

**ACACIA QUILT GUILD – SMALL, BUT MIGHTY!****NEWSLETTER –JUNE 2019****President's Report – Barbra Riley**

Dear Members,

Thank you for the vote of confidence in electing me for a second term as President. My goal for the guild is to see the membership grow. Our list of speakers for the coming year should certainly help, but we need to get the information out about what a great program year we have and how much fun we have at Acacia. All ideas about how to promote the guild calendar are welcome.

Acacia has come a long way in the last 15 years since it began from nothing. Many guilds start as a splinter group from another guild, but Acacia has never been a part of another group. Our small size is an advantage in terms of friendliness, but we could be a little larger and still maintain our friendly attitude. Bring a friend to a meeting and let them find out what we have to offer. Bring someone in June to learn about Shibori Dyeing or to Steve Shuman's talk in July about sewing machine maintenance. *Doesn't everyone have issues with their machine(s)???* In August, Jean Impey will talk about passions in quilting and she seems to have a very different approach to quilting. The upcoming year at Acacia should be fun!

According to the last questionnaire, most of our members think of philanthropy as one of the most important aspects of our guild. Since we do not have a longarmer in the guild, we will be concentrating this year on smaller quilts that can be quilted on a domestic machine. Quilt kits are available, including top, backing, batting and binding. Several kits were picked up at the last Fabricators but there are more that need finishing. Beginning with our June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will also be giving out kits for Christmas stockings and pillowcases. Phyllis Victor (of "Phyl's" Place) will be handing out kits to anyone interested. Everyone is welcome to join us at Phil's Place on May 28<sup>th</sup> to make up kits.

Since we are beginning a new year, the proposed schedule of dates for our meetings, workshops, and other Sew Days, such as Fabricators, will be submitted to the Ehlers Event Center by June 1<sup>st</sup>. The current plan is to set aside the Picasso Room for Acacia on the first two Saturdays of each month. Most months will have the first Saturday reserved for our workshop and Fabricators will be on the second Saturday. If the first Saturday falls before our General Meeting, Fabricators will use that date for their work day. For example, in June and November 2019, and February and May 2020, the first Saturday falls before the General Meeting. In those months, Fabricators will meet on the first Saturday. Keep an eye on the calendars on the website and in the newsletter for the most current schedule.

If you have a quilt guild event that will need space to work, or need to hold a meeting, please contact me as soon as possible so that your event can be added to the proposed schedule.

Now is the time to plan for the coming year and we plan to be **awesome!**

Barbra Riley, President

**ACACIA QUILT GUILD OF ORANGE COUNTY  
YOUR 2019-2020 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**PRESIDENT - BARBRA RILEY**

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT, AT LARGE - DENISE HOWARD**

**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT, PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS - PHYLLIS CAMPBELL**

**TREASURER - ANITA CATANO**

**SECRETARY - MARY EDGAR**

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS:**

**DOOR PRIZES: BEV TYLER**

**EQUIPMENT: LORI RAMSEY**

**HISTORIAN: SUSAN WEI**

**HOSPITALITY: ANITA CATANO**

**MEMBERSHIP: MARYJO EDGAR & BRENDA HOWARD**

**NEWSLETTER: MARYJO EDGAR**

**OPPORTUNITY BASKET: BEV TYLER**

**OPPORTUNITY QUILT: SONIA DAS**

**PARLIAMENTARIAN: OPEN**

**PAST PRESIDENT: SHAR TAIRA**

**PHILANTHROPY TEAM: MARY ANN WEST -LEADER**

**PHOTOGRAPHER: ANNE KILLIAN**

**PUBLICITY: PHYLLIS CAMPBELL**

**SECRET PAL: SONIA DAS**

**SCCQG REPRESENTATIVE: BARBRA RILEY**

**SPECIAL EVENTS (TEA & QUILT AUCTION) MARIANNE MAHONEY**

**SUNSHINE & SHADOWS: SONIA DAS**

**WAYS & MEANS: PHYLLIS VICTOR & SONIA DAS**

**WEBSITE: PATTI PASCHALL**

**2nd Vice President–Programs & Workshops**  
*(Subject to change. Please see website for current schedule & links)*  
**Chair– Phyllis Campbell**

Be sure to come to our 15th Anniversary Celebration on June 6! There will be lots of surprises, including a gift bag for all who attend! Be sure to invite all former members to come and join us. Former officers will be introduced too.

We will be eating our usual anniversary potluck, but a surprise dessert will be included. Bring any hot or cold dish except dessert. We will have limited gluten-free choices too.

We will begin lining up for the potluck around 6:30, so come early. We want to have plenty of time for our speaker, our own Shar Taira, who will be telling us about the history of Shibori dyeing in Japan. She will also be teaching a dyeing class on Saturday for only \$10 for members, and \$20 for visitors. Sign up and get your supply list at the meeting.

Our new officers will be installed and Presidents' quilts will be presented too. Also, we will have the auction for our beautiful opportunity quilt. What an evening! Don't miss it!

Phyllis Campbell  
VP, Programs and Workshops, 2019-20



## PROGRAMS

- June 6<sup>th</sup> – General Meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration & Installation of Officers  
*History of Shibori and New Dyeing Techniques with Shar Taira*
- July 11<sup>th</sup> – General Meeting – Ice Cream Floats & Sundaes  
*How to Love Your Machine with a Minimum of Tears -Steve Shuman*
- Aug 1<sup>st</sup> – General Meeting – Jean Impey – *Finding Your Passion* - “
- Sept 5<sup>th</sup> – General Meeting – Textile Care & Preservation, Brown Bag Fundraiser
- Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> – General Meeting – Cindy Myers – *Coloring My Quilt World*

“I’ll teach you how to love your machine with a minimum of tears.”

Steve Shuman, Sewing Center of OC, & July Program & Workshop Presenter

## SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

- July 13<sup>th</sup> – *Sewing Machine Maintenance* (Limited to 15 machines) – with Steve Shuman
- Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> – *Twinkle – Liberated Star* with Jean Impey – “Create a Liberated Eight Point Star quilt using a variation of the nine-patch block. Learn how to place different sized blocks together into one big, beautiful quilt. In this class you will learn about improv sewing and designing blocks with personality, while keeping your work squared and accurate.”

“I’m so excited to start teaching Twinkle, my liberated star. Based on my super-sized star quilt, I decided that it was time to teach this, as it is one of my favorites. No two blocks are alike...different sizes, colors, fabrics, dimensions! This makes it so personal and unique.”

- Jean Impey – August Program & Workshop Presenter



- Sept 7<sup>th</sup> – Member UFO’s and \$5.00 Lunch
- Oct 5<sup>th</sup> – *Broken Daisies Placemats* – (Curved Piecing and Paper Piecing) with Cindy Myers

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**Acacia Quilt Guild of Orange County**  
**June 2019-May 2020 Programs and Workshops**

June 6	15 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration! Shar Taira – <i>History of Shibori Dyeing</i> Installation of Officers	June 8	<i>Shibori Dyeing</i> – Dye your own fabric
July 11	Steve Shuman – <i>How to Love Your Machine with a Minimum of Tears</i> Ice Cream Floats & Sundaes	July 13	<i>Sewing Machine Maintenance</i> (Limit 15 Machines)
August 1	Jean Impey – <i>Finding Your Passion</i>	August 3	<i>Twinkle-Liberated Star</i>
Sept. 5	<i>Textile Care and Preservation</i> Brown Bag	Sept. 7	Member UFOS and \$5.00 lunch
Oct. 3	Cindy Myers- <i>Coloring My Quilt World</i>	Oct. 5	<i>Broken Daisies Placemats</i> (Curved Piecing & Paper Piecing)
Nov. 7	Claudia Gomez- <i>Elements</i> (of Quilt Design)	Nov. 9	Free Motion Quilting Fun on your home machine.
Dec. 5	Holiday Party and Ornament Exchange	Dec. 7	No Workshop
Jan. 2	Quilters University Learning Stations	Jan. 4	Jan. 4 Member-led workshop or Free Sew
Feb. 6	Nancy Williams - <i>Quilting and Gardening-A Common Thread</i> Brown Bag	Feb. 8	Nancy Williams - “ <i>Flowers</i> ” quilt
March 5	Christen Brown – <i>Artfully Embroidered</i>	March 7	<i>Embroidering with Confidence</i>
April 2	Lenie Bosman – <i>Rescue Quilts</i>	April 4	<i>Free Motion Nine-Patch Sampler</i> and practice on philanthropy quilt.
May 7	Business Meeting & Elections Challenge Begins Brown Bag	May 9	Workshop TBA or New Member Tea

## QUILTER OF THE MONTH –

### Phyllis Campbell



Phyllis Campbell has been President of Acacia three times and this year will be our incoming Vice President in charge of Programs and Workshops. She also oversees our Block of the Month and Publicity. Phyllis was one of the original organizers of Acacia Quilt Guild and has been a very active member from the beginning.

In 2004 Phyllis invited Lyn Brown to teach a quilting class at the Cypress Senior Center where she was then acting director. Lyn encouraged her students to start a quilt guild and Phyllis took up the challenge. One of the first challenges was to find a place to hold meetings. For the first two years meetings were held at the Acacia Adult Day Services in Cypress, then, in 2006, when the guild became too large for that facility, the guild moved to the Buena Park Senior Center (now the Ehlers Event Center); Phyllis began working there part-time in Guest Relations.

Phyllis was exposed to sewing and quilting at an early age by her mother, who made quilt tops and tied them. Her interest was not very strong, however, until the 1990's when rotary cutters came into vogue. She does not remember her first quilt, but it was probably a log cabin quilt. What Phyllis enjoys most about quilting is the creative process - creating something from her own ideas - and free motion quilting. Her current favorite types of quilts are watercolor quilts and art quilts.

Creating something is not limited to quilts for her though, because she also enjoys many arts and crafts projects, including watercolor, using alcohol inks, Zentangle (look it up), and crochet, plus, she has organized arts and crafts projects for children at her church. Gardening is also a hobby that takes up time (especially the weeding). She also belongs to an art quilt group that meets once a month, Subterranean Quilters, and just joined Quilts on the Wall. Fortunately, Phyllis retired 1 1/2 years ago so that she can find time for all her interests which also include traveling with their dog, and studying her Bible,

Phyllis met her husband on a blind date when she was 18 and they have been married for almost 54 years. They have two children, Karen in Buena Park and Rob in Watsonville. Lately, Phyllis is at the beck and call of her granddaughter and helps support her grandson as he attends BIOLA University.

Thank you, Phyllis, for all you do for Acacia!



## Membership

*Twenty-nine members and three guests attended our May General Meeting. Thank You for always being helpful and encouraging to new members and guests.*

There is still time to renew your membership to be included in the printed Membership Directory. We have an amazing calendar of programs and workshops in 2019-2020. Take a moment to be excited about what's coming: free motion quilting technique, hand-dyed fabrics, new quilting techniques, and more! The programs will be published in this newsletter and on the website.

There is a link to the (new) Membership Application on the website and in this newsletter. Please print it out and bring it to the Welcome Table at the June General Meeting. You may also mail in your application to the address at the bottom of the application.

Applicants who return their application after July 11<sup>th</sup> will not be in this year's printed Membership Directory. If you have any questions, please contact Mary at [maryjedgar@quietgrove.info](mailto:maryjedgar@quietgrove.info) or by phone at 714 232 3806.

**Link to current Membership Application:**

[http://www.acaciaquiltguild.org/files/Membership/Renewal\\_Form\\_2019-2020.pdf](http://www.acaciaquiltguild.org/files/Membership/Renewal_Form_2019-2020.pdf)

## NEWSLETTER

*Please submit newsletter articles and photos to Maryjo at [maryjedgar@quietgrove.info](mailto:maryjedgar@quietgrove.info) by the Sunday after the Board meeting which meets monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday.*



## FABRICATORS

*Barbra Riley*

At the last Fabricators meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup> Phyllis V. gave a very good demonstration of how to pin and plan the quilting lines for a quilt to be quilted on a standard sewing machine. A few of the quilt "kits" were taken home to be quilted, but there are still others available.

The next Fabricators meeting will be Saturday, June 1st, at 9:00am in the Picasso Room. We will still be making throw sized quilts. Because we have no one in the guild that does long armed quilting, we plan to focus on quilts that can be quilted on a regular home sewing machine. We have several tops in the 40 to 42" by 50 to 60" range. Several kits are still available using these tops and include everything else needed to complete a quilt, even binding strips. There are also some flannel quilt tops that only need a back (no quilting needed).

Just bring your machine and a walking foot if you have one. If you don't feel comfortable quilting, now is the time to get some practice and improve. Like anything else, improvement comes with practice, practice, practice! Plus, some of the more experienced quilters will be available for advice (the best part of sewing in a group).

We usually leave between 3:00 or 4:00pm, or sometimes later if things are going well. There will be iced tea, iced coffee, and munchies, so come and join us. Anyone can be a Fabricator!

## STOCKING STUFFERS FOR 2019

Each November, Acacia stuffs the stockings that guild members made and donated and then gives them to Thomas House to distribute to the children in their programs. In 2018, approximately 70 stockings were stuffed and donated and Acacia has now depleted its inventory of stocking stuffers.

Throughout the year, Sonia Das will be collecting stocking stuffers at guild meetings and guild events for our donations in 2019. Items for all ages from 1-18 are requested for both boys and girls. All stocking stuffers will be kept in the Acacia storage unit until November.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Sonia Das, Stocking Stuffer Supervisor  
562-607-2384  
soniadas@yahoo.com



### Ideas/Suggestions for Stocking Stuffers

Toy Cars  
Knit Hats  
Jigsaw Puzzles  
Nail Polish  
Small Toys  
Coin Purses  
Crayons  
Pencils  
T-Shirts  
Scarves  
Bouncy Balls

Stuffed Animals  
Mittens/Gloves  
Books  
Pretty Socks  
Nail Files  
Pens  
Hair Accessories  
Lipsticks/Cosmetics  
Coloring Books  
Puzzle/Word Activity Books

Toothbrushes  
Trial Sized Toiletries  
Math Activity Books  
Small/Cute Note Pads  
Comb/Brush Sets  
Gift Certificates (Fast Food)  
Gift Cards (For Older Kids)



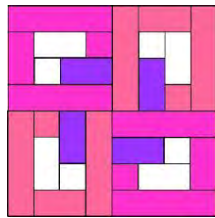
## BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Link to Block of the Month Instructions on website:

<http://www.acaciaquiltguild.org/BlockOfTheMonth.html>

We are still re-visiting the Block of the Month blocks that are in process for our philanthropy quilts. We are still a few blocks short of enough to make a quilt with the following blocks. Please take time to visit the website for instructions on these blocks. Thank You!!

Blocks are still needed for:



September 2018



November 2018



February 2019

## SUNSHINE, SHADOWS, & SHOUT-OUTS

Acknowledging life events of the following guild members

Sonia Das will be handling *Sunshine & Shadows* for Acacia this year. If she has omitted anyone or anything, corrections and updates will be made in future newsletters. Please contact her with news about guild members at 562-607-2384 or [soniadas@yahoo.com](mailto:soniadas@yahoo.com).

## Opportunity Quilt – 2018-2019

The Opportunity Quilt has been making the rounds. Raffle tickets will be on sale until the drawing at the June 6<sup>th</sup> General Meeting.





Completed quilt from the Jelly Roll Race Challenge with QBS in April 2019 – Third Place!

## SHOW & TELL



Beth continues to make amazing things from her mother's quilt stash.



**Barbara's Been Busy!!**





(Show & Tell, continued)



Frannie D's beautiful sampler quilt



Shar's latest Shibori masterpiece. Also a sample of what's coming up in our June Workshop.



Phyllis C's latest beautiful work of art.



'THANK YOU' bags given to the Tea & Auction Boutique Helpers: (l to r): Kevin, Brenda, Phyllis, Anita and Lori

Thank You!

## Calendar at a Glance



1st	9:00 AM	FABRICATORS Sew Day – ALL are welcome
6th	6:30 PM	GENERAL MTG – 15 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration & Installation of Officers <i>History of Shibori Dyeing</i> with Shar Taira
8th	9:00 AM	WORKSHOP – <i>Shibori Dyeing</i> with Shar Taira
20th	7:00 PM	BOARD MEETING
25th	6:00 PM	PHYL'S PLACE (Philanthropy Meeting)



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\*\*\* NOTE NEW DATE FOR GENERAL MEETING DUE TO HOLIDAY \*\*\*

1st	9:00 AM	FABRICATORS Sew Day – ALL are welcome
11th	6:30 PM	GENERAL MTG – Ice Cream Social and <i>How to Love Your Machine with a Minimum of Tears</i> with Steve Shuman.
13th	9:00 AM	WORKSHOP –Sewing Machine Maintenance with Steve Shuman (Limited to the first 15 machines)
20th	7:00 PM	BOARD MEETING
25th	6:00 PM	PHYL'S PLACE (Philanthropy Meeting)

**ACACIA BOARD 2019-2020**

**President:** Barbra Riley  
**1st VP. At Large,** Denise Howard  
**2<sup>ND</sup> VP, Programs & Workshops:** Phyllis Campbell  
**Secretary:** Mary Edgar  
**Treasurer:** Anita Catano

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

Birthdays: Membership  
 Door Prizes: Bev Tyler  
 Equipment: Lori Ramsey  
 Historian: Susan Wei  
 Hospitality: Anita Catano  
 Membership: Maryjo Edgar & Brenda Howard  
 Newsletter: Maryjo Edgar  
 Opportunity Basket: Bev Tyler  
 Opportunity Quilt: Sonia Das  
 Parliamentarian: OPEN  
 Past President: Shar Taira  
 Philanthropy Team: Mary Ann West  
 Photographer: Anne Killian  
 Publicity: Phyllis Campbell  
 Secret Pal: Sonia Das  
 SCCQG Representative:  
 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 starts 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 at the same location.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THE SUNDAY AFTER THE BOARD MEETING.**

Please email articles to: Maryjo Edgar at [maryjedgar@quietgrove.info](mailto: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 February will be \$10.00. Guests will be asked for a donation of \$3.00 at General Meetings.



6/12 Susan Wei  
 6/12 Susan Magpayo

**MEMBERSHIP**

**Maryjo Edgar & Brenda Howard**

*At the May 2019 Meeting we welcomed 29 members, and 3 guests.*

*Keep up the good work by 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 or 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 of ORANGE COUNTY**  
**Membership Year: June 1, 2019 - May 31, 2020**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ New Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 HomePhone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, who can we call? Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

**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)

\*dues after November 30<sup>th</sup> will be \$15.00; dues after February 28<sup>th</sup> 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.*

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

Acacia Membership  
 Attn: Maryjo Edgar  
 P. O. Box 6853  
 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