



SMALL AND MIGHTY

President's Message

By Sonia Das



What a wonderful birthday party we had at the February to mark Barbra Riley's 80th birthday!

Guild members were asked to bring appetizers to celebrate Barbra but so much food was brought that we actually exceeded the feasting at our Guild potlucks. Thanks to all for their generosity!

We are almost sold out of Tea Tickets and will soon have a wait list. If you haven't purchased your tickets, don't delay any longer. Tickets are available online at the Acacia website or in person at the March meeting.

Now that there are only a few weeks left until the Tea & Quilt Auction, the Tea Co-Chairs will be calling for more help and I'm sure that guild members will rise to the occasion to ensure another successful event. We will need many hands before AND during the event.

I'm grateful to all of the guild members who help out in so many capacities – either directly in person or behind the scenes. Acacia Quilt Guild is an amazing group of quilters!

Happy Sewing! See you in March!!



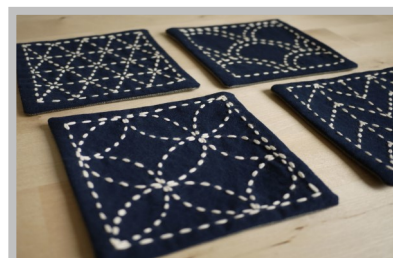
PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

By Barbra Riley, 2nd Vice President

The March speaker will be Manny Caldera speaking about the “Rise and Fall of Singer”. Manny is a past president of the Wandering Foot Quilt Guild in Arcadia and has a Singer Featherweight repair service. If you have an older Singer (or Featherweight) machine, now is your chance to learn more about it. Supplies for your Featherweight will also be available at the meeting.



The March workshop will be Shar Taira's class on Sashiko. This is an embroidery technique that adds dimension to your quilts. If you haven't tried it then this is your chance. The supply list for this workshop is at the end of the article.



On April 4th, the general meeting before the Tropical Paradise Luncheon and Quilt Auction, the “entertainment” portion of the meeting will feature Brown Bag. Do you have a few cute items that you no longer need? Bring them to the meeting early and add them to the items available for the brown bag drawing.



If you have not experienced a “Brown Bag” event in the past, all will be explained at the March general meeting. If you still have questions, Phyllis Victor can answer additional any questions you may have.

There is no conventional “workshop” during April, but April 13th, the second Saturday, is reserved for the final construction of baskets for the “Tea”. We have reserved Legacy Hall (our usual meeting room) from 9:00am until 4:15pm for this activity, so there should be plenty of time and space.

Once the baskets are completed, they will have to be stored for the next week until the “Tea” set-up day. If you have space to store some of the completed baskets, please let Maryjo Edgar know. The storage of the Tea baskets is a problem that does not yet have a solution.



The general meeting on May 2, 2024, will include “Quilters University”. Three (or maybe more) mini demonstrations of things quilters need to know will be covered on a rotating basis.

Programs and Workshops (Continued)

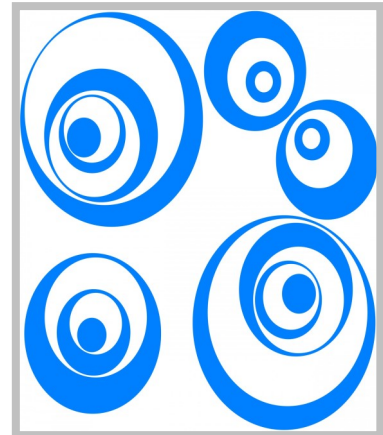
By Barbra Riley, 2nd Vice President

The workshop on May 4th will be “Finishing Touches”. If you are not sure how to put all those blocks together properly once they are done, come for a review at this free workshop. Do you have a problem keeping the quilt top square? Come for some pointers. Would you like to try a flange binding? All will be covered in this free workshop.

June is our annual birthday Potluck and change of Board members. Acacia will be 20 years old, so the celebration will be Major! June is also the deadline for the fat quarter, half square triangle challenge. There will be a drawing with prizes for everyone completing a quilt for philanthropy. There are 17 members currently signed up for this challenge, so it should be fun to see what they made with fat quarters from the storage unit.



The free June workshop will be the “Circles and Curves” workshop, given by Barbra Riley. Originally scheduled for February, other events (and Covid) intervened. If you are tired of straight lines and 90-degree angles, or would just like options, this is a workshop for you. The project will be a small landscape, but you can choose to just do the “Drunkard’s Path” block if that is your preference. If you have a template for the Drunkard’s Path block, bring it. (You will not need it, there will be options.) The only required supplies are scraps of blue, green, and yellow fabric (nothing larger than a fat quarter), your sewing machine and the usual sewing supplies.



SUPPLY LIST FOR THE SASHIKO WORKSHOP ON MARCH 9, 2024:

Thimble (optional)

Tracing paper

Chalk pencils

Fabric tracing supplies

\$15 for the purchase of a Sashiko coaster kit



TEA AND QUILT AUCTION

By Caroline Carpenter & Maryjo Edgar

Hello Quilters!

We are only 65 days away from the 2024 Tropical Paradise Quilt Auction and Luncheon! Time is flying by! We are still in need of smaller (throw and wall hanging) size quilts. We have some lovely ones already, but I know there are more out there. We are going to make our guests the happiest Quilt Appreciators around on April 20th!

Opportunity Baskets: The deadline is coming up for Opportunity Baskets, so make sure you're keeping an eye out for the items you will need for your baskets. Remember that Basket Wrapping Day is Saturday April 13th at 9:00 a.m. at Ehlers. Shar has distributed reminders for those who have signed up for baskets. If you're not sure what you've committed to, please check in with her. Thank you all in advance! I know those baskets are going to be amazing and our guests will be excited to buy tickets in the hopes of winning them.

Table Hostesses: As of our last General Meeting we still needed a few table hostesses. Please contact Isabel Cervantes if you can take on a table (or an extra table if you already have committed to one).

Tickets: We are getting down to the finish line for ticket availability too! If you haven't already bought your tickets, be sure to do so ASAP ... and if you have friends that are planning on coming, let them know as well. We will be in wait list mode soon, and you don't want your friends to be sad if they can't get a ticket!

Website Preview Page: Last but not least, there is a little preview page showing some of the quilts up on the website. Please be sure to use the website when talking about the Quilt Auction to help generate the excitement that we know comes with such a wonderful event.

Upcoming Quilt Auction Planning Meetings + Calendar Reminders:

The March planning meeting will be via Zoom at 7pm on March 28. Watch for the invite in your email. I'd love to see as many of our guild members involved as possible.

Remember to mark out time on your calendar for setup on Friday April 19th from 9 am to 3 pm at Heritage Hall.

Caroline and Maryjo



CALENDAR (Refer to e-blasts and website for latest details)

MARCH 2024

Date	Time	Event	Location
7	6:45 pm	General Meeting-Manny Caldera, "History & Fall of Singer"	Ehlers Event Center, Legacy Hall
8	9:30 am	Art Quilters	Ehlers Conference Room C
9	9:00 am	Workshop-Shar Taira, Sashiko	Ehlers Event Center, Legacy Hall
16	9:00 am	Fabricators	Ehlers Event Center, Legacy Hall
21	7:00 pm	Board Meeting	Zoom (3rd Thursday)
23	9:00 am	UFO Sew Day	Ehlers Event Center, Legacy Hall
26	2:00 pm	Phyl's Place	Member Home
28	7:00 pm	Tea Planning Meeting	Ehlers Event Center

APRIL 2024

Date	Time	Event	Location
4	6:45 pm	General Meeting-Brown Bag	Ehlers Event Center, Legacy Hall
6	9:00 am	Fabricator Meeting	Ehlers Event Center
12	9:30 am	Art Quilters Group	Ehlers Conference Room C
13	9:00 am	Construction of baskets for the luncheon	Ehlers Event Center, Legacy Hall
18	7:00 pm	Board Meeting	Zoom (3rd Thursday)
19	6:00 pm	Decorate Tables for Luncheon	Ehlers Event Center,
20	11:00 am	Tropical Paradise Quilt Auction & Luncheon	Ehlers Event Center, Heritage Hall
30	2:00 pm	Phyl's Place	A Guild Member's Home



CALENDAR (Refer to e-blasts and website for latest details)

MAY 2024

Date	Time	Event	Location
2	6:45 pm	General Meeting–Quilters University	Ehlers Event Center, Legacy Hall
4	9:00 am	Workshop-Barbra Riley, Finishing Touches	Ehlers Event Center, Einstein Room
10	9:30 am	Art Quilters	Ehlers Conference Room C
11	9:00 am	Fabricators	Ehlers Event Center, Legacy Hall
16	7:00 pm	Board Meeting	Zoom (3rd Thursday)
18	9:00 am	Fabricators	Ehlers Event Center, Picasso
25	9:00 am	UFO Sew Day	Ehlers Event Center, Legacy
28	2:00 pm	Phyl's Place	Member Home

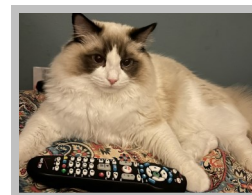
SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

By Sue Green

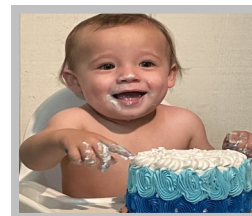
Acknowledging life events (happy or sad) of the following guild members. Some events were mentioned in previous email blasts.

Sunshine

Acacia welcomes **Joalynn Mushin** back to guild. She has been back at meetings since the beginning of the year. She was unable to attend for five months due to an ongoing case of osteomyelitis in her foot. She has adopted a ragdoll kitten whom she named Maximillian Chow Jolynn or Max for short. He is a huge source of joy in her life and we will feature his photo in the newsletter.



Happy Birthday to **Janine D'Anna's** younger grandson, Lucas, who recently turned one! Attached is a photo of the sweet young fellow enjoying his birthday cake.



Shadows (Thoughts and Prayers)

Thoughts, prayers, and condolences to **Janine D'Anna's** family. Her younger daughter's sister-in-law died unexpectedly at age 41 while at home.

Sue Green will be handling Sunshine & Shadows & Shout Outs. If she has omitted anyone or anything, corrections and updates will be made in future newsletters. Please contact her with news about Guild members at 714-686-7496 or segreen3470 @sbcglobal.net

PHILANTHROPY

By Sonia Das, President

Even though Acacia's focus has been on the Tea & Quilt Auction, Philanthropy still needs donations and contributions. Kits will be available at the March meeting.

Phyl's Place

Phyl's Place will take place on March 26, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Phyllis Victor's home. We will continue work on making kits (pillowcase and quilts) and sorting through donations.



FABRICATORS

By Barbra Riley, 2nd Vice President Programs

The Fabricators meeting in March will be on Saturday the 16th. Normally, Fabricators is dedicated to philanthropy projects but, like everything else a month before the luncheon and quilt auction, the focus is on that. If you have things to finish for the "buy it now" table or anything else related to the "tea" you are welcome to join us. Colleen Drafton will oversee things that day— opening the Picasso room by 9:00am and putting everything away about 3:30pm.

If March 16th does not fit your schedule, the following Saturday, March 23rd is the next UFO Sew day and April 6th will also be designated as a Fabricator meeting. Those are all possibilities for finishing things for the luncheon, auction, and boutique on April 20th.

Starting in May the schedule should return to "normal".



Acacia Elections 2024-2025

By Beth Swift, Parliamentarian

It will soon be election time for Acacia Quilt Guild !



This year's Nominating Committee:

- Beth Swift, Parliamentarian
- Judi Phillips & Bev Provost, Board Members
- Amy Estrada, General Member

The Committee will be reaching out to guild members to solicit nominations for the Acacia 2024-25 Board. If there is a Board position that you are interested in, please reach out to the Committee. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Here is what our Bylaws state:

1. Offices: There are 5 elected officers of AQQ. They are President, 1st Vice President (at Large), 2nd Vice President (Programs & Workshops), Secretary, and Treasurer.

2. Elected Offices:

• **President:** oversees all Guild activities and presides at all meetings of the Guild and the Board. Shall appoint with Board approval all committee chairpersons not otherwise provided for and serve as an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

• **1st Vice President:** shall perform all duties of the President in the President's absence.

• **2nd Vice President:** (Programs/Workshops) shall schedule and prepare contracts for programs and workshops for the Guild meetings with the approval of the Board. Shall register students, collect fees, be responsible for and display teacher samples at the general meetings. The 2nd VP or an assistant shall attend the workshops and be available to assist the teachers and students as needed. The 2nd VP shall also perform all duties of the President in the President's absence.

• **Secretary:** shall record the proceedings of the General Guild and Board meetings and special meetings as called by the President. The Secretary shall maintain a record of all such proceedings. Secretary shall post minutes of the general meeting at the following monthly general meetings.

• **Treasurer:** shall maintain accurate books recording all the Guild's financial transactions. Financial statements and reports required by the Guild to comply with federal and state regulations shall be prepared and submitted to the Board and posted for the membership monthly. The Treasurer shall deposit all monies to the credit of the Guild. The Treasurer shall submit the books for audit within 30 days of fiscal year end. A review or audit may be requested by the Board at any time. The Treasurer is responsible for the filing of tax returns and related legal documents for the fiscal year end in which the term was served. The Treasurer shall act a Chairperson of the Budget Committee which consists of one member from the Board and a minimum of one volunteer from the general membership. This committee shall prepare an annual budget proposal for presentation by the Treasurer at the annual business meeting in May.

Acacia Elections 2024-2025

By Beth Swift, Parliamentarian



3. Standing Committee Chairs: there are a number of standing committees in need of chairpersons. These are appointed by the President-elect with current Board approval.

- **Birthdays**—announce the birthdays for the month at the General Meetings
- **Door Prizes**—chairperson shall be responsible for collecting door prizes from participating quilt shops, drawing tickets and passing out prizes at the general meetings. Shall be responsible to see that the Thank You notes to the door prize providers shall be pre-addressed and stamped and be handed out with each prize
- **Equipment**—chairperson shall keep an inventory of all equipment belonging to the guild and shall be responsible for setting up equipment at each meeting. Shall be responsible for the enforcement of the rules pertaining to the equipment listed in Standing Policies.
- **Historian**—chairperson shall record all Guild events and create an archival record to be kept permanently. Special care is to be taken to preserve the history of the Guild. Will compile a book for each year. The books belong to the Guild.
- **Hospitality**—chairperson shall arrange refreshments and other details needed to promote a social atmosphere at meetings and functions of the Guild.
- **Membership**—chairperson shall collect dues at the general meetings and keep all membership records and lists up to date. Shall advise the Board of membership status.
- **Newsletter**—chairperson shall edit monthly newsletter and include articles pertaining to all Guild meetings, workshops, functions and quilt related information. Shall solicit advertising for the newsletter and enlist members of the Guild to form a committee to help.

Acacia Elections 2024-2025

- **Opportunity Basket**—chairperson shall be responsible for collecting and/or purchasing articles to be placed in the basket for each general meeting and sell tickets for the drawing.
- **Opportunity Quilt**—chairperson shall chair the committee responsible for making and marketing the opportunity quilts and other projects for the Guild as approved by the Board.
- **Parliamentarian**—parliamentarian shall direct the Board and the membership in accordance with the Guild's Bylaws and Standing Policies, supervise Guild elections, advise on parliamentary procedures and interpret the Bylaws when requested. Shall chair the nominating committee and present the slate of officers to the Board at the March Board meetings for approval. Shall chair the Bylaw and Standing Policies Revision Committee.
- **Philanthropy**—chairperson shall schedule and/or organize philanthropic programs and activities as well as solicit philanthropic programs and activities as well as solicit philanthropic donations.
- **Photographer**—takes pictures at the General Meetings and AQG events.
- **President's Quilt**—chaired by Immediate Past President, who shall form a committee to make a quilt for the current Guild President to be presented at the end of her/his term.
- **Publicity**—chairperson shall be responsible for placing articles regarding the Guild in local newspapers and other publication and print flyers for distribution.
- **Secret Pal**—matches Secret Pals and coordinates the Secret Pal exchange for the year.
- **Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds Representative**—representative shall attend the quarterly Council meetings as a representative of the Guild and report information pertinent to the functioning of the Guild. The representative should be accompanied by a member of the appropriate Guild committee that relates to the topic of the current meeting.
- **Social Media**—Posts AQG events on Social Media
- **Sunshine & Shadows**—chairperson shall announce current news about the welfare of members of the guild at the general meeting and shall place announcements in the newsletter. It is the Chairperson's responsibility to send greeting cards (get well, condolences, and congratulations, etc.) to members when appropriate.
- **Special Events**—chairperson shall preside over the Special Events and enlist members of the Guild to form a committee to help put on the events. The term of office will be for two years and up to 60 days after the conclusion of the event.
- **Ways & Means**—chairperson shall initiate and supervise fundraising events at Guild meetings and other Board approved events.
- **Website**—chairperson shall maintain the website monthly. The chairperson shall include information about Guild meetings, workshops, functions, and quilt related event.

SHOW AND TELL



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February Speaker Caroline Carpenter

Things Your Longarmer Wants You To Know

The Aussie's Edition



ART QUILTERS



BOARD MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 15, 2024

By Farzana Molvi, Secretary

- Helene Born was approved by the board and the General Membership as Acacia's new Treasurer
- Buena Park Breakfast Committee- Diane Sanchez has volunteered to represent Acacia on this Committee
- Acacia turns 20 in June-plans for celebrations are underway also plans for new member celebration are in works
- March Speaker- Manny Caldera – Talk on Singer Sewing Machine
- March-workshop- Shar's Sashiko
- Philanthropy- Members who are not involved with or making things for Tea
- are asked to please work on philanthropy items- kits will available at March meeting
- Newsletter deadline – March 16 at 5pm
- Tea & Quilt Auction- Next meeting in person-February 22 at 7pm in Picasso room
- Ticket sales are strong –members are asked to buy their tickets sooner than later
- 3 more tables need hostesses
- Next General Meeting on March 7, 2024. Next Board Meeting on March 21, 2024.

MEMBERSHIP

By Maryjo Edgar

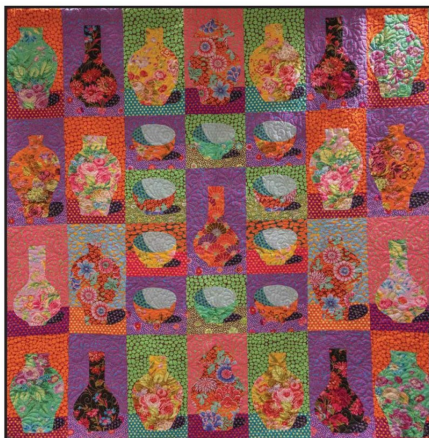
Acacia currently has 53 members! Thank you to all of our new members for joining.

There is still time to encourage your friends to join Acacia. Dues for members joining after the last day of February will be \$10.00 for the remaining membership year (through May 31, 2024).

Membership Renewals will begin in May. Usually, we begin the process in March but this year, the process will begin in March. Annual membership in this wonderful and friendly guild is only \$30!



Celebrate Color



Pattern: Kaffe Fassett's "Bowls and Vases"
Appliqued & pieced by Guild Members
Quilted by Jean Impey & Sherri Peltier



Opportunity Quilt Tickets
\$1 per ticket
6 tickets for \$5
For tickets email: BCQCquiltshow@gmail.com
Beach Cities Quilters Guild P.O. Box 2328 Mission Viejo, CA 92690-2328



MARCH



3/1 Phyllis Victor

3/13 Sonia Das

3/14 Shari Gray

3/25 Jody Burtch

3/27 Bonnie Crawford



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF QUILT GUILDS (SCCQG)

By Sonia Das, President



Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds (SCCQG) is hosting its annual Meet the Teachers on April 13, 2024.

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the lectures and workshops offered by SCCQG Teachers/Affiliate Members. Guild Program Chairs are encouraged to attend this virtual meeting with a team from their guild. After the presentations, there will be an opportunity to join the teachers in their breakout rooms where questions can be asked about their lectures/workshops.

On April 1, the invitation to all guild officers will go out via email. A list of speakers (including their websites and contact info) and their presentation times will be included.

Watch for more information on the Meet the Teachers page of the SCCQG website:
<https://www.sccqg.org/meet-teachers.htm>



What's happening at our sister Guild?

Quilters by the Sea

PROGRAMS—<https://quiltersbythesea.com/programs/>

WORKSHOPS—<https://quiltersbythesea.com/workshops/>

Remember—Since QBS is our sister Guild, you can go to their Programs for free and attend their Workshops for the same fee QBS Guild members pay. Workshops are in person.

Go to QBS website to sign up for the workshops ASAP! All meetings are in person.



SECRET PAL By Colleen Drafton

Hello quilters! Our next gift exchange will be at our March meeting. Please bring your gift to the designated table and don't forget to pick up the gift your Secret Pal leaves for you. Also, if you have not already done so, leave a thank you card addressed to "The person giving to (your name)" to let them know you got your gift. If you can't bring your Secret Pal gift, try to send it with another Acacia member if possible. I currently have a gift and a Thank you card that have never been picked up from as far back as December and they are getting quite beat up.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

POSITIONS - ELECTED

President	Sonia Das
1st VP. At Large	Isabel Cervantes
2nd V.P. Programs/Workshops	Barbra Riley (Lynn Ussery)
Secretary	Farzana Molvi
Treasurer	Helene Borne

STANDING COMMITTEES

Door Prizes	Phyllis Campbell & Shari Gray
Equipment	Shari Gray
Historian	Lynn Ussery
Hospitality	Julie Golini & Colleen Drafton
Membership/Birthdays	Brenda Howard
Newsletter	Maryjo Edgar
Opportunity Basket	Diane Sanchez
Opportunity Quilt	Judi Phillips & Beverly Provost
Parliamentarian	Barbra Riley
President's Quilt	Beth Swift
Philanthropy (Phyl's Place)	Barbra Riley
Publicity/Public Relations	Phyllis Victor
SCCQG Representative	Barbra Riley
Social Media	Shari Gray
Sunshine & Shadows	Sonia Das
Tea & Quilt Auction	Shari Gray
Ways & Means	Sue Green
Website	Caroline Carpenter
	Maryjo Edgar
	Unfilled
	Caroline Carpenter

GENERAL MEETINGS are held the 1st **THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH**. If this is a holiday, the meeting is moved to the 2nd Thursday. Doors open at 5:30 pm, meeting starts at 6:45 p.m. Refer to the calendar.

Walter D. Ehlers Event Center
Legacy Hall
8150 Knot Avenue
Buena Park, CA 90620

BOARD MEETINGS are currently on zoom at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

The purpose of this Guild shall be 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; to utilize the skills of members to make items for those in need and to assist other philanthropic organizations.

Dues will be \$30.00 per year, June 1 through May 31st. Dues for members joining after November 30th will be \$15. Dues for members joining after the last day of February will be \$10.00. Guests will be asked for a donation of \$3.00 at the general meeting. Guests attend for free when the general meeting is held by zoom.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please submit newsletter articles, jokes, puzzles, events, photos (especially Show and Tell), recipes etc. to Diane (see roster for email address) by the **3rd Monday of the month at 7 p.m.** Anyone in the guild can submit items for the newsletter.

BE OUR GUEST PLEASE NOTE:
WE HAVE A FORM ON THE HOME PAGE OF OUR WEBSITE FOR VISITORS TO JOIN US AT A GENERAL MEETING.

ACACIA QUILT GUILD of ORANGE COUNTY
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (June 1-May 30)

acaciaquiltguild.org

Date: _____ New Member: _____ Renewal: _____
Name: _____ Birthday: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
Preferred Phone Contact: _____ ☐ Cell ☐ Home
E-mail: _____
Emergency Name: _____ Phone: _____
Contact(s): Name: _____ Phone: _____

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

- _____ Assist Hospitality with set-up at meetings (arrive 5:30)
_____ Assist with clean-up after meetings
_____ Teach a class / mini-demo on: _____

*Dues can be paid at the Membership Desk at General Meetings or at any time
via the website: acaciaquiltguild.org/join-us. (Scroll down on page.)*

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

_____ \$30.00* (with EMAILED newsletter)

**dues after November 30th will be \$15.00; dues after February 28th will be \$10.00.*

An information email, "The Blast", is sent weekly, and the newsletter will be sent via email monthly.

The newsletter is also available on the Acacia Quilt Guild website.

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

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

Acacia Quilt Guild Membership
Attn: Maryjo Edgar
P. O. Box 6853
Buena Park, CA 90622

If you have questions, please call or email:

Maryjo Edgar – 714-232-3806
maryjedgar6612@gmail.com

OR

Brenda Howard - 714-952-4798