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Note from the Acting President

Hi Quilters,

Well spring is almost here, my favorite time of year. Six of my family members were born in spring, including myself. It's a great time to start new projects as God sends new growth to the trees and flowering plants. I haven't minded the rainy days as they have given me an excuse to stay home and get more quilting done, but I'm looking forward to the shades of spring. I love the light greens and pinks and the clear blue skies.

How many of you have accepted Nancy William's challenge to make the woven heart project she gave us? I completed mine up in Hollister with my daughter-in-law. We each made one with her favorite color, orange, and my son's favorite color, green. Kind of different colors for a heart, but they represent loved ones. If you have your heart ready, please bring it for sew-n-tell. You may want to embellish it with rhinestones, beads, etc.

I hope you all enjoyed Nancy's lecture and showing of her challenge quilts. If you didn't take her workshop, you missed a good one. Please bring your Sashiko project if it's done or nearly done. I know of one member who has already completed hers.

I haven't heard from Sonia lately, so I have nothing to report. By the time she returns, we will be ready to elect a new board. Please remember to keep her and her father in your prayers.

If you have been thinking about becoming more involved in our guild, now is the time to let us know. Susan Stokes has volunteered to be Parliamentarian through the end of our fiscal year, which ends June 30. Let her know of your interest, and she will explain the duties of the position in which you are interested.

We need a treasurer, as Phyllis Victor has filled that position for two consecutive years, the maximum allowed by our bylaws. This is a position that **must** be filled, so if you have a knack for keeping track of money, we need you.

Check with Susan to see what other positions need to be filled.

Phyllis Campbell,
Vice President, Programs



*Opportunity
Basket*

Thank you to everyone who supports the basket with their donations and ticket purchases.

At our March meeting, there will not be a basket, as we are having a Brown Bag auction. I will be collecting for the theme " I Love Batiks" to be raffled in April. Please bring any fat quarters or any theme related items. Free raffle tickets will be given for all donations.

For future planning (I will accept donation's for any theme at any time.)

Collection Month
Theme/fabric

April
I Love Batiks

all colors

May
Red & White

June
Plaids

The winners of the baskets at the February meeting were Diane Donegan and Joeida

Owens Congratulations!!!!
Good luck to all.

Tickets are 3 for 1 dollar or bring a fat quarter, a gently used or new sewing related item and receive a free ticket. Thank you again for you support. Nancy Malm

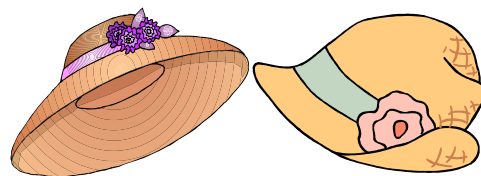


Ways and Means
Chairman: Charlotte Hansen

Our March meeting will be another ***Brown Bag Event!***

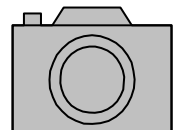
If you have items to donate, bring them along –help is always appreciated!

Also remember to visit our "FREEBIES" table.



**SPRING BONNET PARADE
AT THE MARCH 6 MEETING!**

To help everyone get over the winter doldrums wear a Spring Bonnet to the March meeting!



Shutterbugs!

Would anyone having photos or info on any Guild meetings or events, **please** E-mail them to me with descriptions for the 07-08 history scrap book?
Stephanie Doyle : sad2quilts@aol.com



Secret Pal

Coordinator
Sherri Vasquez

Can you believe it's March already! I sure will be glad when it starts warming up around here!

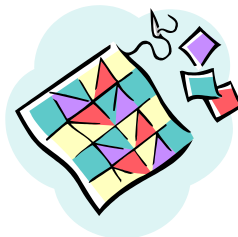
March is the time when Leprechaun's seem to appear everywhere wearing their green bowlers and carrying shamrocks. It is also the time to consider giving your Secret Pal a bit of fabric with the signs of the Ol' Sod or maybe a pattern for a wallhanging made with St. Patrick's Day emblems.

But St. Pat's isn't your only occasion for inspiration this month. Easter is coming on March 23—it's early this year. There are so many wonderful bright things to give for Easter-or spring if you prefer. Flowers and candies and chickens and ...well, just look around!

So put on your (green) thinking tams and have fun selecting special March gifts for your Secret Pals.

UFO's, go fly away, I'll think of you another day.
Life is short, time is fleeting. We will have a later meeting.
Wait a min.--I'll finish this. It's almost done. Just needs a kiss!
This one to bind. That one to sash. Better look around my stash.
Oh, dear, what happened to the day!
Ideas just flowed it all away.
Well, it was fun and I've gotta say-These UFO's are here to stay!

Have fun
Sherri



Sew –So-Much

Chairman:
Sharon Monge

Written by Sherri Vasquez

What a great way to spend a rainy day! Sew –So-Much at the Bunney Hutch on Friday, Feb. 23 was a warm, dry place to accomplish a lot of quilting while chatting and munching on the potluck treats.

I finished one basket square for Lyn's class, but I think Phyllis may have done two or three! You get so much accomplished when there are no phones ringing or people demanding your time for other projects! And, if you need a fabric or you run out of thread, it's right there in the store for you to buy.

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).

So gather together your gotta-get-it-done projects and come join us on Friday, March 28, from 11 to 5
Don't forget to bring munchies to share!

Please help us make this year a notable one for the philanthropic works we share with the community.



Philanthropy
 Chairman:
 Judy Hunsaker



Membership
 Chairman: Kit
 Boyd

Philanthropy projects are a big part of any Quilt Guild and The Acacia Quilt Guild is no exception. Giving is at the heart of the guild. Here's how YOU can participate:

Philanthropy Workshops have been scheduled for March 29 and April 26 from 1PM to 5PM at the Buena Park Senior Center. Come with your machine, thread, scissors, rotary cutters, cutting boards and pins-and any other supplies you may use—and join us for a productive afternoon of quilting!

Not able to come to a Workshop on Saturday afternoon? Here's another way you can help! At each meeting Judy brings packets of projects that need to be finished. Some need squares put together (patterns included) , some need to be quilted (packets will contain front, back AND batting), some just need the binding sewn on. Some of the packets contain the "makin's" for receiving blankets or baby bibs that need to be sewn together. Not very time consuming projects—but the end product will mean a lot to the babies, military returnees, and all who will receive our handiwork!

Hi, everyone. March is here. So is Easter. Anyone want to hunt for eggs?

Welcome to our newest member:
Sharleen Taira,
 And an apology to
Alice Finkelstein
 for spelling her name incorrectly last month.

Attendance in February:

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| Members | 42 |
| Guests | 7 |
| New Members | 1 |
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| Total | 50 |

To all the wonderful Acacia Guild members and friends:
 I wish to thank all my friends here in the guild and their husbands and drivers for the wonderful foods, desserts, prayers, and cards. My surgery went very well and all of you deserve a big part in that recovery and hugs to you all.....
 I would all most do it again but just for the great foods and well wishment.

Big hugs to everyone
 Lisa Sullivan



*Happy
Birthday
to You*

Happy March birthdays to our following members:

Kit Boyd
Jody Burtch
Sonia Das
Joelda Owens
Sherri Vasquez
Phyllis Victor
Joyce Whitaker
Susann Wood

Thank you for providing refreshments for our General Meeting on March 6.

Susann Wood
Hospitality Committee



Only 2 left—
See's Candy Gift Certificates

There are still 2 See's Candy gift certificates available for \$14.50 each. The certificates never expire and make great gifts. Please call Susan Stokes on 714-522-474



***The longest running
Mystery Quilt in
History
(of this guild, that is!)***

When Phyllis Victor started talking about distributing Clue #3 for "The Mystery Quilt" last month I was completely flummoxed! "What Mystery Quilt?" I asked!

Well, I guess my age was showing! "**Memory recession**" is my current word for it! It isn't completely **lost** yet, because when Phyllis reminded me that last summer she had started a Mystery Quilt Challenge, but life got in the way and she hadn't distributed the last few clues, a bell went off somewhere in my dull gray matter, calling the memory front and center!

If you had started the Mystery Quilt and have that stuff sitting around waiting for the solution to the puzzle, get those pieces out—the clues are coming! Here's your chance—to get rid of one of your UFOs!!!!

Phyllis will have clue #4 (and the old one's too) at her table at the March 6 meeting. Be sure to pick up a copy!



A Letter from Sonia in India

Greetings Everyone!

Well finally my internet access is up and running. The last three weeks have been outside of Calcutta but in both industrialized and rural West Bengal State.

In Durgapur I was eaten alive by mosquitoes – funny how they never bite my father.

Dad is from a large village that due to time and settlement has become a large town with strong rural roots similar to many towns in the American South

I speak urban Bengali and some of my cousins speak rural dialect Bengali – we can't understand each other much. Thank goodness the rest speak urban Bengali I stick out worse than a sore thumb here in Dad's place (Purulia). Besides being overweight, my complexion is very fair, my hair is super-curly (humidity!) – very different from many of the local denizens who probably have only seen city folk on tv. If I had 10 arms or 4 heads, I would have been less conspicuous.

No jokes about inbreeding. Hinduism is really strict about marriage – many families do genealogical charts to ensure no blood relationship especially if coming from the same village. One is supposed to think of one's first cousins as siblings and their kids as nieces and nephews – hence the "cousin niece". Marriage between cousins would be considered incestuous.

Cousin niece is a delight – name is Shreyasi and she will be 5 in July

She was supposed to be in nursery school this year but when she went to the school's admission's interview, the headmistress (Sister something or the other) found her very articulate and bright and had her jump

a year. Her school name is computer. She entered LKG and just finished exams (school year here is March through February) and will enter UKG then its classes 1 through 12 and then either a bachelor's degree or professional school. She actually had 7 days of exams. I will write more about these later.

She is very bright, a bit spoiled (as the first grandchild on both sides) but this will dissipate in time as she grows up. I call her *Bandria* which is Bengali for female monkey. Our fave game was "kicking monkey butt". I would chase her around the house saying that my feet were itching to kick monkey butt. I actually managed to land a few gentle kicks here and there. (Yes in the US, I probably would have been arrested for some form of child abuse!) Parents were good sports about this game and when she wouldn't go to bed they would agree that surely auntie's feet must be very itchy now! At which point, she would hide under the covers!!

Have finally got to do some shopping – to my heart's content and Dad's utter dismay. Next week, I leave for Delhi, Bombay and a few other places on the west coast followed by a stint in Bangalore in the south.

Dad will go to Hong Kong for a week at the end of March to give some lectures. I have to stay behind in Calcutta – Boo! Hiss! So close yet so far. After we return, we will visit some relatives' relatives in Calcutta and Jamshedpur and then return to the US on April 8.

I do miss my friends tremendously. Dad is actually very homesick and keeps threatening to leave tomorrow! Absence does make the heart grow fonder and the other adage (Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home) is very true.

Sonia Das, Esq.

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Upcoming Events

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- 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 Guilt Guild General Meeting 6:45 p.m.
Speaker: Frances Moore
- March 6,7,8** Pomona Quilt, Craft and Sewing Festival at the Fairplex in Pomona, Bldg 5 See the website: www.quiltcraftsew.com
- March 8** Workshop: Frances Moore: "Swimming with the Fishes Quilt"
Time: 9 AM to 3 PM, Cost: \$25.00 for members, \$35.00 for non-members
- March 18** Board Meeting 6 pm
- March 28** Sew-So-Much at the Bunney Hutch 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- March 28-Apr 3** Glendale Quilt Guild Quilt Show, Burbank Marriott
E-mail contact: quiltquiltquilt@yahoo.com
Website: www.glendalequiltguild.org
- March 29** Philanthropy Workshop 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- April 3** Acacia Guilt Guild General Meeting 6:45 p.m.
"Mini-Demos" taught by Acacia Members
- April 5** Workshop: Sonia Das: "Wickedly Easy Quilts"
We will make quilts that will be donated for Philanthropy Projects! Time: 9 AM to 3 PM, Cost: None
- April 15** Board Meeting 6 pm
- April 25** Sew-So-Much at the Bunney Hutch 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- April 26** Philanthropy Workshop 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

1930's flour sacks

THE FLOUR SACK

BY COLLEEN B. HUBERT

IN THAT LONG AGO TIME WHEN THINGS WERE SAVED,
WHEN ROADS WERE GRAVELED AND BARRELS WERE STAVED,
WHEN WORN-OUT CLOTHING WAS USED AS RAGS,
AND THERE WERE NO PLASTIC WRAP OR BAGS,
AND THE WELL AND THE PUMP WERE WAY OUT BACK,
A VERSATILE ITEM, WAS THE FLOUR SACK.

PILLSBURY'S BEST, MOTHER'S AND GOLD MEDAL, TOO
STAMPED THEIR NAMES PROUDLY IN PURPLE AND BLUE.
THE STRING SEWN ON TOP WAS PULLED AND KEPT;
THE FLOUR EMPTIED AND SPILLS WERE SWEEPED.
THE BAG WAS FOLDED AND STORED IN A SACK
THAT DURABLE, PRACTICAL FLOUR SACK.

THE SACK COULD BE FILLED WITH FEATHERS AND DOWN,
FOR A PILLOW, OR T'WOULD MAKE A NICE SLEEPING GOWN.
IT COULD CARRY A BOOK AND BE A SCHOOL BAG,
OR BECOME A MAIL SACK SLUNG OVER A NAG.
IT MADE A VERY CONVENIENT PACK,
THAT ADAPTABLE, COTTON FLOUR SACK.

BLEACHED AND SEWN, IT WAS DUTIFULLY WORN
AS BIBS, DIAPERS, OR KERCHIEF ADORNED.
IT WAS MADE INTO SKIRTS, BLOUSES AND SLIPS.
AND MOM BRAIDED RUGS FROM ONE HUNDRED STRIPS
SHE MADE RUFFLED CURTAINS FOR THE HOUSE OR SHACK,
FROM THAT HUMBLE BUT TREASURED FLOUR SACK!

AS A STRAINER FOR MILK OR APPLE JUICE,
TO WAVE MEN IN, IT WAS A VERY GOOD USE,
AS A SLING FOR A SPRAINED WRIST OR A BREAK,
TO HELP MOTHER ROLL UP A JELLY CAKE,
AS A WINDOW SHADE OR TO STUFF A CRACK,
WE USED A STURDY, COMMON FLOUR SACK!

AS DISH TOWELS, EMBROIDERED OR NOT,
THEY COVERED UP DOUGH, HELPED PASS PANS SO HOT,
TIED UP DISHES FOR NEIGHBORS IN NEED,
AND FOR MEN OUT IN THE FIELD TO SEED.
THEY DRIED DISHES FROM PAN, NOT RACK
THAT ABSORBENT, HANDY FLOUR SACK!

WE POLISHED AND CLEANED STOVE AND TABLE,
SCOURED AND SCRUBBED FROM CELLAR TO GABLE,
WE DUSTED THE BUREAU AND OAK BED POST,
MADE COSTUMES FOR OCTOBER (A SCARY GHOST)
AND A PARACHUTE FOR A CAT NAMED JACK.
FROM THAT LOWLY, USEFUL OLD FLOUR SACK!

SO NOW MY FRIENDS, WHEN THEY ASK YOU
AS CURIOUS YOUNGSTERS OFTEN DO,
"BEFORE PLASTIC WRAP, ELMER'S GLUE
AND PAPER TOWELS, WHAT DID YOU DO?"
TELL THEM LOUDLY AND WITH PRIDE DON'T LACK,
"GRANDMOTHER HAD THAT WONDERFUL FLOUR SACK!"

