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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

September, 2009

## Wow September is here...

How did summer slip by so quickly? I hope that everyone had a great and relaxing summer. I enjoyed summer vacation with my girls and the other two girls that I baby-sit. We swam and quilted amongst other fun things. All five girls, my 3 and the 2 I baby-sit, are doing really well with sewing. My family just got home from Hawaii. My in-laws have a time-share condo on Kauai and invited us to go with them. We had a fantastic vacation!! I'm not ready for my girls to start back to school and neither are they.

Acacia was involved in Super Senior Saturday again this year at The Buena Park Senior Center. We sold tickets for our Opportunity Quilt and many different wonderful items. **Thank you** to all who had a part in Acacia's success. Thank you to all of our wonderful quilters who spent their time making our Opportunity Quilt, making sewn items that we sold, putting in time setting up, selling, giving out information about Acacia QG and then cleaning up after the event was done. A HUGE thank you to all!

Plans are well underway for our November Tea and Quilt Auction. There were questions last month as to how much we want from our members. I want to reassure all of you that we aren't expecting everyone to do everything. We do need a lot of help in order to make our first Tea and Quilt Auction a success. This is the biggest event that Acacia has put on. We are requesting that each member sell two tickets each. That's one for you and one to sell to a friend. There are more tickets so you can sell more than that. We would love for each of you to make a quilt or any other nice hand-crafted item. You can always make something with a friend and donate it. Thank you to all who have helped out so far and who have volunteered to help out at the Tea and Auction. We still need help setting up, cleaning up and selling items at our boutique table. Please let Diane MacRill or myself know if you would be willing to help (if you haven't already)

Acacia's own Verda is going to be speaking to us on Thursday and teaching our workshop on Saturday. Please check out the Program and Workshop section of our newsletter.

I am enjoying my President's quilt! Thanks again to all who helped make it. My girls are enjoying theirs too. They write each other notes and put them into each other's purse.

Please take time to read your newsletter. There is a lot of information that you'd like to know.

I hope that you all have a great September. I hope to see you all at our general meeting on Thursday.

Happy Quilting,  
Karen Waterbury



Workshops

Chairman: Diane MacRill



ACACIA  
PROGRAMS

Sonia Das, Acting Vice-President Programs

We had a great workshop with Nancy Williams in August learning how to do quilted postcards. It is an interesting process. Helen brought her 2 granddaughters as participants. They learned much, had a great time, and did a great job, as did everyone who attended. Karen Waterbury won a pattern of Nancy's; Kim Hogan and Marilyn Gulickson each won packets of fat quarters. **Please bring the postcards that you made to the next meeting to share with those who were not able to attend.** I will have you come up to share these at the time that I give my Vice President's report. In September Verda will be teaching Tessellating Flower. This is a beautiful pattern. Please come to the long side table to see sign up for the class. The cost is only \$20. Hope to see you there!

***Be Kind to Your Long-Arm  
Quilter  
By Verda***

Acacia's very own Verda (like many celebrities of today, Verda goes by one name) will be speaking at the September 2009 meeting. This delightful quilter will entertain and educate us about long-arm quilting with her inimitable style, sense of humor and enthusiasm. **DO NOT MISS** this wonderful evening and fabulous presentation!

Verda will also be teaching a workshop titled "Tessellating Flowers" on Saturday 5, September. Please see Workshops for more details.



Noodles- by Diane MacRill

This month will be our third “noodles” exchange. If you are interested in participating, bring fourteen 2 ½ “strips of tan/brown fabric in a zip-lock baggie labeled with your name and telephone number. Turn it in at the workshop sign up-table BEFORE the meeting. Next month (or if I can I will get them divided and back to you after the break on the same night) you will receive your baggie back with an assortment of strips. You may turn in more than one baggie; you will receive back the same amount that you turn in, but please keep it to 14 strips per bag. If you do more than one set, please put a different fabric in each baggie. The more people who get involved the more variety we will receive. Preferably all of your strips should match.

If you would like to get involved but haven’t started yet, just bring your

tan/brown strips to this meeting and I will give you a list for the following months.



**“Cook’s Corner”**  
Phyllis Campbell

### **Peanut Butter Cup Bars**

Recipe from Michelle at [One Ordinary Day](#)

- 1/2 cup butter**
- 1 3/4 cups confectioner’s sugar**
- 1 cup peanut butter**
- 3/4 cup graham cracker crumbs**
- 1/4 cup butter**
- 1/2 cup semi-sweet or milk chocolate chips**

(Line a 8×8, 9×9, or 7×11 pan with foil or parchment paper for easy removal of bars later.)

Melt 1/2 c. butter of low heat. Remove from heat and stir in confectioner’s sugar. Add peanut butter and graham cracker crumbs, stirring until creamy. Spread mixture into pan, patting down evenly.

In same pot, on low heat, melt butter. Add chocolate chips and stir until chips are nearly melted and very soft. Remove from heat and continue stirring until chocolate is smooth and shiny. Spread over peanut butter layer. Refrigerate for 30 minutes. Cut into bars.

Store peanut butter cup bars in refrigerator or freezer. These are delicious eaten frozen.

*Yield: 16 or more bars (depending upon how big you cut them)*



## See's Candy Gift Certificates Available

Your mother always told you to eat your fruit!

So make her happy and pick up some

Strawberry, Raspberry, Blueberry or Lemon

Truffles and Creams today!  
Indulge Yourself This Summer!

For just \$14.50 you can purchase a See's Candy Gift Certificate.

See Kim Hogan and pick up your certificates at any Acacia Meeting!



## Helpful Hints

From Homespun Harbor

Sent in by Phyllis Campbell

If you use chalk to mark your quilt- NEVER iron over the chalk. Also, don't leave the chalk-marked quilt in a hot car. Either one can set the chalk and cause it to be permanent.

If you sew on carpet, attach a piece of the hook side of sticky-backed Velcro to your foot control and it

won't move around.

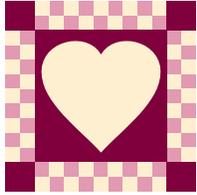
Do you have a heck of a time getting a thimble to fit? With me, it all depends on the length of my nails. Get a rubber finger cot and cut the band off. Put the cot on your finger, and then put on the thimble. Problem solved!

If you find a flaw in your fabric, and can't remember where you bought it, try this. Mark the flaw with a safety pin or pins. That way when you get ready to cut, you can easily avoid the flawed portion.

Have an old sweatshirt that isn't good enough to hand down or donate? Cut up sweatshirts make GREAT batting for small projects.

Next time you are ready to sign a piece of fabric, whether for a label or a signature quilt, put a piece of masking tape on the wrong side of the fabric. This will allow you to easily write on the fabric.

Inexpensive plastic tie racks are great for holding strips as you cut. Plus, they allow you to easily sort your strips.



Philanthropy

Chairman: Lisa Sullivan

**Thank you** to everyone who has completed a quilt or donated time and talent for the Acacia Quilt Guild Philanthropy projects.

We still need many more kits completed for our donation purposes. Please stop by my table and pick a kit. I try to have a pattern for you to be inspired to try a new idea and donate the trail quilt to AQQ for Philanthropy.

**Philanthropy will be meeting at the Tall Mouse on September 10 and we will also meet at The Quilt Cupboard on September 24.** I hope to see all those who would like to get started on a project for our Christmas donation efforts. I am hoping to make several donations to groups who have small children up to teenagers that would enjoy our quilts under their tree or in whatever holiday experience they chose.

1. I have **scrapes that need to be cut** if anyone is interested in cutting 5" and 6" squares and 2 ½" strips, please let me know and I will get you set up.

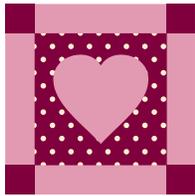
2. We are in need of some **solid fabric** to go with all the busy stuff.

3. **School supplies** are always needed throughout the school year so if you hit a gold mine please remember our donation efforts. School supplies have a great shelf life and are always needed.

Sharon Monge has generously offered to have a sewing date at her house so if you would be interested in joining a few of us at her house please let me know. The date and time would be something we can figure out as we go. Thank you so much Sharon-- always a big heart.

**Thank you** to all our members who take their valuable time and talent to share with others in our community. Some one old or young is warm tonight because we at ACACIA QUILT GUILD CARE.

Sew on  
Lisa Sullivan  
Please call anytime 714-642-1127  
(time-talent-donations)



Sunshine and  
Shadows  
Chairman: Helen  
Whitaker

## WHAT IS SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS?

Sunshine and Shadows is the committee which acknowledges you and the challenges and pitfalls in your life. They send out cards and let people know when you are ill, have won a prize or are celebrating a new baby in the family. Sunshine and Shadows shows the heart of our guild to our guild.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

As much as we try, we cannot know what is happening with all our members! If you know of someone who has had an event worth acknowledging or a member who needs a card for encouragement PLEASE let us know!

## HOW DO YOU LET US KNOW?

Just call Helen Whitaker on 714-527-5974 and tell her what is going on.

Along with a common interest in quilting, a guild builds a caring interest in each and every member and learns to call them friends. Friends support each other in triumphs and tragedies. Please help the guild fulfill this roll by contacting Helen any time you hear of a member who might appreciate a card.



**2010 OPPORTUNITY  
QUILT TICKETS  
AVAILABLE**

Have you seen our new opportunity quilt—"Dog Day Afternoon" – yet? It is a gorgeous quilt! Thanks to all who made dog blocks and to Dana Matsukawa and Nancy Malm for originating the idea and putting the blocks together. Thanks to Marilyn Gulickson, for doing a super quilting job.

If you haven't picked up your tickets yet, see Jody Burtch or Georgan Zieres at the meeting for your packet. A picture of the quilt is included in your packet to make it easier for selling tickets. How about stopping by your local veterinarian's office—bet they'll buy a ticket or two (or more)!

We've shown the quilt at Quilter's By The Sea guild meeting and Super Senior Saturday already and it's gotten great response. If you have an idea where we can show the quilt and sell tickets, please let us know. Several members have already volunteered to take it to other guilds' meetings. We need your help to get it out to as many venues as possible in the next year.

The Opportunity Quilt is one of our major fundraisers this year, but we need all our members to pitch in and help sell tickets. Remember, this is YOUR guild and the money goes to support our many projects.



**Sew -So-Much**  
Chairman: Sharon  
Monge

**Put them on your calendars!!!**

Have you been forgetting to come to our Sew So Much at the Bunney Hutch? Or the Sewing-At-The Tall Mouse? Or the Sew-So-Late at the Quilt Cupboard???

Our attendance has been sparse lately. Is it summer that is keeping you away? Maybe you aren't quilting right now (that's a joke). Or maybe the dates just slip by and you forget.

I have a solution! Get out your calendars RIGHT NOW and put these dates down:

**September 10**--Sewing-At-The Tall Mouse, from 5-8pm

**September 24**-- Sew-So-Late at the Quilt Cupboard, from 5 pm to closing

**September 25**--Sew So Much at the Bunney Hutch Quilt 'n" Sew, from 10am to 5 pm

Notice that we have arranged for both daytime and evening "Sew-So.....s"-to accommodate YOU! These kind merchants have opened their classroom areas to our guild to help us have a gathering place where we can work on projects, use cutting tables and implements and have fun working and bonding with our fellow guild members. Use it or lose it, ladies!



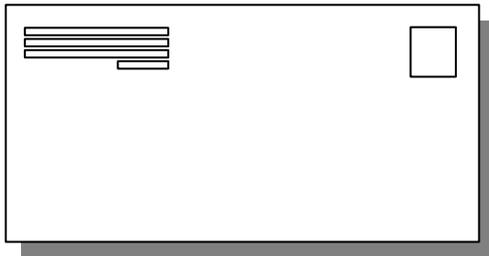
*Secret Pal*  
Coordinator:  
*Sherri Vasquez*

Hello Ladies! How is the program coming for you this year! Are you having fun? Don't forget the Thank You notes!

Remember, September is Back to School month and Grandparent's Day—plus a whole lot more. The Autumnal equinox marks the beginning of fall—an opportunity to give that burnt orange, deep red, browns and forest green fabrics we don't get to use any other time of year!

Well, the bad news is.. I'm going to miss out on all the fun for the next few months! I will be going to Arizona to help my daughter with the baby until the football season is over at least. What does the football season have to do with it, you ask? Well, my daughter is the Director of the Cheerleading Program for the Arizona Cardinals. She has to work all the home games—which are usually on Sundays. That's a terrible time to get a babysitter.

So, who will be administering the Secret Pal program? Helen Whitaker has volunteered to Make sure all the packages are picked up after each meeting. Please contact **Helen at 714-527-5974** if you have any problems.



*e-notes, we get e-notes.....*

Hi Sherri,

I just discovered quilting TV on the internet, [www.qnntv.com](http://www.qnntv.com). There are hundreds of shows you can watch anytime you want. The site charges \$24 a year for access. They have quilting news too. There is a search feature to find specific shows or techniques. See if you think we should mention it in the newsletter.

Phyllis C

Well, I looked at the site and...  
This is AWE—SOME!

If you're like me, you have been having trouble finding quilting shows on TV. Well, this really solves the problem! You can not only watch shows YOU select (not just what the TV people think will sell in your marketplace or time slot) but also WHEN you want to watch them—even in the middle of the night when you want to work on a quilt but need a little company (noise) . Or when you just want to browse a little.

Try it out, ladies!



The Acacia Quilt Guild meets on the first Thursday of each month at 6:45 PM in the

**Buena Park Senior Center**  
8150 Knott Avenue (Corner of Santa Irene, between La Palma and Crescent))  
Buena Park 90620-3159  
(in the Walter D. Ehlers Community Recreation Center)  
**(714) 236-3870**

**For more information about our Guild, please see our Website:**  
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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.



Sonia Das, Judy Hunsaker, Susann Wood

Attendance at the August 2009 meeting:  
39 members & 7 guests

As of August 31, 2009, Acacia has 60 members.

Please pick up your *Roster* and Membership Card at the Check-In/Membership Desk if you have not done so already.

### For Members Bringing Guests to the Meeting

1. Guest fees are \$3 per guest.
2. If you bring a guest, either you or your guest will be asked to pay the guest fee at the Membership Table.
3. If the fee is not paid at that time, Membership will contact the member during the course of the meeting and ask them to pay on behalf of the guest.
4. If you wish to pay the guest fee ahead of time at a meeting, Membership will be glad to take your payment and we will not ask your guest to pay the fee.
5. If your guest joins Acacia Quilt, the \$3 guest fee will be deducted from the membership.

6. The guest fee is not charged during June or December which are potluck months.
7. The guest fee is not charged if the guest presents a "Free Meeting Guest Pass".
8. Guest fees are not charged for speakers, their assistants, the senior testing people, vendors or representatives of charities who are speaking to the guild.

There has been some confusion regarding guest fees when members invite a guest to the meeting. Membership hopes that this clarifies the situation.



*Happy  
Birthday  
to You*

Happy September Birthdays to:

- 2 Linda Stearns  
11 Randy Haller  
21 Tricia Savage  
29 Margot Taub*

And Thank You for remembering to let the guild celebrate your birthday with you by bringing a treat to share.



**Congratulations**

**Verda**

**and Kim Hogan**

**for winning ribbons at the Fair.**

**Verda, the Careful Quilter, said:**  
“The quilt is 65" x 65" and it's one of Lyn Brown's designs she calls the Red and Green. It was pieced and appliqued by Jene Ebert and I custom quilted it. It took a long time to complete the quilting, about ten to fifteen times as long as the average quilt.

Lyn and Jean are members of the Orange County Quilt Guild and last May their guild had Linda Rassmussen as a guest speaker talking on quilt judging. She had brought a quilt by Cathy Ferris to use as an example but instead she talked about the Red and Green quilt that Jean had brought for show and tell. Linda said she had looked at it earlier and she thought that it was wonderful. She said it was very well done and it hung nice and straight. And that the stippling made the applique pop.

I'm looking forward to doing more and more custom work for show. “

**Kim told us:**” I won a first place ribbon in the "quilts & coverlets under twin size - original design, machine quilted" category. Wow, that was a mouthful! It also won the "Staff Award" for the most popular quilt on display. They told me families would stop by and share with each other places they had been, places they would like to go, and where family and friends live and the routes they would take to get there....The central portion of the quilt itself is a map of the United States, with Canada and a bit of Mexico which I quilted around all the individual states, rivers, mountains, boundaries, etc., to which I added borders of "Migrating Geese" and foundation pieced "Dancing Blocks".

I am trying to incorporate more unique and fanciful borders into quilts I wish to keep or give as special gifts. They really help turn a small "panel" into something big enough to snuggle in. And snuggleability is what makes a quilt a quilt to me.”

**So Congratulations, again, to both Kim and Verda.**

# Upcoming Events

## September

- 3            General Meeting, Buena Park Senior Center, 6:45 pm  
              Speaker: Verda, "Be Kind To Your Long Arm Quilter"
  
- 5            Workshop: Verda, Tessellating Flower"  
              Time: 9 AM to 3 PM, Cost: \$25.00 for members,  
              \$35.00 for non-members
  
- 10           Sewing-At-The Tall Mouse, 5-8pm (Philanthropy)
  
- 15           Board Meeting at 6 pm
  
- 24           Sew-So-Late at the Quilt Cupboard, 5 pm to closing (Philanthropy)
  
- 25           Sew So Much at the Bunney Hutch Quilt 'n" Sew, 10am to 5 pm