



The Weathervane

Guild of Quilters of Contra Costa County

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5298 Clayton Road, Concord
(\$3 donation—nonmembers)
August 15, Monday 7 p.m.**

August 15, 2011 Sherry Werum Mosaics and the Quilts They Inspire

Sherry and her husband love to travel. When they return from a trip, together they capture the history and depth of the country they visited in a quilt. Mark does the drafting and Sherry does the quilting. Sherry will give the lecture and Mark will add drafting tips and share a song on his mandolin.

September 19, 2011 Guild Members and their Completed UFOs

This will be the showcase of all those UFOs that members have committed to completing. We are looking forward to seeing all the completed projects be it 1 or many. See article in this newsletter for further details.

We'll be checking on your progress during August and early September to see who will win the prizes!

It was so much fun seeing what everyone completed last time and we are looking forward to lots of completed items in September.

October 17, 2011 Speaker to be announced

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

Kathy Callahan & Rita Johnson—Co-Chairs

Board Meeting:

Wednesday, August 24, 2011, at the Farm Bureau Bldg, 5554 Clayton Road, Concord 94521 at 7:00 pm. All members are welcome to attend.

President's Message

On July 12th I was honored as guild president to have my picture taken with Patricia Couden, Executive Director of the Contra Costa County History Center, under the "Peace Quilt" created in 1986 by a group of Guild members. The quilt is on display in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors in Martinez through December under arrangements made by Board President Gayle D. Ulkema with the CCC History Center.

The creators of this beautiful piece (peace) were **Karen Bray, Diana Mc Clun, Cordelia Bary, Claire Jarratt, Wendy McGrath, Virgene Mosier, Vonnie Read, Rosalee Sanders, Mary Helen Schwyn, Ethel Selberg, Pearl Treat and Marian Wohlfrom.** Some of the women are no longer with us but their legacy lives on.

The "Peace Quilt," approximately 6 feet square, has the county seal in the center and the cities and towns of Contra Costa embroidered on pieced blocks around the edges. Incorporated towns are represented in the inner circle and unincorporated towns on the outer border. It was completed by a group of women in 1986 by members of the CCC Guild of Quilters. It was to hang in the anteroom of the Board of Supervisors' meeting room. The intent was for each of the supervisors to have time with the quilt, with hopes it would bring a feeling of peace. Prior to being deeded to the Historical Society in 2000 it hung in the offices of Sunne McPeak. It is a treasured piece of work and one of many legacies quilters' leave for family, friends, and community. The Historical Society is hoping to interview some of the creators of the quilt so its history can be archived with the quilt. If you get a chance, try and view it at the Chambers or when it returns to the History Center.

The sew-in at the July meeting was a huge success in terms of work accomplished and visiting done. That evening has created memories and legacies that you'll read about in the newsletter. Thank you to all who participated. This guild does a tremendous amount of charity work. See you in August.

Carole Bibeau, President

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UFOs

This will be the showcase of all those UFOs that members have committed to completing. We are looking forward to seeing all the completed projects be it one or many. We hope you are keeping track of all your completed projects since I know some of them are being or have been donated. If you haven't signed up yet, it's not too late!

Remember you can also donate a completed project, package a project with instructions to donate for the Country Store for next year's show, donate orphan blocks to Quilts to Share or Patriotic Quilts.

There are contracts on the website [see speakers page and go to September], at the Farmhouse and at any of the meetings. Please make a commitment to finish one or more of those UFOs. Fill out and give us a copy of the contract. Keep a copy for yourself. On the reverse side of your copy, keep track of your finished projects and/or donated projects.

Kathy Callahan

Sunshine Report

We send best wishes for an early recovery to **Judith Seibold**, who broke her wrist.

If you know of a guild member who needs a note of cheer or sympathy, please call **Myrna Rutkas**, Sunshine Chair, at 682-9121.

NCQC

The NCQC Board was saddened to hear of the untimely passing of one of our teachers, Ellen Edith, on May 15th. Those of us who knew her, loved her and were inspired by her fun-loving creativity. She will be sadly missed.

Please join her friends and family in celebrating her life. <http://www.ellenedithcelebration.com/>

Diane Leighton, Director NCQC

Kathy Callahan/your Northern California Quilt Council Representative

Visit the NCQC website for all kinds of information: <http://www.ncqc.net>

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Quilts to Share

As we start another Guild year 2011 – 2012, I reflect back to when I first started to Chair this committee. There were so many things I didn't know then. Like how many beautiful and unique quilts would be donated. So much generosity! How many charitable and thoughtful members I would get to know and build lasting friendships. How many organizations throughout our county our guild has served during my twenty four years as a member in the guild. Twenty years with Quilts to Share. I've seen babies to our seniors appreciate your gifts. Your quilts bring comfort, warmth, and bright cheerful colors to a day that might be a little dreary. I've had the opportunities to see what quilting for others has meant to those with cancer and other illness, and their families, Katrina Victims and just lately those that have suffered in Japan and in the Midwest. I thank **Carol** and **Catherine Smith** for their help. Quilts to Share is a team effort and I truly thank all of you that have donated fabric and batting, and other supplies. Especially your quilts. They really do make a difference in the lives of those that receive.

Thanks to the following: Quilts: **Lucie Brown**, **Barbara Blackshere**, **Linda Elder** (2), **Julia Nakao** (4), **Genie Sharp**, and **Lupe Withers** (3) Also **Eyrlene Kammerer** for supplies and **Susan Swindell** for (6) pillowcases.

Last month was busy with our July Sew-in activities. If your name wasn't mentioned, we would very much like to acknowledge your donation please contact **Cynthia Allen** cynpin49@yahoo.com

Looking forward to another great year!

Respectfully

Cynthia Allen, and helpers **Carol** and **Catherine Smith**.

Miscellaneous Important Items

Thank you to **Reba Siero** for printing the July newsletter for mailing. The printer was on vacation and members would not have received the newsletter until right before the July meeting.

There is a folder at the Farmhouse with information about our Guild. Also Board minutes will be available at the sign in table at general meetings. Members can read the minutes there if they chose.

Patriotic Quilts

The July Sew-in was extremely successful. A full report was not submitted in time for publication but 6 quilt tops were made from featured blocks. The appliqué group made 12 blocks and the VA bag group turned out 34 bags. Good job, members!!

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 September newsletter is due to **Becky Styles** by noon Thursday, August 25, 2011. Send mail 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.*

Book Review

Threading the Needle by Marie Bostwick. Ms Bostwick donates a few of her books to quilt guilds since her novels are about quilters. This is the 4th book in the Cobbled Court series; however, you do not need to read the others before you read this one. Her 2 main characters are introduced in the prologue. Although I found the happenings in the prologue a bit of a stretch, I did enjoy the remainder of the book. Quilting, a quilt store and other members of the small town of New Bern enriched the story. This book is a quick, enjoyable read. I would be inclined to read some of the other books in this series. **Threading the Needle** will be available through our library once I get it to **Kathy Rummel**.

Kathy Callahan

Workshops

Our first workshop is a bold, bright quilt. It's foundation pieced on muslin and put together a bit like a puzzle. Color placement makes this quilt a stand out. We still have 2 openings left so if you're interested, contact me.

Workshops are \$15 each and are taught by our talented Guild members. Class size is limited to 10 so there is plenty of time for individual attention (not to mention you can't beat the price!).

Sept. 17- Medley of Colorful Blocks **Mary Ethel Jae**
Oct. 15 - Crazy quilt block/
Embellishments **Joan Beall**

I'm still working on the other workshops. Soooooo.....if you're interested in giving a workshop, or have questions, 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 (more fabric!).

Workshops are from 9 AM-1 PM at the 'FarmHouse,' 5554 Clayton Rd., just a few blocks from where we hold our Quilt Show. Workshop policies are posted in our membership directory, so please check them out.

Shari Wildschutte

Youth Education

The Each-One-Teach-One Program is up and running! The approach is a gentle and easy one! In the First Level the child does no sewing or rotary cutting! They just learn about the parts of a quilt, the tools we use, different types of fabric, etc. They'll watch you sew a block they have designed!

If you're interested in finding more out about it, please come to the Farmhouse on Monday, August 8 at 11:00 a.m. PLEASE R.S.V.P. **Julia Rivera** (925) 513-7707 or **Meredith Morrow** (925) 229-1692 if you are going to attend. If this isn't convenient for you, give us a call and we'll try to schedule a meeting at YOUR convenience!

If you **can't teach** right now, but know a child who is interested in learning in a one-on-one environment, let us know! We have extra teachers who can't wait to share the joy of quilting with them!

Julia Rivera, Chair

Sutter Breast Cancer Auction

Call For Quilts deadline is Sept. 1, 2011. Three beautiful quilts have been donated from this guild to date. They will be used in a Silent Auction in October to raise funds for cancer research. The quilts are on display at the Cancer Center in Sacramento. Everyone is welcome to go and spend some time viewing them.

Please consider donating a quilt for this very important cause. Too many of our own members have experienced the effects of cancer and we need to find a cure as quickly as possible.

Please let me know if you are planning on donating a quilt or postcard. Check out this website to see the 208 quilts that have been donated to date www.suttermedicalcenter.org/quiltauction mine is #121 and I think **Tammy Zanella's** is #113. **Beverly Spur's** quilt is on the way.

Cynthia Wheeler 925-754-1230.

FarmHouse Hostess

The guild is seeking a person to fill the important role as FarmHouse Hostess. **Glenna Valley** has done an extremely capable job for several years, lead us through the move from the School House. Thank you, **Glenna**, for all your good works and service. She has resigned her position as of the end of this month. Please contact **Carole Bibeau** if you are interested.

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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
Your California Fabric Connection	3445 Clayton Rd., Concord	(800) 479-7906
Wooden Gate Quilts	125 F Railroad Ave., Danville, CA, 94526-3835.	(925) 837-8458.

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

* means all are welcome

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>		



Picture of Peace Quilt with Jean Jurgenson seated in front of it. Story on page 1.

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