



ACACIA QUILT GUILD

SMALL AND MIGHTY!

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Autumn!



Acacia has had a busy and exciting summer filled with guild activities and community events. Acacia hosted a table at the concerts in the park for the City of Buena Park where we raffled off another concert quilt. As a community group, we also attended Super Senior Saturday at the Senior Center and shared information about quilting and the Guild with the public. We also had a docent led tour of the Americana quilts at the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana. There are many more exciting things to come in the months ahead.

Even though autumn in Southern California feels more like summer, the winter holidays—including Thanksgiving and all of the special days in December—will be here very soon! It is time to start working on gifts and other items. We will start asking guild members for help now in sewing Christmas stockings, pillowcases and quilts for the worthy organizations that Acacia supports. We will also seek donations of money and stocking stuffers to make Christmas memorable for the children of the transitional living center for families known as Thomas House. In December we will donate Christmas stockings filled with stocking stuffers to Thomas House as well as participating in various boutiques through the City of Buena Park.

Thank you for your time and talent. This kindness and generosity make Acacia such a wonderful organization. See you at Guild!



Sonia

El Tigre's Fall Fun

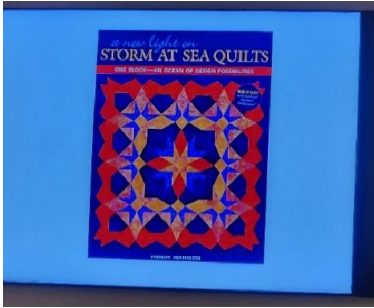


SHOW & TELL

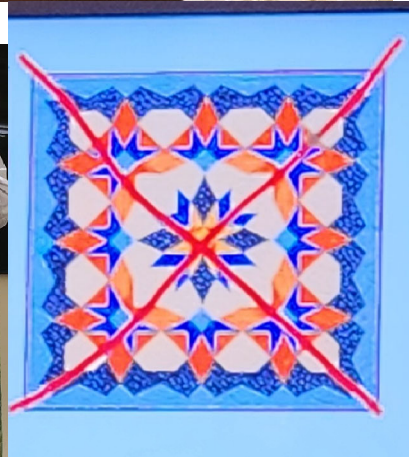
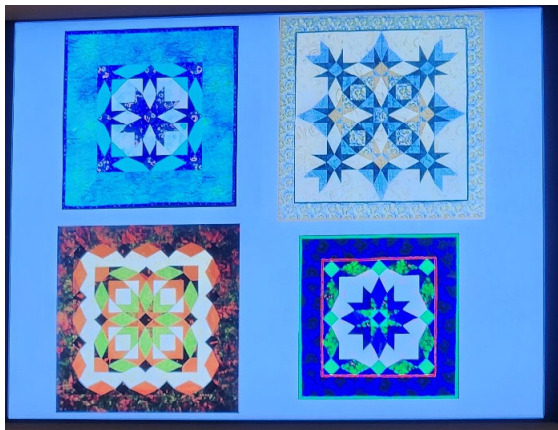


AUGUST SPEAKER

SPEAKER: Wendy Matheson



A hearty *"Thank You"* to Wendy for her great presentation, which was full of in-person quilts as well as photos of other quilts, some from her book *A New Light on Storm At Sea Quilts: One Block—An Ocean of Design Possibilities*. Wendy brought along her husband to help hold the many quilts on display.



BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Sandra Scoltock-Martinez

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

PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

Amy Estrada & Isabel Cervantes

September 2026 WORKSHOP CANCELLED!

Unfortunately, due to no sign-ups for Deanna Briel's workshop on "Cyclone Technique Mini Table Runner", the September 12th workshop has been canceled. However, during our monthly meeting we will have demonstrations about how to make placemats, shirt savers (AKA adult bibs), and pillowcases. There will be places set up so you can cut out items. On the following Saturday—the workshop day—we can sew up the items that you cut out.

October 2026 Workshop—Lyn Brown MYSTERY RETREAT - October 3 and 10, 2026



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'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 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.



MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF QUILT GUILDS (SCCQG)—By Sonia Das, Acacia Rep.

SCCQG's next meeting will take place via Zoom on October 10, 2026, meeting. The topic is still to be announced. When announced, the registration link will be shared with the guild. The SCCQG insurance policy is set to renew on September 1, 2026. Insurance coverage will cost more because the insurance provider has raised its rates significantly.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK QUILT WINNER

Congratulations to Nicole Morris, who was the lucky winner of the 2026 quilt! She came to the first concert and bought over \$40.00 of boutique items and tickets because she was impressed by our philanthropy. The cute and cheerful quilt Space Buddies was made by Barbra Riley and will go to Nicole's 4-year-old granddaughter.



Casa Youth Shelter

The Community Impact Manager at Casa Youth Shelter in Los Alamitos is Yvette Staggs. She recently asked Phyllis Campbell for fabric for craft projects for the teenagers. Acacia will be 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, abused, or struggling with crisis.

Patriotic Patchwork Project

We are off to a wonderful start in making 250 items for veterans in residential/nursing facilities. Michelle Smith has pledged 50 pillowcases (one for each state) and has completed 19 to date with another 9 in progress - thanks Michelle!

FREE SEW DAYS

By Barbra Riley

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 on the first Saturday after our general meeting. We would like to make the Free Sew Day more like a free workshop/ discussion group. With that in mind, a free “workshop” was offered in August to learn how to do a fun and easy Ohio Star block. Four Acacia members attended the August 22nd workshop.

Barbara Mead was the first to complete the two-block start to a quilt, but everyone—Judy, Barbara, Maryjo, and Beth—finished their first two blocks.



A questionnaire was distributed at the August meeting asking for ideas on what changes to the Free Sew Day would be of most interest. No new ideas were offered, but of the suggestions made, “scraps” seemed to have the most interest. Scraps will therefore be the subject of the first month’s discussion events.



There will be no regular paid “workshop” in September, so the first three Saturdays in September will be devoted to “Everything Scraps!” There is no need to bring your sewing machine unless you have something you want to finish. Bring your scraps. Bring patterns to use scraps. Tell us how you organize scraps. (Do you sort by color? By size?) Maybe you will inspire someone else with how you organize your scraps. Maybe you will be inspired

by someone else's ideas on organizing scraps. If you don't have any patterns, several will be available to take home.

There will be a large "scrap exchange" bin to throw in your unwanted scraps or take someone else's unwanted scraps. There will also be a contest to make a quilt using scraps, with the finished quilts due at the January 2027 meeting. The minimum size will be 36 inches by 36 inches but you can make it as large as you like. This is a chance to show your creativity! More details will be available at the September meeting.

PHILANTHROPY

By Barbra Riley

Philanthropy is a major aspect of Acacia Quilt Guild. We continue to make:

1. placemats for Meals on Wheels,
2. small Halloween bags for the children at George Key School, and
3. items for veterans. *[Michelle Smith has a personal goal of 50 pillowcases for veterans, and she is making excellent progress towards meeting that number. We will be making a total of 250 items—lap quilts, bed quilts, wheelchair bags, pillowcases, etc.—for veterans to honor the 250th anniversary of the United States.]*



Starting in September we will be collecting "stocking stuffers" for the quilted Christmas stockings to be presented to the children at Thomas House. Pillowcases in juvenile prints are also included in the stockings for children, so pillowcases are always needed.

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.

In August "shirt savers" (also known as adult bibs) were marked, based on a template, to be cut out later and made into apron-like bibs.

All guild members are welcome to participate in "kit" making at Phil's place on the last Tuesday of the month

Headlines from Helene

Website: Our website is now managed by Helene Born & Pam Callahan. If you have any information, you feel should be visible to the public, please email agq90620@gmail.com



Please take a look around as updates occur regularly 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. The application for a new account was submitted but will need follow-up so it hasn't been established as of 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 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.

Opportunity Quilt: Enchanted Kaleidoscope

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

August was a very successful month for our ticket sales! We took the quilt to five events. Sonia Das & Phyllis Victor and other members attended the Super Senior Saturday event at Ehler's. Sonia Das & Shari Gray took the quilt to the Inland Empire in Corona. Sonia Das & Helene Born went to the El Camino guild in Carlsbad. Shari Gray, Mary Edgar and Sonia Das attended this event. Our annual goal is \$2,500, and we have made a total of \$554.00 in ticket sales YTD.



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

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. Below is the current schedule through December.

<i>Event</i>	<i>Details</i>		<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>
FGQG (Irvine)	Helene & Trudy?		14-Sep	(6p) 6:30-9pm
<i>Culture Fest (Boisseranc)</i>		Pending	19-Sep	TBD
AAQLA (Inglewood)	Sandra Washington & Barbra Riley		20-Sep	12:30 1-5 pm
OCQG (Anaheim)	Helene & Trudy? Tammy? Kathy C?		Tammy?(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 & ?		12-Nov	(5:45p) 6-8:30 pm
<i>Candy Caneland (Ehlers Ctr)</i>	TBD	Pending	12-Dec	TBD

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 will assist the Lions Club of Buena Park in selling their Silverado Days raffle tickets in lieu of helping in their booth at the event. We have until the OCT 1, 2026 meeting to sell tickets.

The cost of each ticket is \$2.00. AQG will be able to keep 50% of the ticket sales we complete. 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)

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



Guilds Offering Workshops

Members of these 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 - 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



HOSPITALITY

Michelle Smith, Hospitality Chair

Your Hospitality team thanks everyone who generously brings food items each month to share at the meeting. September's meeting celebrates the official start of "Apple Picking Season", and Acacia invites everyone to bring "apple" appetizers, main dishes, salads, breads, desserts.....if you can

dream it, bring it! Extra opportunity tickets for a special door prize for your theme-based contribution.



DOOR PRIZE REPORT

By Theresa Carlisle

Congratulations! Here are the door prize winners at Acacia Quilt Guild's August 2026 meeting.

- Challenge Coin—Sandra M
- Potted Succulents—Michelle Smith
- Face and Nail Kit—Kathy Christianson
- Stainless Steel Mug—Carol Sova
- Sewing Kit—Isabel Cervantes
- Mel's Gift Certificate—El Tigre
- Tickets to Guild Quilt Show—Ray Nicholas Vargas
- Scented Soap—Judy Heard
- Mug with Teabag—Tammy Rooke



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



3rd—Sandra Washington
4th—Anne Sonner
17th—Dora Luz Arroyo
19th—Shar Taira
21st—Tricia Savage
22nd—Beverly Provost
27th—Nancy Toma

CALENDAR

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

SEPTEMBER 2026

03	6:30 pm	General Meeting @ Ehlers Event Center, Legacy Hall
05	9:00–3:00 pm	Free Sew @ Ehlers Event Center, Picasso Room
11	10:00–12:00 pm	Sub Q Art Quilters @ Ehlers Event Center, Conference Room C
12	9:00–3:00 pm	Free Sew @ 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) @ Phyllis V.'s Home

SECRET PAL

Please fill out the form on the last page (after General Information) and return to the Membership Desk if interested in participating.



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES–August 6, 2026

By Farzana Molvi

- I. CALL TO ORDER 6:45 PM
- II. WELCOME
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Welcome to LA County Quilt Guild who are here with their Opportunity Quilt
- III. Speaker – Wendy Matheson – Amy Estrada to introduce – Wonderful presentation -- creative use of Storm at Sea block in different configurations; lovely quilts were on display
- IV. BREAK
- V. BACK TO BUSINESS – OLD & NEW
 - Thank you to the Hospitality Team -- put out a spread of yummy treats
 - August Birthdays – Brenda Howard and Vanita Dhupar – everybody sang Happy Birthday
 - APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – In September, we will vote on both July 9, 2026, and August 6, 2026, meeting minutes
- VI. UPDATES
 - Summer Concerts in the Park – last was 8/5/26
 - i. Message left for concert quilt winner
 - ii. Final sales TBD; We will discuss at board how we want to proceed in future
 - Super Senior Saturday (August 8) – 9-12pm -- we will have a table where we can sell opportunity quilt tickets; the vendor fee has been waived
 - Quilt Fair – Bowers Museum (August 16) – we will have a table where we can sell opportunity quilt tickets – more details at the board meeting –two tickets to the current American Quilt Exhibition included – August 19, 2026
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
 - Buena Park Culture Fest 2026 Saturday, September 19 3:00-8:00pm
 - Future Philanthropy outreach in 2027 – Brainstorming for items to make
- VIII. OFFICERS/COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - Vice President – Barbra Riley
 - Programs & Workshops – Amy Estrada & Isabel Cervantes
 1. August – Speaker – Wendy Matheson – Storm at Sea
 2. August – Workshop – Storm at Sea quilt
 3. September – Speaker – Deanna Briel – Sewing This and That
 4. September – Workshop – Deanna Briel – Cyclone Technique: Mini Table Runner
 5. October – Speaker – Jenny Nash

6. October – Workshop – 2-day Mystery Quilt Retreat w/Lyn Brown – potluck on both days
7. November – Speaker – Melanie Hays – Trunk Show
8. November – Workshop – Melanie Hays – Garden Flag/Mailbox Banner
- Treasurer Report – Helene Born – High expense month – Storage fee due – partnered with Noon Lion’s Club of Buena Park to sell raffle tickets at \$2.00 each.
- Fabricators/Sew Day – Barbra Riley – Ohio Star – Free workshop – fat quarter bundle
- Opportunity Quilt – Team Effort - Barbra Riley/Helene Born
- Parliamentarians – Beth Swift & Diane Sanchez
- Philanthropy – Phyllis Victor, Barbra Riley, Phyllis Campbell, Sonia Das, Susan Wei
 - i. Phyl’s Place – August 25 at 2:00pm – Phyllis Victor’s house
 - ii. Halloween Bags for George Key School – due at October’s General meeting
 - iii. Patriotic Project underway – several items for donation
 - iv. Other Philanthropy project – Kits & fabric to donate
 1. Future Farmers of America (BPHS) – we delivered 24 animal coats on 7/14
 2. Starting in Oct, we will collect funds for stocking-stuffers for Thomas House
- Newsletter—Volunteers needed- Template created - Articles are due August 16, 2026
- SCCQG – Next meeting – October 10, 2026 – Topic TBD
- Secret Pal – Kim Read – Form due tonight – Kim Read is on vacation --Program starts with Sept 2026 meeting – first gift is next month
- Sunshine & Shadows – Mary Jo Edgar – Our own Janine D’Anna won triple ribbon. Her “Underground Railroad” quilt (from seashore) has won a 1st prize at the Ventura County Fair. Also, her “Blue Ridge Mountain” quilt won 1st place and Special Award at Ventura, CA -- Janine is also invited to speak & give her trunk show at the TLC Quilt Guild in Covina, CA in June 2027- **CONGRATULATIONS JANINE!**
- Block of the Month – Sandra Scoltock-Martinez – Sandra thanked people who returned the blocks
- Ways & Means – Phyllis Campbell & Shar Taira – check the website for updates
- Membership – Mary Jo Edgar – Directory next month – 24 members & 8 guest – total 32
- Website – Helene Born and Pam Callahan – no updates
- IX. SHOW & TELL – members showed beautiful patriotic quilts
- X. RAFFLE BASKET DRAWING – No raffle tonight
- XI. DOORPRIZES – given to Theresa, Carol, Judy Heard, Michelle, Sandra, El Tigre, Shari Gray, Isabel & Tammy
- XII. MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:45pm

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

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?					