



Acacia Quilt Guild of Orange County

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's the time of year where we celebrate the legendary Acacia Holiday Potluck Party. Members are invited to bring a family member or friend to the party! As it has become a tradition, Hostess tables will be decorated by various themes and it is always fun to walk around to view the results. Along with our family and friends, we also welcome Thomas House to join us in our festivities. We have prepared Christmas stockings and quilts for Thomas House. Thank you to those who provided donations to help make the stockings a gift the children will truly enjoyed. We are also collecting donations of baked goods for the Senior Center staff. These are for the young people who help us with our meetings and workshops. Please consider providing home-made or purchased smaller items we can put into small bags for distribution to the staff.

New Year 2026 will bring us lots of excitement. The United States will celebrate its Semiquincentennial birthday. I'm sure we will make and share many patriotic quilts and crafts. Most importantly Acacia Quilt Guild will be hosting our Tea & Quilt Auction in April. Thank you to everyone in advance for your generosity and assistance with donation of quilts, raffle baskets, decorations, hosting table, etc. As you know this is Acacia's main fundraiser which allows us to continue our mission of philanthropy and quilting education.



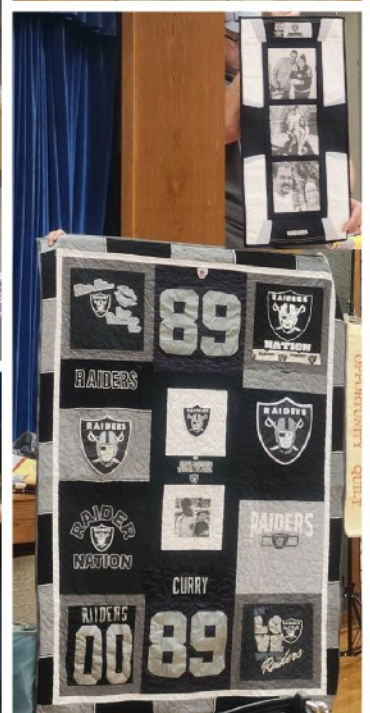
Wishing everyone a very Happy Holiday Season and a Happy 2026 New Year!

Isabel

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING



TINA HAWBAKER TRUNK SHOW



PHILANTHROPY

BY PHYLLIS VICTOR (CO-CHAIR)

Sonia is out of the country until the Stocking Stuffing on November 29th, so any questions regarding Philanthropy should be directed to Phyllis Victor, Phyllis Campbell or Susan Wei.

Last month Acacia agreed to make 36 placemats for Meals on Wheels. We exceeded that goal and donated 50. The placemats were such a success that one of the recipients of a placemat requested 6 matching placemats for Christmas. She will be donating \$10 to Acacia for the placemats, which have now been completed. They can also be used for Thanksgiving since the back is in fall colors.



Stockings for the children at Thomas House are our next big event. Thomas House has now submitted the list of 46 children living there, with ages and sex. (There are 4 babies this year.) The stockings have already been labeled with the age and sex of each stocking with a pillowcase in the bottom of each one. Money was donated for the items to put in the stockings and Sonia has been shopping! (Sonia likes to shop for cute things, so that was the easy part.)

On November 29th any member interested in helping to “stuff” the stockings with goodies is welcome to join us at Phyllis Victor’s house a 10:00am to finish making them ready to present to Thomas House at our December general meeting. In the past, we have included gift cards in the stockings of the older children, but we have learned that many of the gift cards were to places that were not close enough to be used. This year the envelopes will simply have money in them.

After organizing the stockings going to Thomas House, there are 38 stockings currently left. If there is another group that can use them, ideas are welcome.

The next focus for Philanthropy, after Christmas, is the April donation of quilts to the San Carlos Indian Reservation. In addition to quilts we will be sending simple teddy bears, made with some of the fleece (or possibly the fake fur) we have in the storage unit. We will be scheduling a Philanthropy

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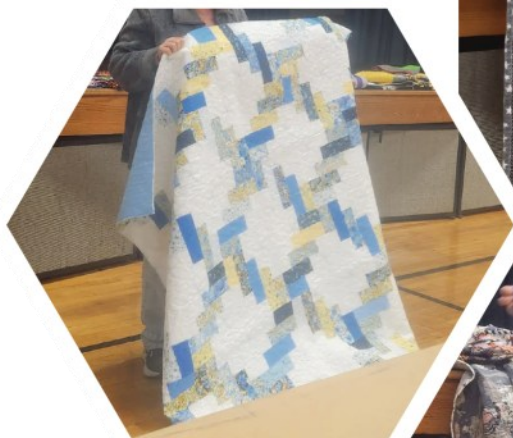
sew day to make teddy bears sometime in January or February. The pattern and fabric will be provided; it could be a fun event!

Phyl's Place, the monthly Philanthropy committee meeting, does not usually meet in December but this year we are making an exception. We still have donated fabric that has not been sorted, so on December 30th we will be sorting the last(?) of the donation received in October. Everyone is welcome, so if you need a backing for that quilt top you finished last June or a particular shade of green to go with the lighter shade you have, come and help. You might find something you need. Merry Christmas! See you at the Potluck.

SHOW AND TELL



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SUMMARY OF BOARD MINUTES

For November 18, 2025

BY FARZANA MOLVI

Approval of Previous Board Minutes from October 16, 2025—Approved

NEW BUSINESS

RE INVENTORY PICASSO Shari was to re inventory Picasso cabinets

DONATED MACHINE TO STEVE Motion to have Brother machine serviced

OLD BUSINESS

HOLIDAY POTLUCK Isabel to organize the hospitality closet & do inventory

GUILD T-SHIRT SCREEN PRINT In progress

UPDATE ON QUILT MACHINE Tin Lizzie—Helene Born & Phyllis Victor— ready for use

OPPORTUNITY QUILT COMMITTEE For 2026-2027—Shar has the pattern — sewing will begin at February Sew Day & Philanthropy

TEA & QUILT AUCTION 2026 Mary Jo & Shar— New dates;
1. 3/27—all quilts to be submitted to Mary Jo
2. 4/17—Basket assembly at Veteran's Hall
3. 4/24—Hostess table set up 1:00-4:00pm
4. 4/25—Tea 8:00-3:30pm. Cleanup must be done by 4:00pm

CANDY CANELAND FAIR December 13, 2025—Shar and Phyllis C—members donating items as they are completed

Email blast for more items will be sent

NEW MEMBER CELEBRATION Skip for now

OFFICER REPORTS

1st Vice President;	Shari—none
2nd Vice President;	Amy—Lyn Brown Trunk Show—fabric sale by weight
Treasurer;	Helene—none
Philanthropy;	Sonia— 1. Meals on Wheels requested more placemats

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BY FARZANA MOLVI

	2. Stocking stuffing November 29
	3. Phyl’s Place—December 30
Ways & Means;	Shar & Phyllis C—Possible fundraiser after tea
Membership;	Mary Jo & Cheryl—52 members
Newsletter;	Carol—All articles to newsletter are due November 22, 2025

NEXT BOARD MEETING

In person with date to be decided—on December 18 or 20, 2025.
Voluntary \$20 gift exchange.

RUNNING DOE TOP-A-LONG

OCTOBER'S TOP



FLUTTERBY



CALENDAR (Refer to email blasts and website for latest details.)

DECEMBER 2025

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
4	6:30 pm	General Meeting	Ehlers Event Center, Legacy Hall
6	9:00 am	Workshop	Ehlers Event Center, Picasso Room
12	10:00 am	SubQ Art Quilters	Ehlers Event Center, Picasso Room
13	10:00 am	Candy Caneland & Craft Faire	Ehlers Event Center,
18	6:30 pm	Board Meeting	TBD
30	10:00 am	Phyl's Place	Member Home

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/01 Kim Read
 12/03 Judy Heard
 12/09 Farzana Molvi
 12/10 Mary Kay O'Neill
 12/24 Cheryl Fujii



JANUARY 2026

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8	6:30 pm	General Meeting	Ehlers Event Center, Lagacy Hall
9	10:00 am	SubQ Art Quilters	Ehlers Event Center, Picasso Room
10	9:00 am	Philanthropy Sew	Ehlers Event Center, Picasso Room
15	6:30 pm	Board Meeting	Zoom (3rd Thursday)
17	9:00 am	Philanthropy Sew Day	Ehlers Event Center, Picasso Room
21-24		Road to California Quilt Show	Ontario Convention Center
25	10:00 am	Phyl's Place	Member Home

SISTER GUILD HAPPENINGS

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF QUILT GUILDS (SCCQG)



Next SCCQG Quarterly meeting – October 11, 2025 –
Update on Websites

More detailed information can be found <http://www.sccqg.org/program-notes.htm>. The meeting topic in July will touch on some of the subjects in the January meeting *Money Matters for Quilt Guilds* pro-

gram that we did not fully explore. Our featured speaker will be Fred Duenas, CPA and formerly of the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, to chat about Sales Tax. Raffle registration and more will also be discussed. Do you have questions about sales tax or other areas related to Money Matters for the guild? Send them to Program Chair, Liz Pickering, at programchair@sccqg.org by June 27.

SCCQG DISASTER FUND

Disaster Fund grant checks have gone out to the six affected guilds: Santa Monica Quilt Guild, Westside Quilt Guild, Glendale Quilt Guild, Wandering Foot Quilt Guild and Camarillo Quilters Association. The guilds will help their affected members replace some of their sewing supplies and tools.

EATON, PALISADES, AND MOUNTAIN FIRE VICTIMS

Call for Quilts and Pillowcases for Kids

The Camarillo Quilt Guild team has held their final distribution for quilts for the Mountain Fire Survivors. In the meantime, quilts are currently being distributed to the survivors of the Palisades and Eaton fires. While we received a lot of quilts at Road to California, and many more since then, they have been distributed, and we need more!

We are requesting new quilts, lap size and bed size, which will be distributed at recovery events in the Palisades and Eaton areas. We're also collecting **Pillowcases for Kids** to distribute to the children who attended schools that were destroyed.

Please email us at sccqgfire@sccqg.org, if you have quilts or pillowcases to donate. We will work with you to help shuttle them to the correct location or provide a shipping address. We have some storage capability in the South Bay, Santa Monica, and Glendale areas. In addition, the Simi Valley Quilt Guild is also providing storage space. However, currently, the quilts seem to find new homes on a regular basis through what we're calling the "everyone knows someone who knows someone that was affected network." Thus, storage hasn't been a big problem.

Several of our Southern California quilt shops have offered to serve as "drop off" locations for your quilt and pillowcase donations. See the list below. We will update the list of shops as others agree to participate. Please spread the word to your membership.

- **Cotton and Chocolate**, 380 Thousand Oaks Blvd., Thousand Oaks, CA 91360 - 805-371-3042
- **Orange Quilt Bee**, 628 E. Katella Avenue, Orange, CA 92867 - 714-639-3245
- **AAA Sewing and Fabric**, 3873 Pacific Coast Highway, Torrance, CA 90503 - 310-257-1744
- **The Sew'n'Sew**, 160 N. Glendora Avenue E, Glendora, CA 91741 - 626-852-2223
- **Sewing Arts**, 2306 Corinth Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90064 - 310-450-4300
- **The Fabric Shoppe**, 642 Las Posas Road, Camarillo, CA 93010 - 805-383-7183
- **Fabric Town**, 2686 E. Main St., Ventura, CA 93003 - 805-643-3434
- **Superbuzzy**, 1794 E Main St., Ventura, CA 93001 - 805-643-4143
- **Quilt Passions**, 27001 La Paz Rd, Suite #116, Mission Viejo, CA 92691 - 949-934-1199

Quilts and pillowcases can also be shipped, but please contact us first at sccqgfire@sccqg.org so we can provide a shipping address to you.

SISTER GUILD HAPPENINGS

QUILTERS BY THE SEA

PROGRAMS-

<https://quiltersbythesea.com/programs/>

WORKSHOPS -

<https://quiltersbythesea.com/workshops/>



Remember—Since QBS is our sister Guild, you can go to their Programs for free and attend their Workshops for the same fee QBS Guild members pay. Workshops are in person.

Go to QBS website to sign up for the workshops ASAP! All meetings are in person.

GENERAL MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETINGS are held the 1st THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH. If this is a holiday, the meeting is moved to the 2nd Thursday. Doors open at 5:30 pm, meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. Refer to the calendar.

Walter D. Ehlers Event Center
Legacy Hall
8150 Knott Avenue
Buena Park, CA 90620

BOARD MEETINGS are currently on zoom at 6:30 pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

The purpose of this Guild shall be to promote cooperation and exchange of ideas among those persons interested in or engaged in quilting; to further the education and skill levels of the members of this Guild; to preserve the heritage of quilt making and to educate the public as to the significance and history of quilting as an art form as well as an ongoing craft; to utilize the skills of members to make items for those in need and to assist other philanthropic organizations.

Dues will be \$30.00 per year, June 1 through May 31st. Dues for members joining after November 30th will be \$15. Dues for members joining after the last day of February will be \$10.00. Guests will be asked for a donation of \$3.00 at the general meeting. Guests attend for free when the general meeting is held by zoom.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Please submit newsletter articles, jokes, puzzles, events, photos (especially Show and Tell), recipes etc. to Carol (see roster for email address) by the 3rd Monday of the month at 7 p.m. Anyone in the guild can submit items for the newsletter.

BE OUR GUEST: Please note, we have a form on the home page of our website for visitors to join us at a general meeting.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ELECTED POSITIONS

President	Isabel Cervantes
1st VP at Large	Shari Gray
2nd VP (Programs/Workshops)	Amy Estrada
Secretary	Farzana Molvi
Treasurer	Helene Born

STANDING COMMITTEES

Door Prizes	Robin Faxas
Equipment	Shari Gray
Historian	Susan Wei (TQA only)
Hospitality	Julie Golini
Memberships/Birthdays	Maryjo Edgar
	Cheryl Fujii
Newsletter	Carol Sova
Opportunity Basket	Judy Phillips
	Beverly Provost
Opportunity Quilt	Helene Born
Parliamentarian	Diane Sanchez
Philanthropy	Phyllis Victor
	Phyllis Campbell
	Susan Wei
	Sonia Das
Photographer/Facebook Admin	Shari Gray
SCCQG Representative	Isabel Cervantes
Secret Pal	Kim Read
Special Events/Tea	Maryjo Edgar
	Shari Gray
Sunshine and Shadows	Sonia Das
Ways and Means	Shar Taira
	Phyllis Campbell
Website	Sauni Rae Dain
Buena Park Mayor's Breakfast Committee Representative	Diane Sanchez



ACACIA QUILT GUILD of ORANGE COUNTY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

acaciaquiltguild.org

Membership Year: June 1, 2025– May 31, 2026

Date: _____ New Member: _____ Renewal: _____
Name: _____ Birthday: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
Preferred Phone Contact: _____ ☐ Cell ☐ Home
E-mail: _____
Emergency Name: _____ Phone: _____
Contact(s): Name: _____ Phone: _____

Can you help Acacia Quilt Guild with any of the following:

- _____ Assist Hospitality with set-up at meetings (arrive 5:30)
- _____ Assist with clean-up after meetings
- _____ Teach a class / mini-demo on: _____

Dues can be paid at the Membership Desk at General Meetings or at any time via the website: acaciaquiltguild.org/join-us. (Scroll down on page.)

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

_____ \$30.00* (includes emailed newsletter)

**dues after November 30th will be \$15.00; dues after February 28th will be \$10.00.*

An information email, "The Blast", is sent weekly, and the newsletter will be sent via email monthly.
The newsletter is also available on the Acacia Quilt Guild website.

Amount: _____ Cash: _____ Check #: _____ (Payable to Acacia Quilt Guild)

If mailing your application, please send your form and fee to:

Acacia Quilt Guild Membership
Attn: Maryjo Edgar
P. O. Box 6853
Buena Park, CA 90622

If you have questions, please call or email:

Maryjo Edgar - 714-232-3806 - maryjedgar6612@gmail.com

OR

Cheryl Fujii - 562-233-3184 - cpfujii@msn.com