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President's Message

Best wishes for a wonderful 2008!

New Year's Resolutions for Quilters include:

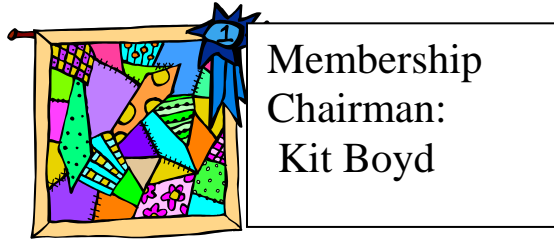
- Using up that stash to make quilts, tote bags and any other trendy sewing item
- Buying more fabric to replenish the stash
- Donating some of the stash to philanthropy to help those less fortunate
- Buying more fabric to replenish the stash
- Finishing those UFO's
- Buying more fabric to replenish the stash
- Changing blades in rotary cutters more frequently
- Buying more fabric to replenish the stash
- Changing needles in sewing machines more frequently
- Buying more fabric to replenish the stash
- Organizing fabric, books, patterns, notions and quilting equipment
- Buying more fabric to replenish the stash
- Treating ourselves to a new quilting gadget
- AND FINALLY -- Buying more fabric to replenish the stash!

In January, Cindy Garcia of Quilters by the Sea will present a trunk show. If you are a cat lover, be sure to check out her huge photo-transfer quilt with tons of cat photos.

I will be visiting India in late January for an 8-10 week trip. It will be my first trip back in 10 years. Acacia will be led in my absence by Vice-President Phyllis Campbell who is also a past President of the guild. While I will miss my Acacia friends in India, I will not have any worries about the Guild and can thoroughly enjoy my holiday!

Enjoy the new year, finish more UFOs, help out with the Guild and most of all, HAVE FUN!

Sonia Das, President



Happy New Year! Everyone

This should be a great year for our guild.

A big welcome to our newest member
Catherine Drace,
 who joined in December.

Attendance in December:

Members	43
Guests	3
New Members	1
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Total	47

Quilts of Valor

If you wish to participate in a workshop making quilts for wounded service personnel:

Starting in Jan 2008....

First Wed each month at Tall Mouse
 Cerritos 13233 South Street 5:45pm-8:45pm

Most Thursdays at SewVac 1762 Clark Ave, Long Beach 1pm-5pm

Sat Jan 19 Make a Difference Day at Lakewood American Legion post 496 at 5938 Parkcrest St Long Beach (off Woodruff, just so. of Carson) from 9am-5pm or stay for dinner!

and, visit our booth at Road 2 CA Quilt show in Ontario Jan 17-20!!!



SECRET PAL

Isn't it nice to be a part of a program that doesn't wind-up or wind-down when everything else does? Secret Pal is still going on and will be until the names are revealed in June!

I've been reading suggestions for Resolutions--I guess people are in that mood--so I will add a few suggestions of my own for you,

- Reread your secret Pal's questionnaire to remember what her favorite things are. Make a list to carry with you when you shop. (If you misplaced the questionnaire, I have copies!!!!)
- Make a note of the holidays and work in advance to get your Secret Pal appropriate items. (Next month is Valentines Day)
- Stuff those discount coupons in your purse and USE THEM! The coupons help provide a nicer gift within the suggested gift price range.
- Promise yourself you aren't going to go nuts and exceed the giving parameters.
- Have you considered making a set of squares, a tool caddy, a pincushion in her fave colors or shaped like her fave animal?
- If she shares a quilt at Show and Tell, get some similar fabric to rebuild her stash!
- Remember that your thoughtfulness in selecting for THIS ONE PERSON is important. It can make her GLOW!
- Give what you would wish to receive.
- Have fun! Enjoy the giving--the surprises--the caring.

Sometimes we are unable to make it to the guild meetings. Happens to everyone! However, remember that someone special is anticipating the receipt of a Secret Pal gift. If you cannot make it to the meeting, and you don't have someone who will take your gift for you, please give me a call! I will be glad to make arrangements to pick-up and deliver. PLEASE don't disappoint you Secret Pal.

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**Workshop
Corner**
by Karen Waterbury

Cindy Garcia is our speaker at the January 3 meeting. Cindy is a local quilter and member of Quilters by the Sea in Long Beach. She has created many lovely quilts and will share them with us in a special trunk show. Cindy is also going to share her recipe for ...**"QUILT PIE."** Apparently, it has nothing to do with going to the grocery store for ingredients so everyone (especially the non-cooking quilter) needs to come and hear what goes into it!!! (It's even better than a quilt sandwich!)

Here's some biographical information submitted by our February speaker Nancy Williams-

Nancy Williams, from Cincinnati, Ohio, is a quilter, quilt collector, instructor, lecturer, restorer, wearable artist, contemporary fiber artist, and a member of several guilds. She loves challenges because they bring out the creativity in her and allow her to express her personality as well as use up some of her stash of fabrics and embellishments.

Nancy brings with her a fascinating trunk show full of a variety of challenges which she would like to share with you. Some are good, some are bad (but not too bad) and at least one is ugly.



*Happy
Birthday
to You*

Happy January birthdays to our following members:

- Stephanie Doyle,*
- Charlotte Hansen,*
- Judith Hunsaker,*
- Linda Jordan,*
- Tiffany LaMarre,*
- Dee Livernois,*
- Julie Raff and*
- Mary Scharfenberg.*

Thank you for providing refreshments for our General Meeting on January 3. We are also happy to receive items from members who are not celebrating January birthdays. Soft drinks, fruits and veggies are appreciated as well as sweet treats.

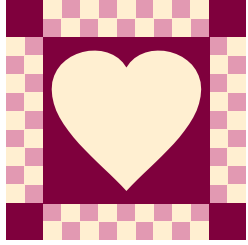
Susann Wood
Hospitality Committee



**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!



Philanthropy

Provided by
Phyllis
Campbell

They say "Thank You"

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of Cypress thanks us for all the donations of "ditty" bags, toiletries and phone cards for our veterans and servicemen.

The VFW just donated \$100 to us for the purchase of needed supplies to make quilts for the Wounded Warriors Battalion at Camp Pendleton. If you would like to make a full sized patriotic themed quilt for this project, contact Judy Hunsaker or Phyllis Campbell. We can supply the fabric and batting and can have it quilted for you if you are unable to do so.

The Cancer Support Group of Los Alamitos has asked for quilts or other projects for their August silent auction. We have earmarked 2 small quilts for them, but some placemats and/or table runners would be nice too.

Chosen to Be Loved thanks us for the quilts, knit caps and baby clothes we have donated to this foster care group. They are grateful for all the baby boy quilts we have made, as there always seems to be a shortage of quilts for boys.

New Year's Resolutions

The New Year has begun and now is the time for you to resolve to be active in Acacia Quilt Guild. **Mark those first Thursday meeting dates in your planner now - for the whole year!. Mark the workshop dates for the Saturday following our guild meetings.**

Plan to attend all the workshops that interest you. We have scheduled workshops based on our member surveys. We try to have a variety of speakers, techniques, and projects so we can keep everyone enjoying our guild and learning new things.

Resolve to help others this year. Show up for our Philanthropy and Ways and Means sewing bees. Take home and complete Philanthropy kits. Our guild made close to 200 quilts for charity last year. The majority of these quilts were made by a minority of our members.

Phyllis Campbell,
Vice President-Programs
Philanthropy and Ways and Means
Committee member

Upcoming Events

2008

- January 3** Acacia Guild Guild General Meeting 6:45 p.m.
Speaker: Cindy Garcia's Trunk Show
- January 5** Workshop: Karen Waterbury; "Square In A Square"
- January 15** Board Meeting 6 pm
- January 19** **Make a Difference Day** at Lakewood American Legion post 496
at 5938 Parkcrest St Long Beach (off Woodruff, just so. of Carson)
from 9am-5pm or stay for dinner!
- January 25** Sew-So-Much at the Bunney Hutch 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- February 7** Acacia Guild Guild General Meeting 6:45 p.m.
Speaker: Nancy William's Trunk Show
- February 9** Workshop: Nancy Williams; "Butterflies, Iris, and Sashiko"
Original design with Sashiko border-- pattern included
- February 16-17** South Bay Quilter's Guild Quilt Show at Torrance Cultural Arts Center,
3341 Civic Center Drive, Torrance, CA For details visit website:
www.southbayquiltersguild.org
- February 19** Board Meeting 6 pm
- February 29** Sew-So-Much at the Bunney Hutch 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- March 1-2** Friendship Square Quilt Guild presents "Quilted Treasures" at La
Habra Community Center 101 W. La Habra Blvd., La Habra, CA
90631 (corner of La Habra Blvd. and Euclid St.) Hours: Sat. 10-5
Sun. 10-4 For more information:
www.friendshipsquarequiltguild.com.
- March 6** Acacia Guild Guild General Meeting 6:45 p.m.



These Helpful Hints were taken from a recent edition of “Homespun Harbor” Newsletter

Ever get interrupted when you are doing handwork? Next time use a piece of contrasting fabric or ribbon under the needle when you stop. It will be easy to see exactly where that needle is when you resume.

Do you ever store a needle on a spool of thread by running the needle through the wrapped thread? NOT a good idea! It will often break or weaken threads still wound, and that break or weakened spot will eventually cause you problems down the road. Attaching a small magnet to the top of the spool will keep the needle with the thread without damaging the entire spool.

Okay, this is the BEST use of fabric scraps ever. If you are making a quilt for a gift, use some of the scraps to make the gift card or tag. Simply use Steam A Seam on the fabric and iron it on card stock. We do this all the time in the shop for our fat quarter boxes and kits. This also is a great way to make Christmas gift tags!

Do you find yourself forgetting stuff when taking a class or a workshop? Some people have double of everything that they keep in a separate bag just for classes. That is probably okay if your last name is Rockefeller, but most of us don't want to spend our money on duplicate stuff. Here's a way to solve the problem. Get a bag designed just for classes, workshops etc. Then put a LIST of everything that should travel with you. If you already have some duplicate gadgets, this is a great place to store them. Just go through the list before you leave home and add what is necessary.

Use a super soft baby toothbrush to brush chalk markings off fabric. Sometimes a harsher approach actually pushes the chalk into the fabric fibers. Also, get the marks off as soon as possible. And NEVER iron over the chalk. It can set the chalk marks for life! (In Hawai'i the heat in the CAR would sometimes set them in! It gets hotter here in the Summer, so keep that in mind)

A scrap of batting taped next to your machine is a great place to trap threads, clippings and even bent pins and needles.

You can clean off scissor blades and rotary blades by using a cotton ball and rubbing alcohol. This is important when you have been cutting through anything adhesive. Oh, and NEVER EVER use your good scissors with batting!

An empty boutique tissue box is a great little waste basket. The clear film keeps everything inside if it is tipped over.

If your machine foot pedal keeps moving away from your foot, use an old mouse pad under the pedal. And most of us have a “few” old mouse pads laying around.

Don't wet the end of thread. It actually makes the thread expand. Wet the eye of the needle. It will help grab the thread to guide it through.

