



ACACIA QUILT GUILD – SMALL, BUT MIGHTY!

NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2018

President's Report – Shar Taira

Precious Quilters, didn't it seem like the year just flew by? I thought I would try and reorganize and re-access all those UFO's! Big mistake! As my coworker would say, "Hot mess"! I think I will put them back into the bag I stored them in so I don't have to look at them. Or maybe if I have time I can try to make them into kits. We shall see! I wonder if we can set up a trade system? Well, I hope you all are having a fun Christmas and a Happy New Year!

If you missed our December potluck, we are having Desiree Habicht as our speaker on January 4th, 2018. Please invite a friend! Desiree made a beautiful quilt, "Letters to Santa Claus". She will be discussing its creation, design, and execution which you can read about on our Facebook page: "Acacia Quilt Guild of Orange County (CA)".

Our January 6th workshop has been changed to a Sew Day. We will be sewing cancer bags from kits so be sure to bring your sewing machines and sewing tools. We have cutting boards and ironing boards with irons.

Your Board is working on several issues. First, we have two Facebook pages: "Acacia Quilt Guild of Orange County (CA)" and "Acacia Quilt Guild of Buena Park". The first one is more frequently used and the latter was having some issues so we may get rid of it. If anyone has relevant input, please shoot me an email. The second issue is discussion of our boutique! Many feel the pieces we are selling are outdated which makes it difficult to compete with other vendors. At the last Candy Caneland there was an overwhelming number of vendors selling the same things we had for sale. It is very difficult to come up with sewn projects that don't take too much time or effort since they have to be sold for a very low price in order to be affordable for the kind of clients we get. If you have pattern ideas or samples that we could use to help with this problem you are more than welcome to email me or see me at a General Meeting. Thank you!

See you next year! Shar



FIREHOUSE QUILTS

ACACIA QUILT GUILD OF ORANGE COUNTY BUENA PARK FIREHOUSE QUILT PROJECT

Background:

- Buena Park Fire Station 61 was destroyed by fire in January 2017. Construction on a new firehouse has begun and completion is expected in Spring 2018.
- Beth Swift, Acacia Member and Mayor of Buena Park, proposed that the Guild make quilts for the residents of the new firehouse. Beth is also Chair of the Orange County Fire Authority.
- This proposal was presented and approved at the July 2017 General Meeting.
- Quilts will be presented in the name of the Acacia Quilt Guild, and special labels will be printed and will be in memorial of Mary Hicks.

How many quilts?

- 30 bed quilts (XL twin) will be made for the firefighters and staff who will reside at the firehouse.

Quilt Size?

- Each quilt will 70" x 90" – to fit an extra-long twin bed XL Twin)

Quilt Themes:

- traditional or modern designs that read as neutral or masculine (all overnight residents will be men):
- patriotic
- plaid
- deep, darker colors

Deadline to submit COMPLETED Quilts:

- **MARCH 1, 2018**

Batting and Backing:

Acacia Quilt Guild will contribute backing and batting for quilts. Please contact Lisa Sullivan, Philanthropy, to make arrangements.

Firehouse T-Shirt Quilt

A T-shirt quilt is being made for display in the new firehouse. Shirts are being donated by John Peat, Mayor Pro Tem of Cypress, retired firefighter, and the winner of the Acacia Quilt Guild's Alaskan Wildflower Opportunity Quilt (2016-2017).

Quilt Pattern Links - some ideas for quilts

<http://www.quilterscache.com/BlocksbySizeB.html>

<http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/quilt-patterns/bed-quilts/free-bed-quilt-patterns>

2nd Vice President– Upcoming Programs & Workshops – 2017-2018

(Subject to change)

Phyllis Campbell

Upcoming Programs

- 2/1 “Is There Such a Thing As Too Many Quilts?” with Nancy Williams
- 3/1 Quilters University-Quick Demos - Quilt Challenge begins
- 4/5 “What's the Difference?-Traditional vs Modern Quilts” with Sylvia Davis
- 5/3 “Confessions of a Quilt Class Addict” with Beth Stanton. Elections and Brown Bag

Upcoming Workshops

- 2/3 “Ways to use Hand-Dyed & Shibori in Quilts” with Nancy Williams
- 3/3 “Quilters University Workshop”-free for members
- 4/7 “Brain Twist Quilt” with Sylvia Davis
- 5/5 “Snip and Flip Animals” with Mary Tabar

Speakers

January - Our January 4th Speaker is Desiree Habicht. Desiree is a multi-talented artist, teacher, quilt artist, fabric designer and more. She has won awards in quilt shows and art contests and teaches her techniques online and at quilt shows. You will enjoy her talk on how she designs fabric, utilizing her many talents. Desiree was one of our first speakers and workshop teachers back when our guild began. We are excited to have her return. Invite your friends. They will enjoy Desiree's fascinating talk and art work even if they are not quilters.



Collage by Desiree Habicht

Programs & Workshops, continued
Speakers

February – Nancy Williams of Cincinnati, Ohio, is returning to be our speaker on February 1st and workshop teacher on the 3rd. Nancy is a quilter, quilt collector, teacher/lecturer, and quilt historian. She has been quilting since 1984 and enjoys all kinds of quilting.



Sashiko



Hand Dyed Fabrics

Nancy will be speaking at the February 1st General Meeting about what it is like to have many quilts, quilt tops, blocks, buttons, laces, trims, scraps and other quilt related things. Her workshop will be about the many exciting ways to use hand-dyed and Shibori fabrics in quilts and wearables. Sashiko will also be featured. Nancy will make this an enjoyable time to try new ideas and techniques.

Invite a Friend! ☺

WAYS AND MEANS

Michelle Smith & Mary Ann West

The Santa Box was a huge success, and 'Congratulations' to Beth Swift as our big winner. Thanks to everyone for their great support and participation in all Acacia's fundraisers.

Start the New Year with a resolution to make your first 2018 Quilt from the fabrics from our **"Spring Fling" Treasure Chest** featuring florals and colorful blenders that will enhance your fabric stash.

Tickets go on sale January through March, and are one for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00.

Philanthropy

Lisa Sullivan, Philanthropy Chair

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of our Philanthropy projects. We will continue to make and collect kits for stockings and pillowcases in 2018. Kits can be picked up at any General Meeting.

- This season, 62 pillowcases were given to Rowntree Gardens Assisted Living in Stanton, 80 stockings and 70 pillowcases were given to the Wounded Warrior Battalion at Camp Pendleton, 20 stocking/pillowcases were given to the Access day care and 67 stockings were filled with a pillowcase and as much goodies as they could hold for Thomas House shelter. In addition, we gave 23 quilts to Thomas House shelter for their use. A Great Year!
- There will be a Sew Day for cancer bags and other kits on Saturday, January 6th, 2018. We make the cancer bags for local chemotherapy patients and they are a welcome sight for many. Please come! Or, if you can't, please pick up some kits (bags, stockings, pillowcases – your choice) at the January General meeting on the 4th.
- Lisa's Ladies will meet on Tuesday January 30th, from 6:30 to 8PM.
- Blocks for the Brave will meet on January 21st at the Ehlers Center from 10 to 4PM.

As always, please call or email if you have any questions.

Thank you!
Lisa Sullivan
714-642-1127/Text
zquilt.ls@gmail.com

Show & Tell



Show & Tell will resume in the February Newsletter

Operation Gratitude

Members! Here is an excerpt of the thank-you letter from the CEO of Operation Gratitude 2017. Thank You for your donations!!



The FOB this morning in Chatsworth, CA

Dear Friends,

In my first week as the new CEO of Operation Gratitude, it has become even more clear to me what makes this organization so special and why our work together is so important.

During my 20 years in the Marine Corps, I witnessed firsthand the impact that Care Packages and letters have on our Deployed Troops. But I never fully realized that those Care Packages were the expression of extraordinary support from communities large and small across this country -- from individuals like you who want to express your appreciation to all who serve.

I want you to know that you are making a difference. Over the past few days, I've read dozens of letters and emails from the recipients of our Care Packages -- from Military serving worldwide and from First Responders across the nation. They are deeply moved by your kindness and generosity... and so am I.

I've also been amazed by the passion and commitment of our talented staff and dedicated volunteers. In preparation this week for our Two Millionth Care Package Event, they redoubled their efforts on the ground in order to support the brave men and women battling the horrific fires in the surrounding communities of Southern California. In addition to activating Emergency Relief Efforts to collect critically needed items for thousands of First Responders currently in harm's way, they asked to dedicate this milestone event in their honor.

Tomorrow, December 9th, with the help of patriotic citizens like you, Operation Gratitude volunteers will assemble 10,000 Care Kits for distribution to First Responders serving in the fire-ravaged areas and to Troops deployed overseas during the holiday season. We hope you will join us, either in person or by watching online here: <https://www.operationgratitude.com/2-million-packages/>

From the first Operation Gratitude Care Package that was assembled 14 years ago on the dining room table of our Founder, Carolyn Blashek, to the Two Millionth Care Package and beyond, I am honored and humbled to be part of this incredible organization and to stand alongside you to serve all those who serve.

With Warmest Regards,
Kevin M. Schmiegell, CEO

QUILTS NEEDED

Quilts are always needed for our reserve to be given out when we are contacted about community or individual need. Please let Lisa or Shar know if you have any quilts you would like to donate for this purpose or if you know where one might be that can be retrieved. Thank you!

Fabricators

The Fabricators meeting on Nov. 25th was very well attended. Eight guild members showed up: Phyllis Victor, Brenda Howard, Lisa Sullivan, Jo Melis, Patti Paschall, Chris Mattison, Sonia Das, and Barbra Riley, plus Maria Carol, a visitor to our November General meeting. We not only got a lot done but learned, courtesy of Patti, that there is a specific presser foot to use for “stitch in the ditch”. Sharing information is one of the added benefits of sewing in a group. We learn from each other.

The next Fabricators meeting will be on Saturday, January 13, 2018 in the Picasso Room, 9:00am until 4:00pm.

Candy Cane Land:

With the help of Mary Ann West, Brenda Howard, Michelle Smith, Chris Mattison, and Phyllis Victor we sold \$231.00 worth of items at Candy Caneland.

The competition at a craft show is stiff since there are so many others with similar products to sell. We need to review both the type of things we make to sell and how we present ourselves. When we present ourselves as a charity and advertise the groups we help support that seems to help sales. We need to find a way to make it clear in the small space at a craft show that our items are not sold for our benefit but to support philanthropic projects. Any ideas?

For more information call Barbra Riley, 562 416-2005

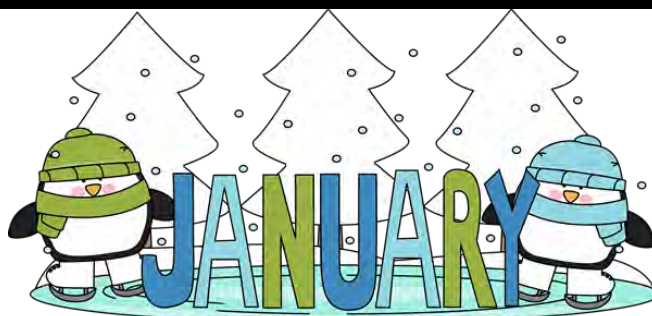


NEWSLETTER

Please submit any newsletter articles or photos to Maryjo at maryjedgar@quietgrove.info.
Deadline for the Newsletter remains the Sunday after the Board meeting, which meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday.



Calendar At A Glance



4	6:30 PM	General Meeting: Desiree Habicht "How Are Fabrics Designed?"
6	9AM to 4PM	SEW DAY – Cancer bags from kits
13	9:00 AM	Fabricators Meeting – Picasso Room
18	7:00 PM	Board Meeting – Picasso Room
30	6:00 PM	Lisa's Ladies -



1	6:30 PM	General Meeting: Nancy Williams "How Much Fabric is Too Much?"
3	9AM	Workshop: Picasso Room
15	7 to 9 PM	Board Meeting – Picasso Room
27	6:00 PM	Lisa's Ladies



Host Organization	Date(s) of Event	Time	Location	Description of Event
Valley Quilters www.valleyquilters.org	Feb. 2-10, 2017	10-4	Valley Wide Recreation Center 901 W. Esplanade San Jacinto, CA 92583	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100+ Quilts • Vendor Mall • Featured Quilter • Quilt Appraisals on Saturday
South Bay Quilters Guild sbqg2018quiltshow.weebly.com	Feb. 17-18, 2018	10-4	Torrance Cultural Arts Center 3330 Civic Center Drive, Torrance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 150+ Quilts • Vendor Mall • Café • Raffles & Auctions
Desert Guilds www.desertguildsquiltshow.com	March 2-3, 2018	10-4	Palm Springs Pavilion 401 S Pavilion Way, Palm Springs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quilt Show • Mini Quilt Exhibit • Vendor mall & Boutique • Quilts for sale
Friendship Square Quilt Guild www.fsqg.org	March 10-11, 2018	10-5	La Habra Community Center 101 W. La Habra Blvd., La Habra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quilt Show • Boutique • Merchant Mall • Raffles & Auctions

ACACIA BOARD 2017-18

President: Shar Taira
 1st VP. At Large: Sonia Das
 2nd V.P. Programs/Workshops: Phyllis Campbell
 Secretary: Maryjo Edgar
 Treasurer: Chris Mattison

STANDING COMMITTEES

Birthdays: OPEN
 Door Prizes: OPEN
 Equipment: Barbra Riley
 Historian: OPEN
 Hospitality: Sandy Brown
 Membership: Maryjo Edgar, Asst: Brenda Howard
 Newsletter: Maryjo Edgar
 Opportunity Basket Frannie Donoghue
 Opportunity Quilt: Chris Mattison
 Parliamentarian: OPEN
 Past President Sonia Das
 Philanthropy: Lisa Sullivan
 Photographer: OPEN
 Publicity: OPEN
 Secret Pal: OPEN
 SCCQG Representative: Susan Stokes
 Special Events (Tea & Quilt Auction) OPEN
 Sunshine & Shadows: Sonia Das
 Ways & Means: Michelle Smith & MaryAnn West
 Website Patti Paschall

GENERAL MEETINGS are held on the 1st THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH. If this is a holiday, the meeting will be moved to the 2nd Thursday. Doors open at 5:15 pm; meeting starts at 6:45 pm

Walter D. Ehlers Event Center
8150 Knott Avenue
Buena Park, CA 90620

BOARD MEETINGS are at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the same location.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THE SUNDAY AFTER THE BOARD MEETING. Please email articles to: Maryjo Edgar at maryjedgar@quietgrove.info

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 are \$25.00 per year, June 1 through May 31st. Dues for members joining after 11/30 will be \$15. Due for members joining after the last day of April will be \$10.00. Guests will be asked for a donation of \$3.00 at the general meeting.



1/27 Donna McDaniel

**MEMBERSHIP**

Maryjo Edgar & Brenda Howard

At the December 2017 General Meeting we welcomed 20 members and 1 guest.

Don't forget to introduce yourself to new members and visitors and keep inviting your friends to our programs and workshops.

The 2017-2018 Membership Directory can be obtained at the Welcome Table at General Meetings or you may email or call Maryjo and she will be happy to send you one.

Applications for membership are available at the Welcome Table at each General Meeting from Brenda or from Maryjo at Board. You can also download a copy via the website (use "Membership" tab), or through the newsletter. If you have any questions, please call Maryjo at 714 232 3806.

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Membership Year: June 1, 2017 – May 31, 2018

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) *prorated to \$12.50 after Jan 1

**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 \$18.00 to Membership Dues for a total of \$43.00.

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

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

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

Acacia Membership
Attn: Maryjo Edgar
maryjedgar@quietgrove.info
6612 San Diego Drive
Buena Park, CA 90620

If you have questions, please call or email:
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