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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

It's always exciting to have a new quilt shop in our area. *The Quilt Cupboard* recently moved to Garden Grove and reopened for business on August 27, 2007. I took Sheri (the owner) and Annie (the shop cat) some treats on behalf Acacia Guild and welcomed them to their new home. *The Quilt Cupboard* is located on Lampson at Manley (between Valley View and Seal Beach Boulevard). Drop by and say "hello" to Sheri and Annie.

September is an exciting month for Acacia. We are delighted to be hosting the world famous Billie Lauder on Saturday 8, 2007 for a lecture/demo in the morning followed by a workshop in the afternoon. There are only a few spaces left so please sign up at the meeting. We are looking forward to a full house for this special event.

The holidays are only 3 months away however we at Acacia are prepared. We are having a small but delightful holiday boutique at the September meeting so come early and get those holiday gifts (all handcrafted and handmade) for friends, family and co-workers. Our offerings include sewn items, craft items and food items (fruit jam and fruit chutneys).

We have the nicest quilters in Acacia. It is a pleasure to be part of such a wonderful guild!

Best wishes – Sonia Das, President



September General Meeting  
Sept. 6, 2007 at 6:45 p.m.  
Buena Park Senior Center  
8150 Knott Ave.  
Buena Park CA.

SPEAKER SUSAN STOKES will give  
a short talk on Emergency  
Preparedness .

#### "UGLY" FABRIC EXCHANGE

Bring a yard of 100% cotton  
fabric that you wonder how it ever  
got in your stash. Here are the  
details:

Please **pre-wash and iron** the  
fabric. Bring a **scissors** to start  
your tears. We are going to tear  
and trade until we have pieces  
approximately 6 inches square.

Then, you have 2 months to make  
a quilt from the fabric you trade.  
You must use ALL the fabric  
somewhere in your quilt, but you  
may cut the fabric to any size you  
want. You may want 2 or 4"  
squares, 6" strips, or triangles. The  
quilt should not be larger than 48"  
in either direction. You may use  
other fabrics with your "ugly"

fabrics, but they cannot  
predominate. (Backing and bindings  
completely of other fabrics are  
fine.)

Please do not bring large scale  
prints, as they will not work well  
with the approximately 6" format.  
Remember, what is "ugly" to you  
may be gorgeous to someone  
else! There WILL be prizes for  
the quilts voted best by our  
members at our November meeting.

#### "ZIP-LOCK TREASURES"

Our other activity for September will  
be an exchange of gallon sized zip-  
lock bags filled with leftover blocks,  
leftover fabric, UFOs, unneeded  
machine appliqué pieces, etc.

Each bag should contain **at least** the  
equivalent of one fat quarter of  
fabric. You may stuff the bag full,  
but it must zip.

When you turn in your bag, you  
will write your name on a ticket.  
The tickets will be drawn, and you  
will have 30 seconds to pick the  
"Zip Lock Treasure" of your  
choice. There will be an  
"emergency" bag in case the last  
person is left with their own bag.

The bag may **not** be opened until  
you return to your seat. And, **no**

**complaining** about what you picked. If you can't use it, donate it to our next Brown Bag so someone else can enjoy it.

We all have something left over or started and never finished in our sewing room. Gather it up, put it in a gallon zip lock, and let's all have some fun!



**Phyllis  
Campbell**

Phyllis Campbell, one of the founders of the Acacia Quilt Guild and a past President was also the very first person to sign onto and join a new Quilt website. The website is called "Grace Full Creations" and has just reached 1000 members. In celebration of that event, the website published a profile of Phyllis—it's first member. With permission from both the owners of the website and Phyllis herself, I am extracting for you some of the information from that article.

### **Who taught you to sew/quilt and when?**

My mom taught me to sew as a child. My first interest in quilting was the doll quilts she made for me. Some of them were made from pieces of

Nazi flags that my uncle brought back from WWII.

My instruction in quilting the past 7 years has been from Lyn Brown, a teacher with the No. Orange Co. Community College District. I was in charge of the Cypress Senior Center before I retired, and set up her class there a month before I retired, so that I could take it when it did retire. The class averages 50 students just about every week. Lyn is a great teacher, and I have learned many techniques from her.

### **What was your most favorite project to work on and why?**

I enjoy many aspects of quilting, but my favorites are watercolor quilts and Fantasy Flower quilts.

### **About how many quilts have you made?**

I've never counted, but it must be dozens. I have also made 5 quilted jackets.

### **Would you consider yourself a traditionalist, contemporary quilter, or a fiber artist?**

I enjoy all aspects of quilting, except hand quilting. I guess I am more contemporary than traditional, but I have made 3 different types of log cabin quilts.

### **Do you piece your quilts or also quilt them?**

I machine quilt my quilts, usually free-motion with many types of decorative thread.

**What is your favorite part of the process?**

My favorite parts of making a quilt are designing it and quilting it. I LOVE free-motion quilting and have quilted all but one of my quilts myself.

**Do you do hand work, machine or both?**

I do mostly machine quilting, but I do some applique by hand and finish my bindings by hand.

**Do you design your own quilts or use patterns?**

I have designed many of my own quilts, and have also used patterns. When I use a pattern, I always change it in some manner to make it my own.

**Was there any project that you hated after you finished it and why?**

Some of my first attempts at free-motion quilting were pretty bad, but I still was okay with the finished quilts.

**If you couldn't quilt what other hobby/craft would you do?**

I love many arts and crafts. I wish I had more time to do some of the other things I love. I paint with watercolors, acrylics, and inks. I used to crochet a lot, but it hurts my hands now. I am currently teaching my grandson to make a mosaic garden ornament. I also love to make jewelry with the great variety of beads and stones now available at reasonable prices.

**Do you have any other hobbies or what are other things you like to do?**

Besides the above, I love to read and garden. My husband and I love to travel and have traveled to nearly every state.

**Estimate how many yards of fabric you have in your stash:**

Wow, I have no idea, but it must be at least 400 to 500 yards. I have fabric in two rooms and our motorhome. I have wire shelves in a 6 foot closet that are overflowing onto the floor. They are labeled by color and type, such as holiday, batik, solids, flannel, etc. In the other bedroom, I have bags of fabric, and several bins too. The motorhome has plastic bins with fabric sorted by color and type.

**Estimate how many projects you currently have unfinished:**

Probably a dozen.

**What was the most significant lesson that you learned through quilting?**

I've learned that almost all quilters are nice people whom I enjoy meeting and getting to know. I have learned the hard way just how much work is required to start a quilt guild. I founded Acacia Quilt Guild of Orange County almost 3 1/2 years ago with the help of some fellow quilters.

**If you could advise younger or less experienced quilters, what would you say?**

Don't ever think you have learned everything there is to learn about quilting. There is always more to learn. Try everything you can. You don't know until you try it whether it will

be something you will really enjoy and/or be especially good at doing. The other thing I would advise is not to forget to take photos of your



HOW  
TO  
PLANT  
YOUR  
GARDEN

FROM  
PHYLLIS  
CAMPBELL

Plant Three Rows of Peas:

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of Soul

Plant Four Rows of Squash:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash Grumblng
4. Squash selfishness

Plant Four Rows of Lettuce:

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

No Garden is Without Turnips:

1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

To Conclude Our Garden We Must Have Thyme:

1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family

quilts-it's a good idea to put them in an album with the size, fabric, and to whom they were given.

3. Thyme for friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.

There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.



*Happy  
Birthday  
to You*

*Susann Wood, Hospitality Chairman*

*We wish the following members a very Happy Birthday in September and thank them in advance for providing the refreshments for our monthly meeting:*

*Randy Haller,*

*Tricia Savage,*

*Linda Sterns,*

*Margot Taub.*

*Please feel free to bring any sumptuous snacks even if it is not your birthday.*

*Your generosity is always appreciated and we are a great testing ground for any of those new recipes you would like to try out. Veggie and fruit items are*

also very popular.

*A special thank you to Nancy Malm for making two beautiful aprons for the Hospitality Committee. They will be proudly worn while we are serving you!*



Library

Chairman  
Linda Sterns

Have you bought a book lately? They can be sooo expensive. Have you wanted to try a new skill/craft or been looking for a new block pattern and just didn't know if it was worth the purchase price of that new book? Well, we have an alternative! Acacia Quilt Guild has a library.

Our library, run this year by Linda Stearns, contains books on subjects from Applique to Hand Quilting, from Quick Quilts to Heirloom! There are even books on redwork and beading!

Take a few minutes and browse the library at the meeting. Check out a book on some subject you have been wanting to explore. It won't cost a thing!

The newsletter will be featuring books each month for your consideration. This month we have:

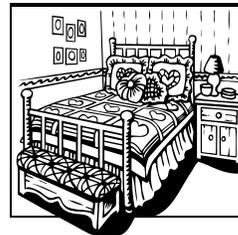
### Books of the Month

Wildflower Album by Bea Oglesby  
Favorite Patchwork Patterns by Henry Pelletier  
Country Quilts In A Day by Fran Roen  
Quilts to Wear by Virginia Avery  
Star Log Cabin by Eleanor Burns  
Red and White: American Redwork Quilts by Harding



**THANK YOU  
TO OUR NEW  
BOARD  
MEMBERS**

A HUGE "THANK YOU" TO **DIANE MACRILL** FOR VOLUNTEERING TO BE ACACIA'S SECRETARY AND **TO JUDY HUNSAKER** FOR VOLUNTEERING TO BE ACACIA'S PHILANTHROPY CO-CHAIR. LOOK FOR MINUTES TO BE DISTRIBUTED SOON AND FOR PHILANTHROPY SEWING DAYS TO RESUME AS WELL.



**NEW SIZES  
FOR  
BED QUILTS**

The new thicker mattresses on beds may make your quilt look "not quite big enough!" Here are some new sizes for the new mattresses:

Matress size	Comforter	Bedspread
Twin	66"X89"	80"X108"
Long twin	66"X94"	80"X113"
Full	82"x89"	96"X108"
Queen	88"X94"	102"X113"
King	104"X94"	118"X113"
Cal.King	100"X98"	114"X117"

from her to others.

Billie has a knack for making quilting easy for all levels of quilters. She loves to develop "Quick Trick" methods of quilt construction. A traditional quiltmaker with a twist. She loves to get quilters jazzed and excited to try a new technique for construction or look at something old in a new way. She likes to see just how far she can "push" a block. Her classes can be accomplished by all levels.



## WHO IS Billie Lauder

Well-known teacher and author Billie Lauder comes to Acacia Quilt Guild on Saturday, September 8 at 11:00 a.m. in the large meeting room of the Buena Park Senior Citizens Center. There will be a "Demonstration Workshop". From 1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m. Space limited to 55 people. Cost for workshop is \$25.00 for members, \$35.00 non-members.

Billie is proud to be a third generation quiltmaker. She has been teaching quilting since 1976. When asked what quilting meant to her, Billie said "It is the past, the present and the future." The past is her learning from her grandmother and mother. The present is her current teaching of her students. And the future is the people who will pass on the knowledge of what they have learned

Writing and designing books has been a great challenge for Billie. With 24 books published by Easymade Publications over the last several years,

Billie has a vast library to draw upon for her workshops and lectures. The HGTV show "Simply Quilts" helped Billie launch her lecture tour, which continues to take her all over the world.

Billie is currently working on new ideas for "Pushing the Four-Patch", "Quilts In A Row", and designing new patterns for Easymade Publications.

Billie is calling her workshop a demonstration workshop. She says:

"Bring your pencil, notebook and cameras. I will show you some wonderful "Quick Quilt Tricks" to make your quilt construction easier and faster.

Learn to:

- Turn a Four Patch Block into a Nine Patch Block 4 = 9
- Make an UnEven/UnBalanced Nine Patch Block
- Make a Scrappy Nine Patch - Use up

squares you have hanging around the sewing room. Off With Their Heads Units and Blocks Shaded Flying Geese Units 16 from 16 Battlefield Block

**SUPER SENIOR SATURDAY STUNNING SUCCESS!**

Acacia Quilt Guild sold \$75 of boutique items and over \$80 of opportunity tickets at *Super Senior Saturday* on August 18, 2007. *Super Senior Saturday* is an annual community event held at the Buena Park Senior Center providing health screenings and information about different services available to seniors and their family, friends and caretakers.

Many thanks to the following quilters for volunteering their time that day:

Sonia Das	Mona McCormick	Dana Matsukawa
Judy Hunsaker	Nancy Malm	Tess Matsukawa
Sharon Monge	Charlotte Hansen	Linda Stearns
Susann Woods	Phyllis Campbell	Susan Stokes

I will also bring the great sewing toys I use when I make my quilts.

After you see how easy it is to make these blocks you will want to get to your sewing machine as fast as you can!"



MEMBERSHIP  
  
CHAIRMAN:  
KIT BOYD

Welcome, everyone, to the September meeting. A great Big welcome to our two new members: **Diane Donegan** and **Mary Hicks**.

An OOPS!  
An apology to our 3 guests from the August meeting. I forgot to introduce them. Hopefully, someone will remind me when I goof.

Please see Kit for membership Cards.

A Thank You to **Karen Waterbury** for making all our cards. SEE! It does take all of us to keep things running.

Attendance at the August General Meeting:

Members	44
New members	2
Guests	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>



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This newsletter is written for you and by you and put out to help you. Please help us keep

Current by contacting us with interesting items.



**Bulletin Board  
/Announcement  
Table**

When you come to guild, take time to read the Minutes and Treasurer's Report on the bulletin board in the back of the room. On the same table you will find announcements of quilt shows, business cards, and often

*Hi, Secret Pals:*

*Well, What a surprise! Someone gave me a Secret Pal gift! Now I know what it feels like.*



*As the coordinator of the program I have not been a participant in the gift exchanges—except to organize and ask subtle questions and be a go-between for other people. Well, I guess I thought I knew what it was like, but until there was a package with MY name on it, I really didn't get it.*

*SOOOO—whoever was so kind as to think of “lil ol’ me”—THANK YOU—not only for the SURPRISE, but for helping me understand what the rest of you have been feeling. As they used to say when my son was in kindergarten—that was a “warm fuzzy!”*

*And, by the way—if you are unable to attend a meeting please contact me*

discount coupons.

**Check it out every month!**

<i>Secret Pal</i>
<i>Coordinator Sherri Vasquez</i>
<i>Sew So Late Chairman: Sharon Monge Written by Sherri Vasquez</i>

*about facilitating the exchange with your Secret Pal. Have car-will pick-up!*

*Sherri Vasquez*

*714-892-3720*

*Crafty\_Gamma@verizon.net*

The subject of title has been coming up lately. As a proponent of the Romeo line “a rose by any other name ...” I didn't think it was a big issue—but people have been asking why it's called “Sew-So-Late” when the hours are 11:00a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the last Friday of the month. That's not late at all!

When we began using “The Bunney Hutch” craft room for our sewing day we were allocated the hours of 6:00 p.m. to midnight on the last Saturday of the month. However, Bunney Hutch has been going through a turnover in both personnel and management and last fall requested that the hours for our group be changed. Grateful for any consideration, we agreed!

Now, if you feel the name is inappropriate, please contact Sharon with new ideas. So far, "Sew-So-Much" has been suggested. What do you think?

Sharon Monge  
714-891-5024

Don't forget the date change in September (only)  
We'll be meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> at the Bunney Hutch from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## A Beanbag Explosion

Helen and Joyce Whittaker, sisters-in-law and members of Acacia Quilt Guild, just couldn't resist the challenge when Tiffany's (that's Helen's granddaughter) teacher asked if they could make some bean bags for the second grade class. The teacher said she would love to have some bean bags to play games with the students, but they were "SOOO Expensive!"

Initially, Helen and Joyce thought of putting numbers and letters on the bean bags (or rice bags to be more accurate) and then the project grew! Helen took an old cloth measuring tape, cut off 12 inches and sewed it onto a background. They picked patterns from coloring books and used cookie cutters and even had one of Helen's sons draw some pictures for them. They found fabric with appealing designs and fussy cut them—fish, rocket ships and airplanes.

When Helen was choosing fabrics at one of the guild meeting sales, the seller asked what she was going to use it for. Helen explained and the seller responded, "you aren't buying these" and donated the fabric for the bean bags.

"What we thought they'd like, like the butterfly, wasn't as much a favorite as the smiley face and picture frame!" said Helen. All in all, Helen and

Joyce took over 40 bean bags to the class. "It was really FUN!" Helen said. "The more we did, the more we wanted to make!"

Here are some of the Thank You's from the kids:

*Dear Helen Thank you for the beanbags. I really like the baseball. Were the beanbags hard to make. I like the other ones to. Are you going to make more. Do you have enay more beanbags that you didn't show us? From Michael*

*Dear Healen Thank You. I love the froggy one. It is so cut. I can't wait to play games. They are so soft and warm. I want to go to p.e. to play with them. All of them are rilly pretty. The rice makes it so much fun to play with. The football. From Jessica*



*Dear, Grandma Hellen, Thank you for the bean bags. My favorit bean bag was the yellow shark. The class really likes them. I think the shapes and dezines are very silly. Your friend, Mary Barbara*

*Dear Grandma Helen I love my firer dog he's ket and cudley I wish I had a dog*

just like that coutey piy. Thank you for my ket and coutly dog Sone I will get one just like that dog and I will be reely! Relly! Relly! Happy!!!! From J·J·!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Dear Aunt Joyce, Thank You for the lovely Bean Bags. My favorite won was the picsher phrame. I love the Bean Bags yo are the Best peson we love you. By Joanna

Dear Aunt Joyce, Thank you for making the beanbags! My faverait beanbag is the fish, piter fram, and the baseball. How long did it take you to make them? I hope come and vist us aigan. Love, Lan

Dear Aunt Joyce, Thank You for the bean bags. They are fun. I love the football bean bag. I played do not let the bean bag toch the gound. I think Tiffany will have fun to. From Caleb T.

Dear Aunt Joyce, Thank You for the beanbags. Can you come and make some more? Since you made so many beanbags, I dicided to tell you to so all the papers together and send them back. I also like the rule, football, basketball, and baceball. Sincilery Tiffeny's frirend Aaron Langness

Dear Aunt Joyce,  
Thank you for the beanbags. The shark is my faivoret one. Can you come back and make more? I hope you do. P·S· can you send me a bean back, your friend Fady

Dear Aunt joyce, Thank you so much for the bean bags. I really liked the baseball, football and basketball. We miss you. I hope we get to use them before the end of the year. From, Jack

# Upcoming Events

## September

9/6 –General Meeting: No speaker. Ugly Fabric and “Zip-Lock Treasures” Exchanges

9/8—Billy Lauder demo/speech 11 a.m. “More Quick Tricks” and “Quick Tricks Workshop” at 1 p.m. \$25 members, \$35 non-members  
Book discounted and recommended

**9/8** North Cities Quilt Guild presents “Quilts on the Ranch” A one day quilt show in Placentia

**9/8-9** Quilting in the Valley Quilt Show 2007 In Van Nuys (see: [www.sfvqa.org](http://www.sfvqa.org))

**9-14-** - Sew-So-Late at the Bunney Hutch 11:00am - 5:00pm

**9/15-16** TLC Quilters presents “Quilt Round-up at Hurst Ranch”

**9/18** Board Meeting - 6:00pm - 8:00pm

**9/22** Desert Winds Quilt Guild Quilt Show In Hesperia

## **October**

**10/4** General Meeting: Peggy Timmons, speaker

**10/6** Workshop “Easy Crazy Quilt” with Peggy Timmons 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$25 members, \$35 non-members pattern included

**10/13** Orange Grove Quilters Guild in Garden Grove is presenting its Live Auction and Tea at the Garden Grove Methodist Church. Begins at 11a.m. tickets \$5.00 at door (see [www.orangegrovequiltersguild.com](http://www.orangegrovequiltersguild.com) and put “Live Auction” in the subject line)

**10/20-21** Flying Geese Quilt Show, “Geese In The Garden”, Orange County Fair Grounds and Exposition Center, Bldg 14, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Admission \$8.—husbands and children under 7 free

**10/26** - Sew-So-Late at the Bunney Hutch 11:00am - 5:00pm -



