



ACACIA QUILT GUILD – SMALL, BUT MIGHTY! NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2018

President's Report – Shar Taira

Hello, Members!

Well, as usual, the months are flying by! Our last speaker, Nancy Williams, had such a nice trunk show and I really enjoyed her workshop too. I was able to find all my sashiko projects and remind myself what else I need to do to finish them up. It was nice to figure out a pattern for some sashiko material I had purchased a while ago.

At Fabricators I was able to help Barbra and Phyllis Victor cut fabric for our upcoming Quilt Challenge. I hope each of you will choose a bundle of fabric and come up with a quilt for philanthropy! Barbra is fine-tuning rules for the Challenge and they should be available by the next Fabricator meeting.

My youngest daughter Joy got married on Friday, February 16, 2018. She met Sean in high school and soon after her graduation, they got together. They just finished premarital counseling by their pastor who also volunteered to officiate their wedding. It was very quick and small, just immediate family and grandparents. It was very beautiful! Afterward, they went to San Diego for a day or so and then in a couple of weeks they are going to Costa Rica for their honeymoon. I told her I would sew her wedding ring quilt, but she did not seem that enthused about it so maybe I will need to ask her to come up with some other idea.

The South Bay Quilt Show was last Saturday and Sunday. I really enjoyed the show and it was so nice to see the catering company we used at our Tea at the show. The food looked wonderful and it's always fun to see the vendors.

Last year I heard that the modern quilt show in Pasadena – QuiltCon - was so good that I am looking forward to that this coming Friday. I hope you all enjoyed your President's Day holiday.

See you soon, and Happy Sewing
Shar



Shar Taira,
President

**ACACIA QUILT GUILD
FIREHOUSE QUILT PROJECT
DUE DATE IS MARCH 1, 2018!!!**

(Updated information appears in red)

Background:

1. Buena Park Fire Station 61 was destroyed by fire in January 2017. Construction on a new firehouse has begun with completion expected in Spring 2017.
2. **The grand opening will be in the summer - date to be announced.**
3. Beth Swift, Acacia Member and Buena Park mayor, proposed that the guild make quilts for the residents of the new firehouse. Beth is also Chair of the Orange County Fire Authority.
4. Special labels will be printed for this special project.

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 be an extra-long twin (XL Twin): 70" x 90"

Quilt Themes:

Traditional or modern designs that read as neutral or masculine (all of the overnight residents will be men): patriotic or plaid, deeper, darker colors

Deadline for completion:

- **MARCH MEETING -for tops**
- **APRIL MEETING - for completed quilts**

Batting and Backing:

Acacia Quilt Guild will contribute backing and batting for some of the quilts.

Firehouse T-Shirt Quilt

A T-Shirt quilt will be made to display in the new firehouse. John Peat, Mayor of Cypress and a retired firefighter, has donated several t-shirts. Susan Stokes and Phyllis Campbell volunteered to put it together.

Firehouse Wall Hanging Quilt

Barbara Purks of Orange Grove Quilters Guild was a visitor at the February meeting. She has made a wall hanging with firefighter fabric to donate to this project.

Firehouse Quilts Turned

A dozen quilts have been turned in. A full listing of quilts and donors will be provided in a future newsletter.

Notification to Membership About Voting on Non-Budgeted Donation***Secretary, Maryjo Edgar***

Submit to Membership for approval: March 1, 2018

Pursuant to Guild Standing Policy C. Board, item #4, prior *notification must be made to the membership in writing before voting on any proposed non-budgeted item in excess of \$250*. At the Acacia Quilt Guild of Orange County Board meeting of February 15, 2018, the Board voted to approve a one-time donation to Thomas House from profits from the 2017 Tea & Auction in the amount of \$500.

This item will be an agenda item at the General meeting held on March 1, 2018, for membership approval. Please refer all questions to Shar, President.

**Calling All New Members!**

If you joined Acacia within the last twelve months, you are cordially invited to attend a New Member Tea on Saturday, April 7th from 10AM to 1PM at the home of Susan Stokes. You will receive an invitation at the March 1, 2018, General Meeting (If you're unable to attend, one will be mailed to your home address). Come join us for some wonderful food and fellowship. We're glad you're with us and would be thrilled to show you our appreciation at this event.

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

(Subject to change)

Phyllis Campbell

Upcoming Programs

- 3/1 Quilters University-Quick Demos - Quilt Challenge begins
- 4/5 "How is Fabric Designed?" with Desiree Habicht
- 5/3 "Confessions of a Quilt Class Addict" with Beth Stanton. Elections and Brown Bag
- 6/7 14th Anniversary Celebration, Officer Installation and Trunk show by Jo Melis
- 7/5 "What's the Difference?-Traditional vs Modern Quilts" with Sylvia Davis

Upcoming Workshops

- 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
- 6/9 "Lollipop Quilt" (aka "Speedy Snails Grows a Sweet Tooth") with Jo Melis and Patti Paschall.

Link to [Supply List](#):

- 7/7 "Brain Twist Quilt" with Sylvia Davis

Speakers

March – Quilter's University Demos Our March 1st General Meeting will be Quilter's University demos with a workshop to follow on Saturday. All free to members. Some demos that night will include a baby-sized matching game floor quilt, watercolor wall hanging, and more! Bring a Friend and enjoy this informative and fun evening. Also in March, we will be revealing our Quilt Challenge rules and all will have an opportunity to choose their fabrics.

April –Desiree Habicht is Coming in April! We are glad that Desiree is feeling better and will be able to speak at our April meeting. Desiree is a multi-talented artist, teacher, quilt artist, fabric designer and more. She has won awards in quilt shows and 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 a Friend! Everyone wears fabric and may not have thought about how it was designed. They will enjoy this Desiree's fascinating talk and work even if they are not quilters.



Upcoming Programs & Workshops, continued**Pg. 2**

May – Beth Stanton - Beth Stanton will be here on May 3rd to present “Confessions of a Quilt Class Addict”. Beth will be sharing some of the many quilts she has made that began in a quilt class.

May Workshop – Mary Tabar – Workshop on May 5th will feature the return of Mary Tabar by popular demand. Mary will be teaching ‘Snip and Flip Animals’. You may choose one animal pattern free, additional patterns just \$5 each.

Invite a Friend! ☺

Thank You to Nancy Williams for a fabulous program on **February 1st and workshop** that followed on the 3rd. We learned a lot about Shibori fabric and Sashiko stitching and enjoyed seeing your samples and beautiful creations. Here are a few from the General meeting:





QUILT SHOW – The Friendship Square Quilt Guild invites you to attend their Quilt Show on March 10 and 11 at the La Habra Community Center, Hours are Saturday, 10 to 5, and Sunday 10 to 4. Admission is \$8.

Don't miss their display of over 100 beautiful quilts made by guild members. This link will give you more details about the show.

Link: www.fsqq.org

WAYS AND MEANS

Michelle Smith & Mary Ann West

Tickets for our **"Spring Fling" Treasure Chest**, featuring florals and colorful blenders, are now on sale -- 1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00. Tickets will be drawn at the March General meeting.

'Top of the Morning' to all you quilters out there! At the March meeting, **Leprechauns** will be selling opportunity tickets for a **Pot of Gold** filled with fabric treasures. Tickets are 1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00. Everyone wearing visible **green** at the meeting who purchases tickets will receive one extra ticket in March and that's **no Blarney!**

The Blowout Brown Bag Sale is coming in May. It's time to clean out your sewing room and donate your gently used items to the last fundraiser of the M & M's term of office. Set up for your items begins at 5:30 p.m. on the night of the May 3th General meeting.

Let's make this fundraiser one to remember.

Thanks for supporting your guild

Philanthropy

Lisa Sullivan, Philanthropy Chair

- Lisa's Ladies will meet on Tuesday February 27th, and Tuesday, March 27th, from 6:00 to 8PM.
- Blocks for the Brave is having their retreat March 17th and 18th at Thimble Towne in Bakersfield

Thank you for all you do!

We will be bringing our Chemo Bags to the patients at Dr. Forsthoff's Oncology office. We still need about 40 more. I have extra pillows that need stuffing, so if you have fiberfill you can part with; this is a great time to bring it for donation. If you have a kit, please finish it, and bring it to the March or April General meeting. I will have a form at the March meeting to record the number of bags (or two or MORE is OK!!!) you are bringing, so that I can get a count.

Please keep sewing those pillowcases and finishing your quilt tops too! If you need batting, call me and I will cut a piece and bring it to the meeting for you.

I am writing this article before the "Bear Naked Sew Day", so I will let you know about our progress. Sue's Creating Cottage (Sue Green) donated 8 Rare Bear patterns for the bears, so we are well on our way to many happy bears going toward this great project. To read more about the Rare Bear Science and the program for children with rare diseases or to join the Rare Bear Army, go to: [/www.rarescience.org/rare-bear-program/](http://www.rarescience.org/rare-bear-program/)

Thank you, Patti P., for the extra tips for cutting, and to Sue's Creating Cottage for the patterns!! Without the help of all our members we would not be able to help so many others.



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

Thank you!

Time – Talent – Donations

Please call or text anytime,

Lisa Sullivan

714-642-1127/Text

zquilt.ls@gmail.com

SUNSHINE & SHADOWS & SHOUT-OUTS

THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

- **Greg Swift (husband of Beth Swift)** - *Get Well* card for his recent stroke and hospitalization.

CONGRATULATIONS

- **Susan Magpayo**- *Congratulations* upon becoming certified in her field.
- **Phyllis Campbell** - *Congratulations* upon her recent retirement.
- **Shar Taira**- *Congratulations* upon becoming a mother-in-law for the second time when her younger daughter recently got married.
- **Donna McDaniel**- *Wedding* card for her marriage to Scott Turner of Topeka, KS.

Sonia Das will be handling ***Sunshine & Shadows*** for Acacia this year. Please contact her with news about guild members at 562-607-2384 or soniadas@yahoo.com. Acacia sends cards or gives shout-outs for the following reasons:

1. **Milestone anniversaries** (25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and beyond).
2. **Get well card** for a member or their spouse.
3. **Sympathy card** for death of an immediate family member
4. **Congratulations** for new babies, grandbabies, great grandbabies, etc.
5. **Congratulations for something spectacular** such as a new job, opening a new business, having a quilt selected for a show, winning a quilting ribbon/prize, winning the lottery, etc.
6. **Thinking of You** where encouragement is needed.
7. **Missing You** if a member has missed a few Acacia meetings.
8. **Anything other category** that deserves a card from the guild.

Show & Tell



Beautiful quilted jacket



Phyllis' beautiful firehouse donation.



Sonia shows her tote bag gift. Lovely!



Carolyn's beautiful Dresden plate creation.



Phyllis' beautiful patriotic strip quilt. Gorgeous, Phyllis!



Phyllis' lovely pink flannel.



Lori's stunning Firehouse Quilt donation quilted by Sandy Carreon.

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!

EQUIPMENT

Barbra Riley, Equipment Chair

New items are being ordered to replace supplies presently in the storage cabinet in the Picasso Room. Additional rotary cutters and 24-inch rulers will be replaced soon. If you know of any other guild equipment needed for classes or other activities of the guild which might need replacement, please let me know at the general meeting. Adjustments can still be made to the order.



Fabricators

The **Fabricators** are sponsoring a “Quilt Challenge”, beginning at the March meeting. This will be a Challenge with a difference, however, because you will not be given an ugly fabric to start with, and we are not trying to make the finish product difficult to make. We hope this will be an easy project and that everyone will want to get involved. Because it is a “Fabricator” project, we hope to use as much fabric from the storage unit as possible. Donated fabric does no one any good if it just sits there gathering dust.

Instructions for the Challenge follow this article and additional copies will be available at the March General Meeting. Start Planning Ahead and see you at the meeting!

Instructions for the Fabricator Quilt Challenge

Objective: To use up fabric in our storage unit and make additional quilts for philanthropy. All quilts are to be donated.

Instructions

- 1 Each participant in the Challenge will receive one yard of a floral or print fabric and one and a quarter yards (minimum) of a solid or a “reads as solid” fabric. These two fabrics have been paired, but you get to choose which of these matched pairs to use as the start for your quilt.
- 2 You then add a minimum of three (3) fat quarters from the storage unit selection available. The fat quarters can be the same print, or different, your choice. You may add additional fat quarters, but at least three of the fat quarter fabrics chosen must be visible in the finished quilt.
3. Since everyone will be working with different fabrics, your choices will be recorded in a photograph of you (or your name badge) with the fabrics you have chosen. Also, we would like to have “before” and “after” pictures for the winning quilt.

NO FABRIC IS TO BE RETURNED TO THE STORAGE UNIT!

4. Finished quilts should be a minimum of 48” by 66”. (No maximum) There are no limitations on the pattern used, simple or complex, the choice is yours. “Finished” in this case means quilted with a finished binding, but a label is not necessary. Lisa has labels for donated quilts.
5. Batting and backing material will be available at the April and May general meetings. Judging will be on the most attractive quilt, by a vote of those in attendance at the June General meeting.
6. **Prizes!** A \$50 gift certificate to M&L for the winning (most attractive) quilt; a \$30 gift certificate to M&L for second place. Additional prizes may be awarded, depending on how many quilts are in the competition and the creativity of the quilts entered in the contest. The winning quilt will be kept for next year’s Tea. All other quilts will be donated.



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



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| 1 | 6:30 PM | General Meeting: Quilter's University Quick Demos. Quilt Challenge Details |
| 3 | 9AM | Workshop: Quilter's University Workshop – free to members |
| 10 | 9AM | Fabricators Sew Day |
| 15 | 7 to 9 PM | Board Meeting – Picasso Room |
| 27 | 6:00 PM | Lisa's Ladies |



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| 5 | 6:30 PM | General Meeting: "Have you Wondered How Fabric is Designed?" with Desiree Habicht |
| 7 | 9AM | New Members' Tea - Details to be announced |
| 14 | 9AM | Meet the Teachers Event |
| 19 | 7 to 9 PM | Board Meeting – Picasso Room |
| 24 | 6:00 PM | Lisa's Ladies |



Host Organization	Date(s) of Event	Time	Location	Description of Event
Desert Guilds www.desertguildsqiltsow.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.fsqq.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.



3/1 Phyllis Victor
 3/13 Sonia Das
 3/25 Jody Burtch

**MEMBERSHIP**

Maryjo Edgar & Brenda Howard

At the February 2018 Meeting we welcomed 25 members and 9 guests. We have welcomed six new members over the past two months:

Carol Pecor
Tomiko Paronto
Carolyn Westlake
Nancy Williams
Judy Young
Lori Young

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.

ACACIA QUILT GUILD

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:
Maryjo Edgar - 714 232 3806 –

OR
Brenda Howard 714-952-4798