



ACACIA QUILT GUILD – SMALL, BUT MIGHTY!
NEWSLETTER – May 2020
President's Report

Fellow Quilters,

Everyone seems to be making face masks. Maryjo has done 210, Frannie has made 175, Lori Young has made about 35, and I have finished between 95 and 100. (I lost count.) Lori Ramsey has been involved with the group that Mary Clements originally formed to make hats for hospitalized children. They have sent 2300 masks to hospitals.

Just as a reminder: Acacia has a donation of over a hundred yards of ¼ inch elastic (contact Maryjo if you need some) and Lori Young has a good supply she is willing to share, so “running out of elastic” is not a valid excuse to stop making them. The need is still out there.

Anything you need to know about face masks can be found on the SCCQG website under the “Resource Guild to Face Masks”. Everything from patterns to where to donate your finished mask is covered. We are also still donating mask to Ehlers Event Center for the food bank volunteers to use.

We still have no idea about when we will be able to have another general meeting. Until then, we can do “Show and Tell” by shared photos. As you complete those UFO's, email a picture to Patti (her email account is in the roster). The pictures will go into the next newsletter. When we do have the next meeting, you can bring the real thing, but until then we can still share our works of art with each other.

Until we can get together as a group I will try to relay as much information as I have. The biggest problem seems to be the vast amount of “unknowns” in the world today. It is unknown when businesses can reopen, it is unknown when seniors can venture out of their houses, it is unknown when we can take off the masks, and unknown when we will have a place to meet. You are not the only one going stir-crazy. The mental health of the entire country has taken a nose dive. Try to remember that everyone else is in the same boat. All we can do is hang in there until this thing is under control and keep making face mask. And keep reading the Blast every Monday night/ Tuesday morning.

This exercise in staying at home is a strain on everyone, but be thankful that you have a sewing machine, fabric, and thread. We have projects! As another quilter said, “I have been preparing for this my whole life! Let them make fun of my stash now!”

Barbra Riley, President

Quilter of the Month

Sonia Das



Sonia is a Charter member of Acacia and has been very active in the guild since the beginning in 2005. At various times she has held most of the offices in Acacia, including president for four years. Sonia is a licensed attorney and helped incorporate Acacia when it started. She has been the auctioneer at **Acacia's** Tea and Auction for the last several years, so everyone should be familiar with her.

As everyone probably knows, Sonia was born in Bombay, India but lived in England until her family moved to Long Beach when she was 12. She was exposed to quilting while still in England but did not find it very interesting until the early **90's** when she saw a log cabin quilt on Quilt in a Day. Serious interest did not start until 1997 when she joined the Orange County Quilt Guild, and then Quilters by the Sea in 1998. She was the director of Camp Watch-A-Patcher in 2002 and 2004, is a certified teacher with Quilt in a Day, and is the current President of SCCOG. She has also been a member of Off Kilter Quilters since it started in 2013.

Sonia likes Acacia because it is an intimate, friendly guild and is **"drama free"** although she is also very active in QBS. Bright, rich colors and bold prints are **Sonia's** preference. She likes patchwork, paper piecing and modern quilts. Her colors are red, blue, green, magenta and black. Pastels are not her style!

Sonia also does cross-stitch and crochet, and likes to travel. If all cruises had not been canceled due to the COVID-19 virus she would be on a Hawaii cruise this month. Sonia is on Facebook but is also a voracious reader (of real, paper books), likes listening to radio dramas (remember radio?), and writes actual letters and notes using snail mail. She functions quite well with all the current communication technology but has not totally abandoned the traditional way of doing things. That is a good quality in a quilter.

Mary Ann's Legacy

Barbra Riley - Off Kilter Quilters

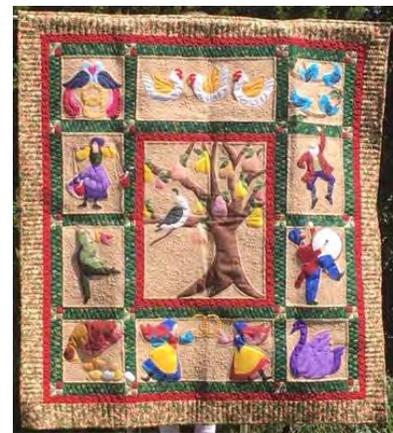
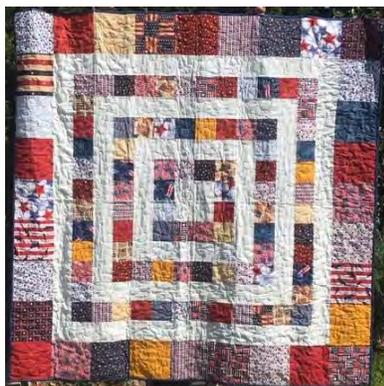


On February 5, 2020, Mary Ann West ask me to get some quilt tops completed and made into finished quilts that she could give to her family. Seven of those quilts and a centerpiece were finished and given back to her by the first week in April. With a great deal of help, seven more quilts and three table runners were returned to her daughter, Martha, on the 24th of April. Martha has been invited to bring the quilts to our next meeting, whenever that might be, but the quilts given to her are pictured here. These are what Mary Ann considered to be some of her best.

Due to the stay at home orders, it was sometimes difficult to pass on the hand work to others, but a huge **"thank you"** goes to Anita Catano, Denise Howard, Brenda Howard, Michelle Smith, Judy Phillips, and Sonia Das for the tedious task of hand stitching binding. Special thanks goes to Phyllis Victor for completing two quilts, a table runner and a centerpiece, and to Jo Melis for quilting two of the smaller quilts. Jo is not even a current member of Acacia but she is very familiar with Mary **Ann's** work. Judy Phillips quilted another of the smaller quilts and Nancy Toma finished a table centerpiece. Sharon Kerlagon quilted two of the more elaborate quilts and charged nothing! Other quilts were quilted by Cindy Kruse and Gene Fernandez. I did more hand stitching of binding (three quilts) than I have done in the last three years!

There is still one more quilt, done by Mary **Ann's** grandmother, plus a cute wall hanging to be completed, but with **everyone's** help we are getting them done!

At one time Mary Ann estimated that she had 300 quilt tops. That was probably a conservative estimate. In February she donated 75 of them to Acacia. On Friday, April 24th, I picked up an additional 33 quilt tops she had designated to go to Acacia. Her legacy will be with us for a long time to come.



Patriotic with white – Quilted by Gene Fernandez, hand binding done by Anita Catano
 Green and white pinwheels on black background – quilted by Sharon Kerlagon, binding by Judy Phillips
 12 days of Christmas – quilted by Sharon Kerlagon, binding by Barbra Riley



Hearts on a red border – Quilted by Gene Fernandez, binding by Barbra Riley
Stained glass on black – Quilted by Jo Melis, binding by Sonia Das
Stained glass on white – quilted by Jo Melis, binding by Barbra Riley



Baby “matching” quilt – quilted and binding by Judy Phillips
Orange table runner and centerpiece – Phyllis Victor
Both patriotic table runners - Barbra Riley

Acacia Guild Meeting Contest

Since most of us have become quite proficient at making face masks, and we will probably be wearing them for some time to come, at our next general meeting (whenever that is), we will have a contest to see who can come up with the most creative, most interesting face mask. There will be prizes and, we hope, a lot of laughs. If we have to live with these things we might as well make them entertaining, so now that you have churned out a bunch of boring ones, let your creative juices flow and make a fun mask to wear to the next guild meeting.

Note: If you took ombre fabric in February, that challenge is due at the August meeting, we hope!

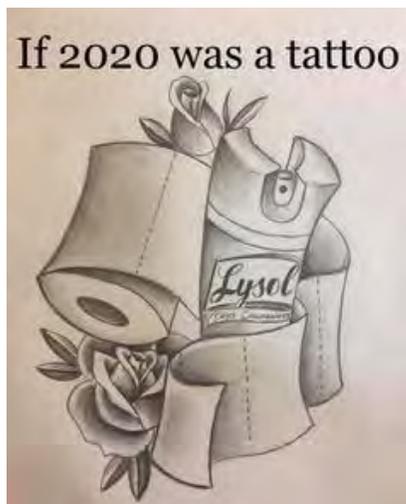
Elections

Barbra Riley, President

With all the economic problems the stay at home order has created, the election of new offices for the Acacia Quilt Guild seems small, but it does present a problem for the guild. There is nothing in our bylaws to cover this very strange situation. We have no meeting location and no meeting scheduled for May, when the election is scheduled to take place.

We cannot have an election of new board members until there is a general meeting. (How would we handle "nominations from the floor"?) The election will therefore be held at the next general meeting, whenever that happens.

Acacia will continue to have the same board members, including me, until we can have a regular meeting.



NOTICE TO THOSE MAKING FACIAL MASKS:

Just a reminder that the guild still has elastic for those making facial masks. Bev Tyler donated quarter-inch white elastic and guild members making surgical masks are welcome to have some. Maryjo Edgar is holding the elastic and distributing it for Bev. So far, four guild members have used some, so there's plenty left. Call or email Maryjo (maryjedgar6612@gmail.com) and arrangements may be made for pick up.

Membership

Membership renewal is in full swing. 'Thank You' to those of you who have mailed in your renewal application and dues, we REALLY appreciate it. When we re-convene, we expect to get a lot of renewals at once, so having your applications ahead of time saves a TON of time and paperwork.

To renew, please download an application from the link below. If you would rather have an application mailed to you, please call Membership Co-Chair, Maryjo Edgar at 714 232 3806.

Link to current Membership Application:

https://www.acaciaquiltguild.org/files/Membership/AQG_Renewal_2020_2021.pdf

There is also an application on the last page of this newsletter.

NEWSLETTER

Please submit newsletter articles and photos to Patti (see roster for email address) by the Sunday after the Board meeting which meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday. For the June newsletter, this would be May 24th.



Opportunity Quilt

There are still a few hundred unsold Opportunity Quilt tickets. We were scheduled to take our Opportunity Quilt to a few other guilds in March and April but that plan did not happen, so not as many tickets were sold as we had hoped for this adorable quilt. That means the odds of winning the quilt when we draw a winner in June is better than normal. If you have not purchased enough tickets to have a good chance at winning "Northern Friends", now is your chance.

Additional tickets for the Opportunity Quilt are still available, so please contact me if you want more.

Barbra Riley
562 416-2005



Fiddler on the Spool

Mask maker, Mask maker,
Make me a mask.
Find me a nurse,
Catch me a germ.
Mask maker, Mask maker,
Make me a mask.
Please help me to
End this Curse

Friend: What are you doing to pass the time during this quarantine?

Me: Mostly working on quilting projects.

Friend: What will you do once you run out of projects?

Me: (laughing uncontrollably) You aren't a quilter, are you?



See? It was never
fabric hoarding

it was pandemic planning



tie dye *Diva*

Calendar at a Glance



- 2nd** 9:00 AM **FABRICATORS Sew Day – Cancelled**
- 7th** 6:30 PM **GENERAL MTG - Cancelled**
- 9th** 10:00 AM **WORKSHOP – Cancelled**
- 21st** 7:00 AM **BOARD MEETING - Cancelled**
- 26th** 6:00 PM **PHYL’S PLACE (Philanthropy Meeting) - Cancelled**



(ALL activities PENDING re-opening of the Senior Center and safety of members)

- 4th** 6:30 PM **GENERAL MTG**
- 6th** 10:00 AM **WORKSHOP**
- 13th** 9:00 AM **FABRICATORS Sew Day – ALL are welcome**
- 18th** 7:00 PM **BOARD MEETING**
- 30th** 6:00 PM **PHYL’S PLACE (Philanthropy Meeting)**

ACACIA BOARD 2019-2020

President: Barbra Riley
1ST VP. At Large: Denise Howard
2ND VP, Programs & Workshops: Phyllis Campbell
Secretary: Mary Edgar
Treasurer: Frannie Donoghue

STANDING COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

- Birthdays: Membership
- Door Prizes: Bev Tyler
- Equipment: Lori Ramsey
- Historian: Susan Wei
- Hospitality: Anita Catano & Ernestine Caro
- Membership: Mary Edgar & Brenda Howard
- Newsletter: Mary Edgar
- Opportunity Basket: Bev Tyler
- Opportunity Quilt: Barbra Riley
- Parliamentarian: Open
- Past President: Shar Taira
- Philanthropy Team: Phyllis Victor & Team
- Photographer: Anne Killian
- Publicity: Phyllis Campbell & Barbra Riley
- Secret Pal: No program this year.
- SCCOG Representative: Barbra Riley
- Social Media Coordinator: Jodi Gill
- Special Events (Tea & Quilt Auction) Marianne Mahoney
- Sunshine & Shadows: Sonia Das
- Ways & Means: Phyllis Victor & Sonia Das
- 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 begins at 6:45 pm

**Ehlers Event Center
8150 Knott Avenue
Buena Park, CA 90620**

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THE SUNDAY AFTER THE BOARD MEETING.
Please email articles to: Mary Edgar at maryjedgar6612@gmail.com

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 February will be \$10.00. Guests will be asked for a donation of \$3.00 at General Meetings.



- 05/01 Phyllis Campbell
- 05/03 Lisa Sullivan
- 05/11 Debi Hanna
- 05/13 Joalyn Mushin
- 05/17 Nancy Williams
- 05/23 Beth Swift



MEMBERSHIP

Mary Edgar & Brenda Howard

Keep up the good work, introducing yourself to new members and visitors at all events, and inviting friends to our programs and workshops.

Applications for membership are available at the Welcome Table at each General Meeting, via the website (use "Membership" tab), or through the Newsletter. If you have any questions, please call Mary at 714-232-3806.

ACACIA QUILT GUILD of ORANGE COUNTY

Membership Year: June 1, 2020 - May 31, 2021

Date: _____ New Member: _____ Renewal: _____
 Name: _____ Birthday: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Zip: _____
 HomePhone: _____ Cell: _____
 E-mail: _____
 Emergency Contact: Name: _____ Phone: _____

Can you help Acacia Quilt Guild with any of the following:

____ Assist Hospitality with set-up at meetings
 ____ Assist with clean-up after meetings
 ____ Teach a class / mini-demo

What can you teach? _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES:
 _____ \$25.00* (with EMAILED newsletter); _____ \$43.00** (with MAILED newsletter)
 *dues after November 30th will be \$15.00; dues after February 28th will be \$10.00.

****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 to cover postage and mailing materials.

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

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

<p><i>If mailing your application, please send your form and fee to:</i></p> <p>Acacia Membership Attn: Membership Chair P. O. Box 6853 Buena Park, CA 90620</p>	<p><i>If you have questions, please call or email:</i></p> <p>Maryjo Edgar - 714-232-3806 - maryjedgar6612@gmail.com OR Brenda Howard - 714-952-4798</p>
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