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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

June, 2009

Happy Anniversary Acacia Quilters!!! 5 Years!!! Let's Celebrate!!!

It has been five years since Acacia Quilt Guild of Orange County made its humble beginning. Do you know how Acacia got its start? A few ladies, who were in a class of Lyn Browns, got to talking about how nice it would be to have a guild in the area, so these amazing ladies started the incredible journey. With many hours and months and months of planning, Acacia was born. At first we met at the Acacia Adult Day Services Center in Cypress so it only made sense to call ourselves Acacia Quilt Guild of Orange County. For different reasons, we had to relocate. Again, after lots of work and talking with people, Acacia found its new home at the Buena Park Senior Center.

We will be having a 5th Anniversary Celebration June 4th from 6:45-9:00. What is one thing that most quilters enjoy doing (besides quilting)? It's eating. We are having a potluck dinner. Please see Susann's article under Hospitality to see what food you are to bring to share. We will also be having a cake in addition to all of the wonderful food that we will bring in.

What better speaker to have on our 5th anniversary celebration than Lyn Brown? Lyn will be speaking on "Quilting Green"

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As a thank you and to show our support to our amazing quilt shops that have been loyal in donating great door prizes to us, we have invited them to celebrate with us and to bring in their products to sell, if they are interested.

We will be recognizing our 2008-2009 board and installing our 2009-2010 board. There are still a few positions that need to be filled. Please see Cecelia Carey or myself to help.

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I can't reiterate this enough – our Tea and Auction can only be as successful as our support is. If you haven't signed up to do something, make a wonderful quilt for our auction or items for the boutique, please, see Diane MacRill or myself. We sincerely appreciate all of the help that we can get! Thank you to the ladies who already have signed up or let us know what you can do for Acacia.

At the end of each year, Acacia forms a budget committee and goes over our past years budget and forms a new budget for the new year. At our board meeting we went over the proposed budget and talked about how we could save or make more money. As with most people and organizations, finances haven't been as good this year. We have voted on making a change and reinstating a fee for mailing out the newsletter. Most guilds just email out their newsletter. We have always mailed ours out to those who request it. We used to charge for this service but over the past couple years this had stopped for various reasons. Our membership dues do not cover this expense (which does add up for the year with cost of printing, envelopes and stamps). Dues covers speakers, rent, insurance, philanthropy, sew-so-much, thank you cards for door prizes, opportunity basket...the list goes on. If you would like to receive the newsletter by mail, please see Sherri Vasquez, our awesome newsletter editor. You can either turn in 12 SASEs or \$12 (which is the cost of printing, envelopes and stamps for a year per person). Thank you for your understanding.

I hope to see you all at our June Celebration. Let's see if we can have a record breaking number in attendance for this month!

Acacia's board has worked very hard for us all this year. I can't thank you all enough for all of the support, help, hard work, and words of kindness that you all have given this year... not to mention your patience. ;)

Happy Quilting,
Karen Waterbury
President of Acacia

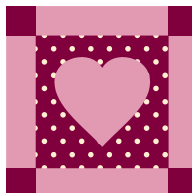


Opportunity Basket

Chairman
Dana Matsukawa

For the month of June the basket will have a Seashore theme. Tickets are 3 for 1 dollar. Free tickets are given to those who donate sewing and quilting related items for the basket. Please stop by and support the guild with donations and ticket sales.

This is the last month of my service as opportunity basket chairman. Thank you for letting me help the guild in this way. I have enjoyed it very much. If you are interested in assisting the guild to raise funds in this manner, please let me or another guild member know. It's a fun, and creative way to help the guild. We would appreciate your help so much!



Sunshine and Shadows

Chairman: Kim Hogan

A hearty congratulation goes out to **Diane MacRill** for the **1st place ribbon** she won in the Quilters By The Sea quilt show. She had some stiff competition and came out on top. **Good work Diane!**



*Happy
Birthday
to You*

Happy June birthdays
to our following
members:

Pat Golonka
Dana Matsukawa
Eva Selnick
Colleen Van Gundy

***Happy birthday to our
quilt guild too!*** We
look forward to seeing
everyone at our **potluck
birthday celebration**
on **June 4**. The food is
always terrific so don't
miss it.

In preparation for our
feast, here is the
alphabetical breakdown on
what to bring:

A-G Main dish
H-P Salad,
veggies, fruit
Q-Z Dessert

Please join us one and
all. See you on June 4.
Hospitality Committee



Speakers And Workshops

Vice-President of Workshops Diane MacRill:

Our workshop this month is Barbed Wire, taught by Lyn Brown. This is a beautiful quilt. We've had it at the past 3 meetings, so hopefully all of you had a chance to see it. This is a pattern that Lyn will NOT be teaching at any of her classes, so hopefully you will come and support her at this workshop. Lunch will be purchased from Subway, for those of you who would rather not bring lunch.

Last month we did not have a class due to lack of sign-ups. In April we were taught the Birthday Quilt by Lyn Mann. Those of you who missed this class missed learning a new concept as well as having a great time.

Coffee will be made and door prizes will be given out, so come and join the fun, learn a new pattern, and support YOUR guild and Lyn.

Vice-President of Speakers: Phyllis Campbell:

June Speaker and Workshop Leader

Lyn Brown is coming for our 5th Anniversary party. Lyn was instrumental in urging us to start a quilt guild in this part of Orange County. She even took the interest list to all her classes. She was our first speaker, and we are very happy to welcome her back for our 5th Anniversary.

Most of us know Lyn as the quilting teacher for the North Orange County Community College District (NOCCCD) School of Continuing Education, Older Adults Program. She has also taught at Camp Watch-a-Patcher and has been a speaker for numerous guilds, the Orange County Fair, and more.

For our anniversary, she has prepared a brand new talk on "Green Quilting." Wait until you see some of the new "green" fabrics and battings that are on the market. You won't believe what some of them are made from!

If you haven't signed up for Lyn's "Barbed Wire" quilt workshop yet, call Diane MacRill and start cutting strips from your stash. There's no need to go buy anything new-it's time for us to use what we already have. Your stash is probably full of your favorite colors anyway, and this quilt utilizes your short pieces and leftovers from other quilts. It's even a good quilt to utilize those "ugly" fabrics that you can't remember why you bought in the first place.



Membership
Chairman: Sonia Das

MEMBERSHIP

Sonia Das, Judy Hunsaker, Linda Stearns

Attendance at the May 2009 meeting: 39 members and 3 guests

As of May 1, 2009, Acacia has 70 members.

A huge thank you goes to Judy Hunsaker and Linda Stearns for all they did at the Membership Table this year. It was greatly appreciated!

RENEWALS

Renewals for the 2009-2010 membership year are going strong. There are 25 renewals to date.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE JUNE MEETING AS WELL AS VIA AN ATTACHMENT TO THE ACACIA MAY EVENTS EMAIL. RENEWALS ARE \$25.

Philanthropy: A NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Lisa,

We would like to sincerely thank you for your generous donation of 5 baby quilts and other children's items. It is because of people like yourself and those at your organization that His Nesting Place can continue reaching out to those women and children who are in need of our services.

God bless you!

Sincerely,

Pastor Al Howard, Founder & Senior Pastor
Of His Nesting Place Ministries



**PRESIDENT'S QUILT
2009**

Sonia Das

**PRESIDENT'S QUILT 2009
Sonia Das**

Final Contributions for the President's Quilt

If you did not make a block and would like to contribute to the Quilt, please bring donations of the following items to the June meeting. A basket will be available to collect donations which should be able to fit in an 8" square.

- Fat Quarters
- Charm Squares
- Chocolate
- Notions
- Stationery Items

In June, we will present Karen with her absolutely super-fantastic, gorgeous, beautiful and wonderful quilt.

Signing the quilt if you made a block

Please see Sonia to sign a label. Special labels are being created for the quilt to incorporate the signatures of those who made blocks.

Signing the quilt if you did not make a block

Please sign the cornerstones on the quilt.

A special **thank you** to Dana Matsukawa who designed and helped me make all of the label/tags for the blocks. Also thank you once again to Diane MacRill, Kim Hogan, Phyllis Campbell and Susan Wood for all of their help in putting this lovely quilt together.



Ways and Means

Chairman: Verda

Greetings to my fellow Acacia Quilt Guild members!!

Dictionary time at Ways and Means: **mean**, n 1. Usually means, an agency, instrument, or method used to attain an end.

So here's my proposition, you suggest the ways and I figure out the means. Together we will create the ways and means to raise money to keep our wonderful association going.

#1. Keep those used ink cartridges coming to me. It's one easy way to raise funds.

#2. We are having a sewing bee at the Quilt Cupboard on the 25th of June from 5 pm until closing. I need lots of participation to make credit card/business card holders and headbands to sell at our next public event. Both of these items are easy to make. You can help out by bringing scraps of brightly colored fabric and small lengths of ½ elastic. If you cannot carry your machine just get someone at home to put it in your car and I will take it out of your car at the sewing bee, so you will then be able to join us.

Smiles, Verda



Secret Pal

By Sherri Vasquez

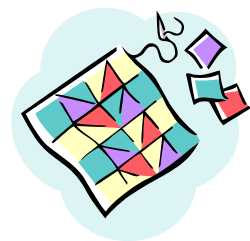
If I had a fistful of daisies, they would all go to the wonderful Secret Pal's for the last year! Thank You all for being such wonderful givers and for making another quilter smile this last year! You have been terrific!

The year of Secrets will end at the meeting on June 4th. That's when I

will be confirming your suspicions about who your Secret Pal for 2008-2009 has been. Are you ready? Do you have a special gift for both your Secret Pal and the person who has been giving to you? Let's make this a night to remember!

So far I have 5 sign-ups for the Secret Pal Program for next year. Have you given me your filled-in questionnaire yet? The more people the more fun! Makes it harder to guess who your pal might be! If you misplaced your questionnaire, I have extra copies or can email you a copy!

*Sherri Vasquez
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**Sew-So-Much
Chairman:
Sharon Monge**

Hey, have you just not been accomplishing as much quilting as you want? Does working at home just have too many interruptions?

How would you like to set aside 1, or 2, or even 3 times a month when you can quilt in a friendly environment, with other quilters and just sew—not jump up to answer the phone or start another laundry load or get something for “hubby”—just sit and quilt!

WOULD YOU LIKE THAT? Yeah!

Our ambitious Sew-So-Much Chairperson has managed to find two other sites for sewing nights. Where Sew-So-Much at the Bunney Hutch is in the daytime, we now have opportunities to spend evenings at Tall Mouse and /or Quilt Cupboard. Not all locations have all the cutting boards and rulers and irons we are used to at Bunney Hutch, so you may want to pack up some for transport.

Refreshments are OK at all venues, so, if you are so inclined, bring a dish to share.

Start this new (Acacia) year off by adding these dates to your calendar:

***Sewing at The Tall Mouse

The second Thursday of any month from 5 pm to 8 pm –next date is June **11** at:

Tall Mouse Arts & Crafts

13233 South St Cerritos, CA 90703

tallmouse.com

located west of Carmenita/Moody St. on north side of Cerritos.

***Sew-So-Late

On the fourth Thursday of any month (June 25) from 5 pm to closing, we are welcomed at:

The Quilt Cupboard
11891 Valley View St.
Garden Grove, CA. 92845

714-891-8639

Sheri@thequiltcupboard.net

***Sew-So-Much

And then on the **fourth Friday of each month (June 26)** from 11 am to 5 pm at

Bunney Hutch Quilt 'N Sew
4478 Cerritos Avenue
Los Alamitos, CA 90720
(714) 226-9647



“Cook’s Corner”
Phyllis Campbell

Here is a low calorie version of the delicious spinach dip most of us love to eat but dread the calories we are consuming. It is followed by an easy and inexpensive way to make baked tortilla chips. If you don't have butter flavored cooking spray, try olive oil flavored or regular instead; they'll still be delicious.

Low Fat Spinach Dip

This low fat spinach dip makes a terrific appetizer. Serve with a platter of fresh vegetables or with some baked chips or breadsticks. Use frozen chopped spinach if you prefer. You can spice it up a little by adding a dash of hot sauce.

Ingredients:

- 10 ounces fresh baby spinach, steamed until wilted
- 1 cup plain fat-free yogurt, drained of excess water
- 4 ounces fat-free or reduced fat cream cheese, softened

1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

- 1/4 cup finely chopped scallions or green onions
- 1 garlic clove, minced (optional)
- 1 tbsp fresh lemon juice

Preparation:

Place wilted spinach in a colander and squeeze out excess water. Chop finely and place in a medium bowl. Stir yogurt and cream cheese together until smooth. Add to spinach. Stir in remaining ingredients and blend thoroughly. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Makes about 2 cups.

Low Calorie Baked Tortilla Chips

Using a pizza cutter to slice the corn tortillas into triangles seems to be the most efficient way of making beautiful, uniform tortilla chips. Serve with your choice of [salsa](#) or guacamole.

Ingredients:

- 12 7-inch corn tortillas
- Butter flavored cooking spray
- 1/2 tsp salt

Preparation:

1. Preheat the oven to 400°F.
2. Slice each corn tortilla into 8 triangles.
3. Place the tortilla triangles in a single layer on large baking sheets. Spray each triangle with cooking spray, and sprinkle the salt evenly over all of the "chips".
4. Bake for 10 minutes, or until crisp.



*Happy 5th
Anniversary Acacia
Quilt Guild*



**ACACIA DOOR PRIZE WINNERS –
MAY, 2009**
Sonia Das

Congratulations to the following lucky door prize winners at the
June 2009 meeting.

Many, many thanks, as always, to our generous donors. Don't forget to send in
or turn in those ***Thank You*** notes to let our donors know how much
their generosity is appreciated!

***Please remember to support our local quilt shops whose
collective generosity helps support many Acacia activities!***

<u>QUILT SHOP/DONOR</u>	<u>PRIZE</u>	<u>WINNER</u>
BARBARA DIEGES	BOOK BOOK PATTERN PATTERN PATTERN	Linda Sterns Mary Hicks Dell Child Sherri Vasquez Colleen Van Gundy
BEAR'S QUILT SHOP	GIFT CERTIFICATE \$10 GIFT CERTIFICATE \$10 GIFT CERTIFICATE \$10	Diane Donegan Colleen H?? ??
BUNNEY HUTCH	Halloween Quilt Kit FQ PACK	Sharon Monge Diane Rice
MOORES	FQ PACK FQ PACK	Sherri Vasquez Lisa Sullivan
PHYLLIS CAMPBELL	VASE OF ROSES	??
QUILT CUPBOARD	FQ PACK FQ PACK Book	Georgan Zieres Karen Waterbury Tricia Savage

SINGER SEWING CENTER

TIMELESS QUILTS

FQ PACK
FQ PACK

Cecilia Carey
??

VERDA

FQ PACK
FQ PACK

Ardelle Stenson
Diane Rice



Report From the
Parliamentarian,
By Cecelia Carey

Any thanks to Helen Whitaker who personally called and spoke to every member she could reach about filling a Standing Committee vacancy or becoming a nominee for and elected office.

Elections of officers were held at our Guild meeting on May 7, 2009 with the following results:

Elected officers are;

President	Karen Waterbury
Vice-Presidents, Programs	(unfilled)
Vice President, Workshops	Diane MacRill
Secretary	Phyllis Campbell
Treasurer	Kim Hogan

Those filling positions on standing committees are:

Acacia Quilt Committee	Georgia Zieres, Jody Burtch, Diane Donegan and Carmen Meraz
Communications Committee	(unfilled)
Door Prize Committee	Anna Lee
Sunshine and Shadows Committee	Helen Whitaker
Ways and Means	Verda and Helen Hicks

There are still a few critical positions to be filled.
Vice President of Programs is a vital position and is yet to be filled.
Our Standing Committees also have large gaps. These positions need to be filled at the June meeting. To help, please call:

Helen Whitaker on 714-527-5974.

Many thanks to all those who have come forward to help make ACACIA a strong, Active Guild for another year.



The Acacia Quilt Guild meets on the first Thursday of each month at 6:45 PM in the

Buena Park Senior Center

8150 Knott Avenue (Corner of Santa Irene, between La Palma and Crescent))

Buena Park 90620-3159

(in the Walter D. Ehlers Community Recreation Center)

(714) 236-3870 For more information about our Guild, please see our Website:

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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.

CHANGE IN MAILING POLICY

Did you read in the President's letter that we have changed the policy about mailing the newsletter to all you folks who don't have email?

If you do not have email and wish to receive a printed copy of the newsletter, please give Sherri Vasquez or Karen Waterbury a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) for each month you wish to receive the newsletter OR a contribution of \$1.00 per copy (\$12.00 per year) to defray postage, printing and envelopes.

By the way, I will be gone for the next issue and Karen will be accepting articles. Thanks.....

Sherri

Upcoming Events

June

- 4 General Meeting, Buena Park Senior Center, 6:45 pm
Installation of Officers, Potluck,
Speaker, Lyn Brown Topic: Quilting Green
- 6 Workshop: Barbed Wire Quilt
Time: 9 AM to 3 PM, Cost: \$25.00 for members, \$35.00 for non-Members
- 11 Sewing at the Tall Mouse, 5 pm to 8 pm
- 16 Board Meeting at 6 pm
- 25 Sew-So-Late at Quilt Cupboard 5 pm to closing
- 26 Sew So Much at the Bunney Hutch Quilt 'n' Sew, 10am to 5 pm

July

- 2 General Meeting, Buena Park Senior Center, 6:45 pm
Speaker: Steve from Singer Sewing Center
Topic: Needles, Thread and keeping machines in good running order
- 4 **No Workshop** *** HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY***
- 9 Sewing at the Tall Mouse, 5 pm to 8 pm
- 9-12
- and 16-19** 2009 Southern California Quilter's Run see www.quiltersrun.com
- 23 Sew-So-Late at Quilt Cupboard 5 pm to closing
- 24 Sew So Much at the Bunney Hutch Quilt 'n' Sew, 10am to 5 pm
- 24-26 International Quilt Festival/Long Beach see www.quilts.com/shows