



ACACIA QUILT GUILD – SMALL, BUT MIGHTY!

NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2018

President's Report – Shar Taira

Hello, Members!

I am excited to be preparing my bag for our trip to Kansas City tomorrow. By the time you read this, Sonia, Michelle and I will have flown out for Donna's wedding. Michelle will be carrying a quilt that Phyllis Victor pieced and the friendship group, "Off Kilter Quilter's" paid to have quilted!

Donna quilted with my church group for a long time. I had asked her many years ago to come to Acacia. Initially, she said her life was too busy to make time to go to meetings, but after about 6 months she changed her mind. After that, she became very active in our guild, taking on the Treasurer position, Block of the Month Chair, and helping with our last Tea. We will miss her! I already miss our drives to the meetings together.

On February 23, 2018, I went to my first and probably last QuiltCon in Pasadena! A friend got me a seat on a bus ride. The driver used side streets to get there and back from Norwalk, and there was a lot of traffic that day! It seemed like we were in traffic coming and going! The quilts I saw were okay, but I was not even impressed enough to take photos. I did notice one thing: the people there, on average, were younger than the crowd that attended Road to California. So if our guild needs to appeal to a younger demographic, maybe we need some modern challenges. Something for the new Chairpersons to think about in the future.

Happy Sewing,

Sincerely, Shar

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

Submit to Membership for voting: April 5, 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 announced at the March General Meeting and submitted for vote at the April 5th General Meeting. Please refer all questions to Shar, President.

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

(Subject to change)

Phyllis Campbell

Upcoming Programs

- 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 Potluck, Officer Installation and Trunk show by Jo Melis
- 7/5 “What's the Difference?-Traditional vs Modern Quilts” with Sylvia Davis

Upcoming Workshops

- 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

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

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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! 😊

WAYS AND MEANS

M&M's

Last call to buy opportunity tickets for the **Pot of Gold** filled with batik fabric treasures at the April meeting. Tickets are 1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00.

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 of your items begins at 5:30 p.m. at the May 3rd meeting. Let's make this fundraiser one to remember.

Thanks for supporting your guild

Our Spring Fling basket winner!! Congratulations!



Thanks for supporting your guild

Philanthropy

Lisa Sullivan, Philanthropy Chair

- Lisa's Ladies will meet on the following Tuesdays: March 27th, April 24th, and May 29th, from 6:00 to 8PM.
- SEW DAYS!!! All are welcome to come and help on: 4/22, 4/28, and 5/26 from 10AM to 4PM at the Event Center.
- Blocks for the Brave will meet at the Event Center on Sundays, April, 15th and May 20th.

Thank You For All You Do!

We will work on the Bears again on our sew day on April 22nd. Also chemo bags are still needed! I will bring unfinished kits to our sew day so we can finish and send off as many bags and bears as possible. ☺

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.

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.

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 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, or other special event.
5. **Thinking of You** where encouragement is needed.
6. **Missing You** if a member has missed a few Acacia meetings.
7. **Anything other category** that deserves a card from the guild.

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 rotary cutters and rulers have been ordered and should be in the storage closet in the Picasso Room by the April General Meeting. We also have a new, lightweight Black and Decker iron and a new plastic box to keep miscellaneous small items together.

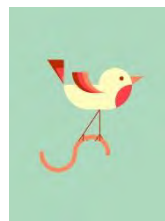


Membership

Beat the Rush!!

It's not too early to be thinking about renewing your Guild membership. It's only \$25 again this year for all the Programs and fun at General Meetings and reduced fees for Saturday Workshops.

A 2018-2019 Membership Renewal Application is the last page of this newsletter **OR** you can pick up an application from Brenda or Maryjo at the Welcome Table at any General Meeting, **OR** email Maryjo and she will send an application to your email, **OR** check out the "Membership Tab" on our website.



Show & Tell



Rare Bear Army is Working Hard!

Here are some samples of their work from the last Sew Day. Next Bear Sew Day is April 22nd!

Join the Fun



Finished Rare Bears, ready for stuffing.



She finished it!! :D



Joalyn's purse made of cork fabric.
Beautiful work, Joalyn

Members' Quilts Shown at Show and Tell



Phyllis Victor's beautiful quilts this month. Red, white & blue firehouse quilt on the left. Green/Orange on the right.



Jodi Burtch's stunning firehouse quilt.



Shar's Cat Quilt – Beautiful work, Shar.

Member Quilts at March 2018 Show & Tell, continued

Sue Green's beautiful Sailboat Quilt for her new grandson. Welcome, baby!!

Jodi's 3 'fidget quilts', used by Alzheimer patients.



Susan Wei's doggie bed. Puppy will sleep in style. Great job, Susan.



Phyllis Campbell's beautiful watercolor quilt.



Fabricators

Fabricators Fat Quarter Challenge

Participation in the Storage Unit Fabric/ Fat Quarter Challenge was very good! Twenty members have taken on the Challenge. Jo Melis, one of our overachieving members of Fabricators, has taken three sets of fabric, so she will have three quilts in the Challenge. If anyone missed the March meeting and would still like to get involved, the remaining "burritos" and fat quarters will be available at the April General Meeting. Also at the April meeting, will be a variety of fabrics from storage large enough for backings, plus a roll of batting. Participation was so good that we will probably have to come up with additional prizes and it is very likely that more than one quilt will be set aside for our 2019 Tea & Auction.

There were some areas of the Quilt Challenge Instructions in need of clarification, according to the attorney among us, Sonia Das. To clarify these points:

1. No, you do not need to use all of the large pieces of fabric in the "burritos". It is expected that you will use most of it due to the minimum size requirement of 48" by 66", but how you get there is up to you. Obviously, you do need to use enough of each fabric to be clearly visible.
2. Yes, you can put some of the fat quarters on the back of the quilt. The instructions do not say you cannot put them on the back, so that is not excluded.

If there are any additional questions, please let me know.

The next Fabricators meeting will be on April 14th in the Picasso Room. This date is the same as the date for "Meet the Teachers", so you have a choice to make.

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



5 th	6:30 PM	General Meeting: <i>Have you Wondered How Fabric is Designed?</i> with Desiree Habicht
7 th	9AM	New Member Tea (No Workshop this month)
14 th	9AM	Meet the Teachers Event
15 th	9AM	Blocks for the Brave -
19 th	7 to 9 PM	Board Meeting – Picasso Room
22 nd	10 AM to 4P	SEW DAY! All are welcome. Meet in Picasso Room.
24 th	6:00 PM	Lisa's Ladies (Philanthropy Workshop & Kit-Making)
28 th	10 AM to 4P	SEW DAY! All are welcome. Meet in Picasso Room.



3 rd	6:30 PM	General Meeting: <i>Confessions of a Quilt Class Addict</i> with Beth Stanton
5 th	10AM	WORKSHOP: Mary Tabar's <i>Snip and Flip Animals</i>
17 th	7 to 9 PM	Board Meeting – Picasso Room
20 th	9AM	Blocks for the Brave -
26 th	10 AM to 4	SEW DAY! All are welcome. Meet in Picasso Room.
29 th	6:00 PM	Lisa's Ladies (Philanthropy Workshop & Kit-Making)

Selected Upcoming Southern California Quilt Events*

**from the SCCQG Newsletter published March 1, 2018*

March 29 5:30 to 8 pm March 30, 31 9 am to 5pm	Quilt Las Vegas presents, "What Was Old is New Again" hosted by the Desert Quilters of Nevada at the Henderson Convention Center 200 S. Water St, Henderson St, Henderson NV. Over 200 Judged Quilts, Demonstrations, Merchant Mall, Quilt Appraisals, Opportunity Quilts, Raffle Basket, Food Trucks. Admission on Thursday \$5, \$8 on Friday and Saturday.
April 13 10 am to 5 pm April 14 9 am to 3 pm	Camarillo Quilters Association present the 2018 Quilting by the Sea Quilt Show Friday and Saturday at the Ventura County Fair Ground (Santa Cruz Hall) Quilt show, vendors mall, and boutique Admission \$10, Parking is free. For more information go to www.camarilloquilters.com
April 14 9 am to 2 Pm	SCCQG's Meet the Teachers hosted by South Bay Quilters Guild Carson Community Center 801 E. Carson St., Carson, Ca. This is your opportunity to meet many Quilt Teachers and see what they have to offer your guild. You can coordinate your schedules with them and book them on the spot.
April 21 10 am to 4 pm	Simi Valley Quilt Guild Garden Party , 1642 Rambling Road Simi Valley Lunch at 12 noon Live auction of quilts at 1 pm. Boutique and plant sale, 50/50 raffle. Prize for the best decorated Garden Hat. For questions contact Judy Ragan (805) 527-2196
April 21 11 am to 2 pm	Flying Geese Quilters Guild presents Quilted Treasures Auction and Tea. Miller Community Center, 300 Centennial Way, Tustin, CA 92780. Luncheon, Quilt Viewing and Raffle Baskets (11 to Noon) Live Auction of Beautiful handmade quilts (noon to 2 pm) Free Parking. \$5 admission includes Luncheon and Auction
April 27 9am to 5pm April 28 9 am to 3 pm	Los Angeles County Quilters Guild presents their Quilt Show "Quilts: From the Bolt to the Bed" Admission \$10 at the door, \$8 advance purchase. Greek Orthodox Church of Long Beach, 5761 Colorado Street, Long Beach, CA. Featured Artist: Jeannette Krebsbach. All Quilts never before shown. Over 100 quilts on display, vendor mall, Opportunity Baskets, Silent Auction, Quilter's Flea Market. Special Daily Bed Turning Presentation. For more information contact Nancy Needham 562-860-8821

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.



4/14 Mary Ann West
 4/15 Daryl Thomas
 4/22 Marianne Mahoney

**MEMBERSHIP**

Maryjo Edgar & Brenda Howard

At the March 2018 Meeting we welcomed 29 members and one 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.

ACACIA QUILT GUILD

Membership Year: June 1, 2018 – May 31, 2019

Date: _____ New Member: _____ Renewal: _____
 Name: _____ Birthday: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Zip: _____
 Home: _____ Cell: _____
 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 can 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
 6612 San Diego Drive
 Buena Park, CA 90620

If you have questions, please call or email:

Maryjo Edgar - 714 232 3806 –
 maryjedgar@quietgrove.info

OR

Brenda Howard - 714-952-4798