



The Weathervane

Guild of Quilters of Contra Costa County

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Centre Concord
5298 Clayton Road, Concord
(\$3 donation—nonmembers)
April 18, Monday 7 p.m.

April 18, 2011 Small Group Presentations featuring the Tuesday Quilt Buddies

At this meeting we will learn about small groups, what they are and have an introduction to the groups within our guild, a listing of some other small groups and have a presentation from an established small group that has some guild members. You see some of the things that can be done in a small group. We hope this will inspire you to join or form a small group of your own.

May 16, 2011 Roberta De Luz T-Shirt Quilts

Author of *Terrific Tees - I Can't Believe It's a T-Shirt Quilt!!* See t-shirt quilts that don't look like any other T-shirt quilt you have ever seen. Beautiful settings, pieced and appliquéd borders. Come be inspired to make your own.

June 20, 2011 Bobbi Finley Tile Quilts: Reinventing a Forgotten Form

Bobbi has been quilting since 1977. Bobbi will talk about and show us this distinctive genre of appliquéd quilts made with narrow lines of background fabric showing between the appliquéd pieces. The narrow lines resemble "grout" and the appliquéd pieces "tiles", therefore they are generally called tile quilts. She and Carol Gilham Jones co-authored a book *Tile Quilt Revival: Reinventing a Forgotten Form* [C&T Publishing]

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

Kathy Callahan & Rita Johnson—Co-Chairs

Board Meeting:

Wednesday, April 27, 2011, at the Farm Bureau Bldg, 5554 Clayton Road, Concord 94521 at 7:00 pm. All members are welcome to attend.

President's Message

The quilt show is behind us for another year. This year's show was a huge success. I haven't seen the actual numbers as yet, but I was there both days watching people enjoy the quilts on display and making purchases. It's a big undertaking and there are lots of members involved in an array of BIG and small ways, all important and appreciated. A special thanks to **Cynthia Allen** for stepping in as chair and taking overall responsibility for the show. Some 19 chaired committees with many workers made the show a success. It's like a well oiled machine and it is our major fundraiser. The proceeds from the show make possible most of the benefits of membership.

At our April meeting we will be voting on a budget presented to the membership. As we look to the guild new year, July 2011, we need to elect some new officers, prioritize our goals and look at our financials. Your voice is important, along with your willingness to participate. We plan to survey the membership to get feedback about how we're doing in meeting needs and giving direction for the future. Be thinking about your input.

Spring is here, the sun is shining and life is good.

See you soon ! **Carol Bibeau**

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Workshops

You can sign up at a meeting or send **Helen Anderson** an SASE with your check (\$15 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
April 16	Ribbon Embroidery	Joan Beall
May 21	Beginning Machine Quilting	Linda Elder
June 18	Stained Glass Sweatshirt Jacket	Chris Roloff

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

Nancy Engman, a member of our Guild, died February 28. We extend our prayers and sympathy to her husband, Dave Engman, and the rest of her family. There will be a memorial service for her on April 16 at Wildwood Acre, Lafayette.

Our sympathy to the family of Lida Petersen, a long time former member of our Guild, who died March 19.

Myrna Rutkas, Chair

Machine Repair

Bart Cabbage will be at the Farmhouse on Thursday, April 28, and Friday, April 29. His fee is \$65 for sewing machines and \$75 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.

Quilts to Share

What a fun night! Thank you for making my birthday so memorable.

We thank **Becky Styles** and anyone else that made arrangements for our new location. I know a lot of time and effort went into this task. Quilts to share appreciate all your support. (we're happy just to have a table :) We will try and come up with creative ways to display quilts and other items. Your quilts are WONDERFUL!

Carol and Catherine will be signing out quilt kits and will gladly accept your generous donations. We thank the following for their donation of quilts, pillowcases and bibs:

16 PILLOWCASES- **Anne Bergland (2) Ellen Heathcote (4) Claire McIvor (4) Alice Smith, Susan Swindell (3) Tammy Zanella (2)**
6 QUILTS - **Anna Clare, Carol Clark, Florence Schnitzel, Shirley Wilson and Lupe Withers (2)**
4 BIBS - **Bonnie Sherr (2) and Susan Swindell (2)**
We thank the following for their donations: **Pat Abernathy, Cynthia Wheeler, Rosa Mae Hawkes, and Valleria Furtado**

We received a nice thank you from Barbara Cotton, Coordinator for Pleasant Hill Layette Project.

"Dear quilters, Thank you for your continued support of our Layette Project! Your recent generous donation of clothes will help us provide lots of useful items for the needy ladies in our county,. Thank you again! Most Sincerely"

We wish everyone a Happy Spring and Happy Easter

Respectfully, **Cynthia Allen** and my wonderful helpers, **Carol and Catherine Smith**

Treasurer's Report—3/30/11

Wells Fargo Checking Account	
Beginning Balance	\$21,322.95
Deposits	1,275.00
Expenditures	<u>(\$8,631.23)</u>
Total Assets March 30, 2011	\$13,966.72

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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 May newsletter is due to **Becky Styles** by noon Thursday, April 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.

Slate of Officers

Slate of Nominees for the Guild's Executive Board for 2011/2012.

Serving their second year:

President: **Carole Bibeau**
1st Vice President: **Joan Beall**
2nd Vice President: **Katy Callahan** and **Rita Johnson**
Corresponding Secretary: **Barbara Shates**

Nominated to serve:

Treasurer: **Pearl Mahoney**
Recording Secretary: **Becky Styles**
Membership Secretary: **Terry McNally**

We will have elections for new officers at our May 2011 general meeting. The newly elected officers will assume their new duties effective with the July 2011 meeting.

Thank you to the Nominating Committee: **Myrna Rutkas, Mary Ann Johnson, Fran Allen and Carole Bibeau.** Chairperson **Audrey Macedo-Burman**

Lost and Found

Found: Black jacket left at March general meeting at Centre Concord. Contact Found: Black jacket left at March general meeting at Centre Concord. Contact **Bonnie Engel** 978-2138 978-2138

Country Store

To all of you who donated, brought consignment items and who helped to set up, fluff, calculate, bag, tear down, admire and shop from our Country Store, a HUGE THANKS! This was our most successful year ever. Watch next month for the figures, but you can all be very proud of earning a big chunk of \$\$ for our guild.

There were a modest amount of "leftovers", which may reappear at guild meetings over the next few months in the form of door prizes and silent auction events...so we are not quite done yet. And yes, we will be back for next year....so start now as you do your spring cleaning by setting aside your cast-off goodies for us.
Oh.....And a round of applause to all of the quilters, committee chairs and volunteers who made the quilt show a success. Without them, the country store couldn't have happened!

Your 2011 Country Store Committee: **Eileen Limberg, Fran McNamee, Phyllis Nishimori, Kathy Snyder,**

NCQC

The next NCQC meeting is April 20 starting at 10:30 AM at the Fairfield Community Center, 1000 Kentucky Street in Fairfield. The topic will be Tips for Marketing in the Quilting Environment. Any member of the guild is welcome to attend. Please contact me if you are interested in carpooling.

Kathy Callahan
NCQC Representative

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Viewers Choice Winners

Best of Show: #16 Fracture by **Rosa Mae Hawkes**

Machine Quilted

1st Place [Shared -too close to call]:
#70 Black & White Garden by **Susan Terry**
#16 Fracture by **Rosa Mae Hawkes**, quilted by
Sue McCarty
2nd Place #22 Trapunto by **Tammy Zanella**

Hand Quilted

1st Place #4 Ice Cream & Cookies by **Ranny Frank**
2nd Place #19 Midnight Star by **Beverly Spurs**
3rd Place #33 Whig Rose by **Cindy Greco**

Traditional

1st Place #24 Feathered Star by **Jackie Seidell**
2nd Place #35 Stars for a New Day by **Sally Morris**
3rd Place #95 Ryan's Quilt - Traditional meets Contemporary entered and quilted by **Kamala Alahan** Made by **Anita Mingham**

Appliqué

1st Place #25 Flower Garden by **Jackie Seidell**
2nd Place #32 Back to the Farm by **Cindy Greco**
3rd Place #5 Finished by **Susan Terry**

Artful/Contemporary

1st Place #119 Elegant Elephants by **Pam Smith**
2nd Place #148 Garden Delight by **S. Jane Powell**
3rd Place #2 Sakura by **Linda Pierce**

Wearable/Other

1st Place #65 Batik Jacket by **Louise Tanno**
2nd Place #153 Seminole Vest by **Patty Schroeder**

Patriotic Quilts

Your gift of giving continues! As you were all busy finishing up your quilts for our show, we appreciate the time you found to support the Patriotic Quilt Program. Thank you; **Kathy Rummel** for fabric. Completed blocks from; **Claire McIvor** (6), **Jackie Seidell** and **Waunell Michels** (3), **Anne Bergland** and **Jane Drummond-Mullarkey** (2) and **Linda Bingham** (1). And... THANK YOU **Lupe Withers** for quilting the latest heart quilt just in time for the show....We received so many compliments!

SHOW NEWS: The Patriotic corner was a complete success! Visitors completed 16 strip blocks and thanks to **Julia Rivera**, the Youth made 12 red, white and blue 9 patch blocks in the back room. Thank you, **Kathy Rummel** for 2 yards of fabric. As of this writing, **Audrey** has already designed a great top from these contributions. There was an enormous amount of interest and energy about this program, which we believe may have influenced several new members, welcome!

The April/May feature block pattern is included in this mailing and can also be found at our website www.contracostaquiltguild.org

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



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Fracture by Rosa Mae Hawkes
Best of Show



Flower Garden by Jackie Seidell
Appliqué 1st Place



Feathered Star by Jackie Seidell
Traditional 1st Place

PATRIOTIC BLOCK– April & May 2011



SPLIT 9 PATCH

Make with an assortment of reds, blues & white/creams

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

Cutting Instructions:

Dark Print

A: cut 3 @ 3 7/8" square
B: cut 2 @ 3 1/2 " square

Light

C: cut 3 @ 3 7/8" square

Medium

D: cut 1 @ 3 1/2" square

Make half square triangles;

*With right sides together, layer the A & C 3 7/8" squares together in pairs. With lighter square on top, make a diagonal line from corner to corner. 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 & snip dog ears. **Make 6 @ 3 1/2" triangle pieced squares***

Assemble 9 squares;

Using example below, sew blocks together to make 3 rows. Follow by sewing 3 rows together to complete block. Press. Unfinished size 9 1/2 "



We appreciate your contribution! Questions: call **Sandy Butner** 933-1086, **Audrey McInerney** or **Barb Shates**



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Quilts Needed

This morning I received an email from Naomi Ichikawa, Editor of Patchwork Quilt Tsushin Magazine. Naomi lives in Tokyo and her mother and brother survived the tsunami in Sendai.

Naomi asked me to please spread the word about the plea for comfort quilts. Here is Naomi's request:

"It is still bad situation now in Japan. We are still nervous about shaking and radiation, but no way to escape. I start to announce to the quilters to send us comfort quilts for the people who have suffered. I would like to do it to the world quilters. We will deliver the comfort quilts to the people who are very difficult situation. Could you please help to announce it to the quilters?"

We accept any size of quilts (baby to adult). new or used. The deadline would be the end of May or later. Send the quilts after the middle of April to: Naomi Ichikawa Patchwork Tsushin Co., Ltd 2-21-2, Yushima, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo, JAPAN zip: 113-0034

I will appreciate if you help me."

Naomi
If you want more information, contact **Cindy Allen**.

The **Young Women's** group is collecting the following items for hygiene kits to help replenish the depleted stocks of **Humanitarian Services**:

- unbreakable combs without sharp handles (two per hygiene kit)
- toothbrushes--must be sealed in packaging (four per hygiene kit)
- toothpaste--6-8 oz., no pumps
- bars of soap--3.5 to 5 oz. (2 per kit)
- hand towels--approx. 15" x 25") Dish towels and washcloths are not appropriate (two per kit)

We are in desperate need of more items. We hope to continue with this project for an untold length of time. If you can think of any businesses in the area that might be able to donate to the cause, please let us know. We will contact them.

Also, we are collecting quilts. Humanitarian Services continues to send quilts to Japan. Their inventory is almost gone. Sizes 72 x 90 and 90 x 90 are most needed, although crib quilts are also accepted.

Thank you to all who have already donated! If you wish to donate anything, contact **Cindy Allen**.

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

* means all are welcome

<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>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>	<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>
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