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Note from the Acting President

Sonia is scheduled to return a few days after our April meeting, so I will be in charge for one more month. I hope she is having a great time.

Be sure to finish and bring the woven heart challenge that Nancy Williams gave us when she spoke. I still need to get mine beaded. We want to take a photo to send Nancy to show we have completed her challenge to us.

The beautiful weather we have been having makes me want to do two things. One is to work in my yard, pulling weeds and planting my vegetable garden. The second is to make a quilt with pretty flowers and lots of colors. I'll have to let you know which one gets started first and whether I complete both projects.

If you have your catalog for the International Quilt Show in Long Beach, be sure to sign up ASAP. I haven't received mine yet, but others have. It will be something to remember - attending the FIRST IQS in Long Beach!

We are still looking for committee members and committee chairs for our upcoming fiscal year starting in July. Don't be afraid to try something new. Our current committee members will help you learn anything you don't know.

This is your guild, we won't have a guild if we don't get the volunteers we need. Hopefully many of our members will continue to serve on the same committees or switch to something else for variety. Contact Susan Stokes to let her know you are available.

By the evening of the April meeting, we will have a sign-up for our May workshop. More details then.

We are lining up some exciting well-known speakers for fall and beyond. Watch for the announcements soon.

Phyllis Campbell, Vice President, Programs



*Happy
Birthday
to You*

Happy April birthdays to our following members:

**Melinda Bossenmeyer,
Myra Briones,
Dell Childs,
Beverly Russell and
Ardelle Stenson.**

Thank you for providing refreshments for our General Meeting on April 3. We truly appreciate those who also bring treats to share when it is not their birthday month. Thank you all for your thoughtfulness.

Susann Wood
Hospitality Committee



Ways and Means
Chairman: Charlotte Hansen

April will be Sewing Supply Time!

5 each #12 needles for \$2.50
45 Rotary Blades: \$3.00 each or
4 for \$10.
Fabric and of course our famous
Freebie table!



Membership
Chairman:
Kit Boyd

Welcome to spring!!
This is one of the nicest times of the year!

Welcome to our newest member.
Colleen VanGundy
joined at our March General meeting.

A reminder for all of you:
**Please wear your name tag
or badge at the meetings.**

It helps all of us remember your name, especially me, as I got at least 2 of you mixed up last time!

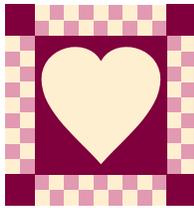
Attendance in March

Members	40
Guests	8
New Members	1
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Total	49



**Mystery Quilt
Clue #5 is ready!**

If you are one of the patient people who have been working on the Mystery Quilt, be sure to pick up Clue #5 from Phyllis Victor at the April 3 meeting!



Philanthropy

Chairman:
Judy

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There will be a **workshop** the last Saturday of March: **March 29!**

We will need people to sew, people to cut batting. There are many jobs for willing, helping hands.

Please turn in any finished quilts, baby bibs and blankets, and tote bags.

If each member would take home one quilt kit we would be able to give away so many more.

I will be taking quilts to the Women's Transitional Living Center either Monday or Tuesday, March 24 or 25th. Any help is welcome.

Thanks
Judy Hunsaker

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This newsletter is written for you and by you and put out to help you. Please help us keep current by contacting us with interesting items.

Note from the newsletter staff:

I've made an amazing discovery!
Not all the events and activities for Quilt Guilds and Quilt Shops in the area are posted on the SCCQG Calendar of Events! WHOA! Who Knew!

I guess I need your help!
Please, readers, if you come across a flyer, handout or even verbal information about an event or class or person that you think would be of interest to other Acacia members, please contact us at the above e-mails or telephone numbers.

Thank you
Sherri V.



*Secret Pal
Coordinator:
Sherri Vasquez*

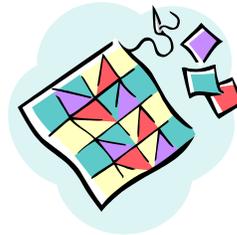
*Happy Spring, Secret Pals!
Remember-Daisies Don't Tell!
And neither do Secret Pals!*

What a great year this has been. I am having fun—aren't you? Hope your Secret Pal experience has been great this year. If so, tell your friends so we will have more participants next year.

Would you let me take your picture? I would like to have pictures of the people who have been involved in the program this year. I will be going around with a camera during the April 3 meeting, so please come prepared!

Please be sure to check the table carefully each month. Seems I am trucking home lotsa gifts each month that should be picked up by someone else—then I have to bring them all back! That's a whole month you missed out on enjoying/using that gift! How SAD!

Only April and May left before our big disclosure at the June meeting. Are you getting that extra special gift together? I can hardly wait!



Sew –So-Much

Chairman:
Sharon Monge

Written by Sherri Vasquez

Mark your calendar for these upcoming Sew-So-Much dates:

APRIL 25th from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MAY 23rd from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

JUNE 27th from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and

JULY 25th from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Those are the dates when you can bring your unfinished projects, or whatever you're working on to the Bunney Hutch and really get some work done. Think of it! No phones to answer—no TV—no laundry to do—no house cleaning—just hours of sewing and chatting and noshing at the potluck and enjoying the company of other quilters. HOW FUN IS THAT!

So come for an hour—come for a day—come just to snack (bring a dish!) To the Bunney Hutch Quilt 'N Sew Which 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).



Speakers And Workshops

Karen Waterbury
V. P. of Workshops

What a "Frantastic" workshop we had with Frances Moore in March. We had 12 ladies in attendance. I know of a least a few who are "addicted" to this block just as Frances warned us. She is a very relaxed and patient teacher. She told me that she really enjoyed speaking and teaching at Acacia and learned lots too! We have booked her for March in the upcoming year. If you missed either the lecture/trunk show or workshop, make sure to write down next March (long time away, I know).

APRIL is a FREE Philanthropic workshop that Sonia was originally going to teach. Since she will still be coming home from India she has ask me to teach it. The "cost" of this workshop is the donation of 6 fat quarters and the finished quilt top or finished quilt. We are going to be donating the quilts to "Chosen to Be Loved" a charity that helps Foster Children. If you haven't signed up yet, please come by the workshop table Thursday and signup. Not only is it FREE but I am going to have a couple FREE raffle baskets for those in attendance.

May's workshop is being taught by Phyllis Campbell. There has been a change of plan. She is going to be teaching a watercolor quilt workshop. She will be giving us more details at our April meeting. She is postponing the photo quilt to a later date. We are filling up our 2008-2009

calendars with many wonderful quilters. We are definitely in for a fantastic year!

Karen Waterbury
Vice President of Workshops



Opportunity Basket

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

At our April meeting, I will be collecting for the theme "Red &White" to be raffled in May. Please, bring any Red &White fat quarters or any theme related items and you will receive a free ticket for your donation.

For future planning (I will accept donations for any theme at any time.)

Collection Month	Theme/Fabric
May	Red &White
June	Plaids

There was not a basket at our March meeting, so we have no winners.

Tickets are 3 for 1 dollar or bring a fat quarter, a gently used or new quilting/sewing related item and receive a free ticket.

Thank you again for your support,
Nancy Malm

Upcoming Events

Here are a few upcoming events that you may want to know about extra early!

The weekend of **April 4, 5 and 6** seven local quilt shops (AKA: the OC's Magnificent Seven Quilt Shops) are presenting a **SPRING FLING SHOP HOP.**

All you do is pick up a passport at the first quilt shop you visit and have it stamped at each shop. There will be give-a ways and prizes. The participating shops include:

Bears Quilt Shop
Cozy Cottage Fabrics
Flying Geese Fabric
Leah's Fabric Gallery
The Calico House
The Quilt Cupboard
And Timeless Quilts

In **July 25-27** Long Beach will host the first annual International Quilt Festival at the Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center. For more information or to order a catalogue see www.quilts.com.

The Riverside Metropolitan Museum is featuring a program called "Quilt Stories" from **March 6 through September 7.** There are scheduled panel discussions, presentations, quilt viewings and even a

Family Fun Day on May 4th when there will be quilt activity for kids. For information see

www.riversideca.gov/museum

I especially like this introduction to the museum program from the internet: "Like a diary or journal, quilts are fabric documents which record the stories and reflect the history and cultural heritage of the individual, family and community. These textiles are multi-layered adding more stories as they age. They hold the past preserving it for people today and for future generations. In the Riverside Metropolitan Museum's exhibition Quilt Stories, these fabric documents share their stories."

The Southern California Quilters' Run is going to be celebrating its 10th anniversary in July. The run will be on 2 weekends: **July 10th -13th** **And July 17th -20th.** For more information see www.quiltersrun.com.

The Orange County Quilter's Guild Camp Watch-A-Patcher at Concordia University in Irvine will be held from

July 10th to 14th this year.

For more information see:

www.orangecountyquiltersguild.com/campwap

Acacia Asked to Participate in Quilt Daze VII. Quilt Daze VII will be at the Yorba Linda Community Center on **August 2 & 3.** The show is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

both days. We will also have a sign-up for members to sell opportunity tickets.

Our guild has been given 243 square feet (3 vertical 9'x 9') of space to display our quilts. We will also be able to sell opportunity tickets for our new opportunity quilt.

quilt and bring it to our July meeting. We will be choosing the quilts to display at Yorba Linda. We will be choosing small to medium quilts and wall hangings, as we want as many members as possible to display their quilts.

Round up or finish up that special

Upcoming Events

- 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: quiltsquiltsquilts@yahoo.com
Website: www.glendalequiltguild.org
- March 29** Philanthropy Workshop 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- April 3** Acacia Guild Guild General Meeting 6:45 p.m.
“Mini-Demos” taught by Acacia Members
- April 4, 5, and 6** Spring Fling Shop Hop (see article on previous page)
- April 5** Workshop: Karen Waterbury: “Wickedly Easy Quilts”
Cost: 6 fat quarters AND we will make quilts that will be donated for Philanthropy Projects! Time: 9 AM to 3 PM,
- 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.
- April 26-27** Seven Sisters Quilt Show at the Madonna Inn Exposition Center, San Luis Obispo. For Info visit website: www.AQGCC.org
- May 1** Acacia Guild Guild General Meeting 6:45 p.m.
Speaker: Kris Giannette from Cozy Cottage
“What’s New in Quilting?”
- May 3** Workshops: Phyllis Campbell: “Watercolor Workshop”
Time: 9 AM to 3 PM,

May 3-4

TLC Quilters Quilt Show, Sat 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
at the Covina Woman's Club, 128 S. San Jose Ave. Covina, CA.
Website: www.tlcquilters.org

What kind of a mess have I gotten myself into this time?

It all started with the ad from Vivs and William saying they were going to start longarm quilting and would give a discount to guild members. COOL! BEAR'S is a favorite quilt shop and this sounded like a terrific deal. Vivs and William told me the discount would last until the new longarm quilting machine was paid for! EVEN COOLER!

But when I asked about putting the coupon in the newsletter I was awakened to the fact that there are several longarm quilters in the guild and, in all fairness, we should advertise for all if we do for one! Here I go again—eating shoe leather! (By the way, you, too, can advertise in the newsletter for a dollar each month!)

Longarm Quilters come in many varieties. It strictly depends on your mental picture of the finished product you have invested time, money and “self” in. Here are some local quilters you may choose from. (Guild members are noted with an asterisk *). All these quilters do an excellent job and are recommended.



Cindy Kruse
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*As members of the Acacia Guild, Susan Stokes and Rosemary Harding have both shown their beautiful quilting at meetings and have both quilted philanthropy quilts and President's quilts for us. They both do designs like feathers and flowers and stippling upon request. The media on the following pages was given out at a guild meeting at which they both made presentations—March, 2007.

Susan's Custom Quilting

Machine Quilting
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William and Vivs are located at :
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This is the ad that started it all!

Further Info

William:

(714) 264-6837

Vivs:

(714) 928-6641

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Andrea Johnson*

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714.963.1177
Fountain Valley, CA. 92708
www.QLQuilting.com

If your quilt is calling out to you for precision quilting with uniform patterns you may want to try one of these computerized quilters. AWWWWWSOME results!

Ensure a Quality Finished Quilt

From Rosemary Harding

Instructions for preparing your quilts for machine quilting

Make sure your borders lie flat. Trim all stray threads. Press the top to ensure that the seams all lie flat (either open or pressed to one side). Repair any seams that are separating.

A Square Quilt is a Beautiful Quilt. Measure the center of the quilt top lengthwise, then measure the outside edges lengthwise. Do the same widthwise. If there is more than one inch difference, it is possible that your quilt will have tucks when quilted. The most common reason for measurement differences is improperly applied borders. Other causes are stretched bias edges or imperfect mitered corners. Be sure to let the quilter know if there is a measurement difference. They can let you know if the problem can be 'quilted out' or if you will have to correct it before quilting.

Backing Fabrics. Provide the correct size backing fabric. An extra 3-4 inches on all sides is a minimum. Check with quilter if you cannot meet this minimum. Be sure the edges of the backing fabric are square to each other. Batik fabrics (and other high thread-count fabrics) are NOT recommended for backing fabrics. Remove all selvages when piecing backs. You might want to consider the 108 inch wide fabrics that are now available for quilt backings.

Batting. Some quilters provide batting, some ask that you provide your own. Most types of batting can be used on the longarm, so long as it doesn't pull apart easily. Give a gentle tug on the batting --- if it separates at all, it isn't a good choice for use on the longarm. If you are unsure which type of batting is appropriate for your project, ask the quilter.

Thread. Most longarm quilters will supply the thread for your quilt unless you have something special you wish them to use. Some threads are not well suited to longarm quilting. Make sure to discuss your preferences with the quilter. There are great choices available in cotton, poly, monofilament, rayon, and metallic, solid, or variegated.

Quilting Designs. If you have an idea of what you want on your quilt, be sure and tell the longarm quilter. Even a vague idea can help them to see where you want to go. Also if the quilt is to be a gift to a particular person, let the quilter know that too. It will help to make sure that the design is appropriate. It is perfectly okay if you just don't have any idea what to do with the quilting. A good longarm quilter will be able to help you with some ideas.

Pricing. Quilting on a longarm is different from quilting on your home machine. Stitch-in-the-ditch (SID) is simple and easy at home, but is one of the most difficult (and, therefore, most expensive) things to do on a longarm. Each quilter has her/his own pricing structure, but generally pricing is based on the size of the quilt and the difficulty of the quilting design chosen.

Meeting with the Quilter. When you meet with the quilter and examine your quilt, you should plan to discuss the thread, batting, quilting design, and any preferences you may have regarding marking pens or chalks. You should leave with an understanding of what is going to be done to your quilt, how much it will cost, and when you should expect it to be finished. Don't be afraid to call your longarm quilter later if you find that you have lingering questions.

What I Need to Know to Have My Quilt Professionally Quilted

Quilt Tops Tops should be as square as possible - (Square means right-angled comers and straight borders.) The closer your quilt is to being square the better the finished results. Even though Quilting machines are designed for square quilts, there are ways to compensate. Making your quilt square is something to work toward in your quilting. This goes for the backing also.

Pressing - The flatter the top the better the finished results are. It is important to make sure that there are not any twisted seams as this may cause a lump. Twisted seams occur when you are stitching over a seam and the throat plate of your machine pushes the seam the opposite direction from the way you have pressed it.

Backing : Size of the backing - Quilt backs need to be 6" long and 6" wider than the top. Because of the design of the machine, it is important that the backing be 3" larger on all 4" sides than the quilt top.

Seaming the back together - If possible the seams should run from side to side, instead of from top to bottom. Also, before sewing together, all salvages should be removed. Press seams to one side.

Batting : Size - The batting should be the same size as the backing. There is a \$10.00 charge for piecing the backing. 90" wide bat or batting cut to basic sizes (i.e., queen, king, etc. watch the sizes printed on the packaging) is available at most quilt and fabric stores. Leah's Quilt Store in Orange has 120" batting on a roll.

Type of batting - There are many types of batting; each giving you deferent looks to your finished quilt. Each type of batting reacts differently when washed. Polyester doesn't shrink at all, where cotton can shrink a lot or a little, depending on the batting. Most cottons are very thin, but polyester comes in different weights. Then there is also wool. If you don't know what kind of batting you want in your quilt, I have samples of different types.

Price of Machine Quilting

Quilting is priced by the square inch.

Width X Length = _____ square inches.

There are two ways to have your quilt top quilted.

1. An overall quilting pattern is done in side to side rows from the top to the bottom. \$.0125 per square inch. (There is a minimum \$35.00 charge.)
2. Custom quilting is different patterns done in each square of your quilt or a custom pattern (like Baptist fan) done all over. \$.016 per square inch. (There is a minimum \$50.00 charge.)

Border designs: Doing a **separate borders design** requires the quilt to be removed from the machine, turned and loaded on the machine again in order to finish the border on the sides. There is a \$30.00 turning charge.

Batting: I sometimes have batting on hand. The price of the batting depends on the size of the bat and the type.

Thread: The price of the thread is usually included in the price of the quilting. Although, if you want a thread I don't normally use, there will be a charge for the thread. Also, if I use more than one color of thread, there is a \$5.00 charge for each addition color.

Tax: The state of California requires that I charge tax (8.25%) on all services and products.

If you have any question or would just like to see some samples, please feel free to call me.

Thanks, Susan Stokes

Susan's Quilting (714) 522-4741

