



Acacia Quilt Guild of Orange County

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APRIL NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is here!

The 2026 Tea and Quilt Auction has arrived. We will have a lot of boutique and quilts to sell. There are also lots of fun raffle baskets to win.

Thank you to all involved in making this Event a success. A big SHOUT OUT to Maryjo Edgar and Shari Gray for leading the charge.

Spring inspired Spring Cleaning. If you attempt to reorganize your Sewing Room, may you find hidden kits and fabrics to inspire new projects.

April's General Meeting will include a free Workshop by Lyn Brown. We will learn to make fabric beads for a bracelet. Here is the list of supplies needed:

- 12 coordinated or random 2 ½ fabric squares
- Needles and coordinated thread
- Snip/small scissors
- 6 or more wonder clips (if available)

Amy will bring extra fabric squares, thread and clips. To ensure everyone has sufficient time to make at least 1-3 beads, we will limit show and tell to 30 minutes.

This will ensure we finish the meeting by 8:30 pm-8:45pm.



Isabel

MARCH GENERAL MEETING



Picking the next Opportunity Quilt

SHOW AND TELL



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PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

BY AMY ESTRADA

All workshops cost \$35 for members and \$45 for non members. Sister guilds pay the member price. All workshops are on the First Saturday of each month in the Picasso Room at Ehlers Center. The workshops begin at 9 am and end at 4 pm.

APRIL 2ND

Lyn Brown will be joining us to teach us a (free) mini workshop on how to make her beads, the goal will be to get a start on making a bracelet.

Participants will need to bring:

- At least 12 coordinated 2 1/2" squares: could be all one fabric or many fabrics
- Needles and coordinating thread
- Snips/Small Scissors

6 or more wonder clips if you have them.

CALL ME IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

APRIL 4TH

No Saturday workshop because of the Tea.

MAY 7TH

Tentative - Quilters University. Email me if you would like to show a technique with all of us.

MAY 9TH

No workshop because of Mothers Day.

JUNE 4TH

Mandy Loo will give a lecture on her Puzzle Pieces Quilt she will be teaching at the workshop and she will bring some of her sewing machines she collects!

PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

BY AMY ESTRADA

JUNE 6TH

Mandy Loo - Puzzle Pieces Quilt



JULY 9TH

Kathy Christensen will briefly show the Large Quilted Bag we will be making in her class.

JULY 11TH

Kathy Christensen - Large Quilted Bag.

This workshop requires a purchase of the template and pattern from Kathy. The cost is \$40. It does not include the stabilizer or the fabric. This must be purchased no later than the May 7th Meeting. If you have a jelly roll you can get about 3 of these large bags out of it.

PHILANTHROPY

BY SONIA DAS & PHYLLIS
VICTOR, CO-CHAIRS;
PHYLLIS CAMPBELL,
SUSAN WEI, BARBRA RILEY

Acacia Quilt Guild has two major goals: education and philanthropy. Education is provided through speakers, lectures, and workshops while philanthropy is provided through the kindness and generosity of our Guild members.

The Tea and Quilt Auction in April is Acacia's major fundraiser and allows the Guild to serve the community with several handmade items. Even though we are currently focused on quilts and boutique items for the Tea, we must continue with making items behind the scenes to ensure that enough items are made to donate to our community organizations.

Our current ongoing projects and goals (others may be added as the need arises):

- April/May: We will be sending quilts, pillowcases, and bedding donations to the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation in Arizona.
- September: We will be collecting placemats for the Buena Park Meals on Wheels
- September/October: We will be collecting 95 Halloween treat bags for the students of the George Key School in Placentia. Treats are NOT requested from Acacia as these are special needs students with a variety of medical conditions.
- November: Christmas stockings will be filled with goodies donated by Acacia members for the December meeting.
- December: Filled Christmas stockings and pillowcases will be presented to Thomas House and unfilled Christmas stockings will be presented to George Key School.

Philanthropy always has free kits available to make quilts, pillowcases, placemats or other items at the general meetings. Please come by and take one or several. The Philanthropy committee meets at Phyllis Victor's house every month on the last Tuesday of the month; this is the famous "Phyl's Place" where we prepare kits, sort through donations, and have a lot of fun!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

RUNNING DOE TOP-A-LONG

FEBRUARY'S TOP



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HEADLINES FROM HELENE

BY HELENE BORN

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our total net income for FEBRUARY is \$2,120.59. Our banking balance has been stable with our checking and CD account total assets at \$30,852.14. We are moving forward with the Tea and Quilt auction. We have set up a phone (714) 586-6291 for Zelle payments. Two-four people are needed for processing payments at the tables for boutique/opportunity quilt, & opportunity baskets. We plan to schedule a training session prior to the TQA event for those on the payment team for Zelle & Square and to review the tax table for the silent & live auction. This may be a short meeting during the set-up time on Friday April 24.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

The budget committee has worked on the 2026-2027 fiscal year's budget. The data has been shared with the board and is pending final approval.

The Treasurer will act as Chairperson of the Budget Committee, which consists of one member from the Board and a minimum of one volunteer from the general membership and which will prepare an annual budget proposal for presentation by the Treasurer at the May annual business meeting.

Reports are available on request. Feel free to contact Helene Born treasurer@acaciaquiltguild.org should you have any questions regarding our finances.

MIDNIGHT GARDEN - OPPORTUNITY QUILT

In March the quilt traveled to the Inland Empire quilt in Corona, Surfside guild in Dana Point and Beach Cities guild in Mission Viejo. The total sales for March were \$153.00. The locations set to show the quilt for April are listed below.

We will draw the winner of the Midnight Garden quilt at our Asian Garden tea luncheon. It's not too late to purchase tickets for this stunning creation. Embroidered blocks made by Isabel Cervantes and design by Barbra Riley and custom quilted by Joanne Allen of Lioness Longarm Quilting.

OGQG (Garden Grove)	Janine & Helene	8-Apr	(8:15) 9:30 am - 12PM
El Camino (Oceanside)	Helene & Isabel?	14-Apr	(8:30-9:00) 9:30 am - 12 pm
Acacia Asian Garden Tea Luncheon	?	25-Apr	(8:00 am) 10:30 - 4:00

HEADLINES FROM HELENE

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I am going to step down from opportunity quilt coordinator position for next year. Voting for the 2026-2027 quilt was done at the March meeting. Shar Taira is getting ready to show starting in July. We need a person to be the quilt coordinator to schedule the opportunity quilt to other guilds & events and to find volunteers to take it to sell tickets. I am willing to share any of the information I have regarding this position. Please contact Diane Sanchez, nominating committee chair if you are interested in this position.

It has been a wonderful year taking the quilt and I hope that the next opportunity quilt coordinator will have much fun and success in the new year.

THE SCCQG FUTURE MEETINGS

APRIL 11, 2026: TOPIC: MEET THE TEACHERS

'Meet the Teachers' is a way to locate speakers & teachers for our guild and will be held on Zoom. It would be helpful to have several members attend the April meeting so you can visit the teachers during the question-and-answer breakout section. Please coordinate with Amy Estrada if you can or are interested in attending so we can get you the Zoom link sent to you when it is available. Her contact information is: datanully2@gmail.com (714) 261-6713

Other information:

- The SCCQG newsletter is published a month prior to the next quarterly meeting. Send information to newslettereditor@sccqg.org. The newsletter will be posted on the SCCQG site for anyone to download.
- Our Asian Garden tea is listed on the SCCQG Calendar. Check out the Calendar at the bottom of the SCCQG Home Page! <https://www.sccqg.org>
- When the 2026-2027 opportunity quilt is ready to show the details can be posted on the SCCQG page. The quilt coordinator would need to send a jpeg or tif image to info@sccqg.org. Provide your guild name in the subject line. Also provide ticket sales information.

Should you have any questions regarding any of the information please contact Helene Born (714) 504 2614

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

Acknowledging life events (happy or sad) of the following guild members. Some events were mentioned in previous email blasts.



SUNSHINE

- Congratulations to Sauni Dain whose quilt was accepted to the Hoffman Challenge for the 5th time.



SHADOWS

Thoughts and prayers for:

- Bonnie Crawford who recently had an accident and had surgery on her ankle.
- Colleen Drafton who is dealing with some health challenges .



Sonia Das will be handling Sunshine & Shadows & Shout Outs. If she has omitted anyone or anything, corrections and updates will be made in future newsletters. Please contact her with news about Guild members (see roster for her email).

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

APRIL 2026

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
2	6:30 pm	General Meeting	Ehlers Event Center, Legacy Hall
10	10:00 am	SubQ Art Quilters	Ehlers Event Center, Picasso Room
16	6:30 pm	Board Meeting	Zoom (3rd Thursday)
17	12:00 pm	Opportunity Basket Wrap Day	Ehlers Event Center, Veteran's Hall
24	1:00 pm	Tea Room Set-Up	Ehler's Event Center
25	11:00 am	Tea and Quilt Auction	Ehler's Event Center
28	10:00 am	Phyl's Place	Member Home

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 4/08 Mel Little
- 4/11 Robin Gallagher
- 4/12 Carol Sova
- 4/14 Sauni Rae Dain
- 4/16 Tammy Rooke



MAY 2026

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
7	6:30 pm	General Meeting	Ehlers Event Center, Legacy Hall
8	10:00 am	SubQ Art Quilters	Ehlers Event Center, Picasso Room
21	6:30 pm	Board Meeting	Zoom
26	10:00 am	Phyl's Place	Member Home

TEA & QUILT AUCTION 2026 - ASIAN GARDEN

IT'S COMING FASTER THAN WE THINK!

The Tea & Quilt Auction is our guild's largest fundraising activity and is integral to our continued ability to fulfil the mission of the guild which is to preserve the heritage of quilt making and to educate the public as to its significance; to further the quilting knowledge, education and skill levels of the members of this Guild through educational meetings, quilting workshops, social activities, travel, and friendship; and to provide opportunities for Guild members to use their skill and talents for philanthropic projects that make items to benefit local communities other philanthropic organizations.

This costs money and the Tea & Auction financially support everything we do, plus, it's a wonderfully enjoyable and fun event!

BUT IT CAN'T HAPPEN WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT!

Tea & Quilt Auction co-Chairs, Maryjo and Shari Gray, request your support with creating this marvelous event. The event will be here before we know it and having your commitment NOW will make the work of the Tea & Quilt Committee much easier. Please take a look at the list of volunteer positions to fill. Please see Maryjo or Shari to volunteer or to find out more information about a position. Seller positions are for about one hour. We need ticket sellers, boutique workers, people to help check in guests, people to collect payments from winners, and more. Maryjo and Shari have a sign up sheet at every meeting; please take a look to see what YOU can do that day!

CHECK-IN TEAM

(Greet and check in attendees before event; gives out paperwork; may orient guest to room and find table for her. Arrival is 10:15AM; doors open at 10:30. This is a team and we need 3 to 4)

DESSERT DONORS

(Provides a dessert that can be plated, like a brownie or petit four BEFORE the Event; Friday night is good)

TEA & QUILT AUCTION 2026 - ASIAN GARDEN

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OPPORTUNITY BASKET TICKET SELLERS

(Shifts run at beginning and during break; NO sales during auction or luncheon)

OPPORTUNITY QUILT TICKET SELLERS

(Shifts run at beginning and during break; NO sales during auction or luncheon)

AUCTION STAFF

(Takes payment from winning bidder at tableside during Auction)

QUILT CLAIM

(Takes auctioned quilts and bags and tags. Matches claim check from winning bidder to Quilt, verifies receipt and finds and hands over her work of art. Shift is DURING Auction and immediately AFTER until close of event. Need staff of 3 to 4).

BOUTIQUE STAFF

(Team of 3 to 4)

BEVERAGE STATION SUPERVISOR

(Keep an eye on beverages and refill as needed. One needed; assistance will be provided)

DESSERT COORDINATOR

(Takes delivery, plates, stores, and arrange desserts – NOTE: FRIDAY & SATURDAY)

PHOTOGRAPHER

(Takes candid and posed photos of room and attendees; sends photos to Newsletter and Tea Chairs)

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