

JULY NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy 250th Birthday America!

Many thanks to Past President Isabel Cervantes and the 2025-2026 Board for all of their hard work this past year. I look forward to serving Acacia alongside the 2026-2027 Board.

The July meeting features our annual Ice Cream Social. We will also have philanthropic speakers. Come enjoy an ice cream sundae or an ice cream float or both! We plan to share details on an exciting quilting project to celebrate America's 250th birthday at the meeting, so stay tuned.

What a busy summer it will be for Acacia this year!

- The Buena Park Summer Concerts in the Park begins on July 8th and will run through August 5th. Acacia will participate again. Barbra Riley designed and created a raffle quilt--"Cheerful Space Rockets"--exclusively for the concerts. We will also sell boutique items in addition to raffle tickets. One of the best things that we do at the park is promote our guild and the philanthropic work we do
- Acacia will participate in Super Senior Saturday in August. We have participated in this community event for over 15 years! We will also sell Opportunity Quilt tickets and share our philanthropy and meeting information with the public.
- In August, Acacia will also participate in a Quilt Fair with other quilt guilds at Bowers Museum, which is currently hosting an American quilt exhibit through August

Please come and join us for all these events! It's a great way to meet fellow guild members, make new friends, and have a good time. Stay cool & hydrated!

Sonia

JUNE GENERAL MEETING



Speaker Mandy Loo with her "Puzzle Pieces" quilt in the background (left) and showing us her collection of vintage sewing machines (right). Last year's officers were thanked for their service (left below) & new officers were installed (below right).



JUNE GENERAL MEETING (continued)

On June 4, 2026, the officers for the new year of the Acacia Quilt Guild were installed by acting Parliamentarian Beth Swift. The six new officers--President Sonia Das, 1st Vice President Barbra Riley, 2nd Co-Vice Presidents Amy Estrada & Isabel Cervantes, Treasurer Helen Born, and Secretary Farzana Molvi were asked to reply "I will" if they agree to abide by the purposes of AQG as stated in our Bylaws:

- To promote the cooperation and exchange of ideas among people interested or engaged in quilting'
- To further the education and skill levels of the guild members'
- To preserve the heritage of quilt making and educate the public as to the history of quilting as an art form
- To utilize the skills of the members to make items for those in need and to assist other philanthropic organizations.

The new officers agreed with the above statements and were thereby installed in their respective offices. Congratulations, and thank you for your willingness to serve!

PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

BY AMY ESTRADA

All workshops cost \$35 for members and \$45 for non members. Sister guilds pay the member price.

All workshops are on the First Saturday of each month in the Picasso Room at Ehlers Center. The workshops begin at 9 am and end at 4 pm.

JULY 9TH

Annual Ice Cream Social, and Kathy Christensen will briefly show the Large Quilted Bag we will be making in her class.

JULY 11TH

Kathy Christensen - Large Quilted Bag.

This workshop requires a purchase of the template and pattern from Kathy. The cost is \$40. It does not include the stabilizer or the fabric. Contact Kathy for information about these items. If you have a jelly roll you can get about 3 of these large bags out of it.

SHOW AND TELL



Philanthropy

A major aspect of Acacia Quilt Guild is our work in philanthropy. We are a 501(c)(3) charity, and we 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 #61 in 2018 to place mats for Meals on Wheels in 2025. Some of our most recent activities are:

- ❖ Thomas House--in addition to providing housing for formerly homeless families, Thomas House has a food distribution program. After the Tea & Quilt Auction in April, we donated 24 simple canvas and denim grocery bags to use for this effort. (36 were made to sell at the Tea, but only 12 sold.) Martha Figueroa, Operations Manager at Thomas House, sent a photo of some of the bags in use.
- ❖ Buena Park High School "Goat Coats" and "Sheep Shawls"--It was brought to our attention in May that Buena Park High School's Agriculture teacher is in need of covers for the animals that are being entered in the Orange County Fair starting July 17th. Eight "Goat Coats" and 14 "Sheep Shawls" were requested. The last two Free Sew Days have been devoted to making flannel or fleece covers. We have now completed all 22 covers requested.

A special thanks goes to Phyllis Victor for creating patterns for the animal covers. The original covers we were given to use as a pattern for the goats turned out to be too large, so it took a second fitting to get it right. The Sheep Shawl fit the first time.

And "thank you" to the BPHS agriculture students, who graciously allowed us to join them after school for the fittings.



"Phyl's Place"

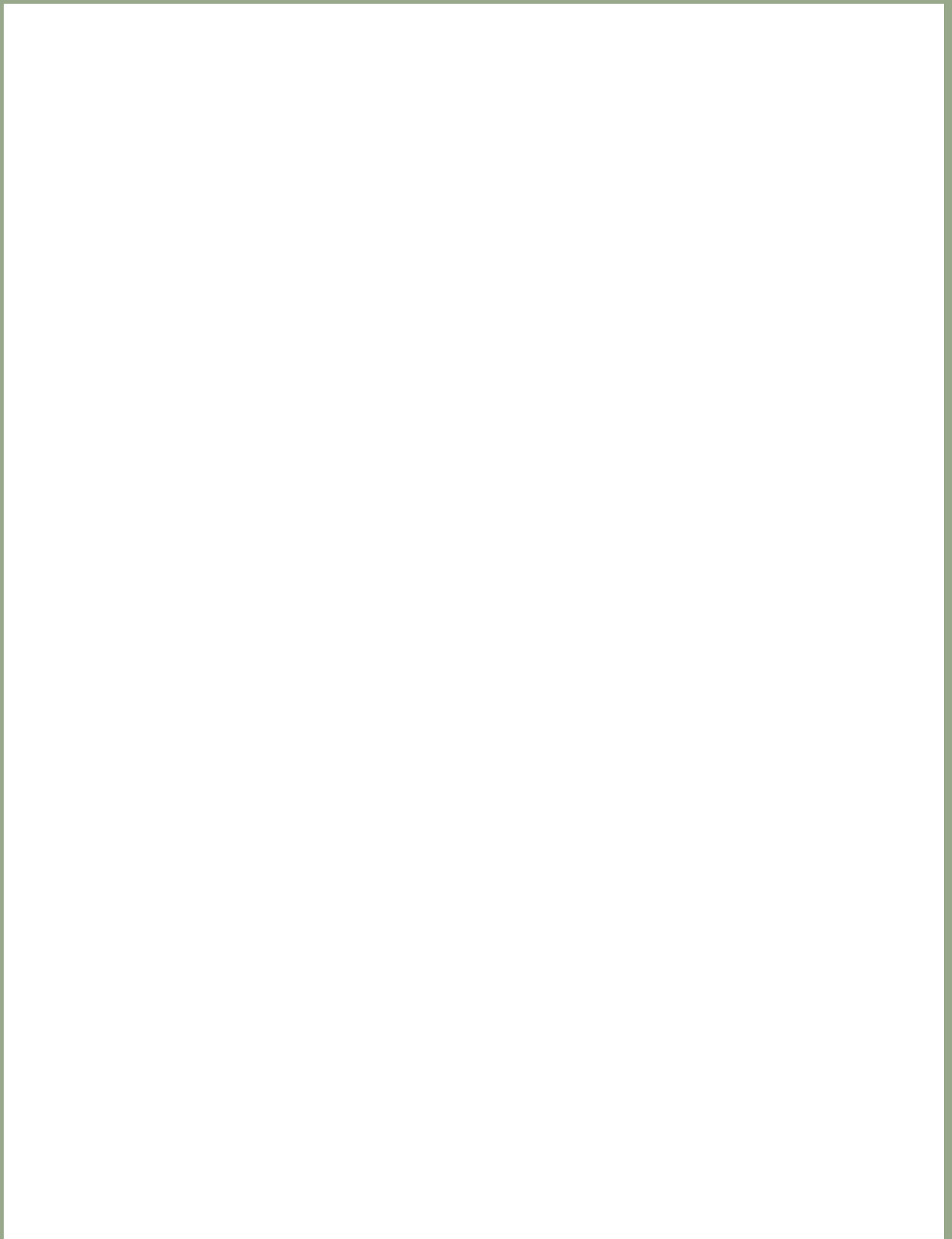
Phyl's Place is the philanthropy committee's monthly meeting. We meet at Phyllis Victor's house on the last Tuesday of the month at 2:00 PM. This is the place to bring suggestions for any new philanthropy projects, philanthropy donations, or just to help out. The May project was making a pattern for the "Goat Coats" and "Sheep Shawls". Thanks to Phyllis Victor, this job was completed in time to make all the covers needed by the end of June.

On June 30th, we began collecting red, white, and blue fabric for an upcoming project. If you have any fabric you would like to contribute, please let us know.

If Tuesday afternoons fit into your schedule, you are welcome to join us. Philanthropy is a big part of Acacia, and more help is always welcome.

IN OTHER NEWS

- ✓ "Quilt-as-you-go": In July we will be focused on quilt-as-you-go strip quilts. We have several kits ready to make into philanthropy quilts using this method, but the focus will be on the many other ways this technique can be used on smaller quilts. There is no need to send a small quilt to a long arm quilter to finish it if you are proficient in this method. The current Concert in the Park "Opportunity Quilt" was completed using this method, and there will be a flyer at the July meeting showing some of the possibilities. **Join us on July 18th or 25th** for a free workshop demonstrating some of the ways a quilt-as-you-go approach can be useful and beautiful.
- ✓ From Hospitality Chair Michelle Smith: Let's celebrate at Acacia's Annual Ice Cream Social featuring sundaes and floats. Hospitality will provide ice cream and soda pop. Members are requested to bring their favorite sundae toppings as well as any other snacks/food items to share. Everyone who brings a food item will receive an extra opportunity ticket at the member chip table for a chance to win a door prize.
- ✓ Patriotic Project: To celebrate America's 250th Anniversary/Birthday, Acacia will be starting a new project. The goal is to create 250 sewn items (*lap quilts, wheelchair lap quilts, wheelchair/walker bags, pillowcases, and adult bibs*) for distributions to veterans in various facilities in our community. The items will be made from red, white, blue and patriotic fabrics. The project will end in NOVEMBER 2027, giving us ample time to complete the project. More information will be forthcoming at the guild meeting.



SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

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



SUNSHINE

- Congratulations to Beth Swift on the birth of her 4th great-granddaughter. Baby Ava Alexis Page arrived a month early, but she is doing well even though tiny. Mom Lexi is doing very well too.



SHADOWS

- "Get Well Soon" wishes to Beverly Provost, who continues to recover from three breaks in her arm.
- "Get Well Soon" wishes also go to Nancy Toma, who is recovering from appendicitis.



Maryjo Edgar 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).

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Maryjo Edgar

Membership renewals to be included in our 2026=2027 Directory are closed since the Directory is in process, but you are always welcome to join us. A Directory draft will be at the July General Meeting for members to verify contact information. Please see Maryjo to check on your info.

Acacia is beginning this year with 49 members--a record!

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

JULY 2026

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
9	6:30 pm	General Meeting	Ehlers Event Center, Legacy Hall
10	10:00 am	SubQ Art Quilters	Ehlers Event Center, Picasso Room
16	6:30 pm	Board Meeting	Zoom
28	10:00 am	Phyl's Place	Member Home

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/02	Maryjo Edgar
7/07	Roxie Sherratt
7/18	Patricia Sorensen
7/27	Janine D'Anna



AUGUST 2026

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
6	6:30 pm	General Meeting	Ehlers Event Center, Legacy Hall
8	10:00 am	Workshop	Ehlers Event Center, Picasso Room
20	6:30 pm	Board Meeting	Zoom
25	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	Sonia Das
1st VP at Large	Barbra Riley
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	Maryjo Edgar
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.

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:

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OR

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