



Acacia Quilt Guild of Orange County, P. O. Box 6821, Buena Park, California, 90620
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President's Message

I hope everyone is staying cool during the dog days of August!

We currently have 55 members and will gladly welcome more renewals as well as new members. Guild members who bring a guest to any Acacia meeting will receive a small thank you gift. If that guest joins Acacia that night, the new member will also receive a small thank you gift. We appreciate our members past and present!

We still need to fill the following positions:

- Secretary
- Parliamentarian
- Philanthropy Chair
- Ways & Means Chair

Without these positions filled, certain activities of the Guild will have to be suspended and that will be no fun for anyone. Please consider filling one of the above positions.

August brings us several exciting events:

Our speaker and workshop teacher will be Jill Shuman. Topics covered in her lecture include how to choose fabrics and how to cut them accurately. Quilt in a Day materials will also be discussed. There will also be a trunk show featuring some of her wonderful quilts. Furthermore, Steve will be on hand from the Singer Sewing Center with several items for your shopping consideration. (Cont'd p2)

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Jill's workshop is called "Kaleidoscope" and the pattern comes from the book: *Quilt in a Day - Kaleidoscope Quilt*. A special ruler (optional) is available for the pattern; however, a template is provided in the book. The book, ruler and fabrics will be offered at a 20% discount for Acacia Guild members at the Singer Sewing Center in Anaheim.

Super Senior Saturday is a community outreach program held by the Buena Park Senior Center each summer. This will be our second year participating at the event which will be held on August 18, 2007. Acacia will have a table where we can promote our guild, sell tickets for our opportunity quilt as well as sell small items as a fundraiser. We need a few volunteers to work at the table. Since the event is from 10 am – 2 pm, please contact me if you can work for a couple of hours.

Speaking of Raffle Tickets, **DON'T FORGET TO SELL THOSE TICKETS**. The quilt will be on display at the August meeting and you will be able to pick more tickets to sell.

Stay cool and come to one of Acacia's activities to enjoy friends, quilting projects and air conditioning!

See you at the meeting!!

Sonia Das, President

According to the by-laws:, Article v, Officers and Duties

Section 5: The Secretary shall record proceedings of the General Guild and Board meetings and special meetings as called by the President. The Secretary shall maintain a record of all meetings as well as keep the Bylaws and the Standing Policies up-to-date.

Article VI, Standing Committees

Section 12: The Parliamentarian shall direct the Board and the membership in accordance with the Guild's Bylaws and Standing Policies, supervise Guild elections, advice on parliamentary procedures and interpret the Bylaws when requested. The Parliamentarian shall chair the nominating Committee and present the slate of officers to the Board at the March Board Meeting for approval. The Parliamentarian shall chair the Bylaw and Standing Policies Revision Committee.

Section 13. The Philanthropy Chairperson shall schedule and/or organize philanthropic programs and activities as well as solicit philanthropic donations.

Section 20. The Ways and Means Chairperson shall initiate and supervise fund raising events at Guild meetings and other Board approved events.



*Happy
Birthday
To You*

*Maureen Kelly
Carmen Meraz
Elisabeth Rack
Diane Rice*

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.



**Bulletin Board
/Announcement
Table**

When you come to guild, take time to read the Minutes and Treasurer's Report on the bulletin board in the back of the room. On the same table you will find announcements of quilt shows, business cards, and often discount coupons.
Check it out every month!



MEMBERSHIP
CHAIRMAN: KIT
BOYD

*Thank all of you who
renewed your membership.
Most of you received your
new membership cards.
Sorry, I ran out of cards.
So those of you who still
need cards, please see me at
the August meeting.*

*Remember to report any
changes in your Personal
Information regarding
address, phone number or E-
mail address to
Kit Boyd at 714-827-1155.*

*Attendance at the July
General meeting:*

Members

39

Guests

3

total

42

*Kit Boyd, Membership
Chairman*

At this time, I would like to thank Mona McCormick for setting this up for me to do. Last meeting I received a lot of compliments on the job I was doing. The Thanks and Kudo's go to Mona from all of us!



Secret Pal

*Coordinator:
Sherri Vasquez*

Hi, all you Secret Pals out there!

Are you all getting bunches of ideas for your new Secret Pal now that you

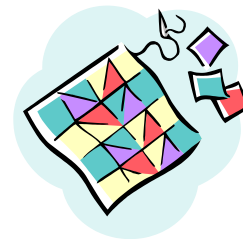
have her questionnaire and know what she likes?

I got a couple really GREAT ideas E-mailed to me that might help keep you organized. Here's what she said:

"I've been taking inventory of things I've purchased in the past for SP and making a Word File of that and I've made a calendar so I'm filling in what to give each month with a few substitutes. Things like this make me happy!

"Take an old business card (such as realtor or gardeners that get tossed on the porch) and jot down some notes about SP recipients' likes, dislikes, etc. Keep the card in your wallet so you have the info handy when shopping and when you see something good, you'll know if he/she will like it."

Weren't these great ideas? If you have an idea that might help other Secret Pals send it to me, Sherri Vasquez at my E-mail address Crafty_Gramma@verizon.net Or call me 714-892-3720.



*Sew So Late
Chairman: Sharon
Monge*

Written by Sherri Vasquez

Well, I had fun at the Sew-So-Late yesterday, July 27! AND I finished my tasks in record

time, thanks to the facilities available for our use at the Bunney Hutch.

I've been working on a "Single Wedding Ring" quilt for my Daughter—but she got married in May so I'm really running late. What I had to do was press my blocks and square them up. Problem was, the largest ruler I have was 12 1/2" and my blocks were 16 1/2". But guess what! Bunney Hutch has rulers hanging on the wall for us to use—and they have lovely ironing tables and irons, too! I was done before I could even finish telling all the stories of what had been going on in my life.

Mary was delighted, too, to use the larger light box to draw her pattern for the red work she is starting, and Sonia finished the last block for her African triad (remember that one from the workshop with Sylvia?). and wait

'til you see the quilt mona is making! We had a nice discussion of beads and beading as Sharon started a button broach.

And the food was terrific! Potlucks are always fun and an adventure. Even crackers and sodas taste better with the variety of foods brought by other cooks.!

If you haven't shared a Sew-So-Late Lately, here are the dates for the next two so you can put them on your calendars

August 24 from 11:00 am to 5 :00 pm

September 14 from 11:00 am to 5 :00 pm



Speakers And Workshops

Our September meeting will be a little different. Our speaker, **Billie Lauder**, will not be coming Thursday evening. She is coming **Saturday, 9/8, at 11 a.m.** Up to 55 members and guests can hear her talk on "Quick Tricks for Quilting". This will be followed by her

workshop "More Quick Tricks" at 1 p.m. Be sure to **sign up** to be one of the 55, and/or join her workshop, starting at our August meeting. Billie is a lot of fun, and I you won't be disappointed.

"UGLY" FABRIC EXCHANGE

Since we won't have an evening speaker on **Thursday, 9/6**, we are glad that we have time to have an "Ugly Fabric" exchange. **Bring a yard of 100% cotton fabric** that you wonder how it ever got in your stash.

Here are the details:

Please pre-wash and iron the fabric. Bring a scissors to start your tears. We are going to tear and trade until we have pieces approximately 6 inches square. Then, you have 2 months to make a quilt from the fabric you trade. You must use ALL the fabric somewhere in your quilt, but you may cut the fabric to any size you want. You may want 2 or 4" squares, 6" strips, or triangles. The quilt should not be larger than 48" in either direction. Please do not bring large scale prints, as they will not work well with the approximately 6" format. Remember, what is "ugly" to you may be gorgeous to someone else! There WILL be prizes for the quilts voted best by our members at our November meeting.



Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

"ZIP-LOCK TREASURES"

Our other activity for September 6 will be an **exchange of gallon sized zip-lock bags filled with leftover blocks, leftover fabric, UFOs, unneeded machine appliqué pieces, etc.**

Each bag should contain **at least** the equivalent of one fat quarter of fabric. You may stuff the bag full, but it must zip.

When you turn in your bag, you will write your name on a ticket. The tickets will be drawn, and you will have 30 seconds to pick the "Zip Lock Treasure" of your choice. There will be an "emergency" bag in case the last person is left with their own bag.

The bag may **not** be opened until you return to your seat. And, **no complaining** about what you picked. If you can't use it, donate it to our next Brown Bag so someone else can enjoy it.

We all have something left over or started and never finished in our sewing room. Gather it up, put it in a gallon zip lock, and let's all have some fun!

August 2 General Mtg - 6:45pm - 9:00pm - Jill Shuman

August 4 Workshop - Jill Shuman - Quilt-in-a-Day's Kaleidoscope quilt

August 4-5- Santa Monica Quilt Guild Quilt Show
"Quilting by the Sea"

August 18 Super Senior Saturday at the Buena Park Senior Center 10:00 am-
2:00 pm

August 21 Board Meeting - 6:00pm - 8:00pm

August 24 - Sew-So-Late at the Bunney Hutch 11:00am - 5:00pm

September 6 General Mtg - 6:45pm - 9:00pm - Ugly Fabric Night (better
check out the newsletter for this one)

September 8, - Billie Lauder speaks on "Quick Tricks for Quilting"

11:00 am

1:00 pm-**Billie Lauder Workshop** "More Quick Tricks"

(Advance Sign-ups necessary!)

September 8 North Cities Quilt Guild presents "Quilts on the Ranch" A
one day quilt show in Placentia

September 8-9 Quilting in the Valley Quilt Show 2007 In Van Nuys

September 14 - - Sew-So-Late at the Bunney Hutch 11:00am - 5:00pm

September 15-16 TLC Quilters presents "Quilt Round-up at Hurst Ranch"

September 18 Board Meeting - 6:00pm - 8:00pm

September 22 Desert Winds Quilt Guild Quilt Show In Hesperia

Helpful Hints

Courtesy of Homespun Harbor

<http://www.homespunharbor.com/newsletter.asp>

If you have an over the door Christmas wreath holder, don't put it away this year! It's a great way to hang hoops etc.

Don't you just hate all those threads that seem to be impossible to eliminate on your quilt back? Get a lint remover roller. It will pick up your clipped threads, as well as the dangly ones.

If you need to trace a pattern or template from a book, try this. Get a piece of freezer paper and place it on the page. Then use a warm iron to temporarily fuse it to the page. Then go ahead and trace it. It will stay in place beautifully. After you are done, simply peel off the freezer paper.

If you use your rulers with a marking pen or sharpies then you know it leaves a dark residue. You can easily clean it off with a cotton ball and rubbing alcohol.

If you are hand quilting with metallic thread, run it through beeswax or Thread Heaven to keep it from separating.

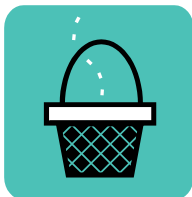
Tired of ruining your ironing board cover with fusible web? Press a piece of freezer paper on the cover. It will protect it from the sticky residue. After you are done, simply remove the freezer paper.

It is recommended that you insert a new sewing machine needle after each large project. It's something a lot of us forget to do. It really does make a difference.

If you discover a flaw in your fabric, return it to the shop you purchased it from. If you can't remember when or where you bought it, use a safety pin to mark the flaw. That way you won't be surprised you have used the flaw in a future quilt.

If you have an old mouse pad lying around, don't toss it! You can use it under your machine foot peddle to keep it from creeping across hardwood or linoleum floors.

Do you have a bunch of golf tees lying around? Hot glue a small round magnet to the top. Insert the tee into the spool of thread you are using. This way you won't lose the needle



Opportunity
Basket
Chairman:

Opportunity Basket: We are offering a free ticket for any donation of a new or gently used item for sewing or quilting. Any item you would like to

receive in a basket would be appreciated. Bring items to the monthly meeting and receive a free ticket to win the opportunity basket.



SINGER SEWING CENTER

Special order for the Acacia Quilt Guild workshop on August 4.

Jill and Steve from the (in the M&L parking lot) called to let us know the eight cases of batiks have arrived at their store. The selling price is \$4.99 per yard. They do give a discount to Acacia Quilt Guild members. If you are signed up for Jill's workshop on August 4, you get a 20% discount.

Did you know that...

On August 12, 1851, Isaac Singer's double Treadle sewing machine was patented.

Are you a member in good standing?

According to the Standing Policies of Acacia Section B. Membership, item 4 says "**Members who have not paid dues by the July meeting will be dropped from membership.**"

If you have a question about your Membership status, please contact Kit Boyd *at 714-827-1155.*



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