



# Acacia Quilt Guild of Orange County

**Newsletter—August 2020**  
**SMALL, BUT MIGHTY!**

## **President's Report** **Barbra Riley**

Fellow Quilters,

We just discovered how fortunate we are to have the Ehlers Event Center for a meeting place! The facility includes the "Plaza", an outdoor, canopied area with limited access. The Board Meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup> was held there and it was perfect! (Well, as perfect as you can reasonably expect these days.)

The Plaza is located just off the back parking lot, on the northern side of the property. The listed capacity of the area is 299. Under current guidelines, that means there can be no more than 150 people there at one time. At the board meeting, 12 six-foot tables were set up in a rectangle with at least two feet between each table and we only took up about a quarter of the space. Denise Howard was kind enough to provide her portable microphone, so even the sound was not a problem. It is very possible to have Acacia Quilt Guild's August General Meeting in the Plaza, maintain social distancing, wear masks, and be as safe as possible in today's world.

**Finally, we will have a semi-regular meeting in August!** (Only semi-regular because there will be no food!)

One change to our normal schedule will be the starting time. Since we will be outdoors with no additional lighting, and the sun sets at about 7:40 pm on August 6<sup>th</sup>, we will start the meeting at 6:00. There will also be no "break". Show and Tell may take more time than usual and we have several catch-up items needing attention. First, there is the little matter of the election which should have taken place in May. There will be a tentative ballot ready for your review, and possible additional candidates if we have nominations from the floor, but the actual vote will be done later. It is quite easy to vote on Zoom.

Second, a decision was made to revise the Bylaws and Standing Policies of Acacia last year, but with everyone staying at home that is far behind schedule. Sonia Das is working on updates with some assistance from Maryjo and me. The goal is to have new Bylaws and Standing Policies ready for review by the general membership at the August meeting.

Third, we are still scheduled to display quilts at the Buena Park City Council Chambers, starting on September 14<sup>th</sup>. That needs some organization and planning.

Then, there is the Ombre Challenge. Fourteen members signed up for the challenge. This should be a creative, fun challenge. If you have finished your ombre quilt but don't want to attend a physical meeting, please let me know and I can have someone pick up your quilt before the meeting. I have already made arrangements to pick up one of the entries from someone not willing to leave her house, even for an Acacia meeting.

There will also be a contest to determine the best mask. There are no rules about size or materials for this contest; it just has to cover mouth and nose. In other words, it has to be a real, functioning mask. A mask, fancy or otherwise, will be required for the August meeting.

If you still don't feel confident about attending an outdoor meeting, we are checking into having a Zoom meeting at the same time. That would allow more members to vote on the ombre quilts, if a Wi-Fi connection can be arranged.

I hope to **see** most of you in August. In the meantime, stay safe!

## **1st Vice President's Report** **Denise Howard**

Happy Summer everyone! I want to remind you that I will be giving Barbra the President Quilt at the August Guild meeting. She is our Super star and the quilt is lovely with all the special stars that everyone made for her gift. Please come out for a lovely evening on the outside Patio area at the Senior Center. This is near the restroom that will be available for us during the meeting. It is a lovely area and lots of room for us to sit 6 feet away from each other. Mark will check us into the meeting taking our temperature and a couple of questions. We will be safe. Come out and enjoy the meeting & see Barbra's gift from the Guild.

## Quilter of the Month

*Melynda Perkoski*



With so few opportunities to get together as a group of quilters, it is difficult to get to know the newer members. With that in mind, it was decided to use the Quilter of the Month article to get to know those quilters that you may not have even met.

Our newest member, who joined in June, is Melynda Perkoski. She attended our Zoom meeting in July, the Board Meeting on the 16th and is looking forward to a time when we can have workshops. At the Board Meeting she even took home a quilt kit, ready to be quilted.

Melynda is a native Californian and has lived most of her life in Southern California. She has three children from her first marriage (ages 30, 28, & 23) and another two (ages 10 & 7) with her current husband, Scott. Plus, she has a two-year-old grandson. She works full time, but since her field is data management, the transition to working from home was easier than most.

Melynda dabbled in quilting before this year (she made a quilt for her daughter) but did not get seriously hooked until March when the pandemic kept everyone home. With online tutorials, Pinterest, and information searches, it is easy to learn a lot. Since March she has made nine quilts.

By posting the picture of a quilt on Facebook, she learned that an old friend (since grade school) was also interested in quilting, so she now has a quilting buddy in Murrieta.

Earlier this year, when driving past the Ehlers Event Center, Melynda noticed the marquee sign with Acacia Quilt Guild information on it, so she looked us up online and sent us an email. When she was told about the Zoom meeting she was eager to be included.

Like many of us, Melynda did not know anyone who quilted until she became interested and started looking. She likes the colors, the piecing, the binding and finds quilting relaxing. She plans to be an active member of the guild and hopes Acacia will help her gain more knowledge.

Welcome Melynda!

## 2020-2021 Opportunity Quilt

### Barbra Riley

The Opportunity Quilt for 2020-21 will be finished and ready to display at the August General meeting. The name of this year's quilt is Cascading Crystals, completed by the Off Kilter Quilters. The quilt is not as unique as last year's Opportunity Quilt, but on the other hand, it cost the guild nothing. The blocks were from the collection of UFOs from Mary Ann West, pieced together by Barbra Riley and quilted by Jean Fernandez. The cost of quilting was paid by Off Kilter Quilters. The binding is currently being finished by Sonia Das.

There is no way to know where we might be able to display our Opportunity Quilt since "large gathering" are not currently allowed. When we can display it, we will be ready.

## Board Report

Barbra Riley

The Acacia Quilt Guild Board met in the outdoor area of Ehlers Event Center, the Plaza, on July 16, 2020. Ten board members and two additional members attended. Among the decisions were:

- The August General Meeting will be an outdoor meeting at the Plaza in Ehlers Event Center.
- The next Board Meeting will be at the same location.
- A list of Candidates for the elected Board members will be presented to the membership at the August meeting.
- The remaining pet beds in the storage unit not picked up for the animals displaced by the Paradise Fire will be donated to the Seal Beach Animal Shelter.
- Some of the many pillowcases we have stockpiled will be donated to Precious Life Shelter. (They requested 18.)
- The annual Business Meeting, which should have taken place in May, will be held July 23rd. With the postponement of the Tea and other reduced opportunities for income it is especially important to review our finances.

### SHOW 'N TELL

**Beth Swift** is the only one to submit Show and Tell this month so hers is with the Sunshine and Shadows article along with other pictures celebrating her 50th Wedding Anniversary.

### NEWSLETTER

Please submit newsletter articles, jokes, puzzles, events, photos (especially Show and Tell), recipes etc. to Patti at [patti.quilts2@gmail.com](mailto:patti.quilts2@gmail.com) by the Sunday after the Board meeting which meets monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. For the month of September the deadline is September 20th. Anyone in the guild can send in items for the newsletter.

### Fabricators

Barbra Riley

There are no meetings of Fabricators scheduled during the month of August. Kits for quilts, grocery bags and masks will be available at the General Meeting on August 6th and at the Board Meeting on August 20th. You can also turn in finished quilts, etc. at the same meetings.

### Door Prizes and Opportunity Baskets

Bev Tyler

Well, because we haven't had a meeting since March, we need to catch up on opportunity baskets. We will have 5 baskets plus a surprise door prize to all in attendance. You must be at meeting to win. Come and enjoy all the goodies.

First day back at school after lockdown 🤔😞👧👦



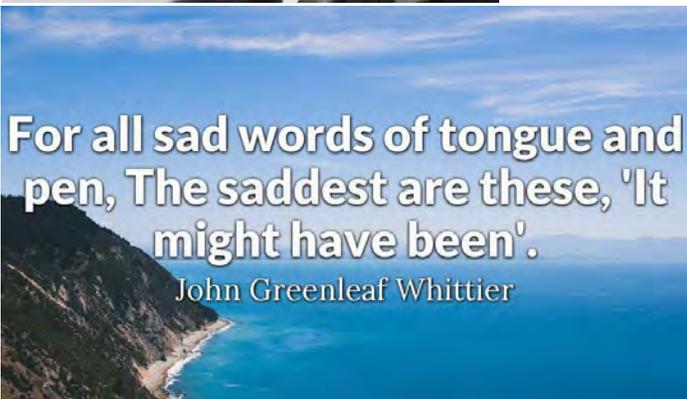
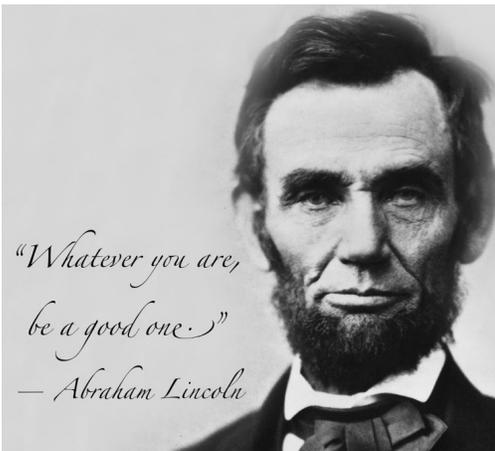
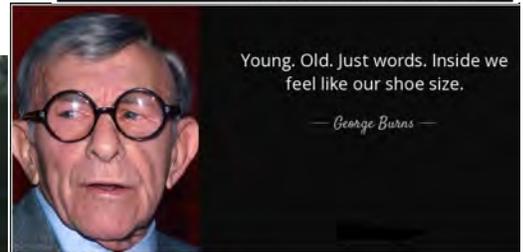
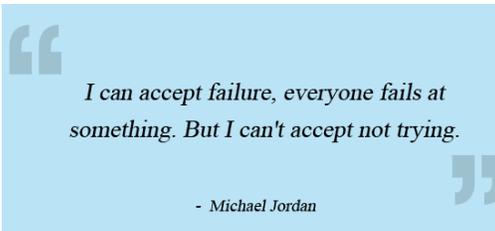
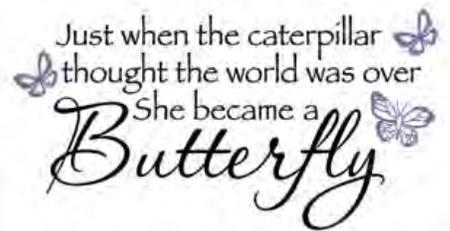
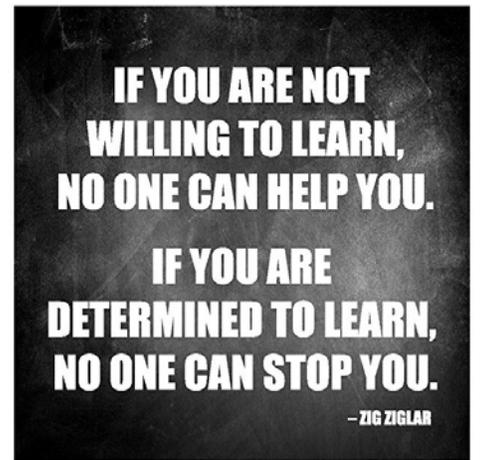
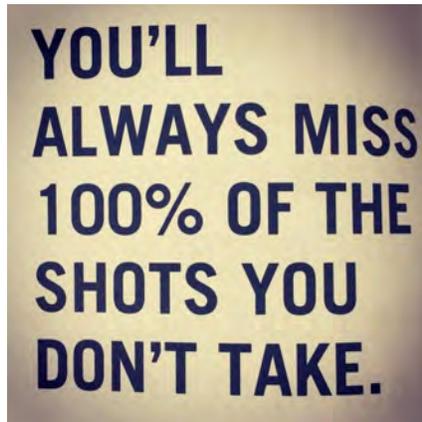
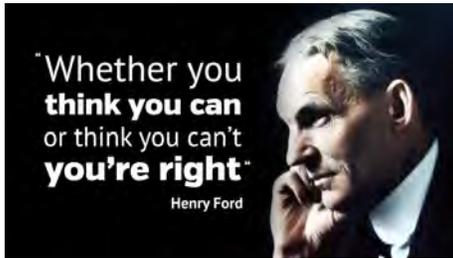
It's ok to cut negative people out of your life... just don't use your fabric scissors.

SOUNDS LIKE THUNDER OUTSIDE BUT WITH THE WAY 2020 IS GOING IT COULD BE GODZILLA

IT AMAZES ME HOW MUCH EXERCISE AND EXTRA FRIES SOUND ALIKE.

# Important Thoughts Submitted by Sandy Eckhardt

You may have heard these before. If so, this is a refresher course. If you have any to add, let me know.



## Calendar At A Glance

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Event	Date	Time	Place
Fabricators	1st	10:00 AM	Walter D. Ehlers Events Center
General Meeting	6th	6:45 PM	Walter D. Ehlers Events Center
Workshop	8th	9:00 AM	Walter D. Ehlers Events Center
Off Kilter Quilters	15th	10:00 AM	One of the members home
Board Meeting	20th	7:00 PM	Walter D. Ehlers Events Center
Phyl's Place	25th	6:00 PM	Phyllis Victor's home

Maybe



General Meeting	3rd	6:45 PM	Walter D. Ehlers Events Center
Workshop	5th	9:00 AM	Walter D. Ehlers Events Center
Fabricators	12th	10:00 AM	Walter D. Ehlers Events Center
Board Meeting	17th	7:00 PM	Walter D. Ehlers Events Center
Phyl's Place	29th	6:00 PM	Phyllis Victor's home

What's happening at our sister guild?

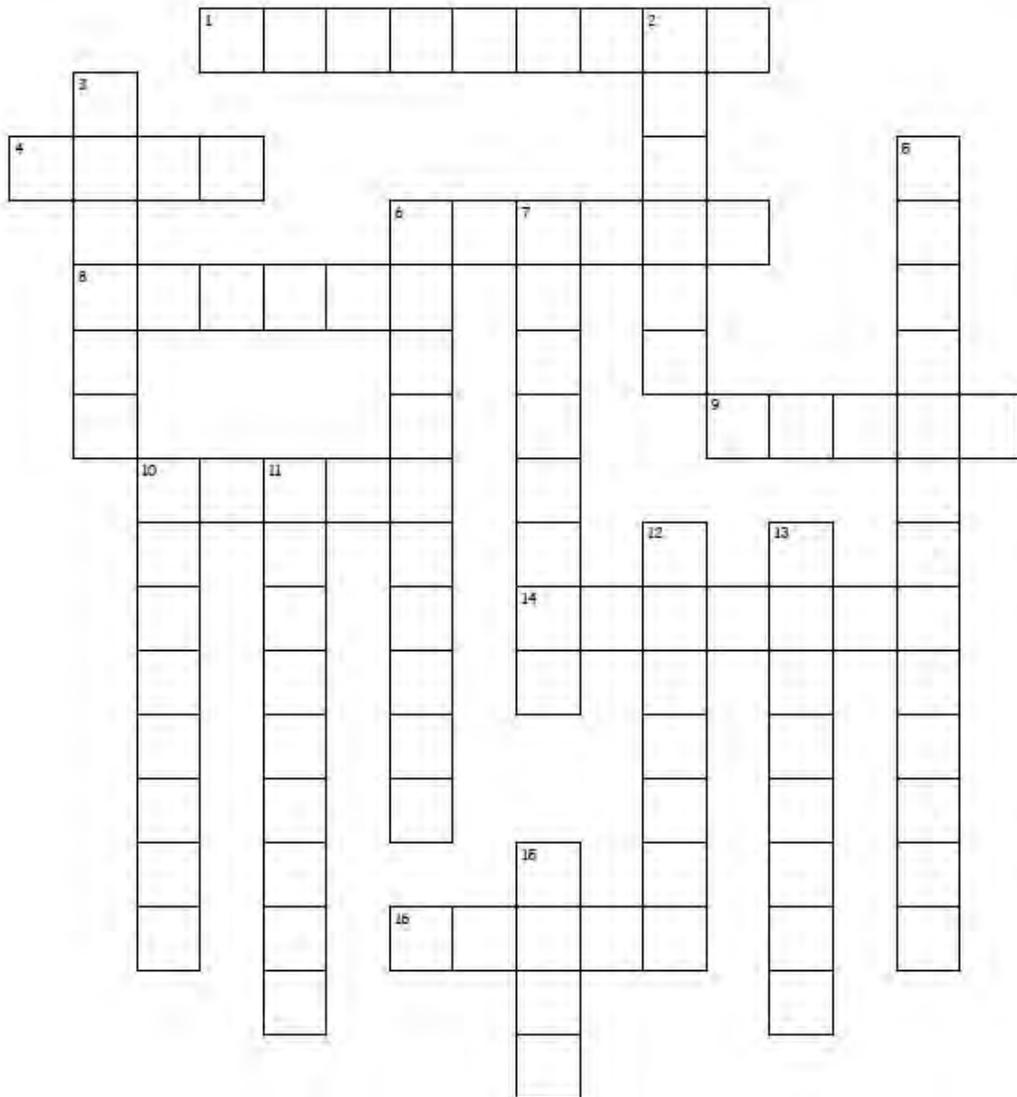
# Quilters by the Sea

**PROGRAMS**—<http://www.quiltersbythesea.com/programs.html>

**WORKSHOPS**—<http://www.quiltersbythesea.com/workshops.html>

Remember—Since QBS is our sister guild, you can go to their Programs for free and attend their Workshops for the same fee QBS guild members pay.

Here is a Quilt Themed Crossword Puzzle courtesy of [Compuquilt](#).  
Unfortunately Compuquilt went out of business June 4th but I managed to grab all 4 of their puzzles for Acacia.



#### Across

1. A block with 2 or 4 or multiples of 4 units per row. 2 words
4. Fabric circles are gathered to form rosettes.
6. Many quilters collect this in 100% cottons.
8. Fabric plain or pieced used to frame the center of a quilt.
9. the lengthwise and crosswise threads of fabric.
10. Each friend makes and signs with ink or embroidery
14. Betweens and sharps.
16. Quilt size is approximately 86 X 100.

#### Down

2. Fabric of plain weave and small repeating designs.
3. Quilt size is approximately 80 X 95.
5. A tube of fabric sewn to the top of the quilt back to insert a rod. 2 words

6. The process of quilting curved and intricate designs by machine. 2 words
7. Fibers that migrate to the top of the quilt
10. Sewing small pieces of fabric onto a larger piece
11. Applique patterns depicting flora and fauna people or baskets.
12. Short needle used for quilting
13. The loss of dye when water is applied to a quilt
15. The meeting of two fabrics held together with stitching.

Puzzle courtesy of



Answers on page 9

# COMFORT FOODS FOR THE PANDEMIC

## KEEMA (GROUND MEAT) CURRY

This is South Asian comfort food at its best - simple and satisfying - popular with all ages throughout all regions of India and Pakistan as well as with South Asian families living in other countries.

### Ingredients

2.5 lbs. of ground meat (lamb preferred otherwise chicken, turkey or beef)  
 2 large onions - medium dice  
 2 bunches cilantro - coarsely chopped (stems and leaves)  
 28oz can diced tomatoes or 4 medium ripe tomatoes - large dice  
 3 large russet potatoes - small dice  
 Garlic paste  
 Ginger paste  
 2-3 jalapenos - minced  
 3 teaspoons turmeric powder  
 2 teaspoons cumin seeds  
 4 teaspoons cumin powder  
 4 teaspoons coriander powder  
 2 teaspoons *garam masala* (specific spice blend available in Indian grocery stores)  
 Black pepper (less than 1 tsp)  
 2 bay leaves  
 3 green cardamom pods  
 1 black cardamom pod (optional)  
 4-5 cloves  
 2 medium cinnamon sticks  
 Oil  
 Salt to taste  
 Water to prevent mixture from sticking  
 Water as desired for gravy  
 8oz frozen peas



### Phase I

Heat 2-3 tsp of oil in a large pan. Add onion, 3 tsp turmeric, 2 tsp garlic paste, 2 tsp ginger paste, 2 tsp of cumin seeds, and 1 minced jalapeno and sauté for 5 minutes  
 Add keema and 3 tsp turmeric, 3 tsp salt, and pepper (less than 1tsp)  
 Combine everything - distributing spices evenly - cook until keema is cooked all the way through  
 Add water, if needed, to keep keema from sticking to pan (if nonstick)

### Phase II

Heat 4 tsp of oil in a large pan. Add bay leaves, cloves, cinnamon, black cardamom and green cardamom.  
 When whole spices have bloomed, add onion, cilantro, 3 tsp garlic paste, 2 tsp ginger paste, and 1-2 minced jalapenos and sauté until onions are lightly browned  
 Add 1 bunch of chopped cilantro and sauté for 2-3 minutes  
 Add the potatoes, 4 tsp cumin powder, 4 tsp coriander powder  
 Add tomatoes and remaining cilantro  
 Add water as needed  
 Add salt to taste and mix in thoroughly  
 Add *garam masala* and mix in thoroughly  
 Add more water if you want more gravy  
 Cook for at least 10 more minutes for flavors to meld  
 Turn off heat and add the frozen peas (they'll cook in the residual heat)  
 Fish out whole spices before serving with basmati rice or naan or parathas

### Notes

Add more or less garlic paste and ginger paste - you can use fresh instead  
 Add 4oz of plain yoghurt or sour cream for a more creamy curry  
 Tastes even better the next day  
 Freezes well

Submitted by Sonia Das



# COMFORT FOODS FOR THE PANDEMIC

## Imitation Burritos

By staying home much more than in the past, "lunch" has become more important, if for no other reason than to give structure to your day. This version of Imitation Burritos was invented based on food items on hand. There are several variations, based on what is available. If you are like me and accustomed to going out to a Mexican restaurant at least once a week, which is no longer possible, this might help with the Mexican food craving.

Ingredients – all amounts are to taste

- Large flour tortillas
- Canned chili or refried beans
- Onions (optional)
- Salsa or Taco Bell hot sauce
- Cheese (Cheddar or whatever kind you have)
- Canned chili, tomatoes, whatever sounds good (optional)

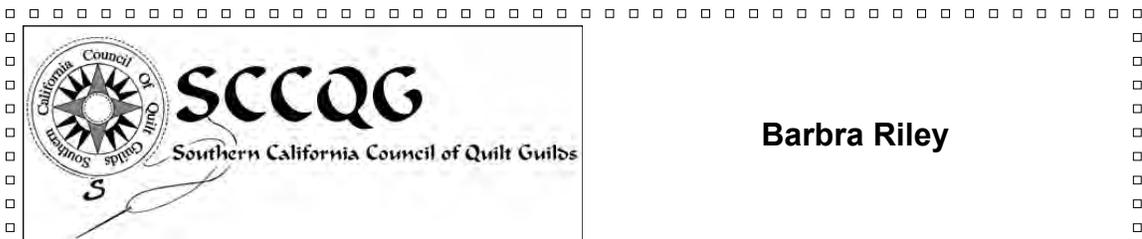
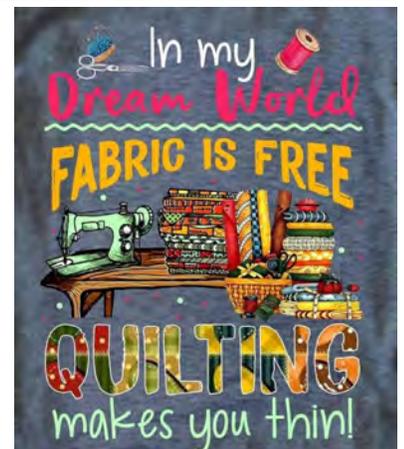


Place a flour tortilla on a microwavable plate. Along one side of a tortilla put about 2 T chili or refried beans. Sprinkle with onions, salsa and cheese. Roll up sides and to form a log and cover with waxed paper. Microwave 60 to 90 seconds, depending on your microwave. Enjoy.

Submitted by Barbra Riley



Every family has one weird relative.  
If you don't know who it is, then it's probably you.



Barbra Riley

The Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds (SCCQG) held a Zoom meeting on July 18, 2020. The topic was "Guidelines for Hosting Virtual Guild Meetings", a very timely topic. Before our next Zoom meeting I will put out a summary of the suggestions made. It appears that Zoom meetings will be with us for a while.

There was also a vote on changing the annual dues to guilds. Membership for guilds is from October 1st to September 30th, with the dues due by October 1st. There has been a recent problem with dues coming in later and later, causing additional paperwork. No change was made to the basic dues amount of \$40.00 plus insurance charge, but there will now be a "late fee" if dues are not paid by November 1st.



## SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

### SONIA DAS

#### Sunshine

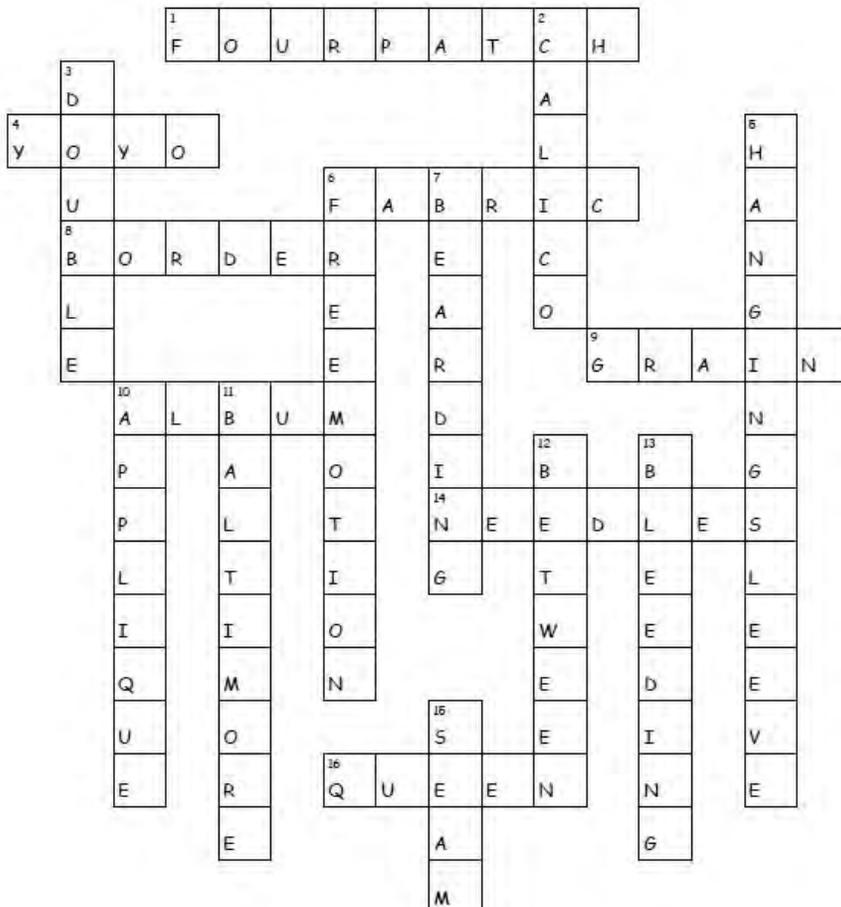
The following couples in the Acacia family celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July 2020. Congratulations and best wishes for achieving this wonderful milestone!

Beth and Greg Swift  
Barbra and Gavin Riley  
Jody and Gregg Burch

#### Shadow

Lori Ramsey, Equipment Chair, has been diagnosed with colon cancer. She will have to undergo colon surgery and chemotherapy soon. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

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).



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**POSITIONS - ELECTED**

President	Barbra Riley
1st VP. At Large	Denise Howard
2nd V.P. Programs/Workshops	Phyllis Campbell
Secretary	Maryjo Edgar
Treasurer	Frannie Donoghue

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

Birthdays	Membership
Door Prizes	Bev Tyler
Equipment	Lori Ramsey
Historian	Susan Wei
Hospitality	Anita Catano
	Evangeline Caro
Membership	Maryjo Edgar
	Brenda Howard
Newsletter	Patti Paschall
Opportunity Basket	Bev Tyler
Opportunity Quilt	Barbra Riley
Parliamentarian	Bev Tyler
	Sonia Das
Past President	Shar Taira
Philanthropy (Phyl's Place)	Phyllis Victor
Photographer	Anne Killian
Publicity	Phyllis Campbell
	Barbra Riley
Secret Pal	Sonia Das
SCCQG Representative	Barbra Riley
Sunshine & Shadows	Sonia Das
Tea & Quilt Auction	Marianne Mahoney
Ways & Means	Phyllis Victor
	Sonia Das
Website	Patti Paschall

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

Walter D. Ehlers Event Center  
 Legacy Hall  
 8150 Knot Avenue  
 Buena Park, CA 90622

BOARD MEETINGS are at currently at 6:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the same location.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THE SUNDAY AFTER THE BOARD MEETING.** email articles to: Patti Paschall, patti.quilts2@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 will be \$25.00 per year, June 1 through May 31st. Dues for members joining after November 30th 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 the general meeting.

**BIRTHDAYS!**

Lori Young 08/11  
 Brenda Howard 08/13  
 Carolyn Westlake 08/29



"I told him as an expert in the field I strongly recommend wearing it, but he just kept bringing up his 'rights'."

**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 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.*

<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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