



NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2011



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi quilters! My message for this month is *"Make the best of bad circumstances and let your love of quilting make things better."* Here's why:

My brother-in-law in Tennessee passed away, and my husband and I had a flurry of activities to complete before we could attend the funeral there. One important task was to rinse excess dye out all the fabric I had dyed during our Acacia Quilt Guild workshop held at Bear's Quilt Shop. After the initial rinse, the fabric had to be washed in the machine with Synthropol to finish removing the dye. When the fabric finally got to the dryer, it stayed there until we returned home.

While in Tennessee we honored the memory of my brother-in-law Amos, a World War II veteran, saw lots of family members, attended the Grand Ole Opry, and enjoyed the early fall changing of the leaves. Of course, we visited Faye, Amos' wife of 63 years. She has significant health issues herself, so if you are a praying person, please keep her in your prayers.

We also saw antique quilts on a restaurant's ceiling, purchased 1930's fabric and a local pattern at a nearby quilt shop, walked around an antique mall and found a quilt I wished I could buy. So, no matter where I am, or what the circumstances, I can find time to enjoy beautiful quilts.

We arrived home late Friday night, and the next morning Lisa Sullivan reminded me it was "Philanthropy Sew Day," where a small group cut out and sewed 120 "Baby Bags" for the Buena Park Rotary Club.

In conclusion, my favorite quote spells out my philosophy: **Quilts are like friends, a great source of comfort!**

Sincerely, *Phyllis*

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VETERANS' DAY 11/11



MARK YOUR November CALENDARS. . .

Thurs., 11/4: 6:45 PM—**AQG General Meeting**; Ehlers Community Center, 8150 Knott Ave, Buena Park

Thurs., 11/10: 1:00-7:00 PM—**Sew So Much**; Tranquility Quilt Shop

Sat., 11/19: 9:00—Philanthropy Sew Day, Picasso Room, Ehler's Center

Wed., 11/16: 7:00 PM—**AQG Board meeting**; Picasso Room, Ehler's Center

Thurs., 11/17: 5:00 PM—**Sew So Much**; Quilt Cupboard

Mon., 11/28: 10:00 AM-5:00 PM—**Sew So Much**; Bunney Hutch

Tues., 11/29: **Lisa's Ladies Philanthropy Friendship Group**, 4019 Orange Avenue, Cypress

Next Meeting November 4

We ask those with November birthdays to please bring refreshments but we welcome goodies from non-birthday members, too.



PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER MEETING

- * **Speaker**—Lyn Brown will be our speaker Thursday, November 3. She is well known to Acacia and Buena Park due to her teaching a class at BP's Ehlers Community Center. Search your stash in advance of the meeting. Lyn would like us to swap needed fabrics for the "Salt Water Taffy" quilt workshop at this meeting. That way everyone will have a nice variety of fabrics on Saturday at the workshop. Even if you don't plan to attend the workshop, everyone can participate in the swap, and Lyn will sell her pattern at the meeting for those who cannot come Saturday. **(SEE SWAP DETAILS UNDER "WORKSHOP NEWS" BELOW.)**
- * **Brown Bag Raffle**—November is our famous Brown Bag Raffle. Tickets are only 5 for \$1. Donations of raffle items are great appreciated. Please come to the meeting early so your donations can be placed in the raffle. Donations brought late in the meeting will be raffled at the March meeting.
- * **Fat Quarter Frenzy**—The theme for the Fat Quarter Frenzy is . . . **winter**—so bring blues, whites, burgundy, and purple. You will receive a ticket for each fat quarter you turn in, and at the end of the meeting, the holder of the drawn ticket wins all the fat quarters.

WORKSHOP NEWS

November workshop: Lyn Brown will show us her "Salt Water Taffy" quilt. If you can't wait to see the pattern, take a look at this web site: <http://www.etsy.com/listing/72075452/salt-water-taffy-quilt-pattern> . The workshop will be a real bargain for those attending, as it is only \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members, including the pattern.

As mentioned above, to have a large enough variety of fabrics, we will have a fabric swap at the November meeting. We will swap 10" squares of four soft-colored print fabrics: **Taffy Pink, Soft Aqua, Pale Grape and Subtle Sage**. You need 3/4 yard of each. Cut 8 (10inch) squares from each fabric. Your "Swap Unit" is 4 squares—one of each fabric, so you will be able to exchange 8 Swap Units. Layer four squares, one of each color, then fold all in half. Repeat. Place all 8 Swap Units in a plastic zip bag with your name on it. **All fabrics should be prewashed. Please cut accurately and do not include selvage in your swap squares.** (See p. 8 for additional information.)

No workshop in **December**. **Shar Taira**



Happy Birthday!

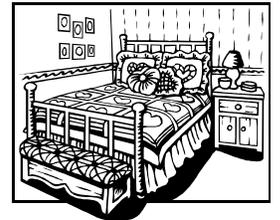
Acacia Guild members with November birthdays:

Nov. 28 Marilyn Gulickson
Nov. 30 Janice Turpin

"My Mother Pieced Quilts"

By Teresa Palomo Acosta

they were just meant as covers in
winters as weapons
against pounding
january winds but it
was just that every
morning I awoke to
these october ripened
canvases passed my hand
across their cloth
faces and began to wonder how you
pieced all these together these strips
of gentle communion cotton and flannel
nightgowns wedding organdies dime store
velvets
how you shaped patterns square and
oblong and round positioned balanced
then cemented them with your thread and
steel needle
how the thread darted in and out
galloping along the frayed edges
tucking them in as you did us at
night. . .
you were the river current carrying the
river notes forming them into pictures
of a little boy reclining
you were the canvas master at the reins
driving your threaded needle artillery
across the mosaic cloth bridges
delivering yourself in separate
testimonies.
oh mother you plunged me sobbing and
laughing into our past
into the river crossing at five
into the spinach fields
into the plainview cotton rows
into tuberculosis wards
into braids and muslin dresses sewn
hard and taut to withstand the
thrashings of twenty-five years
stretched out they lay
armed/ready/shouting/celebrating
knotted with love
the quilts sing on...



Submitted by Carmen Meraz

Read entire poem at <http://www.bookteacher.org/My%20Mother%20Pieced%20A%20Quilt.htm>

Philanthropy

By Lisa Sullivan

We are entering a season of goodwill to all. Join your Acacia Quilt Guild in sharing our spirit with Thomas House and the Military. We have been making stockings for these groups for the past few months and have had a great response so you deserve a big **THANK YOU!!**

- * **A Few More Christmas Stockings Needed**—Please complete the stockings (kits or your own) for Philanthropy and bring to the November meeting. Diane MacRill has volunteered to coordinate the filling of the stockings for Thomas House. Phyllis Campbell will do the ones for the Marines. Thank you to all who met Jody's challenge . . . "each member make at least one stocking". Good job, quilters!!
- * **Pillow Case Request**—We will be asking everyone to make a pillow case or two for the stockings and return them at our December meeting. Our donation last year is still fresh in the hearts of the Care persons at Thomas House, and they are looking forward to our gifts as we enter the Christmas and Holiday Season. Join in this donation of our craft and goodwill to our fellow community members.
- * **Tote bag project with BP Rotary Club**—The Buena Park Rotary Club asked for our help in providing tote bags to be filled by Rotary with information about the importance of reading to very small children. Parents of new babies delivered at local hospitals are to receive the bags. At our Sew Day in October we completed 120 bags and another 12 were turned in at the Board meeting! **See p. 6 for instructions to complete the remaining 68 tote bags.**
- * Ongoing Needs:
 - Finished Quilt kits (you can pick one up at the meeting or call me anytime)
 - School/office Supplies
 - Can goods and snack foods (i.e.: cheese and crackers etc. (long shelf life items)
 - Clean new or gently used clothes
 - Household items (pots and pans dishes etc.)
 - Personal care items (soap, shampoo, new toothbrushes)

Thank you and enjoy the Season of Love and Sharing

Lisa Sullivan,

PHILANTHROPY CHAIRPERSON (2007-2012)

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Opportunity Quilt

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by Georgan Zieres

Our Opportunity Quilt drawing is a month away—December 1!! Members, please finish selling your packs of tickets, and turn in \$20 ASAP. This is an important fundraiser for our guild, so we need everyone to participate by selling all their assigned tickets. Also, if you are able to sell more, I will have them at the November meeting. Thank you all for your efforts!

President's Quilt Blocks

Please turn in your completed block for the President's Quilt at the November meeting. If you did not pick up a kit and would like to make a block for the quilt, please contact Jody Burtch at 714-828-2498.



Left to right: Donna McDaniel, Lisa Sullivan, Beth Swift, and Phyllis Victor were four of those who worked on tote bags for BP Rotary literacy project.

SUNSHINE & SHADOWS



by Sonia Das

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The following card was sent out recently:



A "Thinking of You" card was sent to former member Nancy Malm as her husband is suffering from cancer.

OCTOBER BLOCK OF THE MONTH
Wheel of Chance

Use Green and White
Unfinished 13" x 13"

From **White** Fabric:

Cut 1 square 3" x 3"

Cut 8 squares 3 ½" x 3 ½"

From **Green** Fabric:

Cut 4 rectangles 3" x 5 ½"

Cut 8 squares 3 ½" x 3 ½"

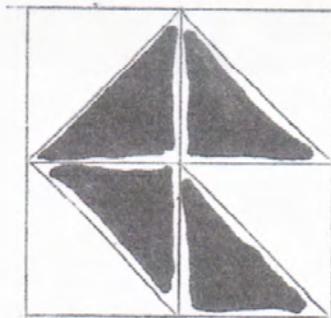
Place **White** (3 ½" x 3 ½") and **Green** (3 ½" x 3 ½") squares right sides together. Draw a diagonal line across square. Sew ¼" on both sides of diagonal line and then cut on drawn diagonal line. Square up to 3" x 3". Repeat 7 more times to have 16 half square triangles.



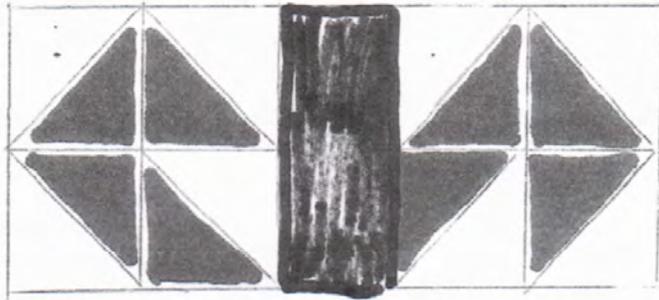
Sew 2 **Green** rectangles (3 x 5 ½") on either side of **White** (3 x 3) square.



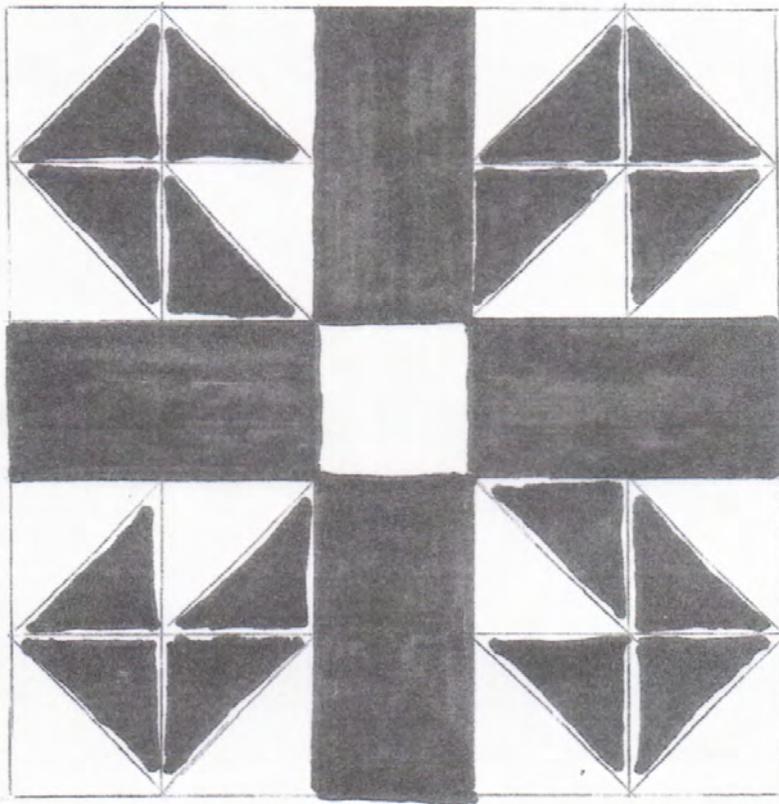
Put 4 half square triangles together to form design shown below. Once done, do it **three** more times, for a total of **four**.



Sew one block, green rectangle, another block to form design below. Do this twice.



Now sew all pieces together to form block. Watch placement.



HOSPITALITY by Diane Donegan

Coming Next Month. . .

Ho! Ho! Ho! December 1st is our Holiday Pot-luck. Bring your favorite dish and you appetite. Eat, drink, and be merry with all you quilter friends.



WAYS & MEANS by Sonia Das

Embroidery Scissor Sale—Angel Embroidery Scissors will be for sale at \$5 each. They come in the following colors: Green, Black, Blue and Pink. Very few pink scissors are left at this time.

Brown Bag Raffle. Remember to support our raffle Thursday night, Nov 3rd. Cost is only \$1 for 5 tickets, so take a chance on winning several fun items (sewing and miscellaneous). Also, please bring donation items early to the meeting. Late items will be held until the next raffle in March.

In 2012

- We will kick off the Acacia Cookbook Committee
 - We will have restaurant fundraisers (suggestions are welcome!)
 - Magazine and Book sales
- Any other suggestions?? Please contact me at 562-429-4477 or soniadas@yahoo.com with fundraising suggestions or if you would like to help at a meeting.



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Service Opportunity

by Marie Ketsdever, Membership Co-Chair

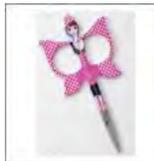
Tis the Season.....Once again the Red Cross and Pitney Bowes are sponsoring cards for service members and their families. At the November and December meetings, I will have cards for you to sign for a veteran and their families.

It only takes a few minutes to sign your name or a thank you , and now that our troops will be coming home, which is a great thing, we will need even more cards to send. If you have any extra cards, please bring them. they will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you—see you November 3rd!

EMBROIDERY ANGELS SCISSORS ON SALE AT NOVEMBER MEETING

**POLLY
PINK**



**BELLA
BLUE**



**GINNIE
GREEN**



**BIANCA
BLACK**



Start your holiday gift shopping now! Each pair of these lovely 4" super sharp point stainless steel embroidery scissors is **only \$5.00**. They make fantastic stocking stuffers for all of your quilting friends as well as your quilting guild friends!

Ten of each color will be available at the November meeting. If you would like to order scissors, please contact Sonia at 562-429-4477 or soniadas@yahoo.com

Another Service Opportunity

We have already made 132 of the 200 tote-bags that Buena Park Rotary Club needs for its Reading Project. (See "Philanthropy" article on page 3.) If you can help by making some of the remaining 68, here are the directions:

- 1) Using baby print fabric or pastel solids, stripes, or gingham, cut 2 pieces of fabric 13" X 13".
- 2) With right sides together, sew 3 sides of the bag using a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance. If you have an overlock machine, using it will make this step go very fast!
- 3) The unstitched side is the top. Zigzag or overlock stitch all around the top edge, then turn in 1" to the inside and press. Stitch down the folded edge, stitching $\frac{3}{4}$ " from edge, all around the opening.

That's it! Other people and groups will put the drawstrings in and add the Rotary tag to the outside. Please bring any bags you make to our meeting November 3. The BP Rotary Club thanks you for your efforts and has donated \$100 to Acacia Quilt Guild in appreciation for your help.

Show & Tell—At October's meeting, the following members displayed projects they had made: (1) Mary Ann West—Christmas quilt tops; (2) Phyllis Victor—her granddaughter's Halloween costume; (3) Sue Green—Christmas Row; (4) Jan Raymond—Jack-o-lantern table topper, Aunt Millie's Garden, and Halloween flip-flops; (5) Nascar T-shirt quilt. Thank you all for sharing!



DOOR PRIZE WINNERS — September 2011

Thank you to our generous door prize donors. When you are shopping, please take a moment to thank them for donating prizes. **Winners:** Please mail the pre-addressed & stamped "Thank You" note provided with each prize. The donors/shop owners appreciate the notes and feel their donations are appreciated by the guild.

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Prize Winner</u>
Phyllis Campbell	Flowers w/vase	Mary Hicks
Tranquility Quilts	Gift Certificate	Lisa Sullivan
Moore's Sewing Center	Gift Certificate	Sharon Monge
Moore's Sewing Center	Gift Certificate	Randi Leinen
Bunney Hutch	Gift Certificate	Donna McDaniel
Bunney Hutch	Gift Certificate	Linda Stearns
Quilt Cupboard	Fabric Panel	Sharleen Taira
Quilt Cupboard	Fabric Panel	Judy Hunsaker

The Door Prize Committee is always seeking donations of Thank You note cards and blank note cards. If you have note cards that you would like to donate, please bring them to the Door Prize table at the guild. Thank you in advance.

MEMBERSHIP

Jody Burtch, Marie Ketsdever, & Carmen Meraz



We had 32 members and 2 guests at the October meeting, plus we had 4 new members. They are: Sue Green (welcome back, Sue, we've missed you), Corinne Shawgo, Peggy Pate, Phyllis DeKriek. Please take time to introduce yourself and welcome them to Acacia. Don't forget to wear your name tag. If you don't have one, we have kits for sale at the membership desk for only \$1. No nametag = 25 cent fine.

More About November's Workshop

For those planning to attend Lyn Brown's Workshop on Saturday, November 5, in addition to the fabrics you receive when we swap fabrics, you will need:

- Background (White or Light Blue or?): 2 1/2 Yards
- Medium-Dark Red Violet: 2 yards

From the Red-Violet, cut 6 fabric strips—4 1/2" X width of fabric. Cut each strip into nine 4 1/2" squares to total 54 squares.

From the Background, cut 6 fabric strips—each 8 7/8" X width of fabric. Cut each strip into 8 7/8" squares (end result is 24 squares). Also from Background, cut 4 fabric strips—4 7/8" X width of fabric. Cut these strips into 4 7/8" squares for flying geese border (end result is 32 squares)

We will accomplish more in class if this cutting is already completed!

Questions? Contact Instructor Lyn Brown

LynBrownDotCom@Gmail.com or www.LynBrown.com

ACACIA QUILT GUILD

Membership Year: June 1, 2011 – May 31, 2012

Date: _____ New Member: _____ Renewal: _____

Name: _____ Birthday: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

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

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| _____ Setting up at meetings | _____ Making photocopies |
| _____ Making coffee at meetings | _____ Sending out emails |
| _____ Setting out refreshments at meetings | _____ Phone Tree |
| _____ Tidying up after meetings | _____ Website |
| _____ Teaching a class/mini-demo;
What can you teach: _____ | |

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

\$25.00 (w/o mailed newsletter);

\$43.00* (with mailed newsletter)

**OPTIONAL NEWSLETTER MAILING FEE: \$18.00 (for 12 months)*

The Acacia newsletter is sent to the membership via email and is available for free on the Acacia Quilt Guild website. If you wish to have a newsletter mailed to you, please add \$18.00 to Membership Dues for a total of \$43.00.

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

Dues can be paid at the Membership Desk at General Meetings.

If mailing your application form, please send your form and check to:

**Acacia Membership
Attn: Jody Burtch
4682 Simone Way
Cypress, CA 90630**

If you have questions, please call or email:
Jody Burtch at 714-828-2498 or email her at
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ACACIA QUILT GUILD OF ORANGE COUNTY



UPCOMING SCCQG EVENTS

- **Now through 11/6:** "Bold Expressions—African American Quilts;" at Mingei International Museum, San Diego; 10 AM-4 PM; closed Mondays; www.mingei.org.
- **November 4-5:** Fallbrook Quilt Guild, "Hand-Crafted Treasures"; Fallbrook Presbyterian Church, 463 S. Stage Coach Lane, Fallbrook, from 10-4 each day, with an auction each day at 1 PM. Vendors, Country Store, food and beverages, demonstrations, quilts for sale, Opportunity Quilt; Admission is \$7 for adults and \$2 for children 3-12.
- **November 5:** African-American Quilters of Los Angeles (A.A.Q.L.A), 25th Anniversary Quilt Show called "ALL THAT JAZZ"; 10 AM-5 PM; \$7.00 Admission; Carson Community Center, 3 Civic Plaza Drive, Carson, CA 90745; (405 Freeway at Avalon); 200 Quilts, Vendor Mall, Free Demonstrations, Opportunity Quilt, Opportunity Baskets; Website: www.easysite.com/AAQLA

For more details, go to <http://www.sccqg.org>
Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds

The purpose of this guild is:

- 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.

2011-2012 Officers:

President — Phyllis Campbell
1st Vice President — Shar Taira
2nd Vice President — Sonia Das
Secretary — Diane MacRill
Treasurer — Donna McDaniel