



FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Valentine's Day!

If you have made a heart quilt, consider showing it at the February Show and Tell.

We are creating a sweet box of treats for the Ehler's workers. They go out of their way to setup for our meeting and assist us in any way possible. Please consider make your favorite dessert to contribute to the box .

We are gearing up for the Tea and Auction, Please consider assisting where possible. The Tea Committee is requesting the help of members to make homemade desserts for the tea. Please reach out to MaryJo or Shari if you can assist in this endeavor.

I hope many of you were able to enjoy Road2CA.



Isabel

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING



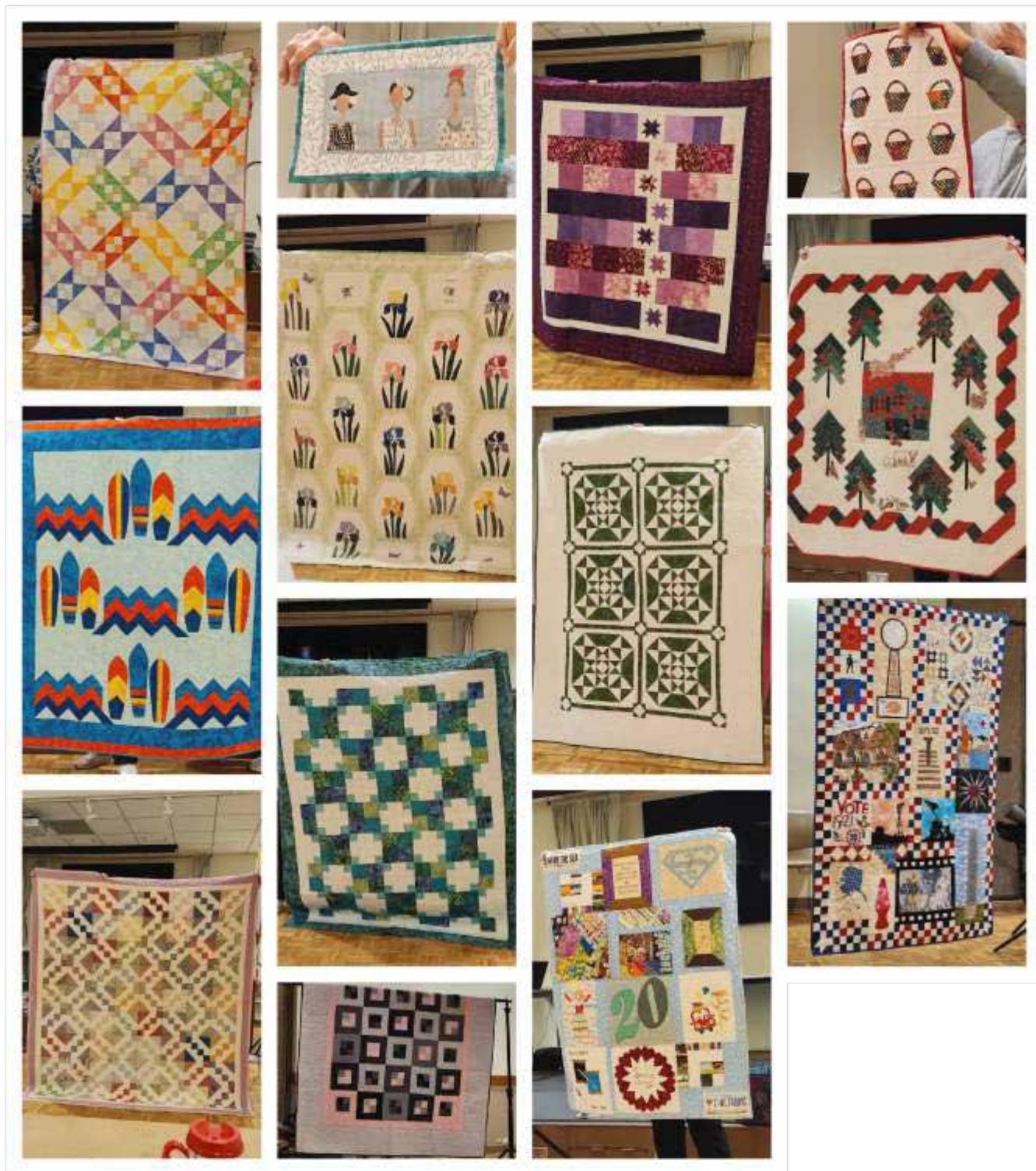
Guest Speaker
Lyn Brown

LYN BROWN TRUNK SHOW



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LYN BROWN TRUNK SHOW



TEA & QUILT AUCTION 2026 - ASIAN GARDEN

IT'S COMING FASTER THAN WE THINK!

The Tea & Quilt Auction is our guild's largest fundraising activity and is integral to our continued ability to fulfil the mission of the guild which is to preserve the heritage of quilt making and to educate the public as to its significance; to further the quilting knowledge, education and skill levels of the members of this Guild through educational meetings, quilting workshops, social activities, travel, and friendship; and to provide opportunities for Guild members to use their skill and talents for philanthropic projects that make items to benefit local communities other philanthropic organizations.

This costs money and the Tea & Auction financially support everything we do, plus, it's a wonderfully enjoyable and fun event!

BUT IT CAN'T HAPPEN WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT!

Tea & Quilt Auction co-Chairs, Maryjo and Shari Gray, request your support with creating this marvelous event. The event will be here before we know it and having your commitment NOW will make the work of the Tea & Quilt Committee much easier. Please take a look at the list of volunteer positions to fill. Please see Maryjo or Shari to volunteer or to find out more information about a position. Seller positions are for about one hour. We need ticket sellers, boutique workers, people to help check in guests, people to collect payments from winners, and more. Maryjo and Shari have a sign up sheet at every meeting; please take a look to see what YOU can do that day!

CHECK-IN TEAM

(Greets and checks in attendees before event; gives out paperwork; may orient guest to room and find table for her. Arrival is 10:15AM; doors open at 10:30. This is a team and we need 3 to 4)

DESSERT DONORS

(Provides a dessert that can be plated, like a brownie or petit four BEFORE the Event;
Friday night is good)

TEA & QUILT AUCTION 2026 - ASIAN GARDEN

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OPPORTUNITY BASKET TICKET SELLERS

(Shifts run at beginning and during break; NO sales during auction or luncheon)

OPPORTUNITY QUILT TICKET SELLERS

(Shifts run at beginning and during break; NO sales during auction or luncheon)

AUCTION STAFF

(Takes payment from winning bidder at tableside during Auction)

QUILT CLAIM

(Takes auctioned quilts and bags and tags. Matches claim check from winning bidder to Quilt, verifies receipt and finds and hands over her work of art. Shift is DURING Auction and immediately AFTER until close of event. Need staff of 3 to 4).

BOUTIQUE STAFF

(Team of 3 to 4)

BEVERAGE STATION SUPERVISOR

(Keep an eye on beverages and refill as needed. One needed; assistance will be provided)

DESSERT COORDINATOR

(Takes delivery, plates, stores, and arrange desserts – NOTE: FRIDAY & SATURDAY)

PHOTOGRAPHER

(Takes candid and posed photos of room and attendees; sends photos to
Newsletter and Tea Chairs)

BOUTIQUE AT THE TEA AND AUCTION

BY BARBRA RILEY,
BOUTIQUE COORDINATOR

In 2024 the Boutique did not make a significant contribution to the income at the Tea and Auction. We would like to change that for the upcoming Tea.

The people coming to our Tea are not the same ones looking for bargains at the Christmas craft show or at the summer concerts. That means prices can be a little higher and we have a greater opportunity to take advantage of impulse purchases. To do that, we need to have cute, eye-catching items and an attractive display. Items should also be clearly priced so that no one has to ask, "How much is this?"

With those things in mind, a bit of prior planning is required. As much information about the items we will have available needs to be known early. What we will be selling, how it is displayed and how it is priced are all important questions.

If you have made something for the Boutique or plan to make something, please fill out a brief form (available at the next general meeting) indicating your plans and turn it in to Barbra Riley. Organization and prior planning can make the difference between "Okay" and "Great". We aim for a great outcome with this year's Boutique.

The Boutique will be discussed in more detail at the next "Tea" meeting.

Boutique form:

2026 Tea and Auction - Boutique Items	
Description of item	<hr/> <hr/>
Size	<hr/>
Aprox number	<hr/>
Guild member:	<hr/>
Ph. #	<hr/>

TEA BASKET UPDATE

BY SHAR TAIRA

Assessing all the baskets we had leftover from our previous fundraiser, Helene is storing those baskets and removed all the perishable items from them. Eleven of the 18 baskets are still intact, so 7 of them still need perishable items put back into them but we don't want to do that till March.

Here is what we have so far:

1. Crochet Crafting	7. "Spring is in the Air"
2. Faith books and biographies	8. Grilling and gardening
3. 3. Stitch-In-Time sewing basket	9. Twins (dolls with quilts)
4. "Time to Dine"	10. "Welcome Baby"
5. Assorted handmade ceramics	11. Sea-themed basket
6. A place setting for one	

List of Baskets coming:

1. Chocolate	6. Harry Potter
2. Disney	7. Batiks
3. Coffee	8. Asian fabrics
4. More Gardening	9. Tupperware
5. Cookbooks and Cooking	10. More gift cards

I will continue to have the sign-ups for baskets at each meeting in the back of the room or feel free to email me too!

WAYS & MEANS UPDATE

I am still doing research on fundraising ideas for after the Tea but if anyone has any ideas they like feel free to email me!

In February I will be getting together with Shari at the storage unit to pick out some quilt top ideas for our next opportunity quilt.

Thanks, sincerely,

Shar

SHOW AND TELL



HEARTS FOR PHILANTHROPY

BY HELENE BORN

On Monday January 12, 2026, several AQG members, friends and members of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints gathered to work on philanthropy heart pillows. These pillows will be donated to the George Key School in Placentia as a gift to their severely handicapped students. The request for the donation came from Linda Badillo who volunteers and works to obtain grants for this school.

Sonia Das, philanthropy chair, gave authority to Helene Born to spearhead this project. The location for the workday was coordinated by Diane Sanchez.

The names of the members from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints who helped are Linda Bird, Roberta Capistrano, Carolyn Elliott, Shelley Hawley, Wayne Kent Johnson, Joann Nau, Jennie Newman, Tracy Reed, Diane Sanchez, Hal Schulze, and Melissa Schulze.



The names of the Acacia guild members and friends that came to help are Helene Born, Roxie Sherratt, Janine D'Anna, Dora Luz Arroyo, Joan Sento, Carolyn Fallon, (not pictured) Pat Sorensen and Isabel Cervantes.

It was a wonderful day! We were amazed and overjoyed to get 60+ pillows cut, sewn and stuffed on this day. Each person's contribution is greatly appreciated! We will present fifty pillows to Linda who will represent the school at our February meeting.

Here are some pictures of the sewing day event.



PHILANTHROPY

BY SONIA DAS

Many thanks to Helene Born and Diane Sanchez for spearheading the heart pillow project for the students of the George Key School in Placentia. Over 60 pillows were made. See separate article for details and photos.

Philanthropy will continue to make kits (quilts, pillowcases, stockings, placemats) for the various charities it serves. However, we would like to ask members to focus on quilts and boutique items for the Tea & Quilt Auction.

If you have any suggestions for boutique items, please contact Barbra Riley, Tea Boutique Chair.

Thank you so much in advance for your kindness and generosity!

PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

BY AMY ESTRADA

JANUARY 8, 2026 - LYN BROWN

Everyone enjoyed having Lynn. Her lecture and her quilts were inspirational!



JANUARY 8, 2026 - FABRIC SALE

We had a fabric sale and it was a success!! Thank you everyone that worked on this event and came to the event! Shari Gray did a lot of work in the storage unit and now it is in much better shape to receive donations!! We made \$400 for the guild .

FEBRUARY 5, 2026 - STEVE SHULMAN

Lecture from Steve Shulman of Orange County Sewing Machine Center. The lecture is "Sewing with no Bad Words. I have heard this lecture and it is humorous as well as informative. February 7 - Workshop - Steve Shulman will be giving a workshop on Sewing Machine Maintenance. Space will be limited. Please sign up early!!

MARCH 5, 2026 - MARCH MADNESS GAME NIGHT & BROWN BAG RAFFLE

Ok everyone is stressed out about the "TEA" I declare we have a fun night and just relax. We will be playing Left, Right, Center with fat quarters. I think we should all wear our favorite college gear since it will be "March Madness" or your favorite team jersey. Let's just have fun!!! We may also play bingo.

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PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

BY AMY ESTRADA

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Let me know if you have suggestions. We will also be having a brown bag so bring your items you have received too much of at Christmas and we will raffle them off. Phyllis Campbell will be the game runner. Thank you Phyllis!

MARCH 7, 2026 - NO WORKSHOP

This space and time will be to work on all projects for the Tea.

APRIL 2, 2026

Everyone has gotten me even stressed out about the Tea that I didn't think I needed to schedule a speaker. I am working on fixing this.

APRIL 4, 2026 - NO WORKSHOP

No Workshops scheduled in order to prepare for the Tea.

The rest of the year I am working on. Nothing left for me to report at this time.

Thank you to everyone who sends me their suggestions and support! I am honored to work with such a great group of Women.

HEADLINES FROM HELENE

BY HELENE BORN

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our cash flow is in good standing, for the month of December we had a net total of \$170.11. Our banking balance has been stable with our checking and CD accounts.

We are moving forward with the Tea and Quilt auction but have some concerns regarding the level of proceeds from this event. We use the funds from this luncheon to cover the expenses for our guild for a two-year period. Please invite non-quilting friends and encourage your guest to submit a bid, even if it is the opening bid. Part of the fun in this event is to inspire and excite our attendees.

Feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding our finances. Reports are available on request.

Helene Born

[email: treasurer@acaciaquiltguild.org](mailto:treasurer@acaciaquiltguild.org)

MIDNIGHT GARDEN - OPPORTUNITY QUILT

Thank you to all who worked at Candy Cane Lane on December 13. We made \$123.00 on ticket sales at this event and sold \$195.00 in boutique products.

We did not have enough white glove volunteers to qualify to take our quilt to Road to California in January.

We were supposed to go to the Inland Empire guild on January 12, 2026, but I didn't have it in my calendar so missed this meeting. I have asked to reschedule.

Below is the list of locations set to show the quilt. We are always looking for assistance in attending these events. Please let me know if you'd like to take the quilt or attend with me at any scheduled showing. The quilt is getting a genuinely nice reception at each location and many compliments.

LACQG (Downey)	Helene?	18-Feb	(9:00) 10 am - 12 pm
North Cities Quilt Guild (Placentia)	Helene &?	23-Feb	(6:00) 6:30 - 8:30
Surfside (Dana Point)	Helene &?	10-Mar	(9:00) 10:00 - 12:00
Beach Cities (Mission Viejo)	Helene &?	12-Mar	(6:00) 6:30 - 8:30 PM
OGQG (Garden Grove)	Janine & Helene	8-Apr	(8:15) 9:30 am - 12PM
El Camino (Oceanside)	Helene?	14-Apr	(8:30-9:00) 9:30 am - 12 pm

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HEADLINES FROM HELENE

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The SCCQG Quarterly meeting was held via Zoom on January 10, 2026. Sorry to say I also missed this event, but I have requested to have our TQA added to the SCCQG calendar.

Lots of great information was shared! Thank you to our Program Chair, Liz Pickering, and the Fund Raiser Panel, Susan Lee from North Cities Quilt Guild, Jane Oglesby from Orange Grove Quilters Guild, Jennifer Morgan from Beach Cities Quilt Guild, and Sue Glass from Flying Geese Quilters Guild! Here's the link to the recording:

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FUTURE MEETINGS:

April 11, 2026: Topic: Meet the Teachers

It would be helpful to have several members attend this meeting so you can visit the teachers during the question-and-answer section.

July 11, 2026: Topic: TBD

October 10, 2026: Topic: TBD

Other information:

The SCCQG newsletter is published a month prior to the next quarterly meeting. The deadline for articles to the next newsletter is **NOV 1, 2025**. Send information to newslettereditor@sccqg.org.

The newsletter will be posted on the SCCQG site for anyone to download.

If your guild is having a special event, please send the information to Sandy Scott via email at info@sccqg.org so it can be added to the calendar. *Check out the Calendar at the bottom of the SCCQG Home Page!*

A new Ronald McDonald house at UCLA campus was announced. The SCCQG supports this organization. There is a need for quilts.

Betsy Jieu De Vine
Director of Development
Westside Los Angeles
Ronald McDonald House Charities®
of Southern California
A: 927 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024
M: (818) 851-2625
E: BJieuDeVine@rmhcsc.org
Keeping Families Close – RMHC Westside LA

Thank you,

Helene Born

RUNNING DOE TOP-A-LONG

DECEMBER'S TOP



WAVERLY



SUMMARY OF BOARD MINUTES

For November 18, 2025

BY FARZANA MOLVI

Approval of Previous Board Minutes from November 20, 2025

NEW BUSINESS

GEORGE KEY SCHOOL Heart pillows are done & ready to deliver

Diane's church would like to make burp cloths—we should help

OLD BUSINESS

GUILD T-SHIRT SCREEN PRINT In progress

UPDATE ON QUILT MACHINE Tin Lizzie—Helene Born & Phyllis Victor—Shari will provide a quilt to practice on

OPPORTUNITY QUILT COMMITTEE Mary Jo/Shari in person meeting January 17, 2026 at 10:30am in Picasso room

NEW MEMBER CELEBRATION Wait until after the Tea

Barbra to take charge for February meeting—Valentine treat boxes for Ehler staff.

OFFICER REPORTS 1st Vice President; Shari—Quilter's By The Sea will be available in May

2nd Vice President; Amy—guide lines to be prepared for new incoming officer

Fabric Sale was successful

March general meeting to be Brown Bag & game night

Treasurer; Helene—has not updated yet

Philanthropy; Sonia—work on usual project & assist LDS in their philanthropy projects

Newsletter; Carol—All articles to newsletter are due November 22, 2025

Sunshine & Shadows Annie is not doing well

SUMMARY OF BOARD MINUTES [CONTINUED]

BY FARZANA MOLVI

NEXT BOARD MEETING February 19, 2026

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:43pm

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

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



SUNSHINE

- One of the newer members of Acacia Quilt Guild family—Lila Mei Dhupar, 6lbs 13oz, 19". First granddaughter and second grandchild of Acacia Member Vanita Dhupar.
- One of the newer members of Acacia Quilt Guild family—Baby Ayanna Rencher. Daughter of Saran Rencher, friend of Acacia Member Colleen Drafton. Saran wrote and published a children's book. She donated 8 copies to Thomas House at our holiday party. *[From left to right; Pink & white quilt gifted by Acacia and made by Stephanie Calderon. Pink & Floral quilt gifted and made by Colleen Drafton]*



- Acacia President Isabel Cervantes is also a Commissioner for the City of Santa Fe Springs. The City was honored to receive the 2026 Queen Trophy Award which recognized excellence in Rose Parade float design, creativity, and presentation at this year's event.
- Acacia Members Kathy Christiansen, Bonnie Crawford, Janine D'Anna, and Robin Faxas are also members of Seashore Quilters Guild. Seashore was selected to display quilts in the lobby/atrium of the Ontario Convention Center at Road 2 California 2026.



SHADOWS

- Thoughts and prayers for Colleen upon the untimely loss of her nephew.

Sonia Das 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 (see roster for her email).

CALENDAR

 (Refer to email blasts and website for latest details.)

FEBRUARY 2026

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
5	6:30 pm	General Meeting	Ehlers Event Center, Legacy Hall
7	9:00 am	Workshop	Ehlers Event Center, Picasso Room
13	10:00 am	SubQ Art Quilters	Ehlers Event Center, Picasso Room
19	6:30 pm	Board Meeting	Zoom (3rd Thursday)
24	10:00 am	Phyl's Place	Member Home

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

02/01 Barbra Riley
02/03 Diane Sanchez
02/05 Kathy Christensen
02/05 Judy Phillips
02/19 Robin Faxas



MARCH 2026

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
5	6:30 pm	General Meeting	Ehlers Event Center, Legacy Hall
7	9:00 am	Workshop	Ehlers Event Center, Picasso Room
13	10:00 am	SubQ Art Quilters	Ehlers Event Center, Picasso Room
19	6:30 pm	Board Meeting	Zoom
31	10:00 am	Phyl's Place	Member Home

SISTER GUILD HAPPENINGS

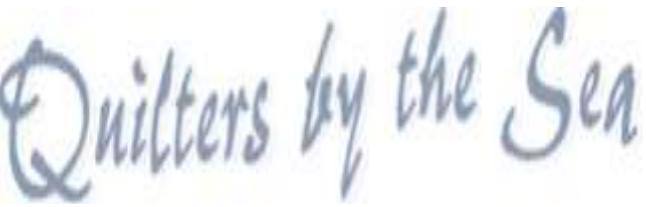
QUILTERS BY THE SEA

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.

GENERAL MEETINGS

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 6:30 p.m. Refer to the calendar.

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

BOARD MEETINGS are currently on zoom at 6:30 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 Carol (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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ELECTED POSITIONS

President	Isabel Cervantes
1st VP at Large	Shari Gray
2nd VP (Programs/Workshops)	Amy Estrada
Secretary	Farzana Molvi
Treasurer	Helene Born

STANDING COMMITTEES

Door Prizes	Robin Faxas
Equipment	Shari Gray
Historian	Susan Wei (TQA only)
Hospitality	Julie Golini
Memberships/Birthdays	Maryjo Edgar
	Cheryl Fujii
Newsletter	Carol Sova
Opportunity Basket	Judy Phillips
	Beverly Provost
Opportunity Quilt	Helene Born
Parliamentarian	Diane Sanchez
Philanthropy	Phyllis Victor
	Phyllis Campbell
	Susan Wei
	Sonia Das
Photographer/Facebook Admin	Shari Gray
SCCQG Representative	Isabel Cervantes
Secret Pal	Kim Read
Special Events/Tea	Maryjo Edgar
	Shari Gray
Sunshine and Shadows	Sonia Das
Ways and Means	Shar Taira
	Phyllis Campbell
Website	Sauni Rae Dain
Buena Park Mayor's Breakfast Committee Representative	Diane Sanchez



ACACIA QUILT GUILD of ORANGE COUNTY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

acaciaquiltguild.org

Membership Year: June 1, 2025- May 31, 2026

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* (includes 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

Cheryl Fujii - 562-233-3184 - cpfujii@msn.com