

*A Note From the President...*

*Dear Quilters,*

*April is over and our elections will soon be here. I would like to send a very big "THANK YOU" to Kit and her nominating committee for all the telephoning that they have done to come up with an almost full board. There are still a few committee chairman positions that need to be filled. Remember that many hands make light work.*

*Acacia Day Services were thrilled with the quilt and they have already started selling tickets. It seems that they have learned that it is better to raffle it off than to have it as part of the silent auction. We are also going to have the opportunity to provide a "quilting basket" for their silent auction. More details to follow.*

*I look forward to seeing all of you at our May meeting.*

*Susan Stokes*

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**May Meeting**

Our speaker for May, Ruth Blanchet, is coming all the way from New Zealand. She is speaking and doing workshops in this area before teaching on a quilting cruise to Alaska. She will be showing us some of her outstanding work that you won't believe until you see it with your own eyes.

Ruth Blanchet was born in the city of Nelson in the South Island of New Zealand. She has a passion to make quilts and wall hangings as well as clothing. For the past twenty years she has concentrated mainly on quilting and designing patterns.

In October and November 2003, she made her first successful trip to USA and taught in the States of Oregon, California and Arizona. Her second trip to USA was in May/June 2004 where she taught in California.

In 2000, she was very successful in the challenges she entered, winning a third prize award in the Hoffman challenge with my waistcoat, "Blue Tears". Due to gaining a placing, Blue Tears was featured in the NZ Quilter magazine. This is the third entry she has made for the Hoffman Challenge, all pieces being selected for the traveling exhibition.

She gained the Most Interesting Quilting Design Award for my Kiwi-Quilters Challenge, "Falling Leaves". Her piece "Native New Zealand" was selected to travel internationally in the Horizon Challenge and has been featured in two magazines, The NZ Quilter and Popular Patchwork, UK's biggest selling Patchwork and quilting magazine. She Also won a third placing for her wall quilt "Deep Purple" in the American Quilt Art Forum Challenge 2000.

In 2001, she entered two challenges with both pieces gaining an award. The first was a piece she designed and made called "Flight" for the American Hoffman Challenge. It was selected to travel around the States for the duration of one year.

The other was a piece called "Imagination" which won The Most Interesting Quilting Award for the second year running for the Kiwi-Quilters challenge. It has been displayed in locations within New Zealand. It has Also been featured in the NZ Quilter magazine and Patchwork Quilt Tsushin, a Japanese quilting magazine.

In 2002, she again entered the American Hoffman challenge with a piece called "Celtic Storm". It was awarded selected to travel around the States for the duration of one year and Also features in the NZ Quilter magazine.

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## No "Sew so Late" in May

Due to the fourth Saturday falling on Memorial Day weekend, there will be no "Sew So Late" at Bunney Hutch in May. You may sign up for June at the June guild meeting.

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## Birthdays:

If your birthday falls in May, Happy Birthday! Lucky for you, you get to bring refreshments.

### May Birthdays:

Yolanda Satterwaite (6th), Phyllis Campbell (1st), Carolyn Craig (11th), Lois Corrigan (25th)

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## Reminder

Please bring something for refreshments to guild the month of your birthday and/or anniversary. Remember, it doesn't have to be sweet. Veggies, fruit, crackers, and chips are great alternatives. You could also bring tea, juice or even soft drinks.

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## Upcoming Meetings...

Our June meeting will be a celebration of our first year as a guild, as well as installation of new officers! Please bring a salad - main dish salad, vegetable salad, fruit salad, or dessert salad. Or you can bring a dessert that is not a salad. Please bring your own beverage if you don't want water or coffee.

Please bring quilts completed between June 2004 and May 2005 for show and tell, even if you have brought them before. We have a lot of new members who may not have seen them.

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### Join Us for Dinner with Ruth

If you would like to join the Board when we take Ruth Blanchet out to dinner before our meeting on May 2, please call Phyllis Campbell at 714 821-6967, by Wednesday, April 27. The first 8 people to call may join us. We will each be paying for our own dinner, except for our guest.

We will meet at Hof's Hut Restaurant, 10900 Los Alamitos Blvd. (at Katella), Los Alamitos, at 4:45 p.m. in order to finish in time to set up for our meeting. This will be our chance to get acquainted with our guest from New Zealand, and to show her American hospitality.

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## Basket for Acacia Adult Day Care "Sunset Serenade" Fundraiser

We are going to be making a "Beginning to Quilt" basket for the silent auction at the fundraiser on July 16 at the Los Alamitos Racetrack. This is one of three annual fundraising events for the adult day care program.

Please bring fat quarters, quilting notions, patterns, etc. for the basket. We want to include a beginner's quilting book, small cutting mat, rotary cutter, notions (Straight

and safety pins, thread, markers, etc.), fabric for one of the patterns in the book, batting, and backing. It will be a "scrapy" pattern, so please bring any color of small floral or print. The theme of the event is "cowboys", so the look should be old-fashioned.

If you are interested in attending the fundraising dinner and dance, contact Phyllis Campbell or Dee Livernois for more information.

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## **Sign Up for Cloth Boxes Workshop**

Our own Sandy Vasquez will be teaching her method of making those trendy fabric boxes. The workshop will be held on Saturday, July 9, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Acacia Adult Day Services. The fee will be just \$15 for members and non-members may sign up (for \$25) after June 6 if there are any remaining spaces. Class size will be limited to 15, so don't wait!

## **DUES NOW DUE**

Dues for 2005-2006 Guild membership may be paid at the May or June Meeting. Please fill out the form in the back of your Guild yearbook and turn in with your check at the membership desk. If you have misplaced your yearbook, the form is included in this newsletter.

Dues remain at \$25 for the year. Membership saves you \$10 for each workshop you attend, and you get a discount when you show your membership card at almost every quilt shop. Your membership helps us afford speakers and workshops and to purchase supplies for the guild.

If you haven't paid your dues by our July 11 meeting, you WILL NOT be included in the new yearbook. Yearbooks will be passed out at our August meeting, so be sure to attend.

## **Sunshine/ Shadows**

The good news is that Phyllis' daughter, Karen, had a baby girl on April 13th at 4:19 p.m. Her name is Peyton Akina Griffin. She weighs 8 lbs. 1 oz. and is 19 inches long. Akina means "Spring flower" in Japanese. Congrats!