



ACACIA QUILT GUILD of ORANGE COUNTY

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NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy summer, quilters,

It's hard to believe it's already summer. After predictions of a hot summer, it's not starting out too bad. This time of year I enjoy working on small projects, such as our potholder quilt. I'm currently making a section of an art quilt for the Subterranean Quilters group to which I belong. This quilt will be 27 feet long when all the sections are hung together! It features irises, and they are some of my favorite flowers.

First of all, I want to tell you how much I love my President's quilt. It's so special to see the names of all who added a block. Thanks again to everyone who participated, and to Jody who coordinated the project and quilted it. The colors, design, and block patterns are wonderful! I even love the back!

Elsewhere in the newsletter you will see the list of upcoming workshops and programs. We have most of the spots filled for the coming year. The input from the survey helped us to choose our speakers and workshops. Thanks to all the 21 persons who participated. Those of you who didn't participate didn't take advantage of the chance to let us know what you like and don't like about our guild, suggestions for improvement, and what your quilting interests are.

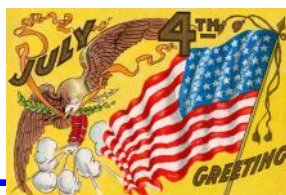
Coming up soon are the following: International Quilt Festival in Long Beach, July 26-29; "Make Me Smile" Challenge due Aug. 2; and Quilt Daze IX August 18 and 19. (I hope we get a lot of participants in our challenge. If we do, we will plan a new challenge every 3 or 4 months.)

In less than 6 months, we will participate in Candy Cane Land, and in the spring, we will have our third Tea and Auction. We will be joining together to make a large quilt for the auction, and we need quilt, wall hanging, table runner, and boutique items to make our auction a success.

Finally, I'd like to remind you of some of the advantages of being a member of our guild. Members can get a 10% discount at JoAnn's and many quilt shops, and members save \$10 on workshops. Then there are the speakers, demo nights, sewing bees, door prizes, refreshments, brown bag auctions and the opportunity to use quilting to help others,

Phyllis Campbell

Quilts are like friends, a great source of comfort!



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MARK YOUR July CALENDARS. .

Thurs., 7/5: 6:45 PM—**AQG General Meeting;** Ehlers Community Center, 8150 Knott Ave, Buena Park; "Ergonomic Quilting" & Brown Bag Fundraiser

Sat., 7/7: 9:00—**No Workshop**

Thur., 7/19: 7:00 PM—**AQG Board meeting;** Picasso Room, Ehlers Community Center, 8150 Knott Ave, Buena Park.

No Sew Days for July and August

Tues., 7/31: 6:00 PM—**Lisa's Ladies Philanthropy Friendship Group,** ACC Room

Next Meeting July 5

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



July PROGRAM

1. Program this month—Ergonomic Quilting
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.

No experience needed!

AUGUST WORKSHOP

The workshop, “Free Motion Quilting” will be held on Saturday, August 4 with Jan Raymond. If you would like to sign up for the workshop, you may contact Susan Stokes at 714-522-4741 or at the guild meeting on July 5th. Students will be given the patterns and supply list at the July meeting.



Upcoming Events

- **July 5th Meeting**—bring in your orphan blocks to trade or auction. Topic: Ergonomic Quilting & Brown Bag Fundraiser
- **No July Workshop**—the Senior Center will be closed that Saturday
- **August 2nd Meeting**—Be surprised
- **August 4th Workshop**—Jan Raymond teaching free motion quilting.
- **September 6th Meeting and September 8th Workshop**—Desiree Habicht, Colored Pencil “Applique”
- **December 6th Meeting**—potluck
- **No December Workshop**—you can sew Christmas gifts instead!

Susan Stokes, Program Chair

AUGUST WORKSHOP COSTS

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

International Quilt Festival

International Quilt Festival in Long Beach, July 26-29

Hours

July 26: 5-9 p.m. preview night

July 27 & 28: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

July 29: 10 am-3 p.m.



Ticket prices:

\$10 daily adult

\$8 seniors & students

Children 10 and under free

\$10 Preview night (includes one free additional day)

\$25 Full Show Pass (includes preview night)

www.quilts.com

Quilt Daze IX August 18 and 19

“California Treasures”

Hours 10 a.m.-4 p.m. both days

Admission \$7

Yorba Linda Community

Center, 4501 Casa

Loma, Yorba Linda, CA

Quilts, opportunity baskets, refreshments



SCCQG Meeting

July 14 10 am-American Legion Hall-Post 66, 1661 Mill Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

September 1-2 Busy Bears Quilt Guild of Big Bear Lake Quilt Show

www.sccqg.org

CHECK OUT THIS BLOG:

Pokeysponderings.com

Thoughts on stitch, surface design and quilting

Mixed media design, quilting projects, etc.

Philanthropy



Good actions give strength to ourselves and inspire good actions in others—Plato

Thank you to all our wonderful members who give of their TIME—TALENT—DONATIONS.

I just want to remind everyone to come and Tie One On at 5pm before the meeting starts.

Complete your kits and bring them back done or not.

No sew day for July or August due to scheduling conflicts.

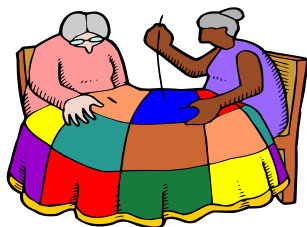
Lisa's Ladies will meet on July 31st at 6pm at the ACC Room.

We need to make our Christmas stocking kits. We want to make 150 this year as the demand is increasing for these lovely gifts.

Thank you all and sew on

Lisa Sullivan

PHILANTHROPY CHAIR (2008-2012);
714-642-1127(call till you talk to me);
lisa@jdcoulterco.com



I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him.
~Abraham Lincoln



SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

Former Member Ralph Smith Celebrates 100th Birthday

At the June meeting, birthday cards will be available for members to sign and share their good wishes. Ralph moved to Colorado when Verda moved there last year. The cards will be sent there after the meeting.

The following cards have been sent out recently:

Phyllis Campbell - *Congratulations* card upon having her art quilt and those of her art quilting group (fortune cookie inspired theme) selected to be exhibited at PIQF as well three (3) other quilt shows.

Beth Swift - *Congratulations* card upon being interviewed on the KTLA Morning News about Buena Park being chosen as one of the 5 Most Fun Small Cities in the U.S. by Rand McNally

Ralph Smith - *Happy Birthday* card for a milestone birthday (100!)

Marie Ketsdever - *Sympathy* card upon the tragic and untimely loss of her son-in-law.

Phyllis & Dennis Victor - *Anniversary* card celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary.

Ron Taylor - "*Retirement*" card. Ron is the gentleman who arranges things for us on Guild nights. He will still be at the BPSC but will no longer work on Thursdays in order to spend more time with his wife.

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

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS — June 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	Carolyn Craig
Quilt Cupboard	Fabric Panel	Karen Waterbury
Quilt Cupboard	Fabric Panel	Michelle Smith
Jan Raymond	Book	Susan Stokes
Jan Raymond	Book	Sharon Monge
Jan Raymond	Book	Mary Ann West
Jan Raymond	Book	Tina Fritz
Jan Raymond	Book	Sonia Das
Jan Raymond	Pattern	Georgan Zieres
Tranquility	Gift Certificate	Lydia Elder

WAYS & MEANS by Sonia Das



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 2012

Brown Bag Raffle. The raffle returns. Tickets are 5 for \$1 and you have a chance to win several fun items (sewing and miscellaneous). **If you have any donations (almost anything goes), please bring them to meeting early if you would like them to be part of that night's raffle.** Otherwise, donations will be held until the next raffle in November.

August 2012

TBA

PAST EVENTS

April 2012

Fundraising Night at Red Robin Restaurant (Cypress) - We raised ***\$107.07!!*** This meant that we had ~\$715 in sales that night. Thanks to everyone who came and helped support Acacia!!

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!

LIBRARY PROCEDURE CHANGE

Starting this month there are some changes in our Library check-out procedures. Instead of having all the books carted out by Susan MacVicar, now you may:

1. go to our AQG website library at http://www.acaciaquiltguild.org/Acacia_Library.pdf
2. email Susan at susanmacv1@gmail.com and tell her which items you would like to check out at the next meeting. She will have them all ready for you then.

This plan will help you get the books you want more quickly, and it will save the wear-and-tear on Susan and her helpers of loading and unloading the cart.

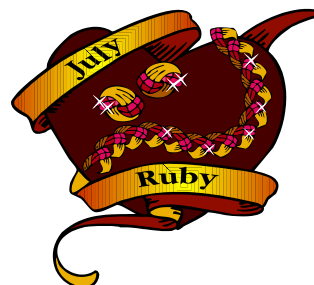
Thank you in advance for making this change a very positive one!



Happy Birthday!

Acacia Quilt Guild wishes all members with July birthdays a very Happy Birthday.

There are no birthdays this month. We need everyone to help bring refreshments.



2012 Acacia Challenge

Have you thought about what you will enter in the 2012 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.

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

Show & Tell

No photos this month

MEMBERSHIP

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

We had 31 members and 4 guests at the April meeting. Remember to invite friends to join us.

As of June 30, 2012, Acacia has 31 members (including five life time members).

The 2012-13 Membership drive continues and we are taking renewals at the Membership Desk. The renewal form is available in the newsletter (next page) as well as on the website. Clip or staple your check to the form & turn in at the next meeting. Also, you can always mail your renewal to Jody Burtch at the address on the form. **Membership in the Acacia Quilt Guild is \$25.**

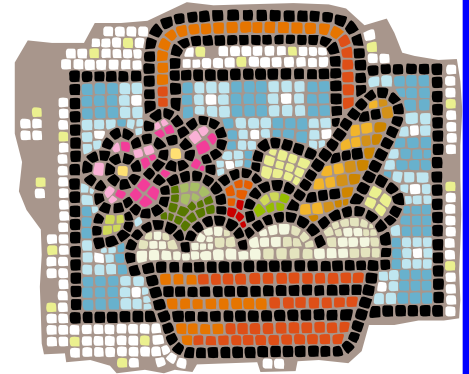
Thank you to those who have renewed their membership. We encourage all of last year's members to renew and to bring new members into the Guild.

The newsletter is sent to the members via email & is available on the AQG web site: www.acaciaquiltguild.org. If you wish to have your newsletter mailed to you, there is an additional fee of \$18 for the year.

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.



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, Workshop sign up, etc.



Opportunity Basket

There will not be a July Opportunity Basket because we will have a brown bag fundraiser. If you would like to make donations for August or September Opportunity basket, please bring to the July meeting.



*If our country is worth dying for in time of war let us resolve that it is truly worth living for in time of peace.
~Hamilton Fish*

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)

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

If you have questions, please call or email:
Sonia Das at 562-429-4477 or email her at
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2012-2013 Officers:

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

Join us for Board Meetings the 3rd
Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. If you
have any ideas for the guild share them
with the Executive Board.

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.