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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

April, 2009

## Spring is here! Spring is here!

Now that the weather is getting warmer I hope that more quilters will be able to come to our fantastic meetings and workshops. We have some great ones coming up. Please check out the program and workshop sections of our fabulous newsletter. We are welcoming **Lyn Mann** at our April meeting and workshop. She will have a fun birthday quilt that you won't want to miss! We are excited about our **Fall Tea and Quilt Auction**. We are working hard on making this a fantastic event that everyone will enjoy. We have a wonderful menu planned for our tea, which includes sandwiches, fruit, scones, dessert and of course tea! Bring your appetite, because you will definitely be served an amazing tea. Some of you may be wondering why we are doing a Tea and Auction. We are raising money to be able to put on great meetings and workshops. We must make money in order to offer great speakers and teachers. There have been other guilds that have done Auctions where they have charged admission and provided a small amount of food. We are wanting this to be unique to Acacia by putting focus on both events in one. By this I mean that our goal for our Tea is to be a fantastic and enjoyable day plus having an amazing auction with quilts and nice hand-made crafts that showcase Acacia's incredible talent. We are needing everyone's help in this event with making items, food, helping setting up... We are also requesting that everyone sell two tickets; that's one for you and one for a friend to purchase. The tickets are only \$15. We have had some questions on the price. This is an incredible price to pay for a sit-down tea that includes so much food. There are no tea places that even come close to our price. Plus, remember this is a fundraiser for Acacia. (which is also the lowest fundraiser tea around). There will be more details at our meeting for those of you who missed last months meeting.

There is so much going on at Acacia. I appreciate everyone's hard work and dedication to Acacia. There are many great articles and wonderful information in this newsletter, so please check it out.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments please let me know. We also have a suggestion box that is out on the sign-in tables if you would like to put your comment in there. We definitely read them all and help in any way that we can.

Our new year is starting in June which is just amazing. I can't believe how fast this year has flown by. We are always in need of help so please let one of your board members know.

Thank you and Happy Quilting,  
Karen Waterbury

## **New Quilt Guild**

Join the new day quilt guild. The Surfside Quilters Guild will hold their general meetings the second Tuesday of each month.

The first general meeting is **Tuesday, May 12, 2009.**

"From Old to New." Del Thomas will be the featured speaker and will bring quilts from her renowned collection.

Time: Surfside social begins at 9:30 a.m.

Location: San Clemente Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 119 North Avenida de la Estrella, San Clemente, 92672.

For membership information contact Cindy Croucher

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**Surfside Quilters Guild**, P.O. Box 3295, San Clemente, CA 92674



Cranberry Quiltworks (a long-arm shop) is having a grand opening of "Fresh Picked Fabrics at Cranberry Quiltworks" from March 27 to April 4. It is located just 2 blocks from Calico House, at 3900 Propect, Unit G, Placentia, 92886. Their hours will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the grand opening. They will be giving away a sewing machine during their grand opening sale. If you are going on the Spring Fling Shop Hop, be sure to stop by and see their fabric selection.

Phyllis Campbell



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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.**



*Happy  
Birthday  
to You*

Susann Wood, Hospitality Chairman

**Happy April birthday wishes** to our following members:

***Myra Briones  
Dell Childs  
Beverly Russell  
Ardelle Stenson***

Thank you for providing refreshments during our General Meeting on April 2.

Diane MacRill has donated a coffee maker, so now we will have decaf coffee along with the regular. Thanks, Diane!

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# APRIL

*Birthstones, Flowers, Colors  
And Trees*

**Color:RED**

Red is the color of passion because it is the color of blood, symbolizing the heart and soul of the person. The heart pumps blood, the heart bleeds the color red. Anything having to do with love, passion and commitment is generally symbolized by using the color red. However, red is also the color of the sun, and as such can represent energy or vitality.


Something truly alive can be symbolized by using red and many people who believe in the afterlife will use red as an accent to their black funeral clothes. Red is also symbolic of heightened senses, electrified by solar energy and impassioned by the human heart.

As such, red is the perfect color for a seductive evening, or when trying to stimulate the desires of someone's heart.

**April:** April has one of the most expensive and sought-after birthstones: the [diamond](#). In the metaphysical world, diamonds are said to help draw toxins

from the body. Like the sign of Aries, the diamond represents loyalty, courage and confidence.

The sweet pea, April's flower, is a plant similar to ivy. Sweet pea comes in many different colors and varieties and represents simple pleasures.

<b>April</b>	Sweet Pea, Daisy	 Diamond, Opal, Quartz, White Sapphire.	Innocence	Yellow, Red and colorless
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## Trees

Apr 01 to Apr 10	Rowan Tree
Apr 11 to Apr 20	Maple Tree
Apr 21 to Apr 30	Walnut Tree

**ROWAN TREE (the Sensitivity)** - full of charm, cheerful, gifted without egoism, likes to draw attention, loves life, motion, unrest, and even complications, is both dependent and independent, good taste, artistic, passionate, emotional, good company, does not forgive.

**MAPLE TREE (Independence of Mind)** - no ordinary person, full of imagination and originality, shy and reserved, ambitious, proud, self-confident, hungers for new experiences, sometimes nervous, has many complexities, good memory, learns easily, complicated love life, wants to impress.

**WALNUT TREE (the Passion)** - unrelenting, strange and full of contrasts, often egotistic, aggressive, noble, broad horizon, unexpected reactions, spontaneous, unlimited ambition, no flexibility, difficult and uncommon partner, not always liked but often admired, ingenious strategist, very jealous and passionate, no compromise.



## “Cook’s Corner”

Phyllis Campbell

It’s my turn to submit a recipe! I loved the comments about the carrot cake I brought in March, so I asked Phyllis if I could submit the recipe for the newsletter. It came from a book compiled by the United Methodist Church in Pacific Palisades, CA back in 1970. My aunt, Pauline Wade, gave the book to my mom with this inscription: “To my dear Sue, with all love and good wishes. Remember that “cooking can be fun” if we season every dish with love...” The recipe itself was actually submitted by Evalyn Spring—an appropriate name for an April reprinting. (by Sherri Vasquez)

### Delicious Carrot Cake

- 2 C. Carrots (finely grated)
- 2 C. flour (sifted)
- 2 C. sugar
- 1½ C. oil
- 4 eggs
- ½ C. nuts
- 2 tsp. Baking powder
- 1 ½ tsp. Soda
- 2 tsp. Cinnamon
- 1 tsp. Salt
- ¾ C. pineapple (crushed)

Combine dry ingredients. Add the rest. Mix with a spoon until blended. Bake 40 minutes at 350 degrees in a 9X13 in greased pan. Ice in pan while warm.

### Icing: Mix together:

- 4 oz. Cream cheese
- 2 Tbsp butter
- 1 tsp. Vanilla
- ½ box powdered sugar



## SPRING FLING SHOP HOP

***The Spring Fling Shop Hop  
is coming up on April 3-5***

***Just pick up a passport at  
the first shop you visit and  
you may win 35 yards of  
fabric or a gift basket  
valued at \$100-and you will  
be supporting our local  
shops. There are more  
prizes too, and only 7 shops  
to visit! And, at each shop  
you visit, you will receive a  
free pattern, five 5" charm  
squares, and a return  
coupon.***

***Participating shops  
include Bear's, Cozy  
Cottage, Flying Geese,  
Quilters Garden, The Calico  
House, The Quilt Cupboard,  
and Timeless Quilts. Let's  
show them we support our  
local shops.***

# Upcoming Events

## April

- 2 General Meeting, Buena Park Senior Center, 6:45 pm  
Speaker: Lyn Mann, "Head for the Borders"
- 4 Workshop: Lyn Mann, "Birthday Quilts"  
Time: 9 AM to 3 PM, Cost: \$25.00 for members, \$35.00 for non-members
- 18 Philanthropy Sew Day
- 21 Board Meeting at 6 pm
- 24 Sew So Much at the Bunney Hutch Quilt 'n' Sew, 10am to 5 pm

## May

- 7 General Meeting, Buena Park Senior Center, 6:45 pm  
Speaker: Barbara Diegas
- 9 Workshop: Barbara Diegas: Blossom Time  
Time: 9 AM to 3 PM, Cost: \$25.00 for members, \$35.00 for non-members
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## Law clarification is good news for quilters

(Submitted by From Phyllis Campbell:

**This was on the Quilts, Inc. website. I think it would be something of interest to our members:**

**By MAGGIE GALEHOUSE, HOUSTON CHRONICLE**

**Feb. 9, 2009, 4:13PM**

**SAFE SEWING AHEAD:** Quilters' and crafters' donations to children will not be affected by the law, which goes into effect today.

Quilters and crafters can breathe easier today knowing that a new law will not affect their donations to children.

For months, artisans have worried that the new law would make it illegal to donate quilts and other items to kids before testing all the fabric and thread for lead and other substances. The law, which goes into effect today, was passed in 2007 after Mattel recalled millions of toys imported from China that contained dangerous quantities of lead.

"I don't know how many quilters you know," said Carol Anderson of Houston, "but we tend to be a pretty generous group of people. I do a lot of very small blankets for neonatal units. It hurt me that these children in the hospital could be deprived of something that gives them a lot of comfort."

Recent clarification from the Consumer Product Safety Commission says that the law, directed at products for kids 12 and younger, would not fine or penalize anyone for distributing:

- Items made of natural materials such as wood, cotton or wool that rarely, if ever, contain lead.
- Dyed or undyed textiles (not including leather or vinyl) and nonmetallic thread used in children's apparel and other products, such as baby blankets.

Countless local groups and large national nonprofit organizations, including Project Linus and Quilts for Kids, rely on recycled or unwanted fabric for the quilts they send to children.

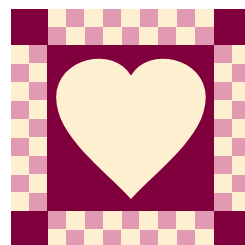
Testing for lead and phthalates (odorless, colorless chemicals often found in vinyl) would have busted their modest budgets.

Clarification of the new law is also good news for thrift and consignment stores.

The product safety commission on Jan. 30 also delayed some testing and certification requirements for importers and manufacturers for one year.

Anderson took the good news in stride, immediately posting a link from the Commission's Web site onto HGTV's quilting and needlework message board, where she talks to her quilting friends across the country.

"I know they are going to be so relieved," Anderson said.



*Philanthropy*  
*Chairman:*  
*Lisa Sullivan*

Thank you (you know who you are) for your most generous donation of the rolling sewing caddy for our drawing oooxxx! I hope our winner is enjoying her prize.

Big thanks to Blocks for the Brave who have donated a mountain of candy and a load of fabric to our guild. I attended the Sewing day at the Norwalk American legion March 15th. We enjoyed a very nice meal (free) of Corn Beef and Cabbage with red potatoes and yummy cake. Remember the Second Sunday of the month is a Sew Day for Blocks for the Brave its fun and it's the one other philanthropy group our guild supports besides WTLC of Fullerton.

Just two things on the list of needs:  
Large pieces to use for backings of 100% cotton  
Good quality batting crib size or larger 100% cotton

We will have new labels made and I will bring them in to show the Guild as soon as I have the samples to show. Please keep up the good work and continue to sew up your kits and bring them in. Also if you are finishing up a quilt and have leftover blocks or scraps consider donating them so you can keep your sewing room neat and clean for the next project : ). Next Sew Day at the Picasso Room (BPCC) is April 18th 1pm-5pm come for an hour or two or stay the whole time we would love to have you. Make kits or sew or cut we can find something suitable for anyone..... and we share snacks too.

Sew on and on,  
Lisa Sullivan  
714-642-1127



**ACACIA DOOR  
PRIZE WINNERS –  
March, 2009**  
Sonia Das

**Winners for March will reported in a future newsletter.**

Our local Quilt Shops are so supportive of our guild with their generous donations of door prizes, fabric and notions as well as providing us with meeting places. If each guild member would consider making a small purchase each month, it would go a long way to keeping our local quilt shops in business.

**NEW SYSTEM FOR DOOR  
PRIZE DRAWINGS**

A new system for door prizes was implemented beginning in March; names instead of numbers. From now on, when members check in and receive a door prize ticket, they will be asked to write their name on the back of that ticket and place it in the “door prize box”. Winners will be drawn from the box as usual but will be called by name, not number, and DO NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN. This system was adopted to avoid the confusion that arises with “lost tickets” that quilters swear had the winning numbers.

***PLEASE SUPPORT  
OUR LOCAL QUILT  
STORES!***



Membership  
Contributors: Judy  
Hunsaker, Linda Sterns,  
Sonia Das

Attendance at the March 2009 meeting: 42  
members and 5 guests

As of March 1, 2009, Acacia has 70 members.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE  
AT THE APRIL MEETING AS WELL AS VIA AN  
ATTACHMENT TO THE ACACIA APRIL EVENTS EMAIL**



**PRESIDENT'S QUILT  
2009**

**Sonia Das**

**Thank you** to all of you who took  
kits last month. Only one kit remains  
so please let me know if you would  
like it!

Please return completed blocks to  
Diane MacRill or Kim Hogan at the  
April meeting.

Sometime in April, we will announce  
a date for making the quilt top.

For those who cannot make a block,  
there will be opportunities to sign the  
quilt and contribute to the final  
presentation. Details will be

announced in the newsletter at a later  
date.

If you have completed a block but  
cannot come in April, please email me  
at [soniadas@yahoo.com](mailto:soniadas@yahoo.com) or call me at  
562-429-4477 to make alternative  
arrangements.



**Speakers And  
Workshops**

By Phyllis Campbell

Don't miss our April speaker, Lyn Mann.  
She is going to teach us to "Head for the  
Borders". We'll be learning everything we  
ever wanted to know about the borders on  
our quilts. Her trunk show will feature  
many borders. We will learn how to  
choose and construct borders to  
complement all our quilts. Spacer borders  
will be explained so you can make any  
border fit any quilt.

### **Birthday Quilt Workshop**

In this workshop you will design and make  
a quilt based on your birthday. You will  
bring half-square triangles already sewn.  
Then we will sew groupings based on



your birth month and day. After lunch, we will work with these two groups to design our very own special block and quilt. There are many possible designs for each date so no two will look alike. A really fun experience.

### **About Lyn**

Lyn Mann started quilting in 1981 and has been “hooked” ever since. Six years later, Lyn started teaching and found that this was where her real gift was. Over the past years, she has taught thousands of students and loves the one on one approach to teaching.

Ever active in her quilt community, Lyn was a past president of Flying Geese Quilt Guild and belongs to 3 Orange County quilt guilds. She is also a member of both Northern and Southern California Quilt Councils.

Besides teaching for guilds through-out the United States, Lyn has taught at “Road to California”, “Quilt Utah”, “Camp Watch-A-Patcher” and “Quilt Camp In The Pines” quilt conferences.

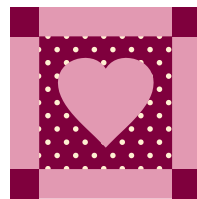
Lyn has taught on 7 quilting cruises including Alaska, the Hawaiian Islands and a cruise from the West Coast of Africa to Barbados.

In 1998, she was the featured artist for the Christmas exhibit at the La Conner Quilt Museum in La Conner, Washington.

Lyn has made over 440 quilts and designed approximately 70 for mysteries alone. She has had quilts pictured in 5

different major quilt books and 6 different quilting magazines. The featured book for the 2004 So. California quilters run was [“Hit The Pavement”](#) a book that Lyn wrote. She also wrote a series of 8 articles for Quilters’ Newsletter called “Slick Tricks”.

Lyn will be teaching her "Birthday Quilt" for our guild. Everyone's quilt will be different, and it will be fun seeing them all when they are completed.



Sunshine and Shadows

Chairman: Kim Hogan

We wish to express our sympathy to Phyllis Campbell and her husband at the passing of his sister, Aileen.

Also to Ralph Smith at the passing of his sister. This leaves our treasured, 95 year old friend, the sole survivor of 7 children. Please pray for Elaine Merrill's daughter as she has undergone back surgery with extremely poor results. This has been a life altering surgery which will require a great deal of help from others in the future.

One of our resident long armers, Julie Atkinson, has undergone carpal tunnel surgery and will be in a cast for 6-8 weeks. Sorry, no quilting for a while Julie. And Tricia Savage has

had surgery to replace her spinal stimulator. Prognosis for both of these wonderful ladies is excellent so let's keep them in our thoughts and prayers, speeding them along in their recovery.

And remember, No matter what language you speak, everyone understands a smile!

Next month's theme will be juvenile and baby related and the month of June will be a beach theme. Please come by our table a purchase tickets to support the guild.

Dana Matsukawa



Opportunity Basket

Chairman

Dana Matsukawa



Easter and spring are the themes of this month's opportunity basket.

Opportunity basket tickets are three for one dollar and buying them raises funds for our guilds expenses. If you donate quilt or sewing associated items for the basket you are given a free ticket.

HEY,SECRET PALS!  
I'M OUTA SPACE AND  
TIME!  
Hop right on out and  
fill up those Easter  
Baskets for your  
Secret Pal with lots of  
lovelies!  
Have a great Easter  
Sherri