



MARCH NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is here....or almost here!

March General Meeting will be Brown Bag Raffle. Now is the time to do some Spring cleaning and wonder why you still have those White Elephant gifts from the Holiday Season. It's also a good time to ask why you have 2 or 3 of the same item(s). Now is the time to bring them to the Guild's March Brown Bag Raffle. If you need more information on how the Brown Bag works, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or Amy Estrada.



The Tea and Auction is around the corner. I know we are all busy preparing for this event. If you are able to assist in any fashion, please reach out to Maryjo.

I was asked to write up a recommendation for removing stains from fabrics. I have used this method for stains on my clothes and it has worked 99% of the time; although I have not tried this on blood or red wine. Here are the steps:

1. Cover stained area with Dawn dishwashing soap. Let it dry completely.
2. Spray any aerosol (must be aerosol) hair spray on the stain. Let it dry completely.
3. Toss in the washer.
4. In some extra strong stains, this may need to be repeats.

Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Isabel

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING



Guest Speaker
Steve Shulman

SHOW AND TELL



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BOUTIQUE/FREE SEW DAYS

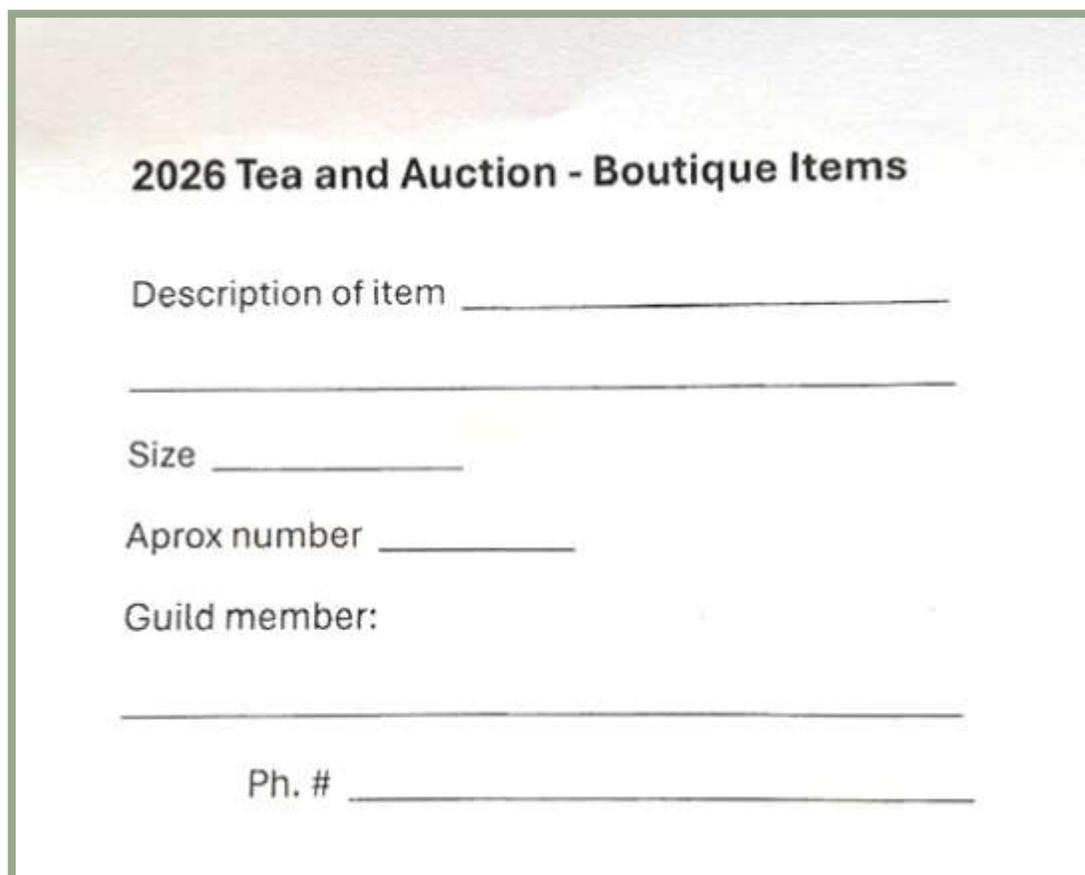
BY BARBRA RILEY,
BOUTIQUE COORDINATOR

There are five scheduled “Free Sew Days” in the Picasso Room between now and the Tea and Auction. Saturdays in the Picasso Room are used for philanthropy sewing or anything else you choose to work on. From now until April 25th we will also be working on items for the Boutique.

We have a unique arrangement with Ehlers Event Center with the number of days we have access to the Picasso Room. Most quilt guilds do not have a place to meet so frequently during the month. We have room for a cutting table, sewing equipment, and space for up to 10 sewing machines. In March there will be three Saturdays designated as “Free Sew Days”, March 7th, March 14th, and March 21st. We start at 9:00am and open the gate next to the Picasso Room to bring your sewing machine in by a shorter route than through the lobby.

If you are not already working on an urgent project, kits are available for philanthropy items or items for the Boutique. If you have an idea for something to sell at the Boutique, please come by and share it. The Tea and Auction is our primary concern now but come and join us with anything you want to finish.

Boutique form:



2026 Tea and Auction - Boutique Items

Description of item _____

Size _____

Aprox number _____

Guild member:

Ph. # _____

WAYS & MEANS UPDATE

BY SHAR
TAIRA

In the March meeting we will be voting on an upcoming Opportunity Quilt for our guild! In February Shari and I picked out 10 quilt tops as candidates for our new Opportunity quilt for this and next year! Please come early to the meeting! We will be displaying each of the quilts and we will have ballots ready for you to vote on the best 3 quilt tops you like the best. Also we will be doing a brown bag so please bring anything you no longer need or want. The brown bag is set up on tables with little brown bags taped next to items, members purchase tickets and write your name on the tickets or if you bring address labels you can stick that to the back of your ticket and deposit the ticket into the brown bag of the item you might want. We will pick a ticket at the conclusion and announce who won that item! We will need volunteers to help in both of these projects. I will probably not have time to figure out the votes on the opportunity quilt unless we have enough volunteers.

The fundraising project has been postponed till after the Tea.

The baskets for the Tea: please be remember we still need some gift cards, some chocolate bars for some of the baskets we will be putting together in April the week before the Tea at the Ehler's Center. All the baskets will be put together on that day as well as inventoried. Please come and help. The more hands, the quicker the job gets done! If you have ideas for a basket please tell me so we can keep a record.

Thank you so much, Shar Taira

PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

BY AMY ESTRADA

MARCH 5, 2026 - MARCH MADNESS GAME NIGHT & BROWN BAG RAFFLE

Ok everyone is stressed out about the “TEA” I declare we have a fun night and just relax. We will be playing Left, Right, Center with fat quarters. I think we should all wear our favorite college gear since it will be “March Madness” or your favorite team jersey. Let's just have fun!!! We may also play bingo. Let me know if you have suggestions. We will also be having a brown bag so bring your items you have received too much of at Christmas and we will raffle them off. Phyllis Campbell will be the game runner. Thank you Phyllis!

MARCH 7, 2026 - NO WORKSHOP

This space and time will be to work on all projects for the Tea.

APRIL 2, 2026

Everyone has gotten me even stressed out about the Tea that I didn't think I needed to schedule a speaker. I am working on fixing this.

APRIL 4, 2026 - NO WORKSHOP

No Workshops scheduled in order to prepare for the Tea.

PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE REPORT

BY SONIA DAS & PHYLLIS
VICTOR, CO-CHAIRS;
PHYLLIS CAMPBELL,
SUSAN WEI, BARBRA RILEY

Acacia Quilt Guild has two major goals: education and philanthropy. Education is provided through speakers, lectures, and workshops while philanthropy is provided through the kindness and generosity of our Guild members.

The Tea and Quilt Auction in April is Acacia's major fundraiser and allows the Guild to serve the community with several handmade items. Even though we are currently focused on quilts and boutique items for the Tea, we must continue with making items behind the scenes to ensure that enough items are made to donate to our community organizations.

Our current ongoing projects and goals (others may be added as the need arises):

- April/May: We will be sending quilts, pillowcases, and bedding donations to the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation in Arizona.
- September: We will be collecting placemats for the Buena Park Meals on Wheels
- September/October: We will be collecting 95 Halloween treat bags for the students of the George Key School in Placentia. Treats are NOT requested from Acacia as these are special needs students with a variety of medical conditions.
- November: Christmas stockings will be filled with goodies donated by Acacia members for the December meeting.
- December: Filled Christmas stockings and pillowcases will be presented to Thomas House and unfilled Christmas stockings will be presented to George Key School.

Philanthropy always has free kits available to make quilts, pillowcases, placemats or other items at the general meetings. Please come by and take one or several. The Philanthropy committee meets at Phyllis Victor's house every month on the last Tuesday of the month; this is the famous "Phyl's Place". Lately we have been sorting through donations of fabric. Donations are usually in the form of yards and yards of fabric but can include some unexpected treasures. Below is an example of a quilt top donated in February.



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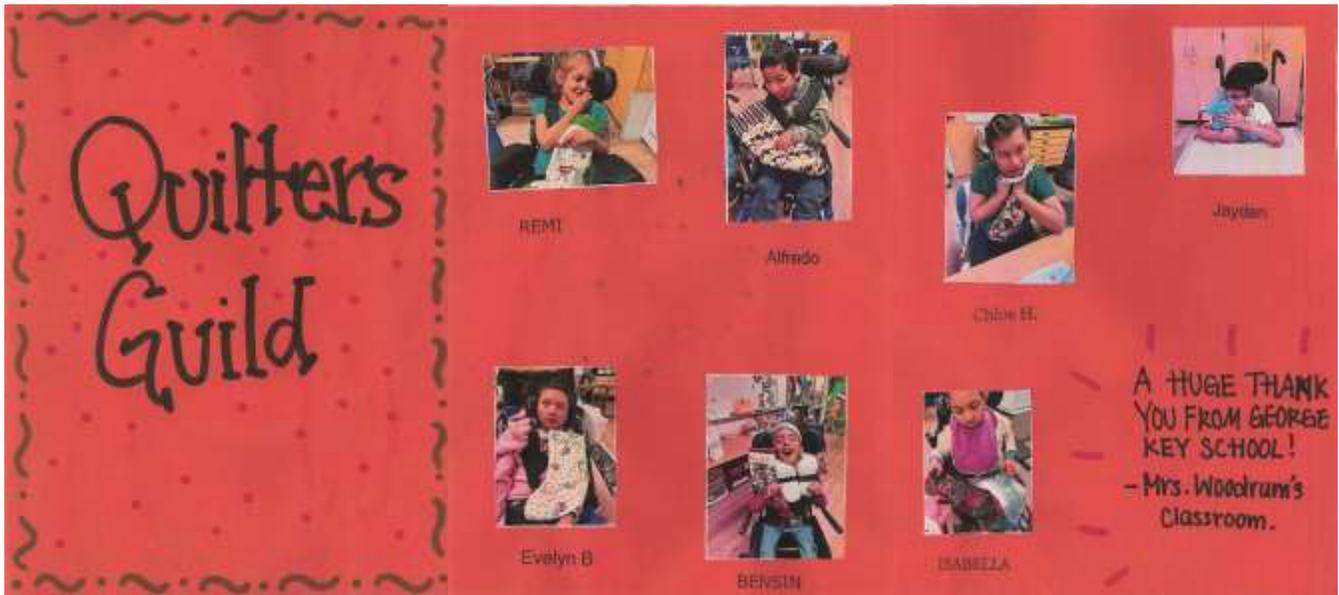
We also received a giant bag of “left over” binding. After sorting through it, we found enough black fabric to complete the binding for a quilt going to the Tea. We invite all guild members to “Phyl’s Place” at 2:00pm in Cypress on February 24, 2026 and March 31, 2026 to see and sort through the latest treasures that have been donated to Acacia. You might find the perfect fabric for that pattern you have had for years or find something to inspire you to take on a new project!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



Presentation of Heart Pillows To George Key School

THANK YOU FROM GEORGE KEY SCHOOL



THANK YOU FROM GEORGE KEY SCHOOL



HEADLINES FROM HELENE

BY HELENE BORN

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our cash flow is in good standing. Our total net income for January is \$2,330.85. Our banking balance has been stable with our checking and CD account total assets at \$28,692.55.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

We have formed the budget committee to work on the 2026-2027 fiscal year's budget. I have sent out information to the committee chairs for review and have started to adjust areas based on their feedback. We haven't scheduled a meeting with the committee yet. It may take several meetings to prepare the budget. We will begin working on the budget in March and present it to the membership in May for review.

The Treasurer will act as Chairperson of the Budget Committee, which consists of one member from the Board and a minimum of one volunteer from the general membership and which will prepare an annual budget proposal for presentation by the Treasurer at the May annual business meeting.

We are moving forward with the Tea and Quilt auction and need people to assist with processing payments. I plan to schedule a training session prior to the event. We have some concerns regarding the level of proceeds from this event. We use the funds from this luncheon to cover the expenses for our guild for a two-year period. Please invite non-quilting friends and encourage your guest to submit a bid, even if it is the opening bid. Part of the fun in this event is to inspire and excite our attendees.

Feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding our finances. Reports are available on request.

Helene Born

[email: treasurer@acaciaquiltguild.org](mailto:treasurer@acaciaquiltguild.org)

THE SCCQC FUTURE MEETINGS

APRIL 11, 2026: TOPIC: MEET THE TEACHERS

It would be helpful to have several members attend this meeting so you can visit the teachers during the question-and-answer section. Please coordinate with Amy Estrada.

July 11, 2026: Topic: TBD

October 10, 2026: Topic: TBD

Other information:

- The SCCQG newsletter is published a month prior to the next quarterly meeting. Send information to newslettereditor@sccqg.org. The newsletter will be posted on the SCCQG site for anyone to download.

HEADLINES FROM HELENE

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- Our Asian Garden tea is listed on the SCCQG Calendar. Check out the Calendar at the bottom of the SCCQG Home Page! <https://www.sccqg.org>

MIDNIGHT GARDEN - OPPORTUNITY QUILT

In February, the quilt travelled to the Los Angeles Quilters in Downey with Isabel Cervantes and Sandra Washington. They enjoyed their time at the meeting and made \$50 in ticket sales.

Here is the list of locations set to show the quilt for the balance for the year. We are always looking for assistance in attending these events. Please let me know if you would like to take the quilt or attend with me at any scheduled showing.

Inland Empire (Corona)	Helene & Amy Estrada?	9-Mar	(5:30 - 6:00) 6:30 - 8:30
Surfside (Dana Point)	Helene & Isabel?	10-Mar	(9:00) 10:00 - 12:00
Beach Cities (Mission Viejo)	Helene & Pam Callahan?	12-Mar	(6:00) 6:30 - 8:30 PM
OGQG (Garden Grove)	Janine & Helene	8-Apr	(8:15) 9:30 am - 12PM
El Camino (Oceanside)	Helene &?	14-Apr	(8:30-9:00) 9:30 am - 12 pm

I am going to step down from opportunity quilt coordinator position for next year. Shar Taira is in the process of selecting the opportunity quilt for the 2026-2027 year and getting it ready to show starting in July. We need a person to be the quilt coordinator to schedule the opportunity quilt to other guilds & events and to find volunteers to take it to sell tickets. I am willing to share any of the information I have regarding this position. Please contact Diane Sanchez, nominating committee chair if you are interested in this position.

Thank you,
Helene Born

RUNNING DOE TOP-A-LONG

JANUARY'S TOP

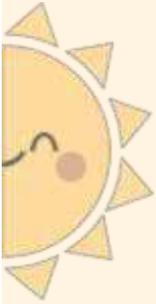


LAZY GOOSE



SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

Acknowledging life events (happy or sad) of the following guild members. Some events were mentioned in previous email blasts.



SUNSHINE

- Congratulations to Vanita Dhupar on the birth of her second granddaughter last month. Baby Amaya was 9lb 11oz and 21" long. May she be blessed with a long and happy life!



SHADOWS

Thoughts and prayers for:

- Bev Provost and her 50 year old son who is terminally ill with brain cancer and in hospice. She has flown to Idaho to be with him at this time.
- Isabel Cervantes whose cousin, Frank Martin, recently passed away.
- Guild members who have recently experienced bereavement.



Sonia Das will be handling Sunshine & Shadows & Shout Outs. If she has omitted anyone or anything, corrections and updates will be made in future newsletters. Please contact her with news about Guild members (see roster for her email).

CALENDAR (Refer to email blasts and website for latest details.)

MARCH 2026

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
5	6:30 pm	General Meeting	Ehlers Event Center, Legacy Hall
7	9:00 am	Workshop	Ehlers Event Center, Picasso Room
13	10:00 am	SubQ Art Quilters	Ehlers Event Center, Picasso Room
19	6:30 pm	Board Meeting	Zoom
31	10:00 am	Phyl's Place	Member Home

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 03/01 Phyllis Victor
- 03/13 Sonia Das
- 03/14 Shari Gray
- 03/27 Bonnie Crawford



APRIL 2026

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
2	6:30 pm	General Meeting	Ehlers Event Center, Legacy Hall
10	10:00 am	SubQ Art Quilters	Ehlers Event Center, Picasso Room
16	6:30 pm	Board Meeting	Zoom (3rd Thursday)
17	12:00 pm	Opportunity Basket Wrap Day	Ehlers Event Center, Veteran's Hall
24	1:00 pm	Tea Room Set-Up	Ehler's Event Center
25	11:00 am	Tea and Quilt Auction	Ehler's Event Center
28	10:00 am	Phyl's Place	Member Home

TEA & QUILT AUCTION 2026 - ASIAN GARDEN

IT'S COMING FASTER THAN WE THINK!

The Tea & Quilt Auction is our guild's largest fundraising activity and is integral to our continued ability to fulfil the mission of the guild which is to preserve the heritage of quilt making and to educate the public as to its significance; to further the quilting knowledge, education and skill levels of the members of this Guild through educational meetings, quilting workshops, social activities, travel, and friendship; and to provide opportunities for Guild members to use their skill and talents for philanthropic projects that make items to benefit local communities other philanthropic organizations.

This costs money and the Tea & Auction financially support everything we do, plus, it's a wonderfully enjoyable and fun event!

BUT IT CAN'T HAPPEN WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT!

Tea & Quilt Auction co-Chairs, Maryjo and Shari Gray, request your support with creating this marvelous event. The event will be here before we know it and having your commitment NOW will make the work of the Tea & Quilt Committee much easier. Please take a look at the list of volunteer positions to fill. Please see Maryjo or Shari to volunteer or to find out more information about a position. Seller positions are for about one hour. We need ticket sellers, boutique workers, people to help check in guests, people to collect payments from winners, and more. Maryjo and Shari have a sign up sheet at every meeting; please take a look to see what YOU can do that day!

CHECK-IN TEAM

(Greet and check in attendees before event; gives out paperwork; may orient guest to room and find table for her. Arrival is 10:15AM; doors open at 10:30. This is a team and we need 3 to 4)

DESSERT DONORS

(Provides a dessert that can be plated, like a brownie or petit four BEFORE the Event; Friday night is good)

TEA & QUILT AUCTION 2026 - ASIAN GARDEN

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OPPORTUNITY BASKET TICKET SELLERS

(Shifts run at beginning and during break; NO sales during auction or luncheon)

OPPORTUNITY QUILT TICKET SELLERS

(Shifts run at beginning and during break; NO sales during auction or luncheon)

AUCTION STAFF

(Takes payment from winning bidder at tableside during Auction)

QUILT CLAIM

(Takes auctioned quilts and bags and tags. Matches claim check from winning bidder to Quilt, verifies receipt and finds and hands over her work of art. Shift is DURING Auction and immediately AFTER until close of event. Need staff of 3 to 4).

BOUTIQUE STAFF

(Team of 3 to 4)

BEVERAGE STATION SUPERVISOR

(Keep an eye on beverages and refill as needed. One needed; assistance will be provided)

DESSERT COORDINATOR

(Takes delivery, plates, stores, and arrange desserts – NOTE: FRIDAY & SATURDAY)

PHOTOGRAPHER

(Takes candid and posed photos of room and attendees; sends photos to Newsletter and Tea Chairs)

SISTER GUILD HAPPENINGS

QUILTERS BY THE SEA

PROGRAMS-

<https://quiltersbythesea.com/programs/>

WORKSHOPS -

<https://quiltersbythesea.com/workshops/>



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. Workshops are in person.

Go to QBS website to sign up for the workshops ASAP! All meetings are in person.

GENERAL MEETINGS

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 5:30 pm, meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. Refer to the calendar.

Walter D. Ehlers Event Center
Legacy Hall
8150 Knott Avenue
Buena Park, CA 90620

BOARD MEETINGS are currently on zoom at 6:30 pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

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 \$30.00 per year, June 1 through May 31st. Dues for members joining after November 30th will be \$15. Dues 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. Guests attend for free when the general meeting is held by zoom.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Please submit newsletter articles, jokes, puzzles, events, photos (especially Show and Tell), recipes etc. to Carol (see roster for email address) by the 3rd Monday of the month at 7 p.m. Anyone in the guild can submit items for the newsletter.

BE OUR GUEST: Please note, we have a form on the home page of our website for visitors to join us at a general meeting.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ELECTED POSITIONS

President	Isabel Cervantes
1st VP at Large	Shari Gray
2nd VP (Programs/Workshops)	Amy Estrada
Secretary	Farzana Molvi
Treasurer	Helene Born

STANDING COMMITTEES

Door Prizes	Robin Faxas
Equipment	Shari Gray
Historian	Susan Wei (TQA only)
Hospitality	Julie Golini
Memberships/Birthdays	Maryjo Edgar Cheryl Fujii
Newsletter	Carol Sova
Opportunity Basket	Judy Phillips Beverly Provost
Opportunity Quilt	Helene Born
Parliamentarian	Diane Sanchez
Philanthropy	Phyllis Victor Phyllis Campbell Susan Wei Sonia Das
Photographer/Facebook Admin	Shari Gray
SCCQG Representative	Isabel Cervantes
Secret Pal	Kim Read
Special Events/Tea	Maryjo Edgar Shari Gray
Sunshine and Shadows	Sonia Das
Ways and Means	Shar Taira Phyllis Campbell
Website	Sauni Rae Dain
Buena Park Mayor's Breakfast Committee Representative	Diane Sanchez



ACACIA QUILT GUILD of ORANGE COUNTY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

acaciaquiltguild.org

Membership Year: June 1, 2025- May 31, 2026

Date: _____ New Member: _____ Renewal: _____
 Name: _____ Birthday: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Zip: _____
 Preferred Phone Contact: _____ Cell Home
 E-mail: _____
 Emergency Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Contact(s) Name: _____ Phone: _____

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

____ Assist Hospitality with set-up at meetings (arrive 5:30)
 ____ Assist with clean-up after meetings
 ____ Teach a class / mini-demo on: _____

Dues can be paid at the Membership Desk at General Meetings or at any time via the website: acaciaquiltguild.org/join-us. (Scroll down on page.)

MEMBERSHIP DUES: _____ \$30.00* (includes emailed newsletter)
 *dues after November 30th will be \$15.00; dues after February 28th will be \$10.00.

An information email, "The Blast", is sent weekly, and the newsletter will be sent via email monthly. The newsletter is also available on the Acacia Quilt Guild website.

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

<p><i>If mailing your application, please send your form and fee to:</i> Acacia Quilt Guild Membership Attn: Maryjo Edgar P. O. Box 6853 Buena Park, CA 90622</p>	<p><i>If you have questions, please call or email:</i> Maryjo Edgar - 714-232-3806 - maryjedgar6612@gmail.com OR Cheryl Fujii - 562-233-3184 - cpfujii@msn.com</p>
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