ACACIA QUILT GUILD

SMALL AND MIGHTY!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays to Home & Community of Orange County!

This is the time of year when we count our blessings and give thanks for all that we have.

Special thanks to Barbra Riley, 1st Vice-President, for handling meetings so capably while I was travelling in Europe.

All gratitude goes to my friends in Acacia who contribute time, treasure, and talent to Acacia Philanthropy. We have had many successful projects from these generous quilters. Over 120 Halloween Bags were made for the special needs students at the George Key School in Placentia.

Per the City's request (via Mark Sauceda), Acacia will have a display of quilts made by guild members at the Buena Park City Council Chambers for the next few weeks. I hope that many guild members will be able to visit and see the beautiful quilts.

In December, we will have our wonderful annual Holiday Party. Come and celebrate with your Acacia friends!

I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving this year. May we enjoy time with our friends and family as we give thanks!

Sonia

Quotes of the Month

"Welcome sweet November, the season of senses and my favorite month of all." — Gregory F. Lenz

"Don't wait until the fourth Thursday in November to sit with family and friends to give thanks." — Charmaine J. Forde

Hospitality by Michelle Smith, Hospitality Chair

"Start each day with an attitude of gratitude."

It's a Potato Bar Feast! The Hospitality team invites guild members to bring your "Baked Potato Bar Toppings" to our November 5th meeting. Hospitality thanks everyone for their generosity at our potlucks with some special door prizes this month. Come hungry, happy, and with hearts filled with gratitude this Thanksgiving season. Blessings!

FUNDRAISING by Shar Taira

The fundraiser at Rubio's Coastal Grill is happening **November 19th** all day at 7063 Katella Avenue, Stanton. The attached ad on this newsletter and on our website is a reminder to all our members to bring your family and friends all day for our fundraiser!

We need everyone to come out a support this fundraiser. Here's a suggestion to Board Members: Since November 19th is a board meeting evening, to all board members: please consider eating dinner at Rubio's, then head to the board meeting afterwards! Thank you!

OCTOBER'S SHOW & TELL

Happy November!
~ November is the month to remind us to be thankful for the many positive things happening in our life. ~

Sunshine & Shadows

Shadows—News regarding former member Bev Tyler: We had a recent notice from Bev's grandson Cody, that she passed away on October 6th in Arizona. Bev was an active member of Acacia from 2010 until 2021 when her health deteriorated to a point that she could no longer attend meetings.

Bev taught quilting at ABC Unified School District and gave several workshops for Acacia, including the "Presents" workshop in 2016. (Many of us still have that fabric among our UFOs, but here's a photo of a completed one.)

PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS by Amy Estrada & Isabel Cervantes

<u>November 2026 Workshop</u>—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 items required 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.

FREE SEW DAYS by Barbra Riley

The plastic bins with scraps will be available at all Free Sew Days in 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 November meeting.

There are currently 14 members who signed up for the challenge. Everybody has scraps! Don't miss this chance to show what you can do with what is available for free! Think of it as part of the ecology movement. Reduce waste!

In November the Free Sew Saturdays will be on the 14th and the 21st. The Picasso room will be open at 9:00am if you want to bring your machine and sew. Or, just come to visit. Free advice is always available.

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 were completed and presented to them at our October 15th Board meeting.

The 250 Patriotic items project is progressing. So far, 42 items have been turned in; six quilts, 34 pillowcases, one shirt saver, and one table runner. (Some of the scrap quilts might also go towards this project.)

Since October is almost over, 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 a preliminary number of children living there this year, but she has not given us a total number yet because they are installing a new family this week. Sonia will be accepting donations at the November meeting toward the purchase of stocking stuffers to fill in any gaps in our supply of stocking stuffers.

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. Donations tend to have scrap fabric, UFOs and miscellaneous left-over blocks.

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 make up.

Phil's place starts at 2:00pm at Phyllis Victor's house. This is the 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

✓ Quilts on Display

Mark Sauceda invited AQG to provide quilts for the city council chamber's display. The quilts will be on display NOV 4 – DEC 10. We will arrange a date for a tour of the display. All are welcome to attend to view the quilts. A date will be announced in the e-mail blast.

✓ Treasurer's Report

Our financial status was reviewed at our board meeting. Reports have been printed at each general meeting for review by the membership. It was approved to move a portion of the money earned from the Tea & Quilt Auction from our checking account into an interest earning savings account or short-term CD. We are still researching the correct location to establish this new account.

We have the audit team members, but we have not conducted the annual audit for 2025-2026. We should conduct the audit before the end of fiscal year. It is my hope to have this done by January 2027. I would like to thank Isabel Cervantes and Susan Fisher in advance for offering their time to complete this task. Results will be shared once the audit is completed.

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

✓ Opportunity Quilt: Enchanted Kaleidoscope

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

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 endevor.

Our annual goal is $2,500 and we have made a total of $837.00 in ticket sales YTD.
Tickets are $1.00 each or six for $5.00.
Winner Drawn June 3, 2027

Below is the current schedule for October through February 2027. When you travel with the quilt you get to attend another guild meeting at no charge. It's a wonderful way to hear the speaker and meet others with your quilting interest!

FSQG (La Habra)	Helene & ?		19-Oct	(6p) 6:30-9pm
SBQG (Redondo Beach)	Sandra Washington & Helene		20-Oct	(6p) 6:45-9pm
Quilters by the Sea (Long Beach) Holiday potluck	Helene, Sonia & Shar		12-Nov	(5:45p) 6-8:30 pm
Candy Caneland (Ehlers Ctr)	TBD	Pending	12-Dec	TBD
Road 2 CA (Ontario)	See attached	Additional volunteers needed (20 hrs white glove)	20-Jan	Arrive at 8:30 am for set up 9:30 am - 5:30 pm
OGQG (Garden Grove)	Helene & Janine?		10-Feb	8:15am 9 - 12pm
NCQG	Helene & ?		22-Feb	(5:45p) 6-8:30 pm

AQG has been accepted to show the quilt at Road to CA on Wednesday January 20, 2027. We need volunteers to do white glove service and monitor the sales table during the show. You do not need to be a volunteer so if you have a friend that is willing to serve, please invite them. You can work any day of the show (1/20/2027 - 1/23/2027) and will get free entry on the day you volunteer.

Please sign up at the back table during the general meeting or by contacting Helene Born treasurer@acaciaquiltguild.org or by phone or text at 714 504 2614. **All volunteer forms for Rd2CA must be turned in by NOV 19,2026 AQG board meeting**.

✓ Silverado Days Raffle Ticket Sales

AQG assisted the Lions Club of Buena Park by selling Silverado Days raffle tickets. This was a remarkably successful endeavor. We sold $246.00 and AQG split this 50% with the Lions Club of BP so our net was $124.00.

✓ 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 appreciated!

✓ Guilds Offering Workshops

Members of the following guilds can attend AQG 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 -
North Cities Quilt Guild - northcitiesquiltguild.org
Orange County Quilt Guild - orangecountyquiltersguild.org
Orange Grove Quilters Guild - orangegrovequiltersguild.org
Quilters By the Sea - quiltersbythesea.com

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

11th—Barbara Mead
24th—Joan Sento

HAPPY "MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARY" TO:

- Karen Matsuyama—1 year on 11/6
- Isabel Cervantes—5 years on 11/8

NOVEMBER 2026 CALENDAR

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

05	6:30 pm	General Meeting, Ehlers Event Center/Legacy Hall
07	9:00 am–3:00 pm	Workshop presented by Melanie Hays: "Garden Flag/Mailbox Banner"
13	10:00 am-12:00 pm	Sub Q Art Quilters, Ehlers Event Center/Conference Room C
14	9:00 am—4:00 pm	Free Sew Day, Ehlers Event Center/Picasso Room
19	6:30—8:30 pm	Board Meeting, Ehlers Event Center/Picasso Room
21	9:00 am–4:00 pm	Free Sew Day, Ehlers Event Center/ Picasso Room
24	2:00—3:00 pm	Phyl's Place (Philanthropy meeting) @ Phyllis V.'s Home

BOARD MEETING MINUTES by Farzana Molvi

On October 15, 2026, the Board discussed the following:

i. Meeting call to order – 6:45pm
ii. Approval of Previous minutes – Approved

iii. New/Old Business –
iv. Thanks to Joan & Charles Sento for using their vintage car for Buena Park Culture Fest 2026 Parade
v. Halloween bags -109 bags handed over to Jennifer Quinones from George Key school.
vi. Helene & Barbra took the quilts to City Council Chamber for display
vii. 12 extra stockings are needed for Thomas house.
viii. Baked goods –homemade or purchased – needed for the Senior center staff – presented at the holiday party in December

ix. Officer Reports – upcoming workshops/programs – November: Outdoor wreath – brown Bag --January – Fabric sale
x. Treasurer – in the black

xi. Committees --
- Block of the month – please turn in the completed blocks of the month
- Door prizes – will be preselected & given out after the break
- Free Sew Days – Finishing a quilt / Scrap quilt challenge
- Hospitality -- Michelle Smith thanked the team – November's Theme – Potato Bar. December – Holiday party – lot of ideas were discussed
- Newsletter – October 18 is the deadline for submitting articles to the newsletter
- Opportunity Basket – Shari Gray is making the baskets
- Opportunity Quilt – will be taken to Road 2 California
- Philanthropy – Phyl"s Place – October 27, 2026 – Isabel volunteered to make 12 Stockings for Casa Youth Center – Stocking stuffer funds collection started – Patriotic Project – 29 pillowcases & 2 quilts
- Secret Pal – 1 more secret pal this year
- Special Event/Tea – Themes will be collected for Tea & Quilt Auction starting November
- Ways & Means – Rubio's Fundraiser – November 19, 2026 – Additional fundraiser – California Fish Grill – TBD
- Other reports / Business – Kathy C. brought 3D filament spools to be use for wrapping bindings

- Next board meeting -- November 19, 2026
- MEETING ADJOURNED – 8:40pm

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