



NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2011



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi quilters! The feel of autumn is in the air; the cooler days, fewer hours of daylight, and a few trees turning color. Cooler weather always makes me feel more like quilting, how about you?

We have some outstanding workshops for October and November. I plan to attend both of them. You will see descriptions elsewhere in the newsletter, so don't miss out. Our workshops are always a bargain compared to quilt shows and many quilt shops, and it is more fun to take a class with lots of friends attending too.

On a personal note—My husband Bob and I went down to San Diego last month to celebrate our 46th wedding anniversary. We stayed at the Mission Inn in Old Town. It was the perfect place to stay and be able to walk all over Old Town without having to find a place to park the car. Bob had a regional meeting of his Club (Vietnam and Legacy Vets) on Saturday morning. That gave me time to drive out to Rosie's. I only bought a couple of yards for Lyn's Logs quilt, and was pleased to note that their fabric price range was \$7.25 to \$8.50. It wouldn't have been worth the drive for 2 yards, but I was already in the area.

On our actual anniversary, Sunday, Bob and I toured the USS Rushmore which was docked next to the USS Midway downtown. There were 48 steps up to the deck, then 59 ladder/steps up to the bridge—we got our exercise that day! Bob spent 33 years in the Navy, so he enjoyed seeing all the changes; even the uniforms have changed. We then took a 3 hour dinner cruise around the harbor on one of the Hornblower yachts. The DJ even played "Hawaiian Wedding Song" for us.

I hope you are in the mood to sew like I am, now that kids (or grandkids) are back in school and the days are cooler. Be sure to bring your latest creations for Sew-n-Tell. That's one of the best parts of a guild meeting. Oh, and be sure

to invite a friend too! Sincerely, *Phyllis Campbell*

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COLUMBUS DAY, 10/12

Next Meeting October 6

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



MARK YOUR October CALENDARS . . .

Thurs., 10/6: 6:45 PM—**AQG General Meeting**; Ehlers Community Center, 8150 Knott Ave, Buena Park

Thurs., 10/13: 1:00-7:00 PM—**Sew So Much**; Tranquility Quilt Shop

Sat., 10/15: 9:00—Philanthropy Sew Day, Picasso Room, Ehler's Center

Wed., 10/19: 7:00 PM—**AQG Board meeting**; Picasso Room, Ehler's Center

Thurs., 10/20: 5:00 PM—**Sew So Much**; Quilt Cupboard

Mon., 10/24: 10:00 AM-5:00 PM—**Sew So Much**; Bunney Hutch

Tues., 10/25: **Lisa's Ladies Philanthropy Friendship Group**, 4019 Orange Avenue, Cypress

PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER MEETING

- ◆ We are pleased to announce that Vivs of Bear's quilt shop will be speaking on **"Improving Your Piecing Without Pulling Out Your Hair"** at our October 6th meeting, which begins at 6:45 PM. We will all enjoy hints on making our piecing easier and better.
- ◆ **"FAT QUARTER FRENZY"**— The theme for this month is **Christmas**, so bring a fat quarter (or two) of reds, greens, golds, silvers. You get one ticket for each fat quarter, and at the end of the evening one lucky ticket-holder will win all the fat quarters in the basket. That person will have more than two months to put together a quilt for the Christmas season if she chooses.



Happy Birthday!

Acacia Guild members with October birthdays:

- ⇒ 10/14 Cecelia Carey
- ⇒ 10/27 Karen Waterbury
- ⇒ 10/30 Diane Rice



Each month we would love to see our birthday people at the meeting at our Guild Meetings. We want to share with you a "Birthday Greeting" from all your sister members on this your special day. Come and join us!

Submitted by Carmen Meraz



WORKSHOP NEWS

We have a **double workshop** for **October**, to be held at Bear's in Garden Grove. If you want to attend but do not want to drive that far, we can pick you up at the Community Center that morning—RSVP to Phyllis Campbell.

We have been wanting to have a **fabric dyeing workshop**, and also a **paper piecing workshop**. Good news—we will have both on the same day, **Saturday, Oct. 8!**

- ◇ The dyeing will be first at 9:00 AM and will cost \$20 plus \$5 for supplies. The dye workshop will teach you the basics of dyeing fabric, and you will have fabric you made yourself to take home and make into a quilt.
- ◇ The paper piecing workshop will begin at 12:30 and the cost is \$20. The guys at Bear's will teach us to make a Christmas wall hanging (or center of a larger quilt), and they are the best paper-piecers around. So we'll learn a lot!
- ◇ You may attend one or both, and both together are still as reasonable as one workshop elsewhere.
- ◇ If you plan to attend the workshops, it is important to email Shar **ASAP** at sharnatsu@yahoo.com or sign up before the meeting if there is still room—we've already had a good response from those at the Board meeting.

November workshop—Lyn Brown will show us her "Salt Water Taffy." 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.

To have enough variety of fabrics, we will have a fabric swap at the November regular 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 ea. 10" squares from each fabric. Your Swap Unit is 4 ea. 10" Squares (one of each fabric). The swap will be 8 units. Layer four squares, one of each color, then fold all in half. Repeat to make a stack of 8 Swap Units. Place in a plastic zip bag with your name in it! We will swap at the beginning of the workshop. All fabrics should be prewashed. Please cut accurately and do not include selvedge in your swap squares. **More information at Oct. meeting**

No workshop in **December**.

Philanthropy

3rd Saturday Sew Day: We will be working on two philanthropy projects at our Sew Day on October 15.

- * **More Christmas Stockings Needed**—Thank you to everyone who has completed the stocking challenge by turning in at least one Christmas stocking. We need about 100 by November, but we can use all that we receive. If you need a kit or a pattern, please let Jody know (714) 828-2498.
- * **Totebag project with Rotary Club**—The BP Rotary has asked for help in providing parents of new babies delivered at local hospitals with totebags that will hold information about the importance of reading to very small children. We will sew the bags and other groups will do the rest. Please bring baby prints/pastels/gingham fabrics to make the bags. All instructions will be given at the October regular meeting and again at the Sew Day.

Lisa Sullivan, PHILANTHROPY CHAIRPERSON
714-642-1127; lisa@jdcoulterco.com

SUNSHINE & SHADOWS by Sonia Das

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PLEASE CONTACT SONIA DAS
WITH NEWS ABOUT GUILD
MEMBERS AT 562-429-4477



The following cards have been sent out recently:

- Carmen Meraz** – *Birthday card* observing a milestone birthday
- Tina Fritz** – *Congratulations card* for Acacia newest member. Tina and her fiancé, Jonathan Heller, are getting married this month. It is the first and last marriage for both of them. Jonathan is an ardent supporter of Tina's quilting.
- Marie Ketsdever** – *Get Well card* for her recent knee replacement.
- Helen Whitaker** -- *Get Well card* for her recent fall which resulted in broken toes.
- Sharleen Taira** -- *Get Well card* for her recent carpal tunnel surgery.
- Marilyn Gulickson** -- *Get Well card* for her recent month long bout of gout.
- Diane Rice** -- *Get Well card* for some recent falls that have kept her from attending Guild.

For Your Planning

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(1) Auction and Tea: October 8, Orange Grove Quilters Guild; at Garden Grove United Methodist Church, 12741 Main St., Garden Grove; additional information at <http://orangegrovequiltersguild.com>

(2) Joann Fabric Store Contest: The "Quilt Your Colors Quilt Contest" began on August 28, 2011, and will end on January 14, 2012. Entrants must make a quilt using materials purchased at a Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Store or from Joann.com®. Quilts must be at least 36"x36" (lap size), but may be no larger than 105"x95" (king size). Quilt kits are permitted, but entrant must make the quilt with little or no assistance from others. No groups or teams are allowed. Go to <http://www.joann.com> for more information.

(3) For those of you who like to crochet: The Orange County Great Park in Irvine has an "Artist-in- Residence," Amy Caterina. She is working on a fiber art project, and she needs more than 2,000 crocheted granny squares. If you would like to participate, contact her at caterina.amy@gmail.com or amy@freerangeknitting.com. She will give you the yarn to use because the squares have to be certain colors and yarn type. Also, take a look at her web site: <http://www.freerangeknitting.com>.

Opportunity Quilt

by Georgan Zieres

Each AQG member was given 4 packs of 6 tickets to sell for our Opportunity Quilt drawing coming up in December. When members sell their entire packs, they will be turning in \$20 each. Since we are coming on the last days before the drawing, if you have tickets left to sell, please do so soon and turn in all funds to me as soon as you can.

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 October meeting. Thank you all in advance for your efforts!

Photo Pages

At the September Meeting: Members brought their wearable quilted projects (and other items) for a "Fashion Show." Participants included Phyllis Victor, Carolyn Craig, Diane Donegan, Susan Stokes, Donna McDaniel, and Phyllis Campbell.





Christmas Tree quilt front . . .



. . . And back.



WAYS & MEANS by Sonia Das

Ways & Means is the traditional fundraising division of an organization. So my role as Vice President Ways & Means is to make lots and lots of money for Acacia Quilt Guild so we can fund our educational and philanthropic activities.

This doesn't "mean that it's only my way"! I am always looking out for fundraising ideas and would love to hear from other guild members as many of you have belonged to other volunteer organizations. I will also be needing help throughout the year with these fundraising events. Phyllis Victor and Susan Stokes have kindly volunteered, but more help will be welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

• **Embroidery Scissor Sale:** Lovely embroidery angel scissors will be available for \$5. They make great stocking stuffers for all of your quilting and sewing friends.

Magazine Sale. The big book and magazine sale is postponed until the new year due to the October's re-scheduled program.

November

Embroidery Scissor Sale: IF THERE IS DEMAND FOR SCISSORS, WE WILL REPEAT THE SALE! Lovely embroidery angel scissors will be available for \$5. They make great stocking stuffers for all of your quilting and sewing friends.

Brown Bag Raffle. The raffle is back. Tickets are 5 for \$1 and take a chance on winning several fun items (sewing and miscellaneous). If you have any donations, please bring them to meeting early if you would like them to be part of that night's raffle. Otherwise, donations will be held until the next raffle in March.

December

TBD – Happy Holidays!

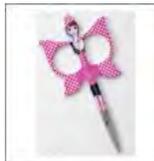
In 2012

- 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. Thanks!

EMBROIDERY ANGELS SCISSORS ON SALE AT OCTOBER 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 October meeting. If there is additional demand, more will be ordered for the November meeting.

If you can't make it to the October meeting but would like to order scissors, please contact Sonia at 562-429-4477 or soniadas@yahoo.com

Recently in the News...

6 September 2, 2011 The Independent

Hicks talks quilts



Courtesy photos

The oldest member of the Acacia Quilt Guild of Orange County, which began in Cypress eight years ago, featured two members sharing quilts at its last meeting, as well as a member of the City Council. Mary Hicks, who is 97, seldom misses a meeting or workshop. The other was Buena Park City Councilwoman Beth Swift. Both put their work on display at the Ehlers Community Center in Buena Park, where meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 6:45 p.m.



BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Same Block for one more Month!

We need to have enough of these blocks to make an entire quilt, so help us out by making a block or two or . . .

Use **white, green, and gold**
Unfinished $12\frac{1}{2}'' \times 12\frac{1}{2}''$

From **White** Fabric:

Cut 4 squares $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$

Cut 2 squares $4'' \times 4''$

Cut 1 squares $7'' \times 7''$

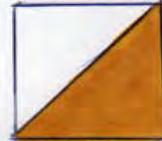
From **Green** Fabric:

Cut 1 squares $7'' \times 7''$

From **Gold** Fabric:

Cut 2 squares $4'' \times 4''$

Place **White** ($4'' \times 4''$) and **Gold** ($4'' \times 4''$) squares right sides together. Draw a diagonal line across square. Sew $\frac{1}{4}''$ seam on both sides of the diagonal line and then cut on the drawn line. Square up the half square triangle to $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$. Repeat one more time to have a total of 4 half square triangles.



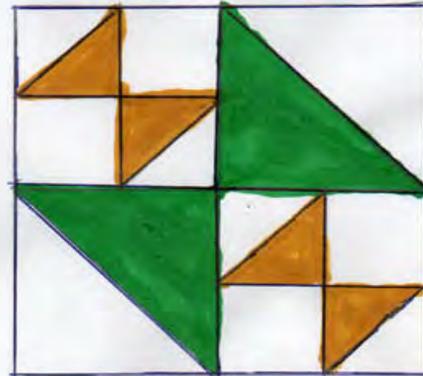
Place **White** ($7'' \times 7''$) and **Green** ($7'' \times 7''$) squares right sides together. Repeat the above steps. Square up to $6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 6\frac{1}{2}''$. Will have total of 2 half square triangles.



Sew **White** and **Gold** half square triangle ($3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$) to **White** ($3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$) square four times.



Arrange block as shown in the picture below.



DOOR PRIZE WINNERS — September 2011

Thank you to our generous door prize donors. Please take a moment to thank them for donating prizes while you are shopping. **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 were appreciated by the guild.

Donor

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Phyllis Campbell
Susan Stokes
Diane Donegan
Phyllis Victor
Mary Hicks
Beth Swift
Sharon Monge
Sonia Das



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.



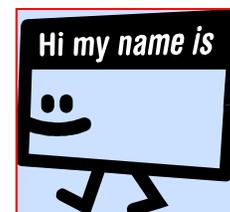
MEMBERSHIP

Jody Burtch, Marie Ketsdever, & Carmen Meraz

We had 27 members and 1 guest in attendance. We have a few yearbooks that haven't been picked up, so if you haven't received yours yet, they'll be available at next month's meeting.

Phyllis has issued a Name Tag Challenge to encourage everyone to wear a name tag and learn each other's names. Name tags must be handmade, a minimum of 5 inches, and the letters of your name should be no less than 3/4". Be sure to wear your entry to the next meeting.

Remember to invite your friends to visit our club and encourage them to join us!



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:

_____ 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
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Cypress, CA 90630**

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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.
- 10/8: Orange Grove Quilters Guild Auction and Tea at Garden Grove United Methodist Church; contact Bonnie at bonnieguild@hotmail.com
- 10/22: Westside Quilters Quarterly Meeting, "Trends in Fabric Industry & Fat Quarter Magic;" 9:30 AM-12:30 PM
- 10/22 & 23: Quilters by the Sea Quilt Show, "Sea to Sea;" National Guard Armory, Long Beach; <http://quiltersbythesea.com/quiltshow.html>

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:

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