



The Weathervane

Guild of Quilters of Contra Costa County

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Centre Concord
5298 Clayton Road, Concord
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October 17, Monday 7 p.m.

October 17, 2011 Quilts to Share Sew-In

Help make quilt tops, tie completed quilts, make bibs and small bears for our Contra Costa community.

November 21, 2011 Meet Some of our Quilt Shops Owners

This is your chance to meet and hear from some of our associate members. Marby Bennett from Wooden Gate in Danville and Carolie Hensley from The Cotton Patch will be here to share with us information about their quilting ventures, how their shops came to be and something about what you will find at their shops. This is Cotton Patch's 33rd anniversary year! We may have another shop as well, stay tuned

December 19, 2011 Social Meeting

Come enjoy fellowship and treats with members in the holiday tradition.

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

Kathy Callahan & Rita Johnson—Co-Chairs

Board Meeting:

Wednesday, October 26, 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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Be sure to pick up your membership card and directory at the next general meeting. This will save the expense of mailing it to you.

President's Message

Small groups are going on their fall retreats and quilt shows seem aplenty. Our spectacular opportunity quilt was at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore for two days at Quilting in the Garden. The compliments were plentiful, accolades' bountiful. Lots of raffle tickets were sold, too. Diablo Valley Quilters had their annual quilt show the same weekend in Walnut Creek. Those who attended were very impressed. **Reba Siero** chaired the show and we know of her attention to detail. For those new members who may not be aware, the anticipated Pacific International Quilt Show is just around the corner; and seasoned members have already made plans to attend the event, whether it be class reservations or room reservations, since there is too much to see in a day. Check the guild website for specifics or other shows in the area under things to do.

A big thank you to all those who participated in the UFO challenge; you made for an interesting September program. Some awards were given but the biggest reward is having some of those projects completed so one can move on to new endeavors, quilt free.

We have a new chairperson for the Farmhouse, **Raynell Coleman**. Please make a correction in your directory: her phone number ends in 8 not 0. Thank you, Raynell, for assuming this responsibility.

A Board decision was made to designate holiday giving this year to Meals on Wheels. The guild will be donating \$250 and individual members may add to that as they choose. Debbie Flanders is preparing a donation box for those who want to make individual contributions and will have it at the sign in table for the next couple of meetings.

For our new members and others who made the request, **Reba** will be available at the October meeting at 8PM with patterns, directions and help with the weathervane block. This will give people time to do the block if they want to have it ready for their aprons for the quilt show.

See you at the sew in.

Carol Bibeau, President

Sunshine Report

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Eva Erb**, whose husband, **Ricardo**, died September 11. Ricardo was also a member of our guild.

Judie Moore is in a rehab facility and would appreciate cards from her quilting friends.

Best wishes for improved health are extended to the following guild members: **Mary Ann Johnson, Rosemary Neeley, Edie Rucker, Julia Rivera** and **Becca Rivera**.

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

Block Exchange

At the August meeting **Fran McNamee** received her blocks made out of equilateral triangles that she cut from patriotic fabric and gold diamond pieces. When put together, the triangles created a kaleidoscope effect. Also, **Phyllis Nishimori** received her house blocks made out of bright fabrics and a sock monkey fabric, cut so the monkey is looking out the door or the window. She designed 3 different houses using, EQ5 (I think that's the version she used). The "y" seam was a challenge, but finished blocks are very fun.

Lupe Withers gave the group a very easy block to make; a 4-patch with pre-cut striped fabric. The only challenge is to put the pieces together so the stripes form a diamond pattern.

We're taking sign-ups for both the Block Exchange Group 2011-2012 and a Round Robin group. Sign up at the meeting or contact me, **Ann Gimbel** at 284-7969 or gimbel.a.l@gmail.com.

Thanks, Ann

Machine Repair

Bart Cabbage will be at the Farmhouse on Thursday, November 3, and Friday, November 4. 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.

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Quilts to Share

We received a thank you from Barbara Cotton. Barbara is the director at the Pleasant Hill Center. She writes, "*Dear Quilters, Thank you all ever so much for your continued support of our program. We couldn't continue to pack such useful layettes without help like yours! Most Sincerely Barbara Cotton*" We will have another donation ready for the nursery thanks to the following: **Valleria Furtado** (baby clothes and stuffed animals) **LaVerne Packwood** (2 bibs) **Susan Swindell** (4 bibs) **anonymous** (4 bibs)
Total of 24 Pillowcases: Julia Nakao (5), **Shirley Wilson** (2), **Claire McIvor** (4), **Susan Swindell** (10) and **Alice Smith** (3) Then those of you who were at the meeting saw the cute child size pillowcases made by **Valleria Furtado** 32 in total. The talent and creativity from the members is amazing! It's like coming to a quilt show every month...

Seven Quilts were donated by the following: **Lupe Withers** (2), **Mary Ethel Jae** (4), and **Valleria Furtado**.

Donations of fabric, notions and other items have been thoughtfully donated by the following; **Bonnie Engel, Pam Dietz, Valleria Furtado** and **Eyrlene Kammerer**

OCTOBER'S PROGRAM! CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE... SO TAKE NOTES.....

Changes have been made for the October's program. You spoke up and we listened...:) Those that would like to work on bibs, please bring machines and notions. Kits will be available, and for those that have asked for bib patterns and haven't been able to print them from the website, copies will be handed out. Also for those that would like to sew quilt tops from our kits, you will need to bring machines and notions for this activity. Iron and ironing boards will be set up. We will have quilts ready for tying as you walk in. We will be using the "universal" stitch. If you are not sure what stitch this is, you can check on line, but we will show everyone at the meeting. Thread will be provided and we will have needles...if you have your own it would be helpful. I personally want to thank everyone that helped sew bear faces last month. We will have small bears ready to stuff and complete. Patterns for small bears are available on the website if you wish to work on the project ahead of the meeting.

Sooo to clarify what our projects will be at our October meeting:

- #1 Stuffing small bears, and small pillows
 - #2 making bibs
 - #3 sewing quilt kits
 - #4 tying quilts
- if time permits, sewing binding to finish quilts

Any questions about this program, please don't hesitate to call - **Cynthia Allen** 925-757-0256

Due to a conflict this time of year with speakers, we thank **Kathy Callahan** for the opportunity to complete some of our Quilts to Share kits, and also with the holidays fast approaching we thank everyone for your willingness to join us next month.

One more change; we will have a table set up for light refreshments and drinks will be provided and anyone wishing to bring a plate of goodies that would be wonderful. I thank everyone that contacted me about the October program. I'm looking forwards to a fun night, and hope to see many of you there.

Respectfully **Cynthia Allen**
Helpers, **Carol** and **Catherine Smith**

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 October newsletter is due to **Becky Styles** by noon Thursday, October 27, 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.*

Workshops

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!).

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 'Farm House,' 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

Newsletter Ads & Announcement Policy

The following policy was adopted by the board at the September meeting:

1. Newsletter ads or announcements are to be quilting related only
2. Members who submit ads for sale for personal profit will be subject to the fees charged for advertising.
3. Members who submit ads for a not-for-profit organization will have fees waived.

Fee schedule for newsletter ads will be as follows:

\$10.00 for business card size ad
\$15.00 - 1/6 page ad
\$30.00 - 1/3 page ad
\$45.00 - 1/2 page ad

EMAIL POLICY

1. The newsletter is to be the first option for communicating information with the membership.
2. Only members can request a special emailing
3. Personal sales will not be advertised through a special emailing.

Patriotic Quilts

September was another productive month, thanks to the diligence of our members! Five quilt tops were delivered to QUILTS OF HONOR, with another 4 ready to go to our Patriots in need.

Thank You for the many individual contributions this past month; A completed quilt by **Anne Worden**, two quilt tops from **Terry McNalley & Kathy Rummel**, and one (1) top from member blocks by **Valleria Furtado**. Blocks were received by; **Pat Abernathy (23)**, **Waunell Michels (22)**, **Florence Schnitzel (9)**, **Linda Guess (4)**, **Marlene Wunder (4)**, **Joan Manning (4)**, **Jackie Seidell (2)**, **Susan Swindell (2)**, **Shirley Wilson (2)**, **Lupe Withers (2)**. **Chris Lee (1)**, **Dianne Slattery (1)** and **Carole Bibeau (1)**.

Top made from July sew in

Ellen Heathcote appreciates your continued support for the **VA Hospital Bag project**. On September 24th she delivered 54 bags to the VA hospital in Martinez. A BIG smile J of THANKS to; **Ardith Mill-sap (12)**, **Jane Giulieri (8)**, **Waunell Michels (22)**, **Sonja Vaught (5)**, **Ellen Heathcote (3)** and **Barbara Blackshere (3)**.



If you are interested in joining Ellen on one of her delivery visits to the VA Hospital, please let her know. It has proven to be a very rewarding experience.

A new Patriotic quilt block will not be introduced until January 2012. So, between now and then we challenge members to make their personal favorite 12 ½ block (s) in red, white and blue. We look forward to making many scrappy quilts to finish out the year!

Your Patriotic Team; **B. Shates (932-8317)**, **S. Butner (933-1086)**, **A. McInerney**, **E. Heathcote (228-8193)**

Quilt Show March 31 & April 1, 2012

A list of committee chairs will be available at the October meeting and included in the next newsletter space permitting.

Be thinking about which committee you would like to help. Any questions, call **Cynthia Allen 925-757-0256**

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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
Stone Mountain & Daughter Fabrics	www.stonemountainfabric.com	(510) 845-6106
Wooden Gate Quilts	125 F Railroad Ave., Danville, CA, 94526-3835.	(925) 837-8458.

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

<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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