



Acacia Quilt Guild of Orange County Newsletter

February 2010



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

February is fast approaching. I hope that you all are enjoying the cool weather and rain. I know that we are. My girls love jumping in the puddles. I also hope that nobody is having any problems with flooding.

I have a question for all of you. Who loves chocolate or has a loved one who loves chocolate? We have See's Candy Gift Certificates still available. Please look for the fun poem in our newsletter telling you all about them. If you are interested in buying any, see our Kim Hogan.

Who likes to eat and would really enjoy an inexpensive late lunch or dinner out? Just imagine, no shopping for groceries, no preparing food or cleaning up the mess. Acacia is hosting a fundraiser at Rubio's in Stanton on February 10, 2010 from 2pm until 8pm.

I have been asked why we have fundraisers and need to raise money. As you know, we have speakers and teachers come to us every month, which takes money. Our goal with the workshops is to break even financially. Some months this happens and some months this doesn't. Acacia has to pay for our speakers, so fundraisers help us make money to allow us to bring them in.

Our Opportunity Quilt Committee is doing an amazing job taking our opportunity quilt around to different guilds and functions. If you haven't taken the quilt to an organization that you belong to and are interested, please see Jody Burch.

Acacia sends a big thank you to Diane MacRill who has offered to take over the newsletter. Sherri Vasquez, who was our Newsletter Editor, has moved to Arizona.

Our website is being done professionally and will be up and running by our February meeting.

I hope that everyone is well and will be at our February meeting. Please check out the Programs and Workshops section for details about our meeting on Thursday and workshop on Saturday.

Happy Quilting, Karen Waterbury



WORKSHOPS

By Diane MacRill

February's workshop is **Bragging Rights** with Jake Finch. In this workshop we will be making little albums in which to put photos. You will actually have a finished project when you leave. Please sign up either before the meeting or at the break.

The workshop is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 6, in the Picasso Room. Cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members.

March's workshop is **Making Fabric From Scraps and Turning The Fabric Into A Quilt** with Frances Moore. Details will be forthcoming next month. The supply list will be given out at the time that you sign up for the workshop.



PROGRAMS

FEBRUARY 2010 -- JAKE FINCH: "MAKING QUILTS THAT CARE"

Jake Finch began to teach quilting five years ago and loves working with anyone wanting to learn and create. Jake's most recent book, [Comfort Quilts from the Heart](#) was released in 2008. She writes for several national quilt magazines and teaches and lectures for guilds and retreats. Additionally, Jake serves as the managing editor for Mark Lipinski's Quilter's Home Magazine.

MARCH 2010 -- FRANCES MOORE: "GETTING THOSE TOPS QUILTED"

In March, Frances Moore will have us bring tops of quilts for which we don't know what pattern to use for quilting the quilts. She will give us ideas of how she would quilt them, and we will be able to discuss alternatives. So please bring any quilt tops that you have completed but haven't yet quilted. (I have PLENTY of those!!!)



DOG DAY AFTERNOON OPPORTUNITY QUILT

Jody Burtch (714) 828-2498

Our Opportunity Quilt certainly made a hit at Orange Grove Quilt Guild this month. We sold over 200 tickets, which put us over the 2000 mark for tickets sales. We have several more guilds to visit in the next few months, so we're asking for volunteers to help us take it to meetings and sell tickets.

Don't forget- If you haven't taken the picture to your local veterinarian, you're missing a great chance to try to sell tickets. Just ask Kim Hogan. If you've already sold your initial tickets, you can still get more. This is a MAJOR fund-raiser for us and we need help from all of you

SECRET PALS

Hi, All you Secret Pals:

Well, February is upon us and RED is everywhere! Red is the color of Valentines Day. But don't forget those Presidents—Lincoln and Washington also get a nod this month!

I know you have all been giving great and thoughtful gifts and enjoying the ones you have been getting. I miss seeing the joy and surprise on your faces!

Arizona has really been a challenge for me. I am not driving at the moment (totaled my car in August) so my husband takes me around. I don't have the freedom I used to have. To give you an example, today is a big sale at Jo Ann's and I got a gift certificate for Christmas, but here I sit in my robe and slippers. I haven't opened my sewing machine, either. Robbie is 6 months old, and everything goes in his mouth. That's not a good place for dropped pins and needles, scissors or even electrical cords. Not too worried about scraps of fabric—although he loves RED (are we back to Valentines Day again?)

Really, I guess we should be talking green! Next month is Saint Patrick's Day. I'll always remember the Shamrock Quilt Kit Boyd brought to show each year. I really loved that quilt! Green is the color of Spring and sweet young grass. The terrible winter storm will probably make for a beautiful spring flowering. Think of that as you shop for your Secret Pals' March Surprise.

Have fun, Sherri Vasquez

NOODLES EXCHANGE

Acacia is having a **Noodles (2.5" strips)** exchange throughout our 2009-10 year. Participation each month is optional- sit out any month that you choose. Here is how it works:

- 14 strips (2.5" wide by width of fabric) will be exchanged each month. One yard of fabric should yield 14 strips at 2.5".
- Select your fabric according the theme of the month (see below).
- Preferably the 14 strips should come from one fabric.
- Use 100% cotton fabric of good quality.
- Pre-wash the fabric.
- Fold each strip in fourths.
- Place them in a plastic zip-top bag labeled with your name and phone number.
- Leave your bag in the designated **Noodle Strips** basket before the meeting at the Workshop Sign-Up table.
- Pick up your bag at the break. You will receive 14 varied strips. If you don't pick up your strips one month, they will be held over until the next month.

PLEASE be careful with your cutting. We have been getting some strips that have been a mixture of sizes. A noodle is 2.5" wide strip ONLY!

July – patriotic

August – blue

September – brown/beige

October – fall colors

November – holiday fabric

December – batik, any color

January – white, off white

February - red

March- -quilter's choice

April - floral

May – yellow/orange

June – green

If you have any questions, call Diane MacRill at 714-962-5929

PRESIDENT'S QUILT 2010

Sonia Das

One of the pleasurable duties of being a Past President is to oversee the creation of a Thank You quilt for the current President. Members create blocks which will be assembled into a quilt that will be presented to Karen Waterbury at the June meeting before the new Board is installed. The quilt pattern has been selected but it is to **remain a secret** from Karen until the quilt is presented.

At the January meeting, several guild members expressed interest in making a block and helping make the quilt and signed an interest list. I will be emailing/calling them separately with additional information. However, if you were unable to sign the list or did not make it to the January meeting and are interested in making a block, please call me at 562-429-4477 or email me at soniadas@yahoo.com.

I am hoping to have kits and pattern information available at the February meeting. Ideally the blocks should be returned by the March meeting to allow for construction, quilting and binding of the latest Acacia masterpiece by the end of May.

PHILANTHROPY

Welcome to 2010!

We are working for three different charities.

1. Thomas House Temporary Shelter. 714-554-0357 (Sister Kathy Stein)

- A. Items they need are quilts for children and babies
- B. Toys
- C. New or almost new children's and ladies' clothing
- D. School supplies - all types welcomed.

2. Blocks for the Brave. blocksforthebrave@yahoo.com

- A. Collecting red-white-blue blocks for quilts (12" pattern-ask me for a copy)
- B. All members are invited to sew at the American Legion the third Sunday of the Month and I send out an email with a few dates at a time to help AQQ members with scheduling. Also I will pick you up if you want to come with me to sew on that day.

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3. Giving Children Hope. 714-523-4454 (Elizabeth Saldana)

We have not made a donation as of this date but I am putting things together to take there shortly.

- A. Small toys to give as prizes for homework rewards
- B. Quilts for children 5yrs through 12yrs of age.
- C. We may do a food drive or monetary donation in the future if AQQ is interested.

I am looking for my replacement for "Philanthropy Chairperson" and would like to start showing someone the ins and outs as soon as possible. This is a wonderful experience and one that works well with a small organized group of ladies with a bit of creative juice. If you and a few friends want to take this position please come and talk with me any time. My helpers have made a great impact on getting me through the TWO terms in philanthropy. I would like to thank Charlotte Hansen, Dana Matsukawa and Sharon Monge for all their help and continued support for the months ahead. I have seen many wonderful donations throughout my time here and hope to finish my work on an up swing as we move on in memberships, donations, and creative wonderful AQS members.

I want every member (and members' friends who have shared with the Guild) to know that their donations have made those who have received our quilts, toys, school supplies, clothing, and many other items a little warmer a little brighter and I feel that our love and helpfulness was felt by the recipients of these donations.

If you have time, talent, or donations give me a call @ 714-642-1127

Sew on for Acacia Quilt Guild!
Lisa Sullivan



DOOR PRIZES

ANNA LEE

Door Prize Winners for January 2010:

Ralph, Linda Stearns, Diane MacRill, Jody, Shar Taira, Susan MacVicar, Phyllis V., Susan Stokes, Diane Donegan, Carolyn Craig, Georgan Zieres, Phyllis C., Sharon Monge.

Congratulations to all. Please remember to send the 'Thank You' cards to the quilt shop. If not for them we would not have door prizes.

Thank You,
Anna Lee

Valentine's Day is Almost Here!

What could be sweeter than sweets for your sweetheart!

Time to head on over to See's and choose a little something yummy
for that special someone in your life.

Does your husband forget to buy that wonderful
Valentine's candy that you hope for each year?

Well, help him out!

Leave a See's certificate with a list of your
favorites in a place that he can't possibly miss.

Whether your fancy is for Scotchmallow Hearts, Sour Hearts,
Foil Hearts or even a great big Red Heart filled with an assortment of your
favorites, See's has it all.

Indulge Yourself or Someone You Love!
See's Candy Gift Certificate - Just \$14.00

See Kim Hogan and pick up your certificates at any Acacia meeting!

MEMBERSHIP

Sonia Das, Judy Hunsaker, Susann Wood

Attendance at the January meeting: 40 members & 1 guest
As of January 31, 2010, Acacia has 67 members.

There are two new members of the Acacia family:

Linda Clark
Maggie Hajduk

Please welcome them to Acacia and say “hello” at the next meeting.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

FRENCH TOAST CASSEROLE

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1 8oz package cream cheese
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup butter
2 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp cinnamon
4 eggs
 $2\frac{1}{2}$ cups milk
1 16oz loaf French bread, sliced

- Mix cream cheese, sugar, butter, vanilla and cinnamon together.
- To this mixture, add the eggs (one at a time) and mix well.
- Put bread in 9”X13” pan and pour the egg mixture over the bread until bread is coated.
- Casserole can be prepared the night before; it tastes better this way. Cover and refrigerate overnight.
- Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes if not refrigerated. Add 5-10 minutes to baking time if refrigerated.