



NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2012



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi, Quilters,

Why is it, no matter how large our stash, almost every project necessitates a trip to the fabric store or quilt shop? Even with Lyn Brown's 8" square exchange, I needed to buy light blue to go with the darker blue, and red to go with the pink. Next month will be green, and I should have both the light and dark, since it's one of my favorite colors.

The problem with shopping for the needed fabric, is that I seldom purchase just that fabric. I'm sure I'm not the only one with that problem. Of course, the quilt shops love it and tempt us with so many beautiful fabrics that we can't resist. I'm trying really hard to find what I need in my stash, as I have way too much fabric in my "collection".

I found a cute table runner pattern on the Blank Quilting website that is great for reducing your stash. Just choose some of your favorite half yard pieces, and start cutting circles. You could even use different fabric on each side, and use even smaller pieces from your stash. It's great for using up all those left-over strips of batting too. Go to: www.blankquilting.com/buzz/outside_block/image/rumba_runner.pdf to print the pattern. You'll need 4 half-yard pieces and one 5/8-yard piece. Of course you could make the runner longer or wider if you want, or even make a table cloth. Take a look and see if you like it. If you do, I challenge you to make it using only fabrics from your stash.

Happy quilting this month, and bring something for "Sew and Tell". We all enjoy seeing what others have made. Oh, and don't miss Don Beld at our meeting on March 1st. Bring a friend or your husband as Don is a very interesting speaker, and his Civil War replica quilts are incredible. He will have his new book, "Civil War Quilts" available too! **Remember, quilts are like friends, a great source of comfort!**

Phyllis Campbell



MARK YOUR March CALENDARS. . .

Thurs., 3/1: 6:45 PM—AQG General Meeting; Ehlers Community Center, 8150 Knott Ave, Buena Park; Don Beld speaking.

Sat., 3/3: 9:00—Workshop with Don Beld.

Thurs., 3/15: 5:00—Sew So Much at Quilt Cupboard, 11891 Valley View, Garden Grove

Wed., 3/21: 7:00 PM—AQG Board meeting; Picasso Room, Ehlers Community Center, 8150 Knott Ave, Buena Park.

Sat., 3/24: 9:00—Philanthropy Sew Day; Picasso Room, Ehlers Community Center, 8150 Knott Ave, Buena Park.

Tues., 3/27: 5:00 PM—Lisa's Ladies Philanthropy Friendship Group, 7002 Moody, #209, La Palma.



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MARCH IS:

- Nat'l Irish American Month
- Music in Our Schools Month
- National Craft Month
- Poetry Month
- National Frozen Food Month
- Red Cross Month
- National Nutrition Month
- National Peanut Month
- Social Workers Month
- Nat'l Women's History Month

Next Meeting

March 1

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



MARCH PROGRAM

Program this month—The March 1st program will feature Don Beld, 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. This nationwide movement honors 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.



You will enjoy both meeting Don and taking part in his 1/2-day workshop on Saturday, March 3rd.

Fat Quarter Frenzy—Also on the program March 1st is Fat Quarter Frenzy. This feature will be going on a hiatus after next month. So for March, let's do a "ANYTHING GOES" theme – i.e. bring a fat quarter of any color or type (100% cotton, of course). You get a ticket for each fat quarter you turn in and the winner gets them all.

Last month's winner was Georgan Zieres. What have you made with the fabric, Georgan?

MARCH WORKSHOP

Workshop details: Don Beld, program speaker will provide a 1/2 day workshop (9:00 AM– 12:00 PM). Come to the meeting March 1 for additional information.

Upcoming Events

- TBD events—Quilters Haven, "Garage Sale," Denise Habicht, and other exciting events, so "stay tuned!"



Shar Taira
Program Chair

Happy Birthday!

Submitted by Carmen Meraz



Acacia Guild members with March birthdays:

3-1 PHILLIS VICTOR
3-13 SONIA DAS
3-25 JODY BURTCH

"Wishing our Guild members who celebrate their birthdays in March a VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!"

Thought for the month

Success does not come to you--YOU go it IT.

MEMBERSHIP

Jody Burtch, Marie Ketsdever, & Carmen Meraz

We had **29 members and 1 guest** at the February meeting. If anyone changes their info (address, phone, email, etc.) please let Jody know so that she can keep our membership list up to date. Remember to wear your nametag to each meeting. No nametag = 25 cent fine, but we really just want to get to know each other.



Books and Bags for Babies Project

Acacia members made and donated a total of **160 fabric bags** to the Buena Park Rotary Club to use for their "Books and Bags for Babies" project, which provides reading materials for parents of new babies—some for them to read to their babies and some to use as reference information. A few more bags are needed. Here's how to assist with the last **40**:

- Using baby print fabric, pastel solids, stripes, or gingham, cut 2 pieces of fabric 13" X 13".
- With right sides together, sew 3 sides of the bag using a 1/2" seam allowance. If you have an overlock machine, using it will make this step go very fast!
- The unstitched side is the top. Zigzag or overlock stitch all around the top edge, then turn in 1" to the inside and press. Stitch down the folded edge, stitching 3/4" from edge, all around the opening.

That's it—another group will finish with drawstrings. Questions?? See Beth Swift.

Philanthropy

At our February meeting, we had a wonderfully productive meeting. Thank you to all who helped with tying quilts. It was such a great time!



If you would like to continue our efforts, come early to the March meeting--5:00 PM—and we will do some more tying of quilt tops. So if your schedule permits, please come and help tie a quilt top.

Highlights This Month:

- * We want to get batting at a discount, so if you use Hobbs batting sold in packages, please bring us the UPC/barcode from the packages.
- * Please remember to bring your kits (complete or not) and any donations for Thomas House as I will be making a trip to drop off a donation in March.
- * A wonderful lady (who wishes remain anonymous) has made a very generous donation of fabric to our Guild—about 40 boxes full! We now have plenty of fabric supplies to make more quilts and pillow cases for our charities in the future. Many thanks and gratitude for the wonderful donation by our fellow fabric lover.

Ongoing Needs:

Everyone should be working on something for our Guild. We have:

1. Fabric to cut;
2. Kits to be worked on in any way you can help;
3. Boutique items to sell at our booths at different times of the year;
4. Closets to be clean out of any un-used household items to donate;
5. Friends and neighbors to talk to about our guild and what we do--you may find a secret quilter who needs to join our Guild!



Thank you everyone we are doing great things. We donated fabric to **Block for the Brave** and **Quilts of Valor** this past month. We will be donating to **Pajama Mamas**--more information to come.

Lisa Sullivan,

PHILANTHROPY CHAIR
(2007-2012); 714-642-1127; lisa@jdcoulterco.com

President's Quilt

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Thank you, Acacia Guild members, for my beautiful President's Quilt, especially those members who contributed a block. Thanks also to:

- Karen, for coordinating the project,
- Susan, for doing the quilting, and
- Diane for binding it.

It's such a bright and cheery quilt and will be a wonderful reminder of my tenure as President.

Quilty hugs,

Jody

Jody Burtch
AQG President 2010-11



SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

The following card has been sent out recently:
Carolyn Craig – Sympathy card upon the loss of her older brother.

Please contact Sonia with news about guild members at soniadas@yahoo.com or 562-429-4477. Members are sent cards for the following occasions and 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 type of card and category that deserves a card from the guild.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS — February 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	Margot Taub
Phyllis Campbell	Quilt Calendar	Sonia Das
Phyllis Campbell	Valentine Bear w/scented soap	Kim Hogan
Tranquility Quilts	Gift Certificate	Lydia Elder
Moore's Sewing Center	Retro Clean	Diane Donegan
Moore's Sewing Center	Retro Clean	Jody Burtch
Moore's Sewing Center	Retro Clean	Marie Ketsdever
Quilt Cupboard	Fabric Panel	Cecelia Carey
Quilt Cupboard	Pattern	Diane MacRill
Jody Burtch	Two Jumbo Avocados	Jan Raymond
Checker Distribution	Book	Sharon Monge
Jan Raymond	Book	Carmen Meraz
Jan Raymond	Pattern	Susan MacVicar

WAYS & MEANS by Sonia Das

UPCOMING EVENTS



March 2012—Brown Bag Raffle at March meeting: The raffle will return. Tickets are 5 for \$1 and take a chance on winning several fun items (sewing and miscellaneous). If you have any donations, 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 July.

April 2012—Boutique Sale: Peruse our boutique gifts and find some great items for Easter baskets and Mother's Day!



PAST EVENTS

February 2012

February's magazine sale raised \$12!
We will do it again later in the year.



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!

Block of the Month

This is the same block as last month. If everyone brings a few, we will have enough to make several philanthropy quilts. Thanks in advance for your donations!

Diane Donegan

Carrie Nation
Unfinished 12 1/2" x 12 1/2"

White:

Cut - 1 stripe 3 1/2" x 36" or WOF

Cut - 1 stripe 2" x 25"

Red:

Cut - 1 stripe 3 1/2" x 20"

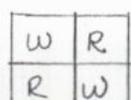
Blue:

Cut - 1 stripe 2" x 25"

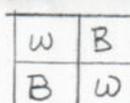
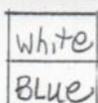
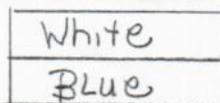


First cut 4 **White** squares 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" off of the stripe 3 1/2" x 36" or WOF

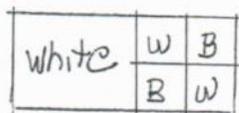
Sew the remaining **White** 3 1/2" stripe to the **Red** 3 1/2" stripe, then sub-cut into 4 pieces 6 1/2" x 3 1/2". Once that is done, sew into (2) four patch blocks 6 1/2" x 6 1/2".



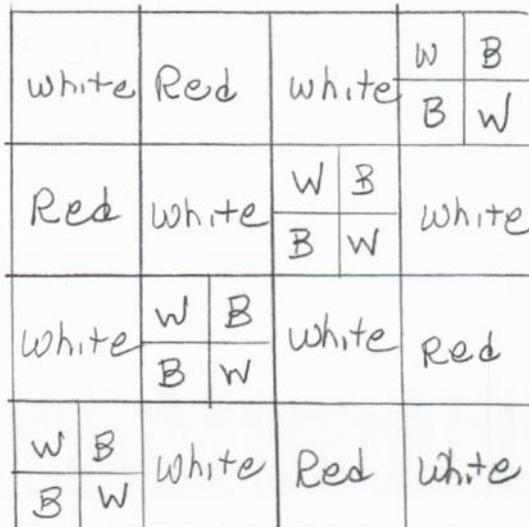
Sew the **White** 2" x 25" stripe to the **Blue** 2" x 25" stripe, then sub-cut into 8 pieces 3 1/2" x 2". Once that is done, sew into (4) four patch blocks 3 1/2" x 3 1/2".



Sew the **Blue** and **White** four patch to the **White** 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" square. Make four,



Now assemble the block as shown below.



Coming next month! Sorry, no photos were taken at the last meeting.

LOCAL QUILT SHOWS COMING

1. **Friendship Square Quilt Guild**, serving the greater Whittier and La Habra area, is having a Quilt Show on **March 3 and 4, 2012 at the La Habra Community Center**.

*Over 100 quilts will be displayed with a special exhibit of Civil War quilts and memorabilia.

*Hand-quilted items, hand appliqued items, and Opportunity quilt tickets will be available for purchase as well as tickets for a quilt raffle to benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation. *

*Merchant Mall—specialty fabrics, kits, long-arm demonstrations, sewing machines for sale, etc.



*Check out the guild web site for more information:
<http://www.fsqq.org>.

2. **SCCQG** is planning a spectacular quilt show! Everyone is invited to attend the expanded "Meet the Teachers" annual meeting, **Saturday, April 14 from 9:30 AM-3:00 PM** at the **Carson Community Center**, 801 E. Carson Blvd., just one block from the 405 freeway.

*As many as 50 teachers will attend, each displaying at least 3 quilts, for a total of at least 150 professional quality quilts minimum. Vendors have been invited, too.

*New products and patterns will be available from the teachers and vendors there.

***Free admission and free parking**—it promises to be the best quilt event in Southern California this spring.

*Watch demos and win door prizes offered throughout the day.

*It's not just for SCCQG reps and members....**It's for anyone who loves quilts**. Plan to spend the day with your friends.

*Guilds may bring their Opportunity Quilts. There is not outside food admitted to the Carson Center, but picnic boxes - sandwiches, fruit, cookie and beverage - will be available on site for \$10. **Come one, Come all**. Meet the great selection of southern California teachers and speakers available for your guild this next year. Guild program people should bring contracts and calendars in preparation for getting speakers for your guild. It is also important to remember your local quilt shop and to support all they bring to you in your community during these economic times.

**Jean Kuper, Don Beld and Becky Miller - event committee.
Contact Becky at beckymiller3@verizon.net.



ACACIA QUILT GUILD

Membership Year: June 1, 2011 – May 31, 2012

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: _____ | |

REDUCED MEMBERSHIP DUES (6 months):

\$15.00 (w/o mailed newsletter);

\$24.00* (with mailed newsletter)

**OPTIONAL NEWSLETTER MAILING FEE: \$9.00 (for 6 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: 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

[HTTP://WWW.SCCQG.ORG](http://www.sccqg.org)

March 2012

- ◇ 3/2-3—Desert Quilt Guilds "Desert Splendor" Quilt Show; 10:00 AM-4:00 PM, at the Palm Springs Pavilion, 401 S Pavilion Way, Palm Springs; for more information write to PO Box 1181, Yucca Valley, CA 92286 or see web site: desertguildsqiltshow.com.
- ◇ 3/3-4—Friendship Quilt Guild, La Habra; see page 6.
- ◇ 3/16-18—Quilting Green, 33rd Annual Glendale Quilt Guild Show, Friday & Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4; at the Burbank Airport Marriott, 2500 Hollywood Way; Entries from non-members and members are welcome; contact Glendale Quilt Guild Programs Chair, Colleen Shier at pollyannas_mom@hotmail.com or see www.glendalequiltguild.org

Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds

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