



NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2012

President's Message

Merry Christmas Quilters,
(Or Happy Chanukah)

As we approach this busy time of year, I hope you took time at Thanksgiving to be thankful for all you have. I am extra thankful this year because my husband, Bob, is almost healed from his motorcycle accident, and the PET scan he had to check out a spot on his lung came back negative.

Bob and I are very busy in December because we portray Santa and Mrs. Claus. In fact, we started getting busy in November this year. It is hard to find time to complete Christmas gifts when we are so busy. Some year I'm going to learn to start earlier!

I want to mention that on our first really cold night this fall I woke up freezing and I got out of bed and grabbed the beautiful quilt you all made me for being President last year. It's so beautiful that I've been keeping it folded across from the bed where I can see it. It felt so good on top of our summer blanket, that I still have it on the bed. Thanks again for all your hard work on it (especially Jody who quilted it!)

Please remember to bring a friend or family member to our potluck on Dec. 6, and bring photos (regular or digital) to copy on fabric or a shirt too. A quilt slogan shirt is the perfect gift for a friend or even yourself!

Phyllis

Quilts are like friends, a great source of comfort!

MARK YOUR DECEMBER CALENDARS. .

Thurs., 12/6 : 6:45 PM—AQG General Meeting; Ehlers Community Center, 8150 Knott Ave, Buena Park, Bring your favorite dish to share

AQG Board meeting-To be announced

Sew Day-December 16th Activity (see page 3)

Lisa's Ladies Philanthropy Friendship Group-To be announced



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HO-HO-HO
Work on your
quilts for the
tea

Next Meeting December 6th

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



DECEMBER PROGRAM

PROGRAM THIS MONTH—

HOLIDAY POTLUCK—Bring your favorite appetizer, salad, main dish, dessert, or bread. The Guild provides the plates, napkins, cups, cutlery and drinks. Bring a friend!

2. HAPPY HOUR—COME TIE ONE ON!!!

Meet with Philanthropy Chair Lisa Sullivan and other members at 5:00 PM right **BEFORE** our regular meeting at the same meeting place on the first Thursday of every month. This is a time to get a quilt or two tied for Philanthropy.

DECEMBER WORKSHOP

No workshop this month. Work on your own holiday projects.



Upcoming Events

SCCQG MEETING

2013 SCCQG Quarterly Meetings Hosts:
January 12th - El Camino Quilt Guild, Oceanside
Williams Barn facility, Walnut Creek Park, San Marcos

9 am Board Meeting
10 am General Meeting

www.sccqg.org



WORKSHOP COSTS

The workshop fee is **\$25 for members** or **\$35 for non-members**. Supply list will be provided once you have paid.

PHILANTHROPY

Tie One On



Let's all come tie one on.....

Please come to our monthly meeting at 5 pm to Acacia Quilt-Guilds "HAPPY HOUR"

We set up and tie a quilt for philanthropy before the meeting starts. We need your helpful hands to get a quilt tied before the meeting starts. Please join us as we tie one on for those who need a quilt to brighten their world.

Thank you all in advance for your efforts in Philanthropy and friendship.

SEW DAY

December 16- We will be having our Christmas presentation to the Female Homeless vets. We are expecting 30 to 40 of the women to attend. About 10 of them also have small children that we will also be giving small children's quilts.

Sew in times are from 10-5 at the Norwalk American Legion hall.

QUILT CHALLENGE WIN \$500 IN THE AFRICAN FOLKLORE EMBROIDERY CHALLENGE

All entries submitted for the competition will be displayed in a special exhibition area, titled "Safari with African Folklore Embroidery" at **ROAD TO CALIFORNIA 2013 from JAN 24th - 27th, 2013, Ontario, Convention Center.**

Deadline: Submit entries by Dec 15, 2012.
The entry forms and rules for the **African Folklore Embroidery Challenge** have been posted on www.aflembroidery.com

There is a separate children's category titled teaching the next generation to love needle arts.

Winners and articles on previous challenge winners can be viewed at African Folklore Embroidery Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/groups/234386778169/> or <http://aflembroidery.com/PDF/SQEmarch2012Raikin.pdf>

LISA'S LADIES

I just want to remind everyone that Lisa's Ladies will meet on January 29, 2013 (last Tuesday of the month) at 6 pm at the ACR (Acacia's Creativity Room-7002 Moody Street #209, La Palma, CA).

We need to eat our dinner so we will be fueled and ready to work our magic.

Please bring cutting supplies if you can and a chair too. Hope to see everyone there and ready to get kits ready and share our talents together. Let keep up the good progress ladies. You all are the grease that keep the wheels moving. Thank you and see you soon!!

Lisa
Philanthropy Chairperson 2008-2013
Lisa Sullivan
Call anytime till you reach me.
Time—Talent—donations
714-642-1127
lisa@jdcoulterco.com
(Lisa's Ladies est. Jan 2011)



SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

The following card have been sent out recently:

Verda-Condolence card on behalf of Ralph Smith passing
Mary Hicks-Get well card due to her fall

Sonia Das will be handling *Sunshine & Shadows* for Acacia this year. Please contact her with news about guild members at 562-429-4477 or soni-adas@yahoo.com.

Generally members are sent cards for the following reasons:

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

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

Get well card for a member or their spouse.

Sympathy card for death of an 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 Acacia meetings.

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

CHECK OUT THESE SITES: **Paperpieces.com**

Scott Griffin-scogriff1968@yahoo.com
Pincushion Quilts (805)755-5620 (Scott's Company)
We-Tees we.tees@yahoo.com

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS —NOVEMBER 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	Shar Tiara
Bears	Fat Quarters	Lydia Elder
Moore's	Christmas	Carolyn Craig
Moore's	Fabric Squares	Phyllis Victor
Bears	Hand Dyed Fabric	Donna McDaniel



WAYS & MEANS by Sonia Das UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2012

The Guild Fundraiser for the Tee-shirts will take place in February instead of December. **You can still place your order in December.**

PAST EVENTS



November 2012-Brown Bag Raffle:

We raised \$59.00 from all your wonderful donations. Start saving your items for our March Brown Bag. Thanks to everyone who donated items or bought tickets.

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!

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Thanks!**



Happy Birthday!

Acacia Quilt Guild wishes all members with December birthdays a very Happy Birthday. (I believe they all are turning 21 again)

12/22 Susan Stokes
12/22 Helen Whitaker
12/23 Mary Hicks
12/8 Kim Hogan

ACACIA QUILT GUILD SPRING TEA

FIFTH month and counting. . . .

That's right quilters, it's time to start your quilts, wall hangings, table runners, and boutique items for our Tea and Quilt Auction ***"Quilts in Bloom"*** held on April 27, 2013. What a great opportunity to display our guild's talents as we host this wonderful Spring event! Auction forms will be distributed at the September meeting. Come ready with your ideas of the items you will donate for the auction.

ACACIA QUILT GUILD WANTS YOU

Committee Sign-ups for the Acacia Quilt Guild's ***Tea and Quilt Auction*** have started. We need people for publicity, table hostesses, opportunity baskets, the quilt auction, food preparation, etc. Sign up at the welcome table with our TeaAuction Chairperson, Michelle Smith (714)856-3480.

ACACIA QUILT TEA TABLE DESIGNS

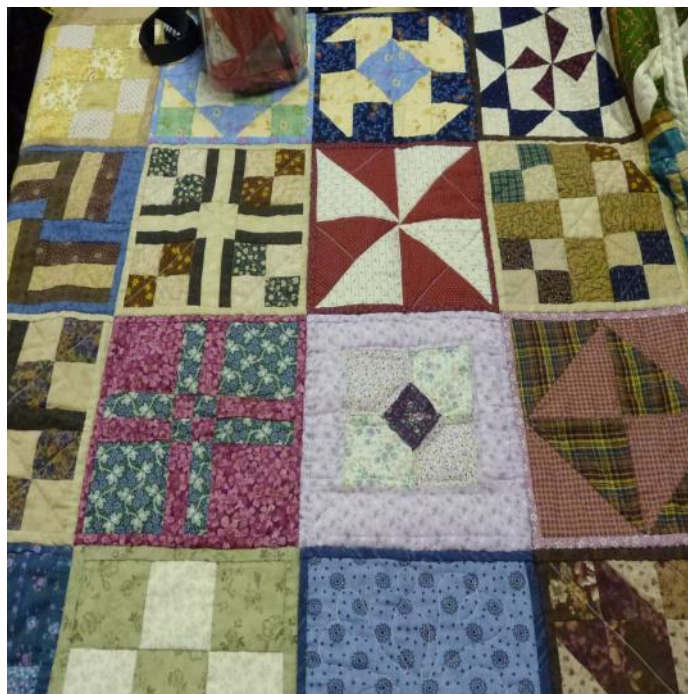


NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

If you have quilt articles or information you would like to include in the newsletter to share with our quilters, please submit to Diane Sanchez (sanchez@utla.net)

POTHOLDER QUILT

Will be raffled at December meeting.



Sign up to design a table for "Quilts in Bloom" that will be held April 27, 2013. All you need is: teapot, water pitcher, water glasses, tea cups, tablecloth, napkins, table decorations, party favor, and silverware. Start thinking of ideas now!



MEMBERSHIP

2012-13 Committee: Sonia Das, Cecelia Carey, Diane Rice, Phyllis Victor, Colleen Van Gundy, Geri Larson & Mary Ann West

Attendance at the November 2012 meeting: 22 members; 4 guest.

As of November 2012, Acacia has 40 members (including five life members).

Please welcome the following returning member into the Acacia Quilt Guild:

Marilyn Gulickson

The 2012-2013 Membership drive continues and we are taking renewals at the Membership Desk. The renewal form is available on the website. **Membership in the Acacia Quilt Guild is \$25.**

Thank you to those who have renewed their membership. We encourage all of last year's members to renew and to bring new members into the Guild.

The new *Membership Committee* is large because we have many friendly and gracious ladies who wished to help welcome Members as they come to meetings. We will wear many hats and rotate jobs so do not be surprised to see us everywhere; i.e., Membership, Greeter, etc.

Remember to wear your name tag to each meeting. No name tag = 25-cent fine, but we really would rather get to know you better than to have your quarters.



Opportunity Basket

If you would like to make donations for January & February Opportunity basket, please bring to the December meeting. Decembers basket will be a Japanese theme.

BOUTIQUE ITEMS CONTEST WINNER

This article should have been in the last newsletter, but I missed the deadline. Oops! At the October meeting prizes were awarded for the best suggestions for new items for our boutique. About 20 grocery bags have been made for the boutique, but what else?

We had a total of 26 suggestions from 6 members, including 11 ideas from Michelle Smith. Not surprisingly, Michelle won! Her winning idea was for mug covers, and she even provided the pattern. Her prize was a quilting book. We will be making mug covers and other items for the boutique at the March 9th workshop and if you would like to try making a mug cover before then there will be a limited number of copies of the pattern available at the "Workshop" desk at our December meeting.

The other prize was for the most unusual or "out of the box" idea. Sadly, quilters do not do "out of the box". We **make** boxes (flat ones), so the decision for that prize was not an easy one. Lisa Sullivan's idea to sell fresh baked cookies won and was interesting because the "fresh baked" part meant we would have to eat any not sold. She also won a quilting book. (According to Jan Raymond, attorney, we cannot actually use this idea, yummy as it sounds, because selling food has legal limitations.)

The Acacia Quilt Guild has a booth at the Candy Caneland Craft Fair on December 1st. That should help determine what will sell, so we can re-evaluate our boutique inventory after that.

Barbra Riley, boutique chairperson for the Tea and Quilt Auction

LIBRARY PROCEDURE CHANGE

Starting this month there are some changes in our Library check-out procedures. Instead of having all the books carted out:

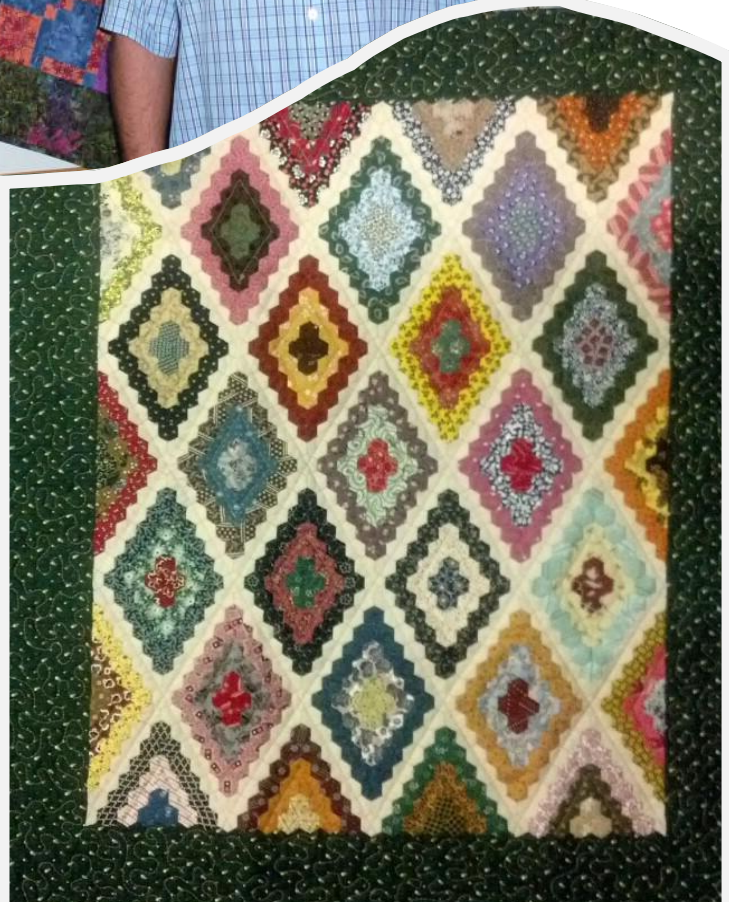
1. go to our AQG website library at http://www.acaciaquiltguild.org/Acacia_Library.pdf
- 2 Let the ladies at the welcome table know which items you would like to check out at the next meeting. This plan will help you get the books you want more quickly,



Scott Griffin

Shares his journey from his first Black and White quilt to a world full of colorful quilts. His favorite quilt color is red.

During the English Paper Piecing workshop Scott shares many great tips from organizing your materials to displaying your hard work.



Show and Tell



**Mary Ann West
shares her quilts.**



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:

_____ 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**

The Acacia newsletter is sent to the membership via email and is available for free on the Acacia Quilt Guild website. If you wish to have a newsletter mailed to you, please add the mailing fee.

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: Sonia Das
3743 Kallin Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90808

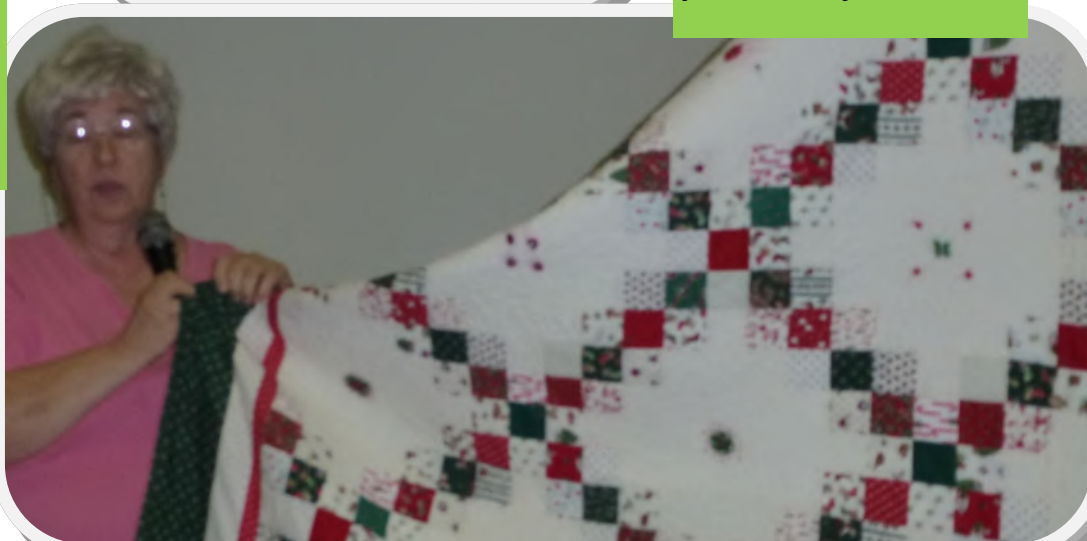
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Above: Jan Raymond challenges all guild members to keep up with her in making quilts for the tea. She will donate a table runner to anyone that makes more items than she does for the tea.

The Ladybug quilt will be auctioned at the tea. Start saving your money.

Side: Returning member Marilyn Guilikson shares a holiday quilt.



SHOW AND TELL CONTINUED

**Right: Carolyn Craig
Shows off her holiday
handwork**



**Below: Barbra Riley shows
off Nightmare Before
Christmas, Christmas Tree
Advent Calendar and blue
green quilt. Will any of
these be for sale at the tea
auction???**



We're on the Web!
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ACACIA QUILT GUILD OF ORANGE COUNTY



2012-2013 Officers:

Executive Board

President – Phyllis Campbell
1st Vice President – Susan Stokes
2nd Vice President – Sonia Das
Secretary – Beth Swift
Treasurer – Donna McDaniel

Board

Equipment-Barbra Riley
Friendship Group-Lisa Sullivan
Library-
Membership-Sonia Das
Newsletter-Diane Sanchez
Opportunity Basket-Shar Taira
Parliamentarian-Diane Sanchez
Philanthropy-Lisa Sullivan
Sunshine & Shadows-Sonia Das
Tea Chair-Michelle Smith
Website-Jody Burtch

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.