



NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2012



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi, Quilters,

It's Spring! And spring makes us think of spring cleaning. I just read about a quilter who managed to fit her whole stash in several rolling plastic drawer units that she was able to roll under her cutting table. Voila—an organized studio! She also mentioned that she found notions, missing scissors, and fabric she didn't remember she had.

This same person also discovered UFOs that she had completely forgotten. Some just needed to be backed and quilted. If you do spring cleaning and come across similar UFOs, consider quilting them or bringing them to guild meeting to be tied, and donate them to Philanthropy. If you find unneeded blocks, Philanthropy and Ways and Means will both be happy to get them.

We finally have a nearly complete slate of officers and committee chairs for our 2012-13 fiscal year. However, we still need:

****1st Vice President position**—I will have to fill this position if someone else doesn't.

****Hospitality chair**—This person can have several helpers, so they don't have to be at every meeting, but they need to arrive in time to make the coffee and put out the snacks.

****Historian**—If you love scrapbooking, we could sure use you to make a scrapbook of our Guild's history. We can provide you with plenty of photos.

Something New: 2012 Acacia Challenge. See page 5 for the rules to "Make Me Smile". **Remember, quilts are like friends, a great source of comfort!**

Phyllis Campbell

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City of Buena Park

"Spring Eggstravaganza"

April 7, 2012

8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

At Boisseranc Park

7520 Dale Street

Pancake Breakfast, games, Easter bunny, Easter Egg Hunt for children by age group, petting zoo, moon bounce, and more.



MARK YOUR April CALENDARS. . .

Thurs., 4/5: 6:45 PM—**AQG General Meeting;** Ehlers Community Center, 8150 Knott Ave, Buena Park; Don Beld, speaker

Sat., 4/7: 9:00—**Workshop** with Jan Raymond.

Wed., 4/18: 7:00 PM—**AQG Board meeting;** Picasso Room, Ehlers Community Center, 8150 Knott Ave, Buena Park.

Sat., 4/21: 9:00—**Philanthropy Sew Day;** Picasso Room, Ehlers Community Center, 8150 Knott Ave, Buena Park.

Tues., 4/24: 5:00 PM—**Lisa's Ladies Philanthropy Friendship Group,** 7002 Moody, #209, La Palma.

Fri., 4/27: 6:00-11:00 PM—**"PMS"** (pizza, munchies, and sewing) at Quilt Cupboard, 11891 Valley View, Garden Grove; bring snacks and whatever projects you have.



Next Meeting

April 5

Those with April birthdays are requested to bring refreshments. We also welcome goodies from non-birthday members too.



APRIL PROGRAM

Program this month—Don Beld is coming back!

On April 5th, he will teach us 19th century quilt binding. Here's what you need to bring April 5th:

1. At least one 8" block, any pattern, technique, and fabric. It needs to be **finished** except for the binding (i.e. block, batting, backing, quilted, and trimmed to 8" square—Please start with 8 1/2", because the quilting will shrink it some. Cut it down to 8" after completing the quilting.)
2. A strip of binding the width of a fabric bolt (40-44 inches) by 1 1/2 inches for each 8" block.
3. Scissors, needle, thread, pins, pencil, ruler, something to stabilize fabric for drawing a line (i.e. scratch board) or rotary cutter mat.

Note from Phyllis: Since we will make our blocks into one quilt which we may use for an opportunity quilt or give to a charity, so please follow these guidelines:

- * **Colors:** Please **no** bright colors. Use a pastel or muted shade, **no** solid black or white or prints with white background. If you have any reproduction fabric, please use it and/or small prints. This way our quilt will resemble a 19th century quilt since we are using 19th century binding techniques.
- * **Quilting:** It is preferable if you can quilt your square by hand, but you may use your machine if necessary—some machines have stitches that resemble hand quilting.
- * **Stabilizer:** A large size (around 8" x 10") fine to medium sandpaper piece will work like a scratch board, even if not glued down to cardboard or wood. *(You can buy a whole package at a dollar store. If several of us bring a package, we can all share.)*
- * **Number of Blocks:** Everyone needs at least one, but if some of our members will make 2 blocks, we will have a larger quilt.

This meeting should be a lot of fun—essentially we all get to come to the workshop for free (or \$3.00 for visitors). **Be sure to thank Don for agreeing to come back to teach such a large group!** *(Don is an author, a quilt historian, and one of the nation's leading experts on Civil War soldiers' quilts. Don is also the founder of the Home of the Brave Quilt Project, a nationwide movement to honor the fallen heroes of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq by making and presenting handmade quilts to their families. There have been over 4000 quilts delivered to our heroes' families.)*



Fat Quarter Frenzy—This feature is on a hiatus.

APRIL WORKSHOP

Jan Raymond to lead workshop. Come and learn from our own Jan at an all-day workshop (9:00 AM– 4:00 PM) on April 7—More details at April meeting.

Upcoming Events

- Cathy Van Bruggen—May meeting speaker and workshop presenter (applique)
- June meeting will be our annual Potluck. Bring the recipe along with your favorite dish.
- Jan Raymond is coming in August to do another workshop.
- Scott Griffin will be coming in November to teach us appliqué.
- **Also**, April 14th is the SCCQG "Meet the Teacher" in the Carson Community Center where several of us will be picking out future instructors. So if anyone wants to come and put their 2 cents in, they can come in the morning. I will be there early! If anyone has a suggestion of a good instructor, they are more than welcome to email me: sharnatsu@yahoo.com Thanks!

Shar Taira, Program Chair



April Showers

bring

May flowers.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Barbra Riley, "Equipment Committee Chairman," needs an assistant/ backup person to cover those months when she can't be at our meetings.

The primary job for the person in charge of equipment is to put up the signs for "Membership", "Philanthropy", etc., and then set up our quilt sign at the door. This only takes a few minutes, but it does require you to be at the meetings a little early.

The next month a "backup" is needed will be June. If you are willing to do an occasional job, see **Barbra** at the next general meeting.

Philanthropy

“When you cease to make contributions you begin to die” Eleanor Roosevelt

With that quote in mind Acacia Quilt Guild has made a generous donation to Thomas House:

- 12-Beautiful Quilts
- 2-Boxes of Clothes
- 1-Bag of toys
- 1-bag of Pillows
- 2-Boxes of toiletries
- 1-Box of books and mag.
- 1-Bag of stocking hats



The recipients were most excited and happy to have our donation. Sonia and Sandy were on hand to help with the delivery. Many thanks to them for coming and helping make the delivery smooth and simple.

AQG also had a sew day, and we made pajama bottoms, pillow cases and quilts. (See photos of the event on page 6.) The members who attended were **Phyllis Campbell, Donna McDaniel, Tina Fritz, and me**. We finished 3 quilts, 4 pillow cases and 3 pj bottoms. We even had time to go to lunch although Tina was not able to join us. We went to **Umami Mongolian BBQ**, which was great! If you want to try this place for yourself it is just next to Chase Bank on La Palma Blvd. and the cross street is Beach Blvd.

Please bring in the kits you have taken finished or not. We can send these returned kits out to others and you can pick something new to inspire you to finish a step or two on something else. We have 30 pillow cases done for our Christmas stockings this year so we have a great start for the special donation this Christmas. We hope to have enough so we can do both Thomas House and take on some type of military group to include in the stocking event.

Stop and see me (or I might find you) to pick up a kit or two. . . . Sew on!

Lisa Sullivan

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Time –Talent—Donations



Lisa's Ladies

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We are making solid progress with our efforts to support Philanthropy in our group. We had a very good meeting this past Tuesday. We made 12 Quilt kits and 36 pillow case kits, and we are planning a **sew-in** for our April meeting. The fun just never ends as we grow and learn and enjoy the friendship of our talents. Anyone who would like to join us please let me know as we can have two more in our group. We meet the last Tuesday of the month. Contact Philanthropy Chair Lisa Sullivan.

SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

The following cards have been sent out recently:

Billie Willis – Thank You card for donating over 40 boxes of fabric and crafting supplies to Acacia. She has given up quilting/crafting due to health reasons.

Carolyn Redman – Thank You card. Carolyn is a neighbor of former Acacia member Dana Matsukawa and a friend of Billie Willis. Carolyn facilitated the donation of the 40+ boxes of fabric and crafting supplies.

Dana Matsukawa – Thank You card. Dana, although no longer a member of Acacia, donated a significant portion of the donations that went to Thomas House in March. Dana donated handmade dresses and stuffed animals for little girls, quilts, and tote bags.

Donna McDaniel –Thinking of You/Sympathy card upon the loss of her grandson, in utero, due to developmental complications.

Geri Larson – Get Well card for a broken foot

Sonia Das will be handling Sunshine & Shadows this year. Please contact her with news about guild members at 562-429-4477 or soniadas@yahoo.com. Members are sent cards for the following occasions and reasons:

Milestone birthdays (50, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100) - we won't be publicizing quilters' ages unless they are close to 100!

Milestone anniversaries (25, 30, 40, 50, 60, beyond).

Get well card for a member or their spouse.

Sympathy card for death of immediate family member

Congratulations for new babies, grandbabies, great grandbabies, etc.

Congratulations for something super spectacular such as starting a new job, opening a new business, having a quilt selected for a show, winning the lottery, etc.

Thinking of You where encouragement is needed.

Missing You if a member has missed a few meetings.

Anything other type of card and category that deserves a card from the guild.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS — March 2012

Thank you to our generous door prize donors. Please take a moment to thank them for donating prizes while you are shopping.

For the winners: please mail the pre-addressed & stamped Thank You note provided with each prize. The donors/shop owners appreciate the notes and feel their donations were appreciated by the guild.

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Prize Winner</u>
Phyllis Campbell	Flowers w/vase	Susan MacVicar
Moore's Sewing Center	Retro Clean	Suzanne Urada
Moore's Sewing Center	Retro Clean	Susan Stokes
Yolanda Satterthwaite	Quilt Notions	Theresa Craig
Yolanda Satterthwaite	Quilt Notions	Marie Ketsdever
Jody Burtch	Two Jumbo Avocados	Lisa Sullivan
Jan Raymond	Book	Sonia

WAYS & MEANS by Sonia Das

UPCOMING EVENTS



April 2012—(1) **Boutique Blowout Sale:** Peruse our boutique gifts at the **April 5th meeting** and find some great items for Easter baskets and Mother's Day! A few bags, miscellaneous block, charms, and other precuts will be available as well.

(2) **Fundraising Night at Red Robin Restaurant (Cypress): April 24th** Join Acacia guild members, their family, friends and neighbors at Red Robin Restaurant in Cypress (Katella and Walker - near Costco) for dinner from **4pm - 9pm***. Acacia will receive 15% of all proceeds from our orders when we present a special flyer to our server. This flyer will be available at guild and will also be emailed closer to the date for your convenience. Please spread the word & flyers with your friends, family and neighbors!

**For those unable to make it during these hours, management will accept flyers from 2pm onwards.*

PAST EVENTS

March 2012—**Brown Bag Raffle at March meeting:** We raised \$106.00! The next raffle will be in July 2012. Start gathering those donations now so we can have another successful raffle. Thanks to Diane Rice, Mary Ann West, Linda Stearns, Phyllis Victor and all the other ladies who helped with tickets and the other logistics of the raffle.

Please contact me at 562-429-4477 or soniadas@yahoo.com with fundraising suggestions or if you would like to help at a meeting. Thanks!

MEMBERSHIP

Jody Burtch, Marie Ketsdever, & Carmen Meraz

We had 39 members and 9 guests at the March meeting. We'll start accepting membership renewals in April - \$25 for the year. Please fill out a membership form—included with this newsletter, see page 7—to include with your check. This is still a bargain as many guilds are raising their dues.

Remember to wear your name tag to each meeting. No name tag = 25 cent fine, but we really just want to get to know each other.



Happy Birthday!

Submitted by Carmen Meraz

Acacia Guild wishes these members with April birthdays a Happy Birthday:

4-14 Mary Ann West
4-21 Randi Leinenn
4-27 Jan Raymond

Thought for the Month

Far away there in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them, but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them, and try to follow them.

Louisa May Alcott

2012 Acacia Challenge

Theme: "Make Us Smile"

Purpose: Create a challenge quilt that makes the viewer laugh out loud, giggle a little or at least smile. We all seem to take some things too seriously lately. Please keep it clean, have fun, and be creative!

Due Date: **AUGUST 2nd at our GUILD MEETING.** Each challenge quilt will be voted on by our members, then they will be displayed at "Quilt Daze IX" on August 18 and 19.

Rules:

#1—HAVE FUN!!! Hopefully you'll do a lot of laughing while you're creating your challenge. Use your imagination! Your creation can be traditional or contemporary, but please keep it clean.

#2—Finished Size: The standard finished size for the challenge of 24" in each direction. Any challenge that does not fit the requirements will be disqualified. (Quilt does not have to be square, but the height and the width must be 24" at the highest and widest points). The quilt could be a circle or hexagon or have something (such as flowers or animals) extending beyond the rest of the quilt to still finish at 24".

#3—Item Selection: Only small quilts or wall hangings measuring 24" high and wide will be accepted. Please no tote bags, pocket books, vests, jackets, etc.

#4—Methods of Construction: Use the construction or quilting methods that work best for your creation (i.e., machine piece, hand piece, paper

piece, appliqué, collage, etc.). We encourage you to challenge yourself. Your creation can be as complex or as simple as you like.

#5—Quilting Requirement: We would like you to create this item yourself, so no professional quilting unless you own your own long-arm machine. You can hand or machine quilt your item.

#6—Fabric Requirement: There is no limit to the total number of fabrics or kinds of fabrics used.

#7—Embellishments: Optional.

#8—Hanging Sleeve: The quilt back must have a hanging sleeve at least 3" wide. The sleeve should be around 1" narrower than the 24" finished width. We will be hanging the challenge quilts at Quilt Daze along with other member quilts.

#9—Label: Put a label with your name on the back of your creation so it cannot be seen during judging. We need the label so we can return the challenge item to you after the show.

Ribbons will be given to the top five winners.

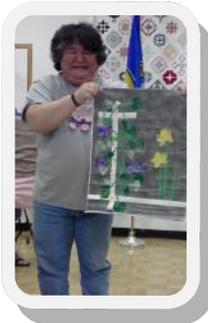
Only fully completed challenges will be accepted. All challenge creations will then be displayed at **Quilt Daze** for others to laugh at and enjoy. If you are planning on giving your challenge item to someone as a gift, please know you will not get it back until our September 2012 meeting, and plan accordingly.

Questions: If you have any questions about the challenge, please see **Phyllis Campbell** or call her at 714 821-6967.

Show & Tell

Ten members shared their quilting talents with us at the March meeting:

1. Jody Burtch—Autumn Harvest;
2. Donna McDaniel—Appliquilt project (in progress);
3. Phyllis Campbell—circle runner and quilt made by her granddaughter;
4. Kim Hogan—Appliquilt from Jan Raymond workshop;
5. Carolyn Craig—Civil War “Block of the Month” from Quilt Cupboard;
6. Susan MacVicar—Ribbons, Celtic log cabin, & Holy Family wall hanging;
7. Jan Raymond—”Woopsy Daisy;”
8. Beth Swift—Rotary memory wall hanging;
9. Phyllis DeKriet—Block of the Month;
10. Shar Taira—Appliquilt.



Philanthropy Sew Day



PJs by Donna

Lisa sewing & sewing



Phyllis, Tina, & Donna

Tina w/ quilt



ACACIA QUILT GUILD

Membership Year: June 1, 2012 – May 31, 2013

Date: _____ New Member: _____ Renewal: _____

Name: _____ Birthday: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

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

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| _____ Setting up at meetings | _____ Making photocopies |
| _____ Making coffee at meetings | _____ Sending out emails |
| _____ Setting out refreshments at meetings | _____ Phone Tree |
| _____ Tidying up after meetings | _____ Website |
| _____ Teaching a class/mini-demo;
What can you teach: _____ | |

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

\$25.00 (w/o mailed newsletter);

\$43.00* (with mailed newsletter)

**OPTIONAL NEWSLETTER MAILING FEE: \$18.00 for 12 months*

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

Dues can be paid at the Membership Desk at General Meetings.

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

**Acacia Membership
Attn: Jody Burtch
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Cypress, CA 90630**

If you have questions, please call or email:
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ACACIA QUILT GUILD OF ORANGE COUNTY



UPCOMING SCCQG EVENTS

April 2012

- ◆ **13th & 14th**—El Camino Quilt Guild Quilt Show @ Cal State San Marcos
- ◆ **14th**—SCCQG “Meet the Teachers;” Carson Community Center, 801 East Carson Street, Carson
- ◆ **21st**—Santa Clarita Quilt Guild Show; 100 quilts on display—Kateri Faith Center, 22508 Copper Hill Drive, Santa Clarita
- ◆ **28th & 29th**—Seven Sisters Quilt Show; 9:00 AM-5:00 PM; Alex Madonna Expo Center, 100 Madonna Road, San Luis Obispo

Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds

For more information go to <http://www.sccqg.org>

The purpose of this guild is:

- 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.

2011-2012 Officers:

President — Phyllis Campbell
1st Vice President — Shar Taira
2nd Vice President — Sonia Das
Secretary — Diane MacRill
Treasurer — Donna McDaniel