

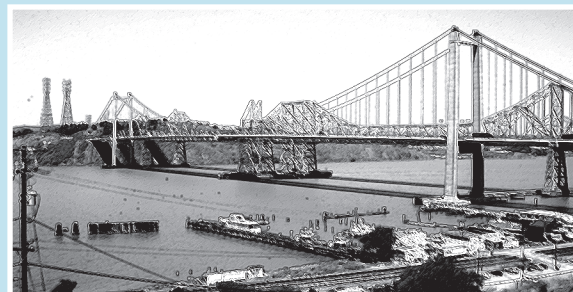
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ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE CROCKETT COMMUNITY, NOW AND FOR GENERATIONS TO COME



Community Focus - The Quilters of Crockett Create and Donate



Above: Sandy Dauer works on a child-sized quilt to sell at this year's bazaar. (Photo credit: Erin Mullen-Brosnan.) Right: Quilters hold up this year's 1st prize raffle item, the "Burgoyne Surrounded" quilt. (Photo credit: Dan Robertson.)

By Erin Mullen-Brosnan, CCF Vice President

Quilting with a Purpose - Every Thursday in the Multipurpose Room of the Crockett Community Center, a group of women meet from 1-4 PM and sew, chat and drink tea companionably together. This gathering is an oasis of peace in a chaotic week, where longtime friends can relax and be themselves while they create beautiful handcrafted objects. The unique thing about this particular group - the Quilters of Crockett - is that their main purpose is to make money and then put it back into the community by donating to various organizations around town. The group has given away \$2,555 thus far in 2009, with one more event planned. Around \$3,200 is donated throughout the community each year. "People are amazed at how much we are able to do, for such a small group," asserts member Linda Bell proudly.

Upcoming Benefit Event - All year long, the ladies are working to stockpile items to sell at the Christmas Bazaar, held the first Saturday of December in the Multipurpose Room. This bazaar has replaced the Quilters' past main fundraising event, selling raffle tickets at the now-defunct Festival on the Straits. The raffle prizes are wonderful - both 1st and 2nd prizes are quilts made by the ladies of the Quilters of Crockett. This year 1st prize is a queen-sized quilt with blue printed squares against a white background; the pattern is called "Burgoyne Surrounded," referring to General Burgoyne of the Revolutionary War. Second prize is colorful and fun, a child-sized quilt called "Star Quilt." Raffle tickets

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Message from the President

October is here and I say *Prost* to our fine community! The Crockett Community Foundation is your organization for bringing cheer to town. I'd personally like to thank Ron Wilson of the Crockett Recreation Department, whose tireless efforts make Crockett a better place by bringing music concerts and movies to the park, BBQ lunches on the Fourth of July, Oktoberfest dinners, and for running the finest swimming pool in the area! Thanks to Ron for making Crockett a fun place to live and giving so much of your time!

This fall, the CCF is completing negotiations for a new agreement with our parent company, the East Bay Community Foundation, which will better serve Crockett and its neighbors by lowering our fee structure, improving communication procedures and gaining financial investing assistance to assure we have funding well into the future. Many board members have worked hard to draft and revise our terms to benefit all parties, and I thank them for this. The building improvements at the foundation office at 444 Loring Avenue are still going through the long county permit process. The plans call for a new parking area with ADA entryway into the building via a deck, and the construction of a street curb and gutter to channel rainwater to proper storm drains instead of eroding the hillside area. This is a big project that would improve the neighborhood and allow all people to access the building for funding research and grant assistance. I'm not sure when the project will be completed, due to budget constraints and the will of the board to proceed with such a large venture, but I hope it happens soon because it will be an important asset to our town. Preliminary plans are available for viewing at the Crockett Library and at 444 Loring Ave.

Our annual donor appreciation event was a huge success, and I want to thank all the volunteers who turned the community center into a tropical paradise that afternoon. Aloha to all who attended and enjoyed authentic island music, great food and drinks, and watched me try to learn hula moves to the song "Tiny Bubbles." It was a splendid afternoon, and it was great to meet all the new members who joined that day. Next year the foundation will be seeking qualified candidates to serve on the board and help shape our community's future. It is a great opportunity to serve your town, meet fun folks, and give your time for the greater good. I have learned so much during my three years serving as a board member and the experience has enriched my life, leading me to new goals, and giving me a profound sense of pride and accomplishment. I strongly encourage anyone interested in becoming a board member to apply and get involved.

Please join us the first Thursday of the month for our regular board meetings at the Crockett Community Center, 850 Pomona Street at 7 pm in the multipurpose room. Our website has lots of information, grant application forms, the community calendar and a new photo gallery. Please subscribe to our member list to get all the latest news at www.crockettcommunityfoundation.org, or contact us at info@crockettcommunityfoundation.org or staff@crockettcommunityfoundation.org.

Cheers,

Chris Goehe
President, Crockett Community Foundation

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Organizations supported by the Crockett Community Foundation have held many successful festivals, concerts, dinners and other events in 2009. In August, the Crockett Chamber of Commerce held the Sugartown Festival, where several well-known local musical acts such as the Zydeco Flames (right) entertained the crowd on a beautiful afternoon. (Photo credit: Karen Peterson.)



CCF Board Approves Grants for New Community Projects

The Crockett Community Foundation funded the following projects since the last issue of *CCF News*:

April 2009 - A microgrant was awarded to the **Crockett Museum and Historical Society** in the amount of \$1,028 to fund the annual Memorial Day celebration. The **Crockett Recreation Department** received a microgrant in the amount of \$1,500 for a laptop computer. The **Crockett Boy Scouts Troop 171-173** received a fundraising assistance grant in the amount of \$1,000 as a match to \$1,058.56 raised during their pancake breakfast.

May 2009 - A microgrant in the amount of \$1,250 was awarded to **Senior Outreach Services** for support of programs at the CC Cafe. The **Crockett Recreation Department** was awarded a microgrant in the amount of \$1,500 for CAMP Crockett. The **Crockett Girl Scouts** received a fundraising assistance grant in the amount of \$677.04 to match \$677.04 raised during their cookie sales. The **Crockett Community Services District** received a grant in the amount of \$1,000 to match a grant from Conoco-Phillips in the amount of \$1,000 for the Port Costa sewer project.

June 2009 - A microgrant in the amount of \$1,500 was awarded to the **Crockett Community Services District** to provide handrails for fencing on Starr Street. The **Crockett Women's Association** received a fundraising assistance grant in the amount of \$621.71 to match funds raised during their Pampered Chef sales event. The **Carquinez Women's Club** were awarded a fundraising assistance grant in the amount of \$1,000 to match \$1,000.64 raised during their Silent Tea event. The **Carquinez Model Railroad Society** received a fundraising assistance grant in the amount of \$954 to match funds raised for their railroad show during the Town Wide Yard Sale. The **Crockett Recreation Department** received a grant in the amount of \$10,477.48 for community entertainment events throughout the summer. The

Crockett Chamber of Commerce received a grant in the amount of \$10,000 to support the Sugartown Festival. The **Crockett-Carquinez Fire Department** received a grant in the amount of \$9,700 toward the purchase of portable radios. The fire department also received a grant in the amount of \$9,000 toward the purchase of a brush engine.

August 2009 - The **John Swett Education Foundation** received a microgrant in the amount of \$1,500 in support of the Get Lucky Prom. The **Crockett Lions Club** received a fundraising assistance grant in the amount of \$1,000 to match \$1,856 raised during their pasta dinner. The **John Swett Class of 2013** received a fundraising assistance grant in the amount of \$1,000 to match \$1,729.52 raised during their promotion dance. CREEC received a fundraising assistance grant in the amount of \$1,000 to match \$1,106.96 raised during their Spring Plant Sale. The **Crockett Boy Scouts Troops 171-173** received a fundraising assistance grant in the amount of \$1,000 to match \$5,636.88 raised during their Fish Fry. The **Crockett Swim Team** received a fundraising assistance grant in the amount of \$1,000 to match \$1,570 raised during their Pizza Card Sales fundraiser. The **John Swett Athletic Boosters** received a fundraising assistance grant in the amount of \$1,000 to match \$1,252.42 raised during their Dinner Dance. The **Crockett Improvement Association on behalf of ROCK** received a grant in the amount of \$75,000 for the Downtown Upgrade project.

September 2009 - CREEC received a fundraising assistance grant in the amount of \$1,000 to match \$1,178.82 raised during their Summer Plant Sale.

October 2009 - The **Crockett Swim Team** received a fundraising assistance grant in the amount of \$1,000 to match \$1,195.76 raised during their Swim-a-thon. The **Port Costa Conservation Society** received a fundraising assistance grant in the amount of \$1,000 to match \$4,502.86 raised during their Car Show.

Community Focus - Quilters of Crockett (Continued from front page)

(\$1 each or six for \$5) are available from any of the members or at the J&L Grocery.

CCF Supports the Quilters / Quilters Support the Community - The Quilters donate to many organizations throughout the Crockett area, including the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, John Swett Band, John Swett Athletic Department, John Swett Education Foundation, Crockett Recreation Association, four Fifth Grade classes at Rodeo Hills, and in support of the Community Center's Easter, Halloween and Christmas parties. The group takes the Meals on Wheels volunteers to lunch every year. The Quilters also bought a new coffee pot and artificial Christmas tree for the CC Café, and each year they provide the funding for Senior Bingo for one whole day - free lunch for participants and a \$300 bingo prize. One more event is planned before the end of the year to benefit seniors, but it is still to be determined.

The Crockett Community Foundation has matched funds for the last 11 years, for a total of an additional \$11,000 poured into the community. Applying for these funds takes time and organization, and really maximizes the hard work of these women and increases the benefit to our community.

Meet the Quilters - Members of the Quilters of Crockett include Linda Bell, Judy Butt, Barbara Caldwell, Sandy Dauer, Sis DiSangro, Inez "Enie" Foley, Susan Martin, Helen Peterson, Geri Rose, Jonan

Schwafel, Linda Schwafel, Kathleen Thomas, and Pat Vargen. On the day of my visit, about half the group was present. Kathleen Thomas, an eight year member of the group representing scenic Port Costa, was working on a children's quilt (a "tumbling nine patch" pattern) and a Christmas tree skirt to be sold at the Christmas Bazaar. Inez Foley, an 11 year member, is working today with Susan Martin (a three year member) on the 2nd prize for the raffle - the child-sized "Star Quilt." Sandy Dauer joined nine months ago. She lives in Rodeo and "has been sewing forever." Today her sewing machine flies across a colorful baby quilt she is making for the bazaar.

After graciously answering my questions and allowing me and my children to admire the quilts in progress, the ladies invite us to stay for tea. Everyone stops their handiwork and sits together at the table as the tea steeps and cookies are passed around. As my four-year old is queried about preschool and she eagerly answers, it occurs to me that the community-building these women undertake is not only financial but social, and I am even more grateful to them.

Got Quilting Skills? Anyone is invited to join in on the fun each Thursday at 1pm in the Crockett Community Center Multipurpose Room. The gathering is not necessarily an opportunity to learn *how* to quilt, but more of a chance to socialize and sew - with a purpose. For more information call Pat Vargen (787-1382) or Geri Rose (787-2782).

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Stay up-to-date by receiving CCF emails! We send out periodic reminders of board meetings, important deadlines, community events, etc. Please email staff@crockettcommunityfoundation.org to sign up.

Left: Local residents enjoy a free concert by the California Beach Boys at the Crockett Community Center Gazebo. The concert was one of a series of CCF- sponsored events produced by the Crockett Recreation Department. (Photo credit: Karen Peterson.)