



# The Weathervane

Guild of Quilters of Contra Costa County

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5298 Clayton Road, Concord  
(\$3 donation—nonmembers)

**December 19, Monday 7 p.m.**

## **December 19, 2011 Social Meeting**

Come share the joy of the holidays, get to know some more of our members at the round tables. Holiday music will be playing. There are a number of small bears left for us to stuff for little ones. Please bring a treat to share. We'll provide something to drink. We thought it would be fun to do a quilting/sewing accessory exchange. Some small item that would be helpful to have for under \$5. Please wrap it for the exchange.

## **Tuesday, January 17, 2012 Aileyn Renli Ecob and Jean Renli Jurgenson** (remember this is a Tuesday night meeting)

These two sisters from a quilting family are former Guild members. What's it like to be from a quilting family. Come see and hear about their progression as quilters. They will bring quilts to share including their latest works.

## **Tuesday, February 21, 2012 Sandy Klop** "*The American Jane Story in Fabric*" (remember this is a Tuesday night meeting)

Sandy taught art in the Middle East. She loved the rich colors and patterns in the tiles and carpets there. On returning to the US, she began making pattern samples at a local quilt shop and taught classes. Since 2003 she has been designing fabric for Moda. She also has a line of patterns. <http://americanjane.com/index.php>

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

**Kathy Callahan & Rita Johnson—Co-Chairs**

## **President's Message**

This is the season for giving and that's exactly what happened at the November meeting. Our generous quilters not only make pillow cases, quilts, bibs, teddy bears, patriotic quilts and bags etc., a total of \$726 was donated for Meals on Wheels at the meeting. This is the holiday recipient of the Guild's charity gift this year. Donations will be collected at the December meeting and can be mailed to our Treasurer **Reba Seiro**, if you aren't able to attend the meeting and want to contribute. A donation from our Treasury will also be added to the total.

"In this season of giving, it's always a pleasure to reflect on the wealth of experiences added to our lives by quilting. The look on the face of someone receiving a brand new quilt, the singular comfort of snuggling under a much loved quilted throw, the peaceful feeling one gets when doing hand work, the creative thrills of designing quilts and playing with fabric, the fun and excitement of quilt classes and vacations, and the companionship camaraderie of guilds, bees and online quilting friends for all of this and so much more, we can thank our shared passion for quilting. Making quilts for others is an amazing act of giving, but quilting is also a powerful way of giving to ourselves." Couldn't have said this any better so I quoted the editor of McCall's Quilting.

Wishing you a very happy holiday season and hope you join us for socializing and fun at the December meeting. Enjoy the gift of quilting.

**Carole Bibeau**, President

### **Board Meeting:**

Wednesday, January 25, 2012, at the Farm Bureau Bldg, 5554 Clayton Road, Concord 94521 at 7:00 pm. All members are welcome to attend.

**Quilt Show March 31 & April 1, 2012**

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## Farmhouse/Classroom

All meetings and activities held in the classroom are open to the general membership.

In the case of paid workshops, only those registered can attend.

Please see the schedule in the newsletter for the times that the classroom is open.

If you have a special need to use the classroom, please check the calendar in the classroom or call me, **Raynell Coleman**, 925-798-7328, to make arrangements for the classroom to be opened.

## Welcome

Welcome to new members **Mona Trowbridge, Pat Miller, Nona Rukasis, Janet Wilson, and Marguerite Chatigny** who joined us in October and November.

## Workshops

### Saturday, Jan.21 Bindings Barbara Fors

Having trouble deciding how to bind your quilt? This class is sure to give you some great ideas. Barbara will demonstrate at least 3 binding methods and assist individual students with their special projects.

### Saturday, Feb.18 Back Basted Applique Kathy Callahan

This is a great workshop for those who think of Appliqué as too much trouble. Back basting makes accurate placement a breeze and no marking your background.

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**

## Quilts to Share

We would like to acknowledge the following for their November donations

**Bibs: Linda Hiatt (4), Ilka Mullarkey (2), Kathy Schmitz (4), Dianne Slattery (4), and Susan Swindell (4)**

**Pillowcases: Carol Clark, Valleria Furtado (30), Christine Gibson (6), Claire McIvor (7), Waunell Michels (2), Dianne Slattery (3), Alice Smith (2), and Susan Swindell (3)**

**Quilts: Carol Clark, Claire McIvor (2), Ilka Mullarkey**  
**Baby quilts: Florence Schnitzel, Genie Sharp, and Lupe Withers (3)**

Linda Waxman, director of the Contra Costa Hospital, in Martinez received (105) crochet caps and booties, baby quilts, bibs, and small bears. She was very grateful for our generous donations.

I thank **Kathy Rummel** for suggesting a charity to which we could donate our pillowcases and quilts. Friends of Oakley which provide pillowcases to Seniors and packages for the high school age children (their registered families) received 104 pillowcases, 4 quilts, books, tapes, and a few toys. These packages reflect the messages and values of Rachel's Challenge. They also provide a travel pillow with the message "Dare to Dream."

Thank you **Bonnie Engel** for the donation of fabric.

On behalf of the Guild, we sincerely thank all of you!

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

## NCQC Corner = Northern California Quilt Council

The next meeting will be January 18, 2012, at 10:30 am at the San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles. NCQC is planning an outing there with a special guided tour by the curator. The meeting is open to all Guild members at no charge. [Our guild is a member of NCQC] This would be a great opportunity to visit the museum.

**Kathy Callahan**, your Northern California Quilt Council Representative

*Be sure to pick up your membership card and directory at the next general meeting. This will save the*

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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, January 26, 2012. Send mail to [stylesbecky@yahoo.com](mailto: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.*

**No newsletter in January.**

## Country Store

Well.....decorations may be up, shopping has begun and Santa is ringing his bell at Kmart....but some of us are starting to think of spring and our 2012 QUILT SHOW!

Your country store committee is already beginning to collect donations. Are your fabric drawers too full? Did you make too many pin cushions for gifts? Did aunt martha clean out her stash and give you too many yards of baby flannel? What about the bunch of quilt squares that sister Sophie just can't set together? Or the plastic bobbin box that won't fit in your new sewing machine cabinet? Tired of applique and need to get rid of the books? Ribbons and embellishments that don't fit your style anymore? need to deal with your button hoarding issues?

WE CAN HELP YOU! Just bring your donations to the next meeting OR drop them off at the farmhouse (there are bins in the back corner of the room) OR give Kathy or Phyllis a call or email. The sooner we start prepping your donations for the store, the happier we will be. Thanks!

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Eileen Limberg (685-3791) [emlimberg@yahoo.com](mailto:emlimberg@yahoo.com)

## Volunteers Needed

We need 4 members to display and sell Opportunity Quilt tickets.

Two people on January 5 at Carquinez Strait Stitchers, Benecia 6:30PM

Two people on January 18 Diablo Valley Quilters, Danville 6:30PM

Contact **Kathy Kluever** 256-7907

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## Patriotic Quilts

Your Patriotic Team is so grateful for **every stitch** of time, stash & talent you have donated to honor the women and men serving to protect our precious freedom. 2011 accomplishments include over 50 quilts/tops and a new relationship with the Martinez Veteran's Hospital (thanks to Ellen Heathcote).

*"Dear Members,*

*On behalf of the Veterans and staff at the VA Northern California Health Care System, I want to extend our thanks for your thoughtfulness demonstrated through your donations of wheel chair bags, foley bags, pillow cases and quilts. The kindness, time and talent you shared contribute to the quality of care we want to provide our Veterans. These items are very useful and greatly appreciated. It is community members like you who remember our Veterans and take the time to make good things happen by allowing us to achieve a higher level of care and comfort for our patients.*

*Sincerely, Maria Almes, Chief of Voluntary Services, Department of Veterans Affairs"*



**November donations include:** A quilt top from **Anna Worden** and tops from member blocks by **Valleria Furtado & Audrey McInerney**. Completed quilts by **Lupe Withers** and **Mary Morrow**/youth group. Block contributions by **Valleria**

**Furtado (4), Dianne Slattery (1), MaryAnn Hruska (1), Jackie Seidell (1), Catherine Crowell (1), Joan Manning (1).** VA Hospital Bags; **Waunell Michels (21), Ardith Plamback (9), Sandy Mowrer (1), Becky Styles (1),** Anonymous (2). Pillow cases; **Ellen Heathcote (6), Penny Gustafson (2), Karen Morones (2).**

Quilt top made from blocks donated by **Claire Mclvor** and assembled by **Audrey McInerney**

Please check out the first 2012 block pattern attached.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your Patriotic Team;

**Barb Shates**, (932-8317),  
**Sandy Butner** (933-1086), **Audrey McInerney**  
and **Ellen Heathcote** (228-8193)

## 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	<a href="http://www.stonemountainfabric.com">www.stonemountainfabric.com</a>	(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

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