



ACACIA QUILT GUILD

SMALL AND MIGHTY!

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy October!

Thank you to Barbra Riley for running the Guild while I travel.

It is such a relief to know that the Guild is in capable hands. Wonderful programs and workshops are coming up in the next several months. Come and learn new techniques while making new friends and/or enjoying the company of "old" friends. We now have 50 members!

We enjoyed hearing from Casa Youth Services and learned all about the tremendous work that they do for the youth of our community. They have requested Christmas stockings from us.

We will start collecting monetary donations at the October meeting to buy stocking-stuffers to fill the stockings that we make and donate. Please see Phyllis Victor to donate at the meeting. Otherwise, I will reach out for donations when I return. The generosity of guild members—*the Guild donates the stockings, but the members provide the stocking-stuffers*—ensures a memorable Christmas for the children living in Thomas House and at Casa Youth Shelter in Los Alamitos.

Acacia will also participate in the City of Buena Park's annual winter community event in December: "Candy Caneland and Craft Fair." We will have a table and will sell Opportunity Quilt tickets as well as niceboutique items.

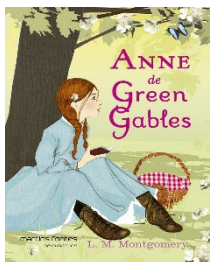
Enjoy lot of sweets and treats this month!

Sonia

El Tigre in costume—
he's ready for Halloween!



Quote of the Month found by Michelle Smith



"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers. It would be terrible if we just skipped from September to November, wouldn't it?"

From Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery

Hospitality by Michelle Smith, Hospitality Chair

It's "Fall y'all" and time to share your favorite baked goods, casseroles, salads, and desserts at Acacia's October meeting. Sandra Washington is even cooking up delicious Hot Apple Cider to enhance the Autumn ambience! Extra door prize tickets for everyone who brings festive food.

FUNDRAISING by Shar Taira

Phyllis Campbell and I are in charge of fundraising, and we are researching fundraising

possibilities! If you have great ideas, we are open to discussing those with you! We are currently working on a fundraiser through Rubio's Coastal Grill in Stanton. Their minimum is \$150.00, so we will need everyone to pitch in when we decide on a date. If we are approved, we will need all members to get a printout of the flyer and bring it to Rubio's with your family and friends to purchase meals! Thank you!

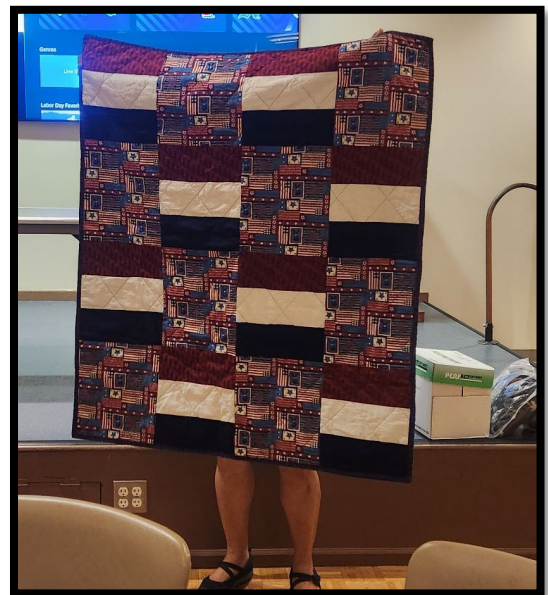


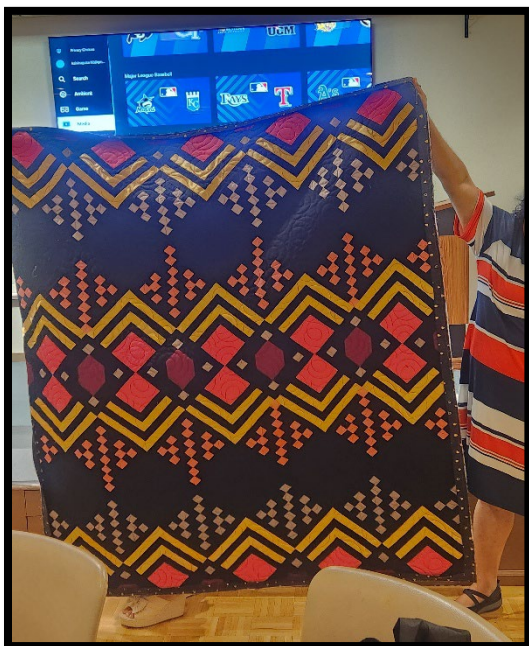
DID YOU KNOW by Beth Swift



In August members of the Acacia Quilt Guild toured the quilt exhibit at Bower's Museum in Santa Ana. In case you missed the tour and the exhibit, which ended that month, you can still see what you missed by going online to bowers.org. Go to "Free Virtual Highlights Tour" and click on "The American Quilt: Cloth and Commerce Virtual Highlights Tour." There you will see the quilts that were on display and hear Tara Miller, guest curator, as she describes the techniques used to make the various quilts. Well worth seeing!

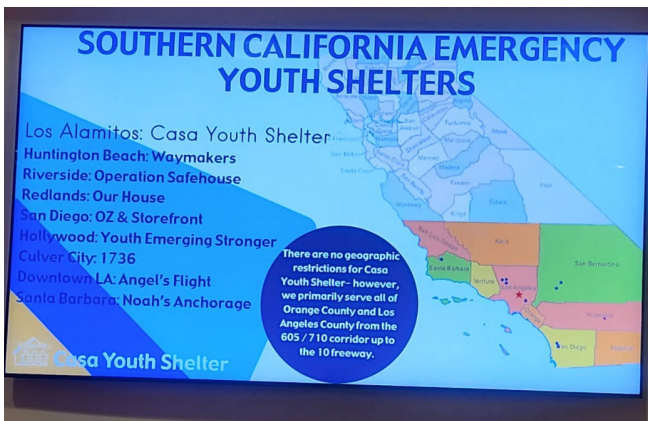
SEPTEMBER'S SHOW & TELL







Buena Park City Councilman Carlos Franco addressed the Guild at the September meeting. He thanked our group for its participation in many projects throughout the years: “You provided gifts for Sister City student visitors, helped the Buena Park High School FFA kids—and lambs—(pun intended), and showed up at many local events.” Carlos closed by inviting everyone to the Culture Fest parade.



Information about our newest community service project recipient: Casa Youth Shelter founded by Myldred E. Jones

THANK-YOU LETTER from Casa Youth Shelter

Yvette Staggs, the Community Impact Manager at Casa Youth Shelter in Los Alamitos, asked Phyllis Campbell for fabric for craft projects for teenagers in its programs. Acacia met that request by donating a large quantity of fleece and flannel. Casa Youth Shelter is nonprofit organization that provides emergency temporary shelter for young people (ages 12-17) who are homeless, runaways, or abandoned. See next page for what she wrote to us.



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August 31, 2026

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Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of a bag of material and supplies for sewing class in support of Casa Youth Shelter received on August 23, 2026. Knowing that there are people like you who recognize the critical work we do speaks volumes of your compassion and kindness.

Every day, our mission is to ensure that youth in crisis get the emergency shelter, food, counseling, and support services they need. But doing this requires more than just our staff – it requires you.

Together, we support the emotional and social well-being that allows our youth to successfully have safe shelter, reunite with their families, return to their academic and career paths, and grow into healthy, stable adults.

Thank you again for helping us provide hope for a better life to each and every youth in crisis who walks through our doors.

Warmest regards, from our home to yours,

Lupita Gutierrez
Executive Director

P.S. Please stay connected with us by visiting and liking our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages, and check our website at www.CasaYouthShelter.org for the very latest updates.



PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS by Amy Estrada & Isabel Cervantes

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 have a supply list, and you should have received it by email. We will be doing potlucks during the retreat. The cost is \$60 for the two days.

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 required items for this class that you may already have. Your fabrics need to be pre-washed and pressed. I have the supply list, and please allow time to order a couple items on the list if you do not have them already. This workshop does not require a kit purchase. One of the items on the supply list is "Therm-O Web." It's on sale now at the Fat Quarter Shop. Call me and I will send you the link and/or supply list.



January 2027—Brown Bag; No speaker. I haven't secured a workshop for that month yet, but I'm working on it.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS by Sonia Das, Representative

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF QUILT GUILDS (SCCQG)

SCCQG's next meeting will take place via Zoom on October 10, 2026. Aleeda Crawley, soon to be President of the Empire Quilters Guild in New York City, and a former Board President of both the Modern Quilt Guild and Quilt Con will be the speaker. Her presentation, aptly entitled "Ants!" will focus on how many hands can achieve astonishing results. She will discuss how to engage and retain volunteers and share her experiences as an enthusiastic volunteer in quilt guilds.

Patriotic Patchwork Project

Please continue to make items toward our goal of 250 patriotic-colored items for veterans in residential/nursing facilities. Michelle Smith has pledged 50 pillowcases (one for each state), and so far, she has made 30 pillowcases, 2 lap quilts, 5 shirt savers!

FREE SEW DAYS by Barbra Riley

Free Sew Days

September's discussion group/ idea exchange on scraps was not as well attended as expected. Plenty of scraps were available for exchange, and it was discovered that the term "scraps" means different things to different quilters. What some quilters think of as "scraps" just go into my fat quarter collection. My scraps are small!! I think this means I need to throw away some of the smaller pieces that I tend to keep.

Three scrap quilts were started, and Carol Sova came looking for small pieces of fabric to add to a Grandmother's Garden that she accidentally acquired and is hand piecing.

The plastic bin with scraps will be available on all Free Sew Days through November. Come to look for that perfect color to add to the scrap quilt you are doing for the Scrap Quilt Challenge. The finished challenge quilt is due at January 2027 guild meeting. A sign-up sheet for the challenge has been started and will be available at the October meeting. This is a chance to show you stuff as a quilter. Don't miss out!



In October, the Free Sew days will be on the 17th and the 24th. This will be part discussion group, part workshop on finishing a quilt. If you have questions about that last border (and how to make sure your quilt is square), binding (or flange binding), or sleeves, this is an event for you. Bring what you are working on to "show and tell." There will be hand-outs on binding and sleeves. The Picasso room will be open at 9:00am if you want to bring your machine and sew. The discussion on binding etc. will start at 10:00.

PHILANTHROPY by Barbra Riley

Acacia is making progress on many of our goals in philanthropy. The 100 Halloween bags for the students at George Key School have been completed (mostly by Isabel) and will be presented to them at our October 1st General Meeting.

The 250 Patriotic items project is underway. So far, 39 items have been *turned in*: four quilts, 34 pillowcases, and one shirt saver. (This is only 15% of our goal, but several more things are in the pipeline.) Maybe even some of the scrap quilts will go towards this project.

Since October is now here, we need to start thinking about the stockings and stocking stuffers that we give to Thomas House at Christmas. Martha Figueroa has been contacted regarding the preliminary number of children living there this year, but we have not heard back yet. After we get the breakdown of the age and sex of the children there, Sonia will be accepting donations toward the purchase of stocking stuffers to fill in any gaps in our supply of stocking stuffers. Small children are easy but older ones can be a challenge.

Phil's Place by Barbra Riley

In October Phil's Place will be on October 27th. We will probably still be going through the latest donation of fabric. More pillowcases with juvenile themes are needed for the stockings going to Thomas House, so kits for another 10 to 15 will need to be made up.

Phil's place starts at 2:00pm at Phyllis Victor's house. This is a meeting time for the Philanthropy Committee, but everyone is welcome. This is also the place to bring any ideas for a new philanthropy. Phyllis has much of Acacia's supply of donated fabrics, so if you need backing for a philanthropy quilt, this is a good place to find it without going to the storage unit.

Headlines from Helene

by Helene Born, Treasurer

Culture Fest Parade

We were invited by Carlos Franco to participate in the parade held on Saturday September 19 at 2pm. Thank you to Mark Saucedo who coordinated this event and was the emcee for the parade as each group passed by the grandstand.



We had a great time riding the 1930 model "A" provided by Joan & Charles Sento!

Mark Saucedo also invited AQG to provide quilts for the city council chamber's display. Mark will be at the October meeting to provide more details. The quilts will be delivered to the city by October 26 and would be on display November 4th – December 10th. The Quilt should have a label to ensure they are returned to the correct owner.

CAPS For KIDS

Several Ronald McDonald House Chapters in the U.S. still collect “CAPS FOR KIDS” (bottle caps and pull tabs) to help raise funds for their programs that provide family-centered care to families and children. Joan Sento collects the caps, so please save them for her and bring them to the meeting. Your support is greatly appreciated!



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. The application for a new account was submitted but will need follow-up as it has not been established yet.

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.

We were unable to complete the annual audit for 2025-2026 financials. To be compliant with the government regulation we should conduct the audit before the end of fiscal year, it would be my hope to have this done by January 2027. If you are interested in being part of the annual audit committee, please contact the treasurer, Helene Born.

Opportunity Quilt: Enchanted Kaleidoscope

Our annual goal is \$2,500, and we have made a total of \$754.00 in ticket sales YTD. AQG has scheduled the Enchanted Kaleidoscope opportunity quilt for 2026-2027. Please sign up to help sell tickets by contacting Helene Born hborn07@yahoo.com or by phone or text at 714 504 2614

We need volunteers to take the quilt out to other guild meetings and scheduled events.

**Tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00.
Winner Drawn June 3, 2027**



Below is the current schedule through December.

Surfside (Dana Point)	Helene & ?	13-Oct	(7:30 am) 9am-12pm
OCQG (Anaheim)	Helene & Trudy?, Tammy?, Kathy C?	13-Oct	(6p) 6:30-9pm
FSQG (La Habra)	Helene & Pam Callahan?	19-Oct	(6p) 6:30-9pm
SBQG (Redondo Beach)	Sandra Washington & Shar?	20-Oct	(6p) 6:45-9pm
<u>Quilters by the Sea (Long Beach)</u> <u>Holiday potluck</u>	Helene & Sandra Washington	12-Nov	(5:45p) 6-8:30 pm
<u>Candy Caneland (Ehlers Ctr)</u>	TBD	Pending	12-Dec TBD

We have been accepted to display and sell tickets for our quilt at Road to CA on Wednesday January 20, 2027. To participate at this venue, we need people to volunteer to do White Glove service for a total of 20 hours over the course of the show. You do not need to be a member to volunteer for white glove service and can volunteer for any day of the show (1/20/2027 - 1/22/2027) Each shift will be 2-hours between 9:30 am – 5:30 pm.

Please see Helene to fill out the volunteer form. These forms are due back by to Helene by the board meeting November 19, 2026. We don't want to miss the opportunity to increase our ticket sales so please consider participating.

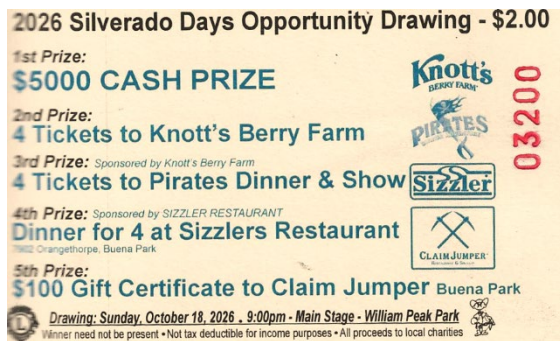
Showing of our opportunity quilt is an important part of raising awareness of our guild and providing funds for our speakers and workshops. Please contact Helene Born to assist with this endeavor.

Additional Opportunity - Silverado Days Raffle Ticket Sales

AQG is assisting the Lions Club of Buena Park by selling Silverado Days raffle tickets. The cost of each ticket is \$2.00 and AQG will be able to keep 50% of the ticket sales we complete.

Please contact Helene Born if you would like to help support the guild in selling or purchasing these raffle tickets.

The prizes for this raffle are listed below. The tickets also include discount coupons for McDonalds, Wienerschnitzel, and Arby's in BP (specific items & locations)



If you have tickets to sell, please turned in funds or return unsold tickets to Helene by the board meeting which is October 15, 2026. The Silverado event begins on Friday OCT 16, 2026. The winners will be drawn on October 18th at the Lions Club booth.

Guilds Offering Workshops

Members of these guilds can attend AQQ workshops for our Member Price: \$35.

Local guilds have agreed to allow our members to attend their workshops for their member price.

Below are the guilds that participate in this offering, Members who would like to explore these opportunities can check these websites for information.

Friendship Square Quilt Guild - www.fsqq.org
North Cities Quilt Guild - Northcitiesquiltguild.org
Orange County Quilt Guild - orangecountyquiltersguild.org
Orange Grove Quilters Guild - orangegrovequiltersguild.org
Quilters By the Sea - quiltersbythesea.com

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

06—Deirdre Jenkins
15—Colleen Drafton
19—Pamela Callahan
24—Amy Estrada
27—Michelle Smith
30—Sandy Ludlow

HAPPY “MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARY” TO:

- Judy Phillips—11 years on 10/1
- Helene Born—3 years on 10/5
- Sauni Rae Dain—3 years on 10/16

OCTOBER 2026 CALENDAR

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

01	6:30 pm	General Meeting Ehlers Event Center, Legacy Hall
03	9:00–3:00 pm	Mini Retreat with Lyn Brown in Picasso Room
09	10:00–12:00 pm	Sub Q Art Quilters @ Ehlers Event Center, Conference Room C
10	9:00–4:00 pm	Mini Retreat with Lyn Brown in Picasso Room (cont.)
15	6:30–8:30 pm	Board Meeting @ Ehlers Event Center, Picasso Room
17	9:00–4:00 pm	Free Sew Day/Philanthropy Sew Day@ Ehlers, Picasso Room
24	9:00–4:00 pm	Free Sew Day/Philanthropy Sew Day@ Ehlers, Picasso Room
27	2:00–3:00 pm	Phyl's Place (Philanthropy meeting) @ Phyllis V.'s Home

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

On September 17, 2026, the Board discussed the following:

I Call to order – 6:35pm

II Approval of Previous Minutes – on hold due to lack of quorum

III New/Old Business – Buena Park Culture Fest – September 19, 2026 – Helene Born, Joan Sentos & Charles Sento will ride in parade in Charles Sento's car with Acacia logo quilt displayed on the side of the car

IV Officer Reports –

- Treasurer update – we are solvent

V Committees --

- Block of the month – No update
- Door prizes – No update
- Equipment – no update
- Free Sew Days – 2 free sew days in September – Finishing a quilt
- Hospitality – Theme for October – Fall; November – Potato Bar
- Newsletter – all articles for the newsletter to be sent by Sunday after the board meeting
- Opportunity Quilt – our quilt will be taken to African American Quilt Guild on Sunday September 20, 2026
- Parliamentarian – not present
- Philanthropy –
 - Phyl's place – September 29, 2026
 - George Key School – Helene is following up
 - Stocking Stuffers – start to collect funds at October 1st, 2026, meeting
 - Patriotic project – 39 items are ready
- Photography/ Social Media -- the background on Facebook page needs updating
- SCCQG – next meeting – October 10, 2026 – the speaker will be Aleeda Crawley – former president of Modern Quilt Guild & Quilt Con – Her presentation will be "Ants".
- Secret Pal – not present
- Special Events/ Tea – Open collect themes from the guild members in January
- Sunshine & Shadows – Skip
- Ways & Means – going ahead with Rubio's Fish Grill
- Website – No update
- **Next Board meeting – October 16, 2026**
- **Meeting Adjourned 7:50pm**

GENERAL MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETINGS are held on the 1st THURSDAY of EACH MONTH. If this is a holiday, the meeting will be 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 to join 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: Maryjo Edgar
BP Mayors' Prayer Breakfast: Beth Swift