



Acacia Quilt Guild of Orange County

SMALL, BUT MIGHTY!

President's Report

Barbra Riley

I hope everyone is staying safe. Even in Cerritos, the city where I live, there have been over 500 cases of CORONA-19 virus and 13 deaths. We are, on average, a vulnerable group. It is a strange new world and we are all straining to adjust to it. That makes it very important to do what we can to stay in touch. Zoom meetings are not perfect, but if that is what we have, we will have to go with it. Zoom meetings are a minor adjustment compared to some of the economic problems brought on by this virus. We can do this! If you haven't figured out how to get onto our Zoom meetings, find someone to help or do some exploring on your own.

Granted, it is difficult to function as a guild when we have no in-person meetings and no workshops. I think I miss the workshops more than the meetings with Show & Tell and lectures. The little casual, unexpected tidbits I picked up in workshops was worth the time spent on a Saturday when I could have been doing something else. I never attended a formal sewing or quilting class so I only recently learned how to make a "quilters knot". What knowledge I have was mostly acquired from books, so that "personal touch" of a workshop is sorely missed.

On the positive side, we will get some exposure with the display at the Buena Park City Council Chamber from September 14th to November 10th. 40 quilts were submitted to Buena Park for consideration in this display, including our current Opportunity Quilt. Those quilts have been photographed, measured and emailed to Lauren Morales who will be setting up the display. The quilts on display this time will be, on average, larger than last year when we were limited to a maximum width. The quilts are attached to the wall with pins, so larger quilts just require more pins.

Once the display is in place we will try to get a video of the display so that those of us (including me) trying to avoid going into enclosed buildings can see the quilts that will be representing us.

Someday things will return to a form of normal, but in the meantime, we will just have to do what we can to stay in touch. So send your "Show & Tell" pictures to Patti to post on the website and share what we are doing with each other. (Trying to show quilts on Zoom has its limitations.) We still have kits available to continue making things for philanthropy. Pick-up and Drop-off points for getting or turning in projects will be announced in the Blasts.

If you have any ideas on how we can help each other get through this isolation period, please share them. Emails, texts and the phone still work.

**So in retrospect, in 2015,
not a single person got
the answer right to "Where
do you see yourself 5
years from now?"**

**Because of Covid for
the first time since
1945 the National
Spelling Bee is
cancel... cancel...
cansel...**

It's been called off.

**HOW AM I DOING? WELL,
I JUST WIPED DOWN THE BLEACH
CONTAINER WITH A LYSOL WIPE**

I'M FINE... EVERYTHING IS FINE

Quilter of the Month

Diane Sanchez



Our Quilter of the Month is new, but returning member, Diane Sanchez. Welcome Back, Diane, we all look forward to meeting you and finding out more about your life and helping you with your first quilt. Please enjoy finding out about Diane!

Hello! I am Diane Sanchez, a new member to Acacia.

I am a returning Acacia Quilt Guild Member. The reason I joined the quilt guild was because my dear Aunt Lily was addicted to quilting and she would share her love of quilting with me growing up. So I joined the guild to learn about the art. I enjoyed all the speakers, service to the community, and the teas!! I have not made a quilt. I have taken two classes where I made samplers, but never a full wall hanging or quilt. Now that I am retired one of my goals is to complete my UFO's and make a quilt especially now that my husband is also retired, he sees all the material I have accumulated over the years. I can't help buying material. There are just so many beautiful colors and textures. When I was a member in 2010, I used to work on the newsletter, the raffle baskets, and helped with the elections but then life got so busy that I needed to take a break from the Guild.

My husband Alex and I have been blessed with a beautiful daughter who started her first day of college at CSUF this month. We also have a white Chihuahua mix who keeps us company and at times thinks he is in charge. My family enjoys eating all kinds of food, traveling by air and taking road trips, going to the movies, concerts and plays. (Pre Covid). My husband is happy now that I am cooking more since I retired. I'm cooking more ethnic foods that we used to eat at restaurants. Yummy!

I retired on February 1, 2020 from Los Angeles Unified School District after working for 36 years as an elementary teacher, coordinator, curriculum specialist in reading, Assistant Principal, and finally as a Principal.

I had one month to enjoy retired life, going out with friends, socializing, then COVID became a reality. I am still enjoying retired life, but just differently. I am zooming with friends, making phone calls to family members, reading and keeping busy trying to declutter our home. Presently I am taking online classes: Zumba for seniors, History of Quilting, embroidery class, Artist in Residence and I am also playing Zoom BINGO. I signed up for Genealogy Webinars, Poetry Series and I'm looking for a Tai Chi class. I am learning about vegetable gardening, but not good at it yet so I want to learn more about that so I can enjoy fresh vegetables. As the Assistant Secretary for my church women's group "Relief Society", I send out birthday cards to the ladies that I hand make with all my Stampin' Up! supplies. (This is another addiction).

So if you have interest in anything I like, please let me know; I would like to learn from you and share a few laughs over the phone or zoom.

Mary Edgar and Diane Sanchez



MAKE A DIFFERENCE - NOPE

Ballot

Even though it is late, we still need to vote on officers for the upcoming year. Under normal circumstances the ballot is presented in April, the vote taken in May and new officers are installed in June. These are not normal times. Since we had no meetings in April, May or June, we are playing catch-up. This board will serve from October until June 2021. The vote will take place at the September meeting. The slate of officers for the coming nine months is:

President	Barbra Riley
1st Vice President, at large	Denise Howard
2nd Vice President, Programs and Workshops	Phyllis Campbell
Treasurer	Frannie Donaghue
Secretary	Nancy Toma



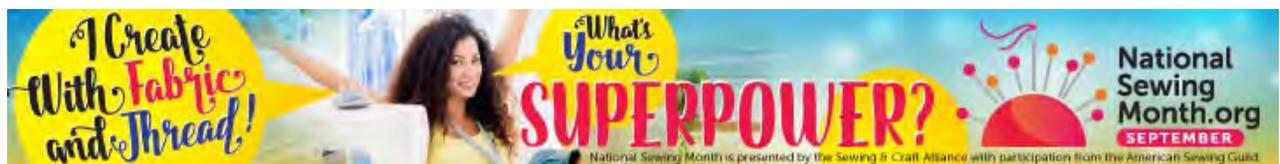
Buena Park City Council Chambers Presentation Barbra Riley

Kevin Krylo, Chaplain for the Buena Park Police Department died of cancer in July. Acacia makes an effort to honor public service by presenting a quilt to the family of the deceased. Beth Swift and Susan Wei made the presentation for Acacia to his wife, Dianne at the August 25, 2020 Buena Park City Council meeting.

Janine D'Anna also attended and provided the photograph.

September is National Sewing Month

Check it out [here](https://www.sewingmonth.org).



SHOW 'N TELL



**Donations to Thomas House.
All made by Lori Ramsey
in addition to 3 more.**



Happy Hats Happy Hats

Happy Hats By Helping Hands

Happy Hats

Happy Hats by Helping Hands was started by Mary Clements in Long Beach two years ago. Some years earlier, her son needed special long term medical treatment as a child and she wanted to pay it forward in thanks for the treatment he received. Being a sewer, she made a few surgical hats for children undergoing surgery at Millers Children's Hospital in Long Beach. To her surprise, after several months, the hospital requested more hats because the average number of pediatric surgeries was 465 per month! Each child undergoing surgery (ranging in age from 2 to 18) gets to choose a hat and gets to take it home afterwards.

Happy Hats still makes 350-400 surgical hats per month because surgeries are still scheduled during this time of pandemic. Mary and her friends cut and sew the hats; each hat is cut from a 19" square. They use 100% cotton fabric in bright, cheerful and child friendly prints. Mary has been purchasing the fabric, elastic, and thread out of her own pocket all this time with a little help from her friends.

Acacia has donated to Mary in the past but she still needs fabric for hats. She is requesting 100% cotton fabric that is child friendly and cheerful (no glitter or flannel per hospital requirements). Seasonal cotton fabric of all kinds is also welcome.

Acacia will make arrangements for donations at a future time. However, if you would like to make your own arrangements, please contact Mary directly.

Contact information:

Mary Clements
Happy Hats by Helping Hands
562-537-7947
mb3001@msn.com

On behalf of Happy Hats, thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity!

Happy Hats Happy Hats

Phyl's Place

Phyllis Victor and Susan Wei With a little extra from Barbra Riley

Seal Beach Animal Shelter was given 5 pet pillows/mats. The staff expressed appreciation that the guild thought of them to donate.

Precious Life Shelter in Los Alamitos had asked for 18 pillow cases. We were able to provide 24 pillow cases and the shelter gladly accepted them.

The Facebook group OC Maskmaker for First Responders/Outreach was given an additional small box of cotton fabric for making masks. The group administrator was grateful to receive these.

On August 11, 2020 the Ehlers Event Center was given an additional 35 masks for use by the seniors using the center on a limited basis. The center is not fully open but some activities have resumed, adhering to all current guidelines for social distancing.

On August 20, 2020, before the Board meeting, a Drop-off/Pick-up point was located in the Plaza area of the senior center from 5:00pm until 6:00pm, in conjunction with dropping off quilts for the display at the Buena Park City Council Chamber. Several quilts were brought in for the display but few things were picked up for philanthropy. Various kits have been put together for quilts, quilt tops, pillowcases, stockings and grocery bags. If it is not convenient to come to the senior center on the one date per month, please let me know and we can make other arrangements. We are a charity and should continue to function as one. There should be plenty of time now to make things to donate to others.

The pillowcase kits (pictured) currently on hand are primarily made with juvenile fabrics, which is the only style we are in need of before Christmas stockings are made up for Thomas House.



2020-2021 Opportunity Quilt Barbra Riley

The Opportunity Quilt for Acacia Quilt Guild for the 2020-2021 year is “Cascading Crystals”. There was no cost to the guild for the construction of this quilt because it was made from blocks left to us by Mary Ann West, with additional fabric donated by Phyllis Victor and completed by the Off Kilter Quilters. Quilting by Jean Fernandez was also covered by Off Kilter Quilters.

Since there are no groups currently meeting where we can display the quilt and sell chances to win it, it will be included in the quilts displayed at the Buena Park City Council Chambers from September 21, 2020 until November 10, 2020.

Tickets will be available soon at the usual \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing will be June 3, 2021.



Calendar At A Glance

Maybe



Event	Date	Time	Place
General Meeting	3rd	6:45 PM	Zoom
Workshop	5th	9:00 AM	Zoom ???
Fabricators	12th	10:00 AM	Cancelled
Board Meeting	17th	7:00 PM	Zoom
Off Kilter Quilters	19th	2:00 PM	Phyllis Victor's front yard
Phyl's Place	29th	6:00 PM	Phyllis Victor's front yard

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General Meeting	1st	6:45 PM	Zoom
Workshop	3rd	9:00 AM	Zoom ???
Fabricators	10th	10:00 AM	Cancelled
Board Meeting	15th	7:00 PM	Zoom
Off Kilter Quilters	17th	2:00 PM	Phyllis Victor's front yard
Phyl's Place	27th	6:00 PM	Phyllis Victor's front yard

What's happening at our sister guild?

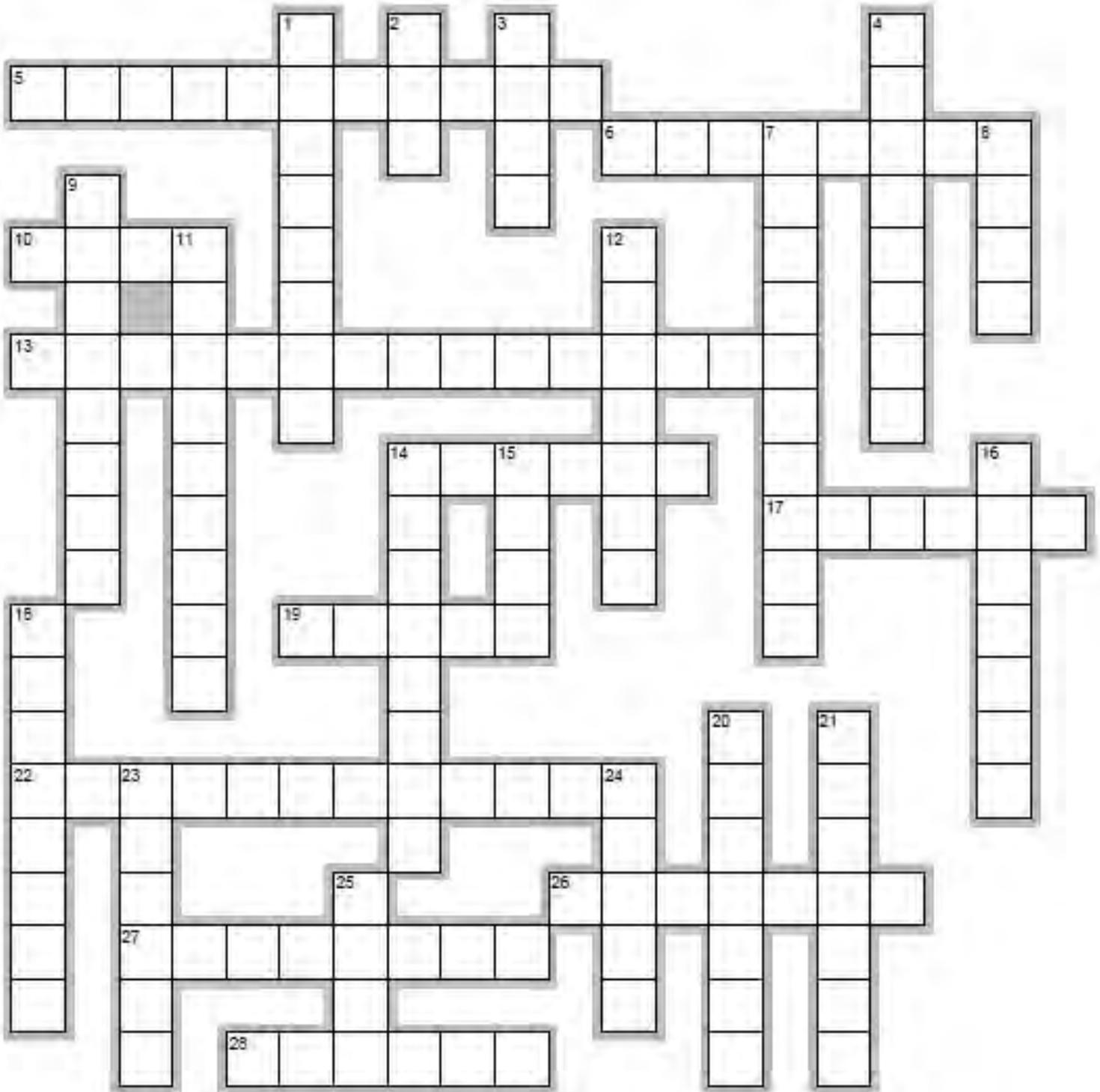
Quilters by the Sea

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.
This is the last one from Compuquilt.



Clues are on the next page. Answers on page 11

Why did Santa go to music school?
So he could improve his wrapping skills.

Why couldn't the pirate learn the
alphabet?
Because he was always lost at C.

Why did the golfer wear two pairs of
pants?
In case he got a hole in one.

Across

5. A sewing machine part that has built-in feed dogs that grip and advance the upper layer of fabric that's traveling through the sewing machine.
6. Short, sturdy needles used to hand quilt.
10. threads that run parallel to the length of fabric as it comes off the bolt. In other words, parallel to the selvage edges.
13. The piece used to fill in the jagged edges left around the outer perimeter of a quilt where blocks are arranged on-point.
14. a cloth made by weaving, knitting, or felting fibers
17. quilt blocks that are left over from a project
19. A coverlet for a bed, made of two layers of fabric with some soft substance, as wool or down, between them and stitched in patterns or tufted through all thicknesses in order to prevent the filling from shifting.
22. A type of patchwork where multiple fabrics are sewn together to create a composite unit that can be cut apart to yield pre-sewn segments.
26. Securing two or more layers of fabric or other materials together with long stitches or safety pins in preparation for final sewing.
27. sewing technique in which fabric patches are layered on a foundation fabric, then stitched in place by hand or machine with the raw edges turned under or covered with decorative stitching.
28. The act of pinning and using your fingers to adjust adjoining units of uneven lengths so they match for sewing.

Down

1. Quilt blocks that are arranged with their corners pointing up and down
2. acronym for the remnants of those quilts we start to make but never seem to finish.
3. A term that describes the thickness of batting
4. occurs when fabrics lose their dyes when they are wet
7. A quilt made from one large piece of fabric, traditionally white.
8. the line formed by sewing together pieces of cloth.
9. a textile fabric.
11. work made of pieces of cloth or leather of various colors or shapes sewed together, used esp. for covering quilts, cushions, etc.
12. The cloth that covers and protects the outer edges of the quilt sandwich.
14. The size of a block, patch or other component in a quilt after all adjacent units are sewn to it.
15. a long piece of fabric that's usually wound on a flattened cardboard tube
16. The fabric panel used as the back piece of a layered quilt.
18. to target and cut a specific motif that's printed on fabric, rather than randomly cutting yardage as we normally do.
20. a diagram of lines
21. Random quilting stitches that move across the quilt in a fluid-like motion.
23. It is a circular metal cutting blade attached to a handle that cuts as it rolls.
24. refers to the way threads are arranged in a piece of fabric.
25. The direction at a 45-degree angle to the straight grains.

**EVERYTHING FOR
SUMMER IS CANCELED,
MAY AS WELL JUST PUT
UP THE CHRISTMAS TREE
AND CALL IT A YEAR!**



COMFORT FOODS FOR THE PANDEMIC

INDIAN RICE PILAU

6½ cups water
 3 tablespoons oil
 1 tablespoon ghee (clarified butter - adds great aroma)
 2 bay leaves
 1 cinnamon stick
 3 green cardamom pods
 3 cloves
 3 teaspoons cumin seeds
 1 dried red chili (optional)
 1 black cardamom pod
 1-2 medium onions, finely chopped
 4 garlic cloves, minced
 1 inch piece fresh ginger, sliced
 4 oz. cashews or slivered/sliced almonds
 4 oz. dried fruit (raisins, cranberries or apricots) or sun dried tomatoes
 3 cups basmati rice, washed and drained
 3 teaspoons salt



In a large pot, heat oil on medium high. Add bay leaves, cinnamon stick, cardamom pods, cloves, cumin seeds and chili. Fry for one minute.

Add the onion, garlic, and ginger. Fry until onions are golden brown.

Add the nuts and dried fruit or sun dried tomatoes and cook for 2 minutes.

Add rice and stir until the grains of rice are coated with oil. Add salt and mix again.*

Add water to the rice and reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer undisturbed for approximately 20-25 minutes.*

Check rice for tenderness. Fluff with a fork and remove whole spices.

*At this stage, you can put the mixture into a rice cooker. Add the water, close the lid and turn the cooker on. It is almost done when you can smell delicious aroma.

Submitted by Sonia Das

NEWSLETTER

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

Free Online Quilting Class Via Santa Ana College

Santa Ana College is offering free Active Adult Online Classes starting August 24, 2020. Several arts and crafts classes are included.

The free Quilting Class is offered Mondays beginning August 24th from 10:00 - 11:40 AM.

The classes are on-going and you can enroll at any time.

The Website to register is: <http://www.sac.edu/active>

MEMBERSHIP

Maryjo Edgar & Brenda Howard

Thanks to all who renewed their membership for 2020-2021 and Welcome to three quilters who became new members during the membership drive. Our membership count today is 38.

Seventeen members and one guest, who later became a member, attended our July General Meeting, which was held via Zoom, and 16 members attended the August General Meeting. I hope to see you all at the next General Meeting on Zoom on September 3rd. Keep an eye out for emails which will inform you of times or of any changes.

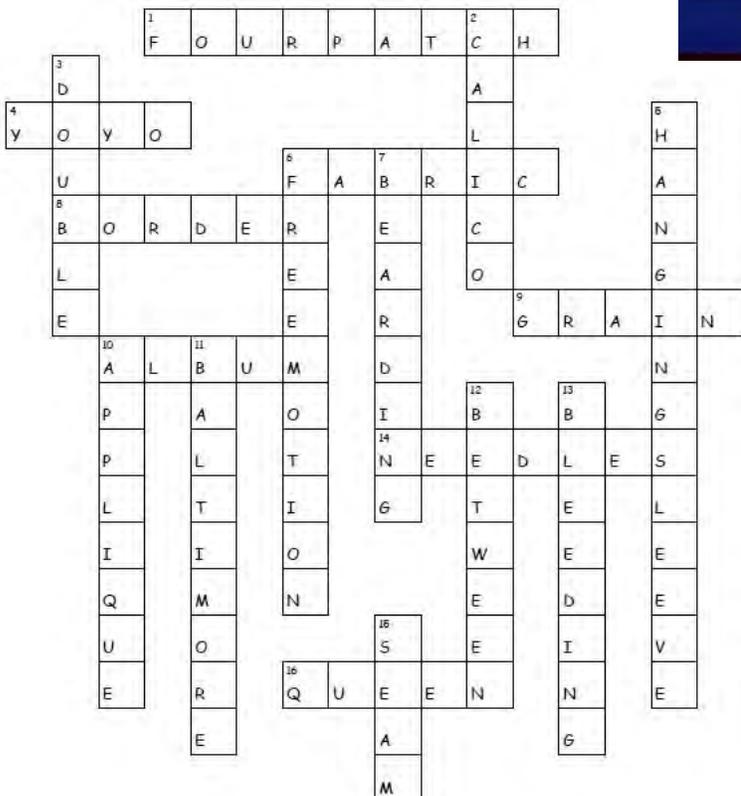
A Membership Directory will be coming soon. Because our Bylaws are in the process of revision, we will be postponing sending a Membership Directory booklet and will instead be sending an Excel Spreadsheet, via email.

If you have questions, you may contact me any time at maryjedgar6612@gmail.com or by phone at 714 232 3806.

[Link to current Membership Application](#)

The Membership Application is also on the last page of this newsletter.

We're all brave in our own way. For example, I am not afraid of raw cookie dough.



I got pulled over in the HOV lane for driving alone. I said that due to social distancing, my passenger was in the car behind me!

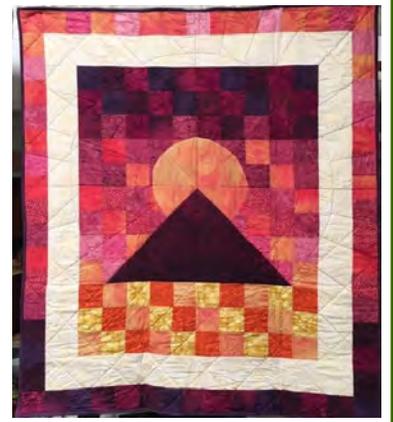




Acacia Quilt Guild Challenge

August 2020

Ombre Fabric Challenge



Of the 14 original entries for the Ombre Quilt Challenge, eight were turned in in time for judging at the August meeting and two more will be finished in time for the display at the Buena Park City Council Chambers. Since the fabrics were chosen by blind draw, everyone started with a different fabric. The playing field was not level: some had bright colors with lots of variation and some had shades of grays.

When this challenge was started, we had no idea it would be judged on Zoom. All the quilts were beautiful, but none were shown to their best advantage with only a picture. Zoom has many limitations!

The winner, announced after the voting at the meeting in August, was Janine D'Anna. Janine started with shades of clear blue and won both "favorite" and "best use of ombre" categories. Phyllis Victor got an honorable mention with her "Sunset over the Mountain" wall hanging. Her fabric color was a peach to burgundy.

Phyllis Campbell had a dark turquoise fabric and her quilt was #1 on the website pictures. Nancy Williams had pink fabric and is #4 in the website pictures. Frannie Donoghue had blue fabric and is #3. Barbara Purks had gray fabric and included it in her "Fun and Games" quilt based on Pat Sloan's Childhood games. Denise Howard also had a shade of gray and used it throughout her quilt #7. One of the largest quilts was done by Lori Ramsey (#5) with a light blue challenge fabric and other ombre fabric to compliment the design.

Two additional quilts from this challenge will be completed by the deadline for the City Council Chambers display. Shar Taira had sewing machine problems that prevented her from finishing the quilting and I did not finish the quilting on my much too ambitious effort. I'm still working on it and it will be in next month's Show and Tell. (I have a vast ability to take a simple idea and make it more complex!)

We did learn some things from this effort on Zoom. 1) projects with different sizes are difficult to compare and, 2) pictures are no substitute for touching or appreciating the details. Sadly, Zoom is what we have for now. If the National Political Conventions can be held remotely, meetings of a quilt guild should present little challenge. We can adjust!

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 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.



Anne Killian 09/12
 Sharleen Taira 09/19
 Sandy Eckhardt 09/24
 Nancy Toma 09/27



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.

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

Acacia Membership
Attn: Membership Chair
P. O. Box 6853
Buena Park, CA 90620

If you have questions, please call or email:

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OR

Brenda Howard - 714-952-4798