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**Volume 4, Issue 6,**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**December, 2007**

How the year has flown! We're already in December and once again, I have managed to add to my stash very successfully throughout the year without making a dent in it!

***December brings us several exciting events:***

**DRAWING FOR OUR OPPORTUNITY QUILT** – the big day is December 6! Please turn in your ticket stubs and monies at the meeting. It will be so much fun to find out who the lucky winner of our beautiful quilt will be!

**LECTURE & QUILTS FROM DON BELD** -- Don will share his spiritual journey through quilting. He always gives his audience food for thought and enlightens us in many different ways. Hand pieced quilts are his specialty and he will bring some real beauties for us to enjoy!

**POTLUCK** – Please bring your appetite with your dish for the feast known as Acacia's Holiday Potluck!

A-H - Main dishes

I-R - Appetizers

S-Z - Fruits and salads

**PHILANTHROPY** – Please bring your donations for the Women's Transitional Living Center in Fullerton. Items needed include: non-perishable food, clothes, toys, school supplies and gift cards. Please see the article in this newsletter for additional information.

**GIFT EXCHANGE** -- Please bring a quilting related gift valued around \$10 for this optional exchange. It is alright to use discount coupons from local shops to purchase your gift.

**ORNAMENT EXCHANGE** – Please bring a handmade ornament (can be from any craft) for this optional exchange.

**SECRET PAL** – Please bring your gift for this month.

Acacia has been very busy during the last two months. We've made new friends while taking the opportunity quilt to other guilds. We served refreshments to over 200 people at the Senior Center's Grand Reopening while displaying several beautiful quilts. The most common question was "Is that quilt for sale?" – a genuinely unsolicited response to the beauty, craftsmanship and emotional appeal of our guild members' work. We also had a booth at Kandy Kaneland (Buena Park's 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Celebration) and had a successful day selling boutique items, quilts and opportunity quilt tickets.

Have a wonderful holiday season this year with your friends and family. May the New Year bring us all things good and kind!

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting!!

Sonia Das, President



## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Ornament Exchange

At our December Guild Meeting, we will again be exchanging handmade Christmas tree ornaments. Here are the rules:

1. The ornament must be able to hang on a Christmas tree.
2. The ornament must be no larger than 7" in any direction (except for the hanger).
3. The ornament must be HANDMADE, preferably by you, with your signature and year somewhere on it. If you absolutely can't find time to make something yourself, then you may purchase an individually handmade ornament from another crafter. NO MASS MADE IMPORTED ITEMS, PLEASE!
4. You may quilt, sew, crochet, paint, collage, glue, knit or ??? It is up to you to be creative. Please put some effort into your creation. It should take more than 5 or 10 minutes to create.
5. Package or wrap your ornaments in a way that will make someone want to pick yours. A nicely wrapped box, tin, or a beautiful gift bag all would be appropriate.
6. You will be given a ticket when you turn in your ornament. Tickets will be drawn for the order in which the ornaments will be chosen. There will be an extra ornament in case the last person gets their own ornament.
7. You may make more than one ornament if you want to compound your fun.
8. Don't forget to bring your ornament to our General Meeting on December 6.

## Christmas Party Gift Exchange At Dec.6 Meeting:

1. Crafting related gift
2. Value around \$10 - give a gift that you would be delighted to receive
3. Gift should be wrapped or in a nice gift bag - no groceries bags!
4. Participants will receive a number for exchanging during the party
5. Watch for more details coming soon!

Parliamentarian  
still needed-see Sonia Das to  
volunteer.

Per the Bylaws, Article VI, 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 a slate of officers to the board at the March Board Meeting for approval. The Parliamentarian shall chair the Bylaw and Standing Policies Revision Committee.



Hospitality  
Committee  
Chairman:  
Susann Wood

We are all looking forward to a wonderful **holiday potluck at our December 6th** general meeting. Here is the alphabetical breakdown of what everyone should bring:

**A-H - Main dishes**

**I-R - Appetizers**

**S-Z - Fruits and salads**

The Board will provide a variety of pies and whipped cream for dessert.

Our previous potlucks have been a smorgasbord of culinary delights. I am sure this year will be no exception.

Bon Appetite!

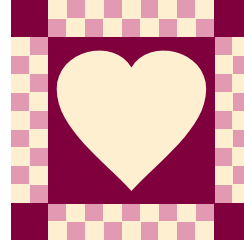
Susann Wood  
Hospitality Committee



**See's Candy  
Gift Certificates**  
on sale at  
December  
meeting

The December guild meeting is your last chance to purchase See's Candy Gift Certificates. Each certificate is \$14.50 to be redeemed for one pound of candy AND they NEVER expire! Certificates will be delivered about a week after the guild meeting.

If you have any questions please call Susan Stokes on 714-522-4741.



PHILANTHROPY  
Chairman:  
Judy Hunsaker

**Kandy Kaneland on Dec 1 at the Buena Park Senior Center.**

The Acacia Quilt Guild will have a booth for selling quilts and craft items at Kandy Kaneland on Dec 1. If you would like to help at the booth please contact Sonia Das.

**No Philanthropy Workshop.**

There is no Philanthropy Workshop scheduled for December. However, we may have quilts kits ready for sewing and assembly at the December meeting for you to check out.

**Good Work. Well Done!**

Please turn in any finished philanthropy quilts at our December meeting.

**Tote Bags for**

We are looking for members who will make tote bags. Charlotte Hansen will make a sample for us to copy. There will be tote bag kits to sign out at our December meeting.

**Reduce your stash! Donate to Philanthropy!**

Please bring red, white and blue fabric to the December, January and February meetings. They will be used to make quilts for Wounded Warriors.



Sunshine and  
Shadows  
Chairman:  
Tricia Savage

In November, cards were sent to the following people:

1. Yolanda Satterthwaite: lung surgery
2. Lisa Sullivan: has not been feeling well
3. Charlotte Hansen: had been ill
4. Vicki Channel: Thank You card for her recent very generous fabric donation and sewing items also.
5. Lyn Brown: Thank You card for her doing Acacia Workshop titled Holiday Stars and for her generous pattern donations on Guild night as well.



Looking for a loving home for a barely used **Juki serger**. It's a Pearl Model MO-654DE/654. It is a 2/3/4-thread overlock machine with differential feed. It comes with the instruction manual, plastic cover

and tool kit plus 4 spools of thread. We are asking \$250 for it and the contact number is 714-995-1749.

Phyllis Victor



**And Speaking of sending cards:**

Here's a great idea that came from Nancy Williams, our February speaker, through Phyllis Campbell:

**When doing your Christmas cards this year, take one card and send it to this address. If we pass this on and everyone sends one card, think of how many cards these wonderful special people who have sacrificed so much would get.**

**A Recovering American Soldier  
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center  
6900 Georgia Avenue, NW  
Washington, D. C. 20307-5001**

**If you approve, please pass it on.**



**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!**

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FIRE  
DISASTER COLLECTION FUND**



We passed the Jack O' Lantern last month and collected approximately \$75. The Board voted to match this amount. A check for \$150 will be sent to SCCQG for their Quilters Disaster Fund which helps quilters who have lost their homes to replace quilting supplies including sewing machines and equipment.

Thank you to all who contributed. I am pleased to report that because of our scheduled meeting, we were the first quilt guild in the area to collect funds for the fire victims.



**Membership**  
Chairman: Kit Boyd

Happy Holidays, Everyone!! I hope the holidays will be good for all of us!

We have a total of 63 members, and one honorary member: Kim Garber, the Supervisor of the Senior Center where we have our general meetings.

**November meeting**

Attendance:

Members            44

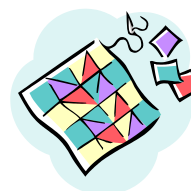
Guests	6
Total	50



**Acacia  
Money  
Quilt**

We are going to try making a quilt to sell on-line and see how much money we can make. In order to keep the costs to a minimum, we are asking for your help in making the blocks.

Each block takes only two each length of fabric 2 1/2 inch wide strips of bright fabrics. They take only about 15-20 minutes to make. For instruction sheets, please see Susan Stokes.



**Sew So Much**  
Chairman:  
Sharon Monge

When the dinners done and the guests are gone  
And the house looks all a-shambles,  
And you need some time to just unwind—  
To sit and sew and ramble,  
Don't forget the Sew-So-Much  
From 10 to 5 on Friday, December 28<sup>th</sup>!  
It's just the thing to help you get  
Your head back thinking straight!

*Sew-So-Much at the  
Bunney Hutch Quilt 'N Sew  
is located at  
4478 Cerritos Avenue  
Los Alamitos, CA 90720  
(714) 226-9647*

(1/2 mile west of the Los Alamitos Racetrack at the corner of Lexington & Cerritos).



**Workshop  
Corner**  
by Karen Waterbury

We had a fantastic workshop with Lyn Brown in November. There were 16 ladies in attendance! Thank you to all who attended, who helped make this a fabulously attended workshop! Lyn taught her Christmas Friendship star quilt. Most of the ladies participated in the fabric swap and shared and received many pretty Christmas fabrics. Two ladies did their quilts in patriotic colors. Lyn was a patient and fun instructor.

On December 8 we are privileged to have Don Beld teaching his World Without End quilt. He will be teaching hand piecing and hand quilting techniques. If you would rather, you can use your sewing machine in the workshop. Don Beld is a renowned quilter. You won't want to miss this workshop!

One of the best things about our guild is the opportunity to learn new patterns and quilting techniques. It is fun to share with other members and make new friends. An obvious benefit of signing up for workshops is to learn and have a great time. I hope to see you at coming workshops! If you have questions or want to sign up for a class please contact

Karen Waterbury at 714-209-0165 or quiltingpiecebypiece@ca.rr.com.

(For those of you who are unfamiliar with **Don Beld, our guest speaker for December**, he has provided us with a "bio". Thanks, Don!)

"On the Road to Damascus" looks at the history of Bible quilts and patterns, including my discussion of my personal spiritual journey through quilting.

Background on me: I hand piece and hand quilt; have been quilting since 1992. Was featured artist at Road to California in 2007. Have quilts in the permanent collections of several museums and hanging in government buildings across the United States, including my "Let's Roll, Flight 93, Heroes All" quilt which is part of the permanent collection at the Flight 93 National Memorial in Sommerset, Penns.

I am founder and national coordinator for the Home of the Brave Quilt Project, which is making replica Civil War soldiers quilts to honor the fallen heroes from Afghanistan and Iraq conflict and presenting them to their families. HOTBQP is in 47 states, England, and Germany and has presented over 2300 quilts to date. HOTBQP has been recognized by the Pentagon, International Quilt Study Group, Encyclopedia Britannica, and will be mentioned in an upcoming quilt history book due for publication in October.

I have appeared on Simply Quilts, NBC, Telemundo, and CNBC as well as being featured in numerous local and national newspaper articles.

I am a retired health care administrator and live with my two dogs and brother-in-

law near Dodger Stadium in downtown Los Angeles.

## **(Workshop Corner, Cont'd)**

### **January Speaker: Cindy Garcia**

In January, Cindy Garcia will be bringing a trunk show to the Acacia Quilt Guild meeting. Here's a little information about our speaker:

"I have been sewing since childhood, but didn't start quilting until 1997. I am a native of Long Beach, but spent 19 years living in NE Illinois where I met my husband, Tom. We've been married 7 years. I have 2 grown children in Wisconsin. I'm back in LB to live with my 82 yr old widowed father, and I belong to the Quilters By the Sea Guild in LB.

I love traditional quilts, but I have been trying to break out of the pattern mold and come up with some original designs.

When I come to the guild, I am going to give my recipe for ...

"QUILT PIE."

It has nothing to do with going to the grocery store for ingredients. Everyone needs to come and hear what goes into it!!! (It's even better than a quilt sandwich) LOL"

Thanks again,  
Cindy Garcia

**ON January 5, Karen Waterbury is teaching "Square In A Square".** The Square In A Square technique is designed by Jody Barrows. Karen assisted Jody in a weeklong quilting school and now is able (with Jody's permission) to teach Acacia the wonderful technique.



### **BUENA PARK SENIOR CENTER GRAND REOPENING**

A huge "THANK YOU" to the following quilters who donated their time to help with refreshments for the 200+ guests attending the ceremony. The ceremony consisted of speeches, the unveiling of the Legacy Tree (Acacia's engraved leaf is in a prominent location), a live band, presentation of Colors from all of the different branches of the armed forces and refreshments (punch, petit fours and mini cream puffs).

- Sonia Das
- Phyllis Campbell
- Phyllis Victor
- Suzann Woods
- Kit Boyd
- Helen Whitaker
- Sharon Monge
- Karen Raether
- Susan Stokes

We had about 20 beautiful quilts on display representing a wonderful variety of quilting styles and techniques. We also sold \$133 of tickets for our Opportunity Quilt.

The BPSC was extremely grateful and delighted with our organized and efficient handling of the distribution of punch to all attendees for the grand toast as well as the plating and distribution of the refreshments. Every one was fed (including military personnel in attendance for the Colors, the volunteers and all of the guests). We had been specially requested to assist with the refreshment to free up the BPSC volunteers for other tasks. Acacia guild members

accomplished this with great style and success.  
KUDOS to all!



*Secret Pal*

*Coordinator:  
Sherri Vasquez*

*Happy Holidays to all you givers and receivers. What a great time to be a Secret Pal! At least you have information about your Pal to give you an idea just what they would like to receive. (Unlike my daughter's new father-in-law who lives in Arizona and I've only met twice! AUGH!)*

*Did you finish all your Christmas gift quilts? OOOHH! You, too, huh! Keep those needles flying, ladies!*

*I love this time of year for the memories it affords. With each greeting card I remember the faces and times shared with friends and loved ones. Don't you? No matter your religious affiliation, such times of sentimental reminiscence are precious times. How do you put that into a quilt?*

***Our idea to have a short \$5.00 Secret Pal program only seemed to interest two people, so we will not be starting such a program in January.***

*May your precious hearts be blessed  
By the kindnesses you give.  
May your holidays be full of joy and  
laughter.*

*May your table be a bounty  
Of the goodness of the land.  
May your New Year peace  
Last forever after.*

*Sherri*



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## staff:

### **Did you know...**

Ads for sewing/quilting related items may be put in the newsletter and on the website for just a dollar per item per month? (Money paid to treasurer, Phyllis Victor.)

**PLEASE—respect the privacy of our members! The guild's e-mail list is not to be used for personal profit, political statements, religious statements or personal advancement. If you wish to disseminate information and you have a question about its acceptability, please contact Sonia Das,**



**UGLY FABRICS QUILTS DUE AT DEC. 6 MEETING.** Remember that fun exchange of ugly fabrics at the September meeting? Well, it's time to show off what you made from them. Bring your creations to the November 1 meeting and there will be a prize for the best quilts as voted by our members.



**WTLC** (Women's

**Transitional Living Center)**

## **Winter Wish List 2007**

**Help us get ready for the holidays**

**Target/ Wal-Mart Gift Cards, Payless Shoes Gift Cards**

**AMC Movie Passes, Mc Donald's Gift Booklets**

**Children's Under Garments (Panties, Briefs, Socks)**

**Women's Under Garments (Sport Bra's, Panties, Socks, Stockings)**

**Pajamas and Robes for Women and Children (All Sizes)**

**Meat (Turkey, Ham, Roasts)**

**Produce (Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, Potato's, Fresh Fruit)**

**Dairy (Milk, Yogurt, Cheese)**

**Juices (Lemonade, Apple, Orange)**

**Snack Foods (Cookies, Crackers, Fruit Cups)**

**Canned Foods (Yams, Cranberry Sauce, Gravy)**

**Boxed Foods (Cereal, Potatoes, Noodle Dishes, Rice Dishes)**

**TOYS,TOYS,TOYS!!!!!!**

**BOARD GAMES, PUZZLES, COLORING BOOKS AND  
CRAYONS**

**BARBIES, ACTION FIGURES, BOOKS**

**BALLS, ART SUPPLIES**

**C/D PLAYERS, C/D'S AND MOVIES**

**INFANT TOYS, RIDE ON TOYS**

**TOYS,TOYS,TOYS!!!!!!**

# Upcoming Events

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|-------------|---|
| December 1  | Buena Park Community Center's Kandy Kaneland and Kraft Faire<br>10 am to 4 pm   |
| December 6  | Acacia Guild Guild General Meeting at 6:45 p.m.<br>Christmas Potluck and Gift Exchange, Drawing for Opportunity Quilt,<br>Speaker: Don Beld: "History of Biblical Blocks" |
| December 8  | Workshop: Don Beld "World Without End" Celtic style quilt<br>hand piecing and appliqué.   |
| December 18 | Board Meeing 6 pm   |
| December 25 | Merry Christmas to All  |

December 28

Sew-So-Much at the Bunney Hutch 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## **2008**

January 1

New Years Day

January 3

Acacia Guild Guild General Meeting at 6:45 p.m.  
Speaker: Cindy Garcia

January 5

Workshop: Karen Waterbury "Square In A Square"

January 15

Board Meeting 6 pm

January 25

Sew-So-Much at the Bunney Hutch 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.