



ACACIA QUILT GUILD

SMALL AND MIGHTY!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you Quilters for renewing your membership in Acacia Quilt Guild. We are off to great start in terms of membership numbers this year and we're only in August! We also would like to welcome our new members and we hope that everyone has a good time in this guild.

In July, we enjoyed our annual *Ice Cream Social* with lots of socializing, ice cream, and other refreshments. We welcomed a few guests and a good time was had by all. Thank you to the Hospitality Committee for hosting a fun and delicious event.

It has been a busy summer for Acacia with participation in many community events and engagement with other philanthropic community groups. We had a table at the Concerts in the Park. August will also see Acacia participating in *Super Senior Saturday*, a community information fair and a *Quilt Fair* at the Bowers Museum. We will have an information table where we will promote the guild and sell opportunity quilt tickets at both events.

I am arranging a docent led tour of the American Quilt Exhibit at the Bowers Museum on August 19, 2026. The cost is \$15pp. Please let me know at the meeting if you would like to come.

We have an exciting year of programs and workshops planned so please take a look and sign up.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the members for their kindness and generosity in making so many things for our philanthropy which supports many charities with sewn items.

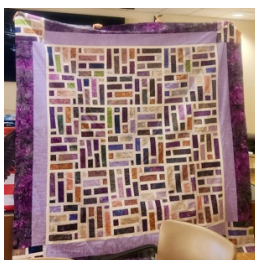
Stay cool!

Sonia



El Tigre cooling off in Glacier Bay on a previous Alaskan cruise!

SHOW & TELL



JULY SPEAKERS

Sandy Lulow

Sandy Lulow is the founder of *A Mother's Heroic Heart Quilt* – an organization that honors the mothers of fallen law enforcement officers. Acacia made a monetary donation to this charity.



Marcia Kuehl

Dr. Marcia Kuehl, quilter and retired marine, spoke about quilts for veterans and how to make them and how to distribute them.



PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

Amy Estrada & Isabel Cervantes

August 2026 Workshop

Wendy Matheson

Storm at Sea/Snail's Trail - August 15, 2026

Wendy will be teaching her method of Storm at Sea/Snail's Trail without the use of templates or paper foundation piecing. Her TRIMplate rulers will be used. She will provide the rulers for students to use during class. No purchase is necessary however, if you would like to buy them, she will have a supply - the cost is \$50 for a set of 2. Some cutting and prep are required before this class so you will need the supply list before. She covers fabric choice in the supply list.

Wendy will have \$30 Storm at Sea kits which will make some blocks but not enough for a full quilt. She will bring them to the meeting.

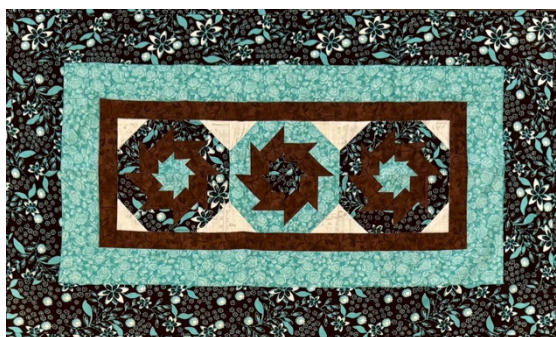


September 2026 Workshop

Deanna Briel

Cyclone Technique Mini Table Runner - September 12, 2026

Deanna will be teaching us how to make a table runner using a Studio 180 Design Tucker Trimmer 1 Tool to create four spinning Cyclone 6" finished Blocks. This workshop requires purchase of a Kit at \$25.00 and includes: The Studio 180 Tucker Trimmer Tool and Omnigrid Invisigrip for the back of the tool. The kits must be purchased 3 weeks prior to the class, so you will need to sign up at the August guild meeting or call me. Deanna accepts cash, check or Zelle. Some cutting and prep are required before this class so you will need the supply list before.



October 2026 Workshop

Lyn Brown

MYSTERY RETREAT - October 3 and 10, 2026

'Come, Watson, come!' he cried. 'The game is afoot. Not a word! Into your clothes and come!'
Sherlock Holmes Quote

This will be so much fun. I do not have a supply list yet. As soon as I do, I will get it sent out. We will be doing potlucks during the retreat. The cost is \$60 for the two days. (by the way re potlucks - I have a jello mold and don't know how to use it so keep that in mind!)



November 2026 Workshop

Melanie Hays

Outdoor Holiday Wreath Double Sided Garden Flag - November 7, 2026

Melanie will be teaching us how to make an outdoor flag. There are some required items for this class you may already have. Your fabrics need to be pre-washed and pressed. Please allow time to order a couple items on the supply list if you do not have them already. This workshop does not require a kit purchase.



FREE SEW DAYS

The format for the Free Sew Days is being improved to make better use of this asset for Acacia Quilt Guild that other guilds do not have. Ehlers Event Center makes the Picasso Room available to us two Saturdays a month, in addition to the workshop Saturday on the Saturday after our general meeting. This is a classroom sized room with storage to keep our supplies handy.

In July the quilt-as-you-go concept with a Bargello pattern was demonstrated. A simple Bargello, using equal sized strips was done at the July 11 meeting and a more interesting version using red, white and blue fabrics was done on July 18. The second quilt should be finished by the August meeting.



The red, white and blue version has been started. (The strips are in the background.). Sandra finished a regular quilt as you go quilt.

In August the “Free Sew Days” will actually be **free workshops**. We are doing a repeat of a workshop on the Ohio Star, given by Linda Wagner in November 2021. This clever, easy way to make the “X” block for Ohio Stars takes the worry out of matching points. Some guild members didn’t take the workshop since we were still recovering from the fear of COVID. Now you can get the same information for free!



The current version of the Ohio Star is scaled for fat quarters. A supply list will be available at the August general meeting. There will also be a sign-up sheet if you would like to be included in this free workshop. August Free Sew days will not happen until August 22nd and 29th, so there is plenty of time to decide what fabric to choose. Fat quarter bundles are perfect for this project or you can choose just three colors with high contrast. This is a very flexible pattern.

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Also, be thinking about how you would like to see the “Free Sew Days” evolve. It could be a meeting day for friendship groups or a place to exchange scraps or a place to share your latest shortcut. What would you like to see as an addition to the benefits of belonging to Acacia Quilt Guide?

PHILANTHROPY

A major aspect of Acacia Quilt Guild is our work in philanthropy. We are a 501(c)(3) charity and make an effort to be involved in the community. In the past, we have participated in a variety of projects from quilts for the Buena Park Fire Station (2018) to placemats for Meals on Wheels (2025).

“Goat Coats”

Our latest activity was making flannel or fleece covers for the animals being entered in the Orange County Fair by the students at Buena Park High School. On July 14, just before the Orange County Fair 2026 opened, two dozen “Goat Coats” and “Sheep Shawls” were presented to the students.

The students then treated us to a short parade of the goats and sheep wearing their new covers.



Patriotic Quilt Project for Veterans

In addition to our usual philanthropy projects, we will also be making a total of 250 items (lap quilts, wheelchair lap quilts, wheel chair bags, pillowcases, etc.) for veterans to honor the 250th anniversary of the United States. This project will be on-going through November of 2027.

We are still collecting red, white, and blue fabric for this veterans' project. If you have any fabric you would like to contribute, please join us at Phyl's Place and bring it with you.

Phyl's Place

Phyl's Place is the Philanthropy Committee's monthly meeting. We meet at Phyllis Victor's house on the last Tuesday of the month at 2:00pm. This is the place to bring suggestions for any new philanthropy projects, philanthropy donations, or just to help out. In August we will be meeting on August 25, 2026.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Sandra Scoltock-Martinez

Please remember to bring in your finished blocks from July. Then pick up your new "Block of the Month" pattern and participation tickets to win at the August general meeting.

Headlines from Helene

Website:

Our website is now being managed by Helene Born & Pam Callahan. If you have any information, you feel should be visible to the public, please email agg90620@gmail.com.

We have posted the Fall workshops and other updates so please take a look
www.acaciaquiltguild.org



Treasurer's Report:

Our financial status was reviewed at our board meeting; it was approved to move a portion of the money earned from the Tea & Quilt Auction from our checking account into an interest earning account or short-term CD.

We would like to complete an audit of our 2025-2026 financials. If you are interested in being part of the annual audit committee, please contact the treasurer, Helene Born. Currently one person has volunteered, but we should have one other non-board member on the committee. Tentatively we will conduct the audit before the end of September.

Detailed financial reports are available on request. Should you have any questions regarding our finances, please contact Helene Born 714 504-2614 or email treasurer@acaciaquiltguild.org.

Opportunity Quilt: Enchanted Kaleidoscope

AQG has scheduled the Enchanted Kaleidoscope opportunity quilt for 2026-2027. Please sign up to help sell tickets by contacting Helene Born, 714 504 2614. We genuinely appreciate your support of AQG!

In June we took the quilt Seashore, thank you to Shari Gray & Kathy Christensen and Nite Owl guilds thanks to Helene Born & Dora Luz Arroyo. We are off to a good start as we also sold tickets at the AQG June meeting. Our goal for ticket sales for this quilt is \$2,500 by May 2027.

In July, the quilt went to the LA County Quilters Guild meeting. Thank you, Barbra Riley & Sandra Washington, for taking the quilt to this meeting. We have made a total of \$177.00 in ticket sales.

Below is the current schedule through September. This is an important part of raising awareness of our guild and funds for our speakers and workshops. **We need volunteers to take the quilt out to other guilds and events.** Please contact Helene Born to assist with this endeavor.

Event	Details	Date	Time
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Super Senior Saturday (Ehlers)	Sonia Das	Additional volunteers are needed	8-Aug	(8:30) 9am-12pm
Inland Empire (Corona)	Sonia Das	Need volunteer	10-Aug	(6p) 6:30-9pm
BCQG (Mission Viejo)	Helene & Trudy?		13-Aug	(6p) 6:30-9pm
Quilt Fair – Bowers Museum (Santa Ana)	Amy Estrada & Shari Gray	Additional volunteers are needed	Aug 16	10 am – 4 pm
FGQG (Irvine)	Helene & Trudy?		14-Sep	(6p) 6:30-9pm
Culture Fest (Boisseranc)		Pending	19-Sep	TBD
AAQLA (Inglewood)	Sandra Washington & Barbra Riley		20-Sep	(12:30) 1-5 pm

Enchanted Kaleidoscope Opportunity Quilt

Tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00

Winner Drawn June 3, 2027

Tickets will be sold at Super Senior Saturday. Please contact Sonia Das if you can help with this event.



AQG will assist the Lions Club of Buena Park in selling their Silverado Das raffle tickets. This cost is \$2.00 each and AQG will be able to keep 50% of the ticket sales. The bonus is the coupons attached to the tickets for McDonald, Wienerschnitzel, Arby's in BP (specific items & locations) Please contact Helene Born to obtain tickets



We have a special Opportunity Quilt which the winner will be drawn at the final concert on the evening of August 5, 2026. Overall, the CIP event was fun, thanks to all who attended and helped at our booth.

AQG will participate in the Bowers Museum Quilt Fair. We will sell Opportunity tickets only at this event. Please contact Amy Estrada or Shari Gray if you can help at our table for this event.



HOSPITALITY

Michelle Smith, Hospitality Chair



It's the "Dog Days of Summer " at the August meeting. Bring your favorite summer "Paw-tato chips, a "Barkcutterie" veggie board, "pupperoni-tato chips, "pupperoni " pizza.....get the picture?

Have fun being creative with your food ideas and get a special opportunity ticket from the hospitality team .

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



8/13 Brenda Howard
8/24 Vanita Dhupar

CALENDAR

(Please refer to email blasts and website for latest details.)

AUGUST 2026

05	7:00 pm	Final Summer Concert	Boisseranc Park
06	6:30 pm	General Meeting	Ehlers Event Center, Legacy Hall
08	9:00–12:00 pm	Super Senior Saturday	Ehlers Event Center
14	10:00–12:00 pm	SubQ Art Quilters	Ehlers Event Center, Conference Room C
15	9:00–3:00 pm	Wendy Matheson Storm at Sea Workshop	Ehlers Event Center , Picasso Room
16	10:00-4:00 pm	Bowers Museum Quilt Fair	
19	10:00-12:00pm	Docent led tour of American Quilt Exhibit at Bowers Museum	
20	6:30 pm	Board Meeting	Ehlers Event Center, Picasso Room
22	9:00–3:00 pm	Free Sew Day/Free Workshop	Ehlers Event Center, Picasso Room
25	2:00 pm	Phyl's Place (Philanthropy meeting)	Member Home
29	9:00–3:00 pm	Free Sew Day/Free Workshop	Ehlers Event Center, Picasso Room

SEPTEMBER 2026

03	6:30 pm	General Meeting	Ehlers Event Center, Legacy Hall
05	9:00–3:00 pm	Deanna Briel Cyclone Technique Workshop -	Ehlers Event Center, Picasso Room
11	10:00–12:00 pm	SubQ Art Quilters	Ehlers Event Center, Conference Room C
12	9:00–3:00 pm	Deanna Briel Cyclone Technique Workshop -	Ehlers Event Center, Picasso Room
17	6:30 pm	Board Meeting	Ehlers Event Center, Picasso Room
19	9:00–3:00 pm	Free Sew Day/Free Workshop	Ehlers Event Center, Picasso Room
26	9:00–3:00 pm	Free Sew Day/Free Workshop	Ehlers Event Center, Picasso Room
29	2:00 pm	Phyl's Place (Philanthropy meeting)	Member Home

SECRET PAL

Please fill out the form on the next page and return to the Membership Desk if interested in participating.

Acacia Quilt Guild secret pal questionnaire, 2026–2027

September, November, February and May Coordinator: Kim Read 714-299-3573 cell					
NAME			Phone		
Address					
Email				Birthday)	
I would like to receive put X	GIFTS	BLOCKS	BOOKS	TOOLS	
Blocks I would like	Size	Technique			
Favorite colors	Red	Pink	Purple	Blue	Green
	Orange	Black	White	Gray	Yellow
	Turquoise	Brown			
Favorite color combinations					
I like the following fabrics	Bright	Pastel	Reproduction	1930	Batiks
	Novelty	Hand dyes	Geometrics	Flannels	Floral
	Baby	Wool	from quilt shop		
Themes that are special to me	Cats	Dogs	Birds	Flowers	Superheroes
	Disney	Houses	Stars	Angels	Floral
	USA	Stripes	Polkadots	Japanese	
Favorite holiday	Valentine's Day	Easter	Halloween	Christmas	Saint Paddy's Day
	Fourth of July	Thanksgiving	Hanukkah		
Gifts I might like	Stationary	Toiletries	Coffee/ tea	Plants	Drinks
	Containers	Crafts	Knitting	Crochet	
I love collecting					
What's your favorite candy or snack?					
What is important to me?(crafts, family, food, hobby and type of pets.)					
I'm currently working on the following quilts					
How long have you been a quilter?					
Do you wanna be on the text group?					

GENERAL MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETINGS are held on 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 6:30 p.m. Refer to the calendar for more details.

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

BOARD MEETINGS are held at 6:30 pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month in the Picasso Room of the Ehlers Event Center.

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 1st through May 31st. Dues for members joining after November 30th will be \$15.00. Dues for members joining after the last day of February will be \$10.00. A donation of \$3.00 at the general meeting will be requested of guests. 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 Sonia Das (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.

ACACIA BOARD

Consists of Elected Officers & Appointed Committee Chairs

ELECTED OFFICERS

President: Sonia Das
1st VP at Large: Barbra Riley
2nd VP Programs/Workshops: Amy Estrada & Isabel Cervantes
Secretary Farzana Molvi
Treasurer Helene Born

Appointed Committee Chair(s)

Equipment Shari Gray & Isabel Cervantes (assistant)
Birthdays & Membership. MaryJo Edgar
Parliamentarian Diane Sanchez & Beth Swift
Philanthropy Phyllis Victor & Barbra Riley (Co-chairs)
Phyllis Campbell, Sonia Das & Susan Wei
Ways & Means Sharleen Taira & Phyllis Campbell
Website Pam Callahan & Helene Born

Auxiliary Committee Chairpersons

Block of the Month: Sandra Scoltock-Martinez
Door Prizes: Dora Arroyo & Theresa Carlisle
Historian: OPEN
Hospitality: Michelle Smith (Chair), Sandra Scoltock-Martinez, Beverly Provost, Judy Phillips, & Sandra Washington
Immediate Past President: Isabel Cervantes
Newsletter Editor: OPEN
Opportunity Basket: Beverly Provost & Judy Phillips
Opportunity Quilt: Helene Born & Barbra Riley
Photographer/Social Media (FB): Shari Gray & Phyllis Campbell
SCCQG: Sonia Das
Secret Pal: Kim Read
Sew Days: Barbra Riley
Special events (TQA, Quartermania, etc.): OPEN/TBD
Sunshine & Shadows: Mary Jo Edgar
BP Mayors' Prayer Breakfast: Beth Swift