycrossroadsquilters.com

January 17-23, 2011 Road to California Quilter's Conference, Ontario Convention Center, Ontario. Thur-Sat - 9:30-6, Sun 10-3:30 Featured Artist: John Flynn

February 26 - 27, 2011 San Francisco Quilters Guild presents the 14th SYMPHONY OF COLOR Quilt Show and Sale The Concourse Exhibition Center, San Francisco, CA
Featured Textile Artists – Janet Mednick – Author and Marcia Stein – Author For additional information: www.sfquiltersguild.org

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
Your California Fabric Connection	3445 Clayton Rd., Concord	(800) 479-7906

FARMHOUSE/CLASSROOM SCHEDULE 5554 Clayton Road, Concord, CA 94521

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

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