

Acacia Quilt Guild of Orange County

SMALL, BUT MIGHTY!

President's Report Barbra Riley

Fellow Quilters,

One of the many challenges associated with the isolation of this pandemic is the philanthropy side of a quilt guild. We have a large supply of fabric but how do we get projects completed with no physical meetings, no workshops, and everyone hunkering down at home? We need to find new ways to do things! At the August Board Meeting it was suggested that we have a "Drop-off/ Pick-up" point at the senior center on the second Thursday, since we are accustomed to having other events and activities on Thursdays. We tried that on September 10th, starting at 3:00 in the afternoon in the back parking lot of the senior center. It was announced in the Blast. Only Nancy Toma came to pick up kits. I was there with lots of kits in the back of my car, but it got a bit lonely.



At the Board Meeting in September it was suggested that we make the distribution of philanthropy kits a "call in" operation. If you would like to turn in a quilt, pillowcases, or other items just call me, Phyllis Victor, Sonia Das, or Susan Wei to schedule a time to pick it up. You can also have a kit dropped off at your front door by the same method. (Dropping off a kit is at least a chance for us to get out of the house - a rarity these days.)

As an incentive to make this work we will give out tickets to a drawing for every item turned in between now and the November General meeting. Completing a quilt gives you two tickets. At the November general meeting we will have eight drawings. Since we have not been able to give out a regular door prize since March, by November there will be eight Door Prizes stacked up waiting to be given away. Pictures of those Door Prize baskets will be on the website and the winners of the drawings get to choose which basket they would like. The first name drawn gets first choice, second name drawn gets second choice, etc. (Would you like the red, white and blue fabrics in the July basket or the oranges in the October basket?)

We especially need pillowcases made up using juvenile fabrics. Phyllis V. has made up several kits using children's fabrics but we need volunteers to make them up using the pattern on our website. (The one that starts with making a burrito.) We add a pillowcase to each of the Christmas stockings going to Thomas House at Christmas but they should be in cheerful, bright colors, appropriate for children. We have a good supply of pillowcases in floral or more somber colors, but not children's prints.

My phone number is 562 416-2005. The other numbers are on the Members spreadsheet sent out recently.

We are a charity. We need to figure out how to continue doing the things we can to help others! We all have time on our hands. We can do this!

Quilter of the Month

Janine D'Anna



To continue with highlighting our newer members, this month's Quilter of the Month is Janine D'Anna. Janine joined Acacia in March of this year at our last actual meeting.

Since the social aspect and the workshops are Janine's favorite part of a guild, the isolation of the last six months has been a rather disappointing start with Acacia. Considering the current limitations, however, she has been very active in our guild. She not only entered, but won the Ombre' fabric challenge, joined me in March to display the Arctic Friends Opportunity Quilt to the Orange Grove Quilt Guild (it's last visit to a guild) and she has attended most of the Zoom meetings.

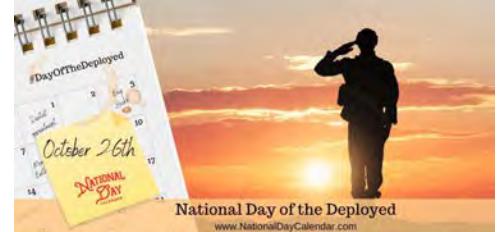
Janine was not born in California but she has lived in Southern California since her parents moved here when she was a baby. She met her husband, John, in a grocery store where she worked until retiring last year. She has three children, ranging in age from 32 to 41 years old and one grandson, Mateo, who is 15 months old and even joined us on Zoom briefly in August.

Janine has been quilting since about 1980 when she took a "Quilt in a Day" class that made a log cabin style quilt, but with other responsibilities did not get seriously hooked until 2003 when more time was available for fun things like quilting. She joined Flying Geese Quilt Guild about five years ago and Orange Grove a few years later. Janine still has a large number of the quilts she has made. They required too much work and time to give to strangers and all her friends and family have already received at least one of her efforts.

Bright, "happy" colors are what appeal to her and, like most of us, the piecing is more attractive than the quilting part of making a quilt. Janine has taken several quilting cruises. Her stash has grown with most of those cruises, especially a trip to Bali where she brought back 70 pounds of batik fabric. She will be happy when cruising becomes possible again and looks forward to taking a quilting cruise to Hawaii – lots of sea days with nothing to do but quilt!

Welcome to Acacia, Janine!

Barbra Riley, President



2nd Vice President's Report Programs and Workshops Phyllis Campbell

October 1

Lennie Bosman - She is talking about Rescue Quilts and What She Has Learned From Them

This is a Trunk Show where she presents her quilts which she and her daughter have collected. Some of the quilts are old and considered antiques and others are from a more recent era. Since, she has taught quilting for 24 years at Mount San Jacinto Community College. Before that she and her husband owned and operated their own sewing machine and fabric store, Bosman's Sewing Barn, in San Jacinto, CA.

Lennie was going to teach us more about free motion quilting last April, until we had to cancel. We will schedule her workshop again when she is able to come to Acacia in person.



November 5

Elizabeth Eastman

Elizabeth will be speaking about Abecedary of Quilts - a series of stories about quilts, the people who quilt, and how quilting touches our lives. More than just a "I-sewed-this-square-to-this-triangle," she tells about how quilting reflects our lives, how quilts carry stories and memories and years of our lives. At the end she also presents Power of Quilting, nine impactful ways we are affected by, and affect others, with our creative work.

Please go to her blog at OPQuilt.com to see the workshops she teaches. Check out her July and August blogs for the ZOOM classes she has been teaching. Please let Phyllis Campbell know if you are interested in ZOOM workshop in November. Hers sound good, are interactive, and she follows up to see if there are questions and to check on everyone's progress.



Barbra Riley

- The next Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds meeting will be on
- Saturday, October 10th. The topic will be the Transitioning of Board
- Members then breaking up into smaller Leadership Panel discussions. This
- will be a Zoom meeting, like the last one in July. It will be interesting to
- find out how other guilds handled a transition of leadership during a
- pandemic. Everything has a new and interesting twist these days.





Off Kilter Quilters
Barbra Riley

Off Kilter Quilters is currently on hold. Once meetings resume, we will let you know.



2020-2021 Opportunity Quilt Cascading Crystals Sonia Das

This year's Opportunity Quilt is a special memorial quilt. The quilt top was started by our quilting sister, the late Mary Ann West, completed by the Off Kilter Quilters (OKQs) friendship group in memory of their late friend and OKQ member and donated to Acacia Quilt Guild.

Mary Ann was a friend, kind, and generous quilter. During her years with Acacia, she donated over 100 quilt tops for the tea and other events as well as philanthropy.

This bright and cheerful quilt is 62" x 70" and is perfect for all ages and genders. The drawing will be held on June 3, 2021 and the winner need not be present to win.

Historically, the Opportunity Quilt is a fundraiser for the Guild. Acacia provides members with 24 tickets or \$20 worth of tickets to sell (tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for six tickets) in addition to taking the quilt to different venues. Due to the pandemic, we aren't able to take the quilt to other guilds and venues to sell tickets, we hope that Acacia members will help the Guild by purchasing tickets for themselves as well as taking tickets to sell.

If you would like some tickets, Acacia will either mail or deliver them to you. Please contact Sonia Das at 562-607-2384 or soniadas@yahoo.com.



MEMBERSHIP Maryjo Edgar & Brenda Howard

Thanks to all who are attending the Zoom meetings! Eighteen members attended the September General Meeting. I hope to see you all at the next General Meeting on Zoom on October 1st.

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



SHOW 'N TELL



Lori Ramsey



Beth Swift

**THESE QUILTS WERE SUBMITTED FOR THE BUENA PARK DISPLAY
QUILTS 18 AND 37 WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE FINAL DISPLAY**



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Phyl's Place

Phyllis Victor, Barbra Riley, Susan Wei, Sonia Das

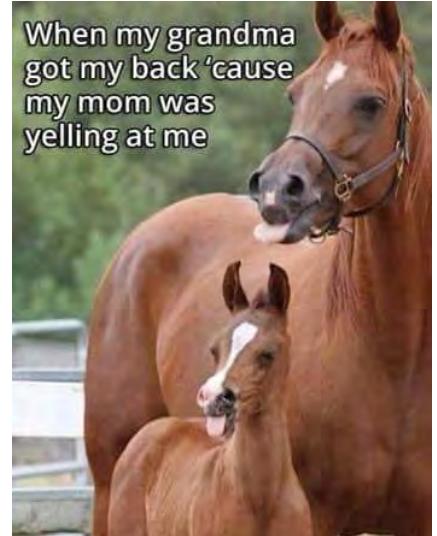
NAVIGATION CENTER VISIT - 8/29/20

On August 29, 2020, the Acacia Philanthropy Committee visited the Navigation Center - the new 24/7 homeless residential facility that opened in Buena Park on July 1, 2020. NC currently has 101 residents (male and female) and can house up to 10 dogs. Standard donation items are needed: clothing (new and gently used, bedding, toiletries, books/magazines, jigsaw puzzles, underwear and hygiene products; also dog treats). In future, Acacia plans to collect donations for the Navigation Center as well as to make and donate pillow cases, stockings, tote bags, cosmetic bags, etc. as they are a local charity and the need will be ongoing.



SISTERS OF THE POOR - JEANNE JUGAN RESIDENCE VISIT - 9/4/20

On September 4, 2020, Susan Wei and Phyllis Victor delivered seven crocheted afghans and 24 masks to Little Sisters of the Poor Jeanne Jugan residence. This facility is located in San Pedro. Seven nuns and their staff care for 100 elderly residents. Please see the photographs from that visit.





Each November, Acacia Philanthropy stuffs several stockings that guild members have made. We then donate them to Thomas House to distribute to the children in their programs. In 2019, 48 stockings were stuffed and donated.

Items for all ages from 1-18 are requested for both boys and girls. We are ready to start collecting any stocking stuffers that you may have purchased during this time of pandemic. All stocking stuffers will be kept safely until November. Please contact Sonia at the number or email below to make arrangements for pick up.

If you have been unable to shop due to pandemic but would like to donate, Sonia will be very happy to collect cash and go shopping on your behalf. Last year we collected \$130.00 and were able to purchase 130 games, puzzles, craft kits, story books, t-shirts and other items for the stockings.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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

For The Children Of Thomas House (Infants To 18 Years)

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)**
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***Ideas for food gift cards:** Arby's, Burger King, Carl's Jr., Chuck E. Cheese, Cold Stone Creamery, Del Taco, Dominos, El Pollo Loco, Golden Spoon, Jack in the Box, Jamba Juice, KFC, McDonalds, Papa John's Pizza, Quiznos, Pizza Hut, Starbucks, Subway, Taco Bell, Wendy's, and Yogurtland, etc.

****Suggestions for gift cards include:** Target, Ross, Bath & Body Works, Walmart, Marshalls, 99 Cents Only Store, Dollar Tree, and Barnes & Noble.

\$5 gift cards in packs of ten are available for Starbucks and other places.



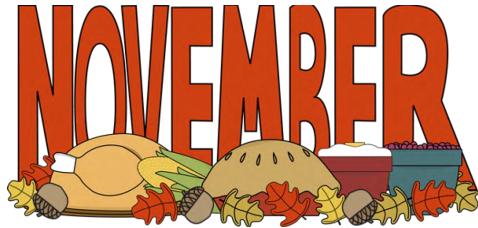
Calendar At A Glance

Maybe



Event	Date	Time	Place
General Meeting	1st	6:45 PM	Via Zoom
Workshop	3rd	9:00 AM	On Hold
Board Meeting	15th	7:00 PM	Via Zoom
Phyl's Place	31st	6:00 PM	Phyllis' home

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General Meeting	5th	6:45 PM	Via Zoom
Workshop	7th	9:00 AM	On Hold
Board Meeting	19th	7:00 PM	Via Zoom
Phyl's Place	24th	6:00 PM	Phyllis' 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.

COMFORT FOODS FOR THE PANDEMIC

3-2-1 Cake

1 box of cake mix (not Angel Food)
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Mix together and store in an airtight container until you get the urge for dessert.

Put 3 Tbsp. of the dry mixture in a big coffee mug.
Stir in 2 Tbsp. of water.
Optional: Mix in mini chocolate chips, fruit, nuts, etc. for a different twist.
Microwave for 1 minute.

Optional: Top with ice cream, hot fudge or caramel sauce, fruit, or anything else you love!

Serving Size: Makes 46 servings (3 tbsp. mix per serving)

Submitted by Patti Paschall



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 November the deadline is October 18th. Anyone in the guild can send in items for the newsletter.

Be Our Guest

Please Note:

We now have a button on the home page of our website for visitors to join us at a general meeting. It even has some cute little hearts. Let a friend know they can join a guild meeting if they would like to see what we do on Zoom. Until we can resume our in-person meetings, we have removed the "\$3.00 visitors fee" notation from the home page.



Fabricators
Barbra Riley

Fabricators is currently on hold. Once meetings resume, we will let you know.

Acacia Quilt Guild Challenges

Barbra Riley

November 2020

Reminder:

We have a **Quilted Pillow Cover** Challenge due in November -

This is a challenge that everyone can participate in and there is nothing to go out and buy. It is based on the stash you already have, so you can choose your category based on what fabrics are already available to you.

Make a quilted pillow cover 18 inches square, using your stash, in one or more of the following categories:

- A) Holliday (Thanksgiving or Christmas preferred)
- B) A named traditional block (Log Cabin, Churn Dash, etc.)
- C) Miscellaneous (modern design, art quilt, whatever)

Choose one category or make one in each category. The rules are few:

1. It must measure 18 inches by 18 inches
2. It must be finished, quilted (with batting), and made into a pillow cover.
3. A picture must be sent to acaciaquiltguild2015@yahoo.com by November 4th, before the November 5, 2020 meeting. Pictures will be posted on the website under the "Challenge" bar. Judging will be based on the pictures on the website.

Voting will be at the November meeting. Separate prizes will be given in each of the three categories.

Good luck to all!

August 2020 (Ombre' Fabric)

There were eight quilts finished in time for the judging of the Ombre' Quilt Challenge in August. Two additional quilts were included in the display going to the Buena Park City Council Chamber display. One of them (mine) was still not finished. Some of my ideas do not involve the concept of "keep it simple".

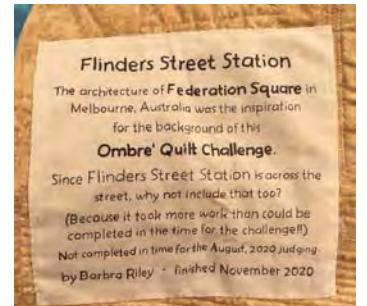
The quilt titled "Flinders Street Station" started with the idea that ombre' fabric would be perfect to show the interesting architectural features of Federation Square in Melbourne, Australia. The ombre' fabric was cut into about a hundred triangles and put back together to resemble the buildings around Federation Square, which includes the tourist center. That took longer than expected, but, even though the deadline was approaching I decided it needed something in the foreground.



Federation Square

Flinders Street Station (the central train station) is just across the street from Federation Square and seemed perfect for the design. The details of the building, however, proved challenging. The front of the building includes 9 clocks. The clocks are not there yet. The flags on top of the buildings are not there yet. I ran out of time. But since it had already been committed to the display in the Buena Park City Council Chambers, it was sent with the others.

Unless someone is familiar with Melbourne it probably would not be noticed that it is incomplete, but I know! As soon as the quilts in the display are returned in November, I will work on finishing it!



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

POSITIONS - ELECTED

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

STANDING COMMITTEES

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



Anita Catano	10/20
Michelle Smith	10/27
Frannie Donoghue	10/28

I'M SORRY!

DOES THE CUTE CAT HELP?

Bev's Birthday was not announced in the September newsletter. I am sorry I missed it.

Bev Tyler 09/10



You need only two tools in life
WD-40 and Duct Tape

If it doesn't move and should,
use WD-40

If it moves and shouldn't, use
Duct Tape

YourBirthdayQuotes.com



How to wear a mask.

ACACIA QUILT GUILD of ORANGE COUNTY
Membership Year: June 1, 2020 - May 31, 2021

Date: _____ New Member: _____ Renewal: _____
Name: _____ Birthday: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____ 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:

Maryjo Edgar - 714-232-3806 - maryjedgar6612@gmail.com
OR
Brenda Howard - 714-952-4798