



The Weathervane

Guild of Quilters of Contra Costa County

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Centre Concord
5298 Clayton Road, Concord
(\$3 donation—nonmembers)
May 16, Monday 7 p.m.

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] which she will have with her.

July 18, 2011 Sew-In

Here's your change to work on patriotic quilts and quilts to share. More information to come.

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

Kathy Callahan & Rita Johnson—Co-Chairs

Board Meeting:

Wednesday, May 25, 2011, at the Farm Bureau Bldg, 5554 Clayton Road, Concord 94521 at 7:00 pm. All members are welcome to attend.

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President's Message

Finally, spring has sprung, the sun is shining and we hope it lasts for a few months. Quilt show committee members met following the quilt show and evaluated this year's event and began planning for the 2012 show. The planning begins immediately, first securing the space for next year, as the Centre Concord is a sought after space. This new space seems to be bringing us some new members who, for one thing, like the location. Forty-two people joined the guild at the quilt show and most live in the zip code area of the Centre. The April meeting had the largest attendance of the year so far. The program, provided by small groups who meet at the Farmhouse, and Tuesday buddies, was well received. It seems many became better informed about our space at the Farmhouse. The Board decided to host another open house at the Farmhouse for all members and it will likely occur early June. Watch for further information on that event.

The Board discussed surveying the membership about the guild's services and to seek input from the membership about their expectations. **Mary Ann Johnson** has agreed to chair this project Thank you, MaryAnn. Her first request is for volunteers willing to make phone calls to collect the information. If you are willing to be one of those volunteers, please let Mary Ann know, her number is (925) 779-1575.

Another item the Board discussed was the youth program. This is something the membership and Board identified as a worthy educational goal of the guild. The committee needs more members. Please contact **Julia Rivera** if you are willing to help with this project. They will be working on implementation of "Each One Teach One," a project you'll be hearing more about. **Ann Gimbel** is working with Girl Scout troops as part of this outreach and also needs some interested individuals to help out. Please let her know if you are interested and willing. There are a number of ways to become more involved.

Enjoy the sunshine and we'll see you in May.

Carol Bibeau, President

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
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

Our best wishes go to Julia Rivera; we hope she's feeling better following her injury.

Myrna Rutkas, Chair
Sunshine

Opportunity Quilt

For those who missed it, the Opportunity Quilt was won by Guild member, **Sandy Mowrer**.

Open House—June 4

Save the date, June 4, for an open house at the Farmhouse. This is for new and current members. We particularly encourage new members to attend. It will be from 10 am to 2 pm.

Quilts to Share

The Guild received a nice thank you card from Barbara Cotton, Coordinator of the Pleasant Hill Layette Project. They were very pleased with our donation of baby quilts, knit blankets, bibs, small bears, and large bags of useful baby clothing and other baby items.

We thank the following for all that you do to help the guild reach out to our community:

Quilts/blankets: Lupe Withers (2) Audrey McInerney

Pillow cases: Marilyn Finson (2) and Sandy Mowrer (3)

Bibs/Sm. Bears: Kathy Callahan (3 small bears), Betty Simpson (4 bibs) and Susan Swindell (4 bibs) Carol Smith for all her help with some finishing touches with bibs and bib kits.

Six wonderful Quilts are on their way to Japan.

We acknowledge the heartfelt support from

Barbara Fors and Myrna Rutkas.

We thank the following for their donation of fabric and scraps, **Rosa Mae Hawks, Audrey McInerney, and Kathy Rummel.**

With sincere appreciation, we thank you for your support

Respectfully,
Cynthia Allen and helpers Carol and Catherine Smith

Borges Ranch

Heritage Days are June 11 from 11 am to 4 pm at Borges Ranch in Walnut Creek. We need 1 or 2 volunteers to represent our Guild that day. Call **Bonnie Engel** after 5:30 pm at 978=2138 for more information.

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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 June newsletter is due to **Becky Styles** by noon Thursday, May 27, 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**

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Patriotic Quilts

The Patriotic Quilt program remains strong! Your HEART block quilts are really making a hit. We passed them on to Blue Star Mom's and Quilts of Honor. Blue Star Mom Mary O'Keefe will be delivering them soon to Veterans Hospital in Martinez. Recently Gail Belmont, Quilts of Honor, presented hearts to Elaine, a WWII Army Nurse in Stockton. (picture insert). Please take a minute to visit www.quiltsofhonor.worldpress.com to see the latest BLOG featuring our quilts and quilt show news.



May the grateful applause continue.

Tops; **Valleria Furtado 4 & Barb Fors 1**
Blocks; One each from **Beatre Dirske**, **Dianne Slatter**, **Carol Bibeau** and **Linda Elder**. **Valleria Furtado 31**, **Clair McIvor 12**, **Ellen Heathcote 3**, **Shirley Wilson 2**.
Pillow cases; **Valleria Furtado 2**, **Pam Rogers 1**.

A quilt center from **Fran McNamee**. And a big hug to **Lupe Withers'** husband for his donation of 12 yards of beautiful fabric from Queen B's in Antioch.

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

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



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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Places to Go and Things to See

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| May 7 | Sat. 10am-4pm | STITCHES OF GLORY
Presented by Pacific Flyway Quilters
Colusa County Courthouse
6 th & Market Streets, Colusa |
| May 15 | Sun. 10am-4pm | NILES Wildflower, Art, Garden & Quilt Show
Presented by Niles Main Street Association
Niles Blvd, Fremont
Quilts in Town Square |
| May 20 | Fri- 10am-7pm
Sat - 10am-4pm | QUILTS A' FLYIN'
3 rd Annual Judged Show
Presented by Nevada Quilt Guild
Fallon Convention Center
100 Campus Way, Fallon, Nevada |
| May 27-29 | Friday 6- 8pm
Sat - 10am-5pm
Sun - 10am-4pm | JOURNEY TO CALIFORNIA
Fort Bragg Quilt Show
Downtown Fort Bragg |
| June 4-5 | Sat. 10am-5pm
Sun 10am-4pm | WINE COUNTRY QUILTS
Presented by Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma Co.
Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Bldg
1351 Maple Ave, Santa Rosa |

Our Affiliates - Please patronize these members of our Guild

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Main Street Quilts	533 Main St., Martinez	(925) 372-3700
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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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