

## **A Note From the President**

We will have the final draft of the bylaws and rules at the July meeting.

## **Acacia Quilt Blocks**

Don't forget to bring your block or blocks for our contest this month. the best block will receive a special prize and everyone returning a block will receive a chance on a group of blocks to start your own Autumn Leaves quilt.

## **July 5th Meeting**

For those of you getting this by email don't forget to bring your fabric scraps, needle, thread, etc., to make your foundation pieced name tag during the meeting. We will furnish pins for the back, felt, batting scraps, and various decorations like buttons, beads, etc.

## **Acacia-Northwest Fundraiser**

Acacia Adult Day Services is having their second annual Sunset Serenade Luau at the Radisson Hotel in Irvine on Saturday, July 10. This event is a major fundraiser for the adult day care, and features a wonderful Hawaiian menu, Hawaiian dancers, door prizes, a silent auction with outstanding items on which to bid, and the drawing for the donation quilt. A few spaces are available at \$100 per person, if you call for reservations no later than Tuesday, July 6. Call Marlene Pierce at 714-530-1566. You will have a wonderful evening, and help support our new adult day care in Cypress. Plus, you will be able to wear that muu-muu you loved when you brought it back from Hawaii, and has been hanging in the back of your closet ever since!

## **August 2nd Meeting**

Our August speaker will be our new member, Pat of Monarch Fabrics in Long Beach. She is going to be showing us some examples of scrap and fat quarter quilts and will give hints on choosing coordinating fabrics for our quilts. She will have some quilt books available for purchase at a discount.

We will also be having a fat quarter drawing. Our theme will be bright summer fabrics. For every fat quarter you bring, you will receive one ticket for the drawing. The fat quarters will be bundled in coordinating (we hope) bundles of 6 fat quarters. Tickets will be drawn, and each winner will receive 6 fat quarters. Don't know how to cut a fat quarter? Just start with a half yard of fabric, and then cut it down the center fold line to make 2 fat quarters, approximately 18" x 22", depending on the width of the fabric. No need to cut the selvage off, just make sure to cut an even rectangle.

## **Bits and Pieces**

To any member that would like to submit Bits and Pieces of information to share. (I.e. Helpful hints, techniques, etc.)

## **A Few Poems for Thought**

### **Little Bits of Fabric**

Little bits of fabric  
Sewn into a quilt  
Form a warm and loving blanket  
From which memories are built  
And when you seek peace and comfort  
In the quiet on the night  
It will keep you warm and snug  
Until the morning's light.  
--Unknown

### **Beginners**

All quilters start out as beginners  
No one is born knowing how  
But all who would be good quilters  
Should make this solemn vow:

I will buy only quality fabrics  
I will keep clean my sewing machine  
I will help my fellow quilters  
Be they eighty or seventeen  
I will carefully follow directions  
That I am given in class  
So that what I'm trying to make  
Will truly come to pass  
I will try never to feel guilty  
About my stash or my UFOs  
These are a part of the quilting mystique  
As every quilter knows.  
Above all, I will embrace  
The joys that quilting imparts  
Of friendship, fun and sharing  
That cheers and fills our hearts.  
And when I'm no more a beginner  
I won't hold in disdain  
Those who know less than I do  
Who know what heights they may attain?  
--Unknown

## **Sunshine and Shadows**

We would like to start our Sunshine and Shadows section of our newsletter. It is where we would like to mention birthdays of members, if someone is not well, or the passing of someone special including a special pet.