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**PRESIDENT'S NOTE**

**January, 2009**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR QUILTERS!!**

Did everyone feel as though the year flew by? I certainly did. I hope that everyone had a great Christmas and Happy New Year. My family had a wonderful Christmas together. I finished my quilt from Robin Gallagher's "Slice and Dice" class, quilted it and gave it to my husband for Christmas. I figured that it was about time that I made a quilt for him. He loved it!

I hope that everyone enjoyed our Christmas party and table runner exchange. Thank you to all who participated in the exchange. We had quite a few ladies being able to enjoy a fun new quilted table runner. I know that I will definitely enjoy mine. It goes well in my dining room.

We welcome Vivs from Bear's Quilt Shop in January. He is coming to speak to us about the benefits of being involved in a Guild and to have a "Question and Answer" time on everything from the quilting world to owning a quilt shop. So come prepared to have your questions answered and to learn a lot. Then on Saturday, Vivs is coming to teach us how to Paper Piece. I know that there are quite a few of us signed up but there are still more spots so please check out the Workshops section in this wonderful newsletter and see Diane MacRill at the January 8th meeting next week to sign -up.

We have wonderful events and activities planned for the New Year. I hope that you will all find a place to participate.

Do you like to eat especially when you don't have to cook or better yet clean up? We have a fundraiser at Rubio's this month. All that is required is for you and anyone that you want to take to go to Rubio's, take a flyer (which will be available at the meeting) and eat lunch and/or dinner. Acacia will get 20% of our sales. What a great way to make money!! I hope that everyone will participate.

Thanks to my wonderful board and many volunteers to help make Acacia a wonderful Quilt Guild! Please let me know if you have any questions, concerns or ideas for Acacia.

Happy Quilting,  
Karen Waterbury



*Happy  
Birthday  
to You*

**Thanks to all our members** for making the December potluck such a great success. What a sampling of great dishes and treats. Well done!

A big "**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**" to our following members:

**Stephanie Doyle**  
**Charlotte Hansen**  
**Judy Hunsaker**  
**Tiffany LaMarre**  
**Dee Livernois**  
**Diane MacRill**  
**Mary Scharfenburg**

**Thank you** ladies for providing refreshments during our General Meeting on January 8th.

If it is not your birthday and you are kind enough to bring a treat to share, remember to pick up your **extra door prize ticket** for your generosity. Thanks to all of you who makes this a feast each month!

Susann Wood  
Hospitality Committee



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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.



Sunshine and  
Shadows  
By Kim Hogan

Wow! A huge celebration is in order for **Mary Hicks** as she celebrated **her 95th birthday on Dec. 23.** Her passion for life should be an inspiration for all of us.

A hearty "Congratulations" goes out to **Verda** who celebrates the birth of her great-granddaughter and to **Susan Mac Vicar** on the birth of her granddaughter. So which one of these little girls

will be the first to begin sewing treasures at grandma's

**2009-- A Year of Trees, Birthstones and Flowers**

To help create a personalized birthday quilt for someone special in your life, here is some information about people born in January! For example -Celtic birthday trees--

*What Tree Did They Fall From?*

**Find their birthday and its corresponding tree. Then, see the meaning behind it below. Do you recognize your friend?**

<b>Dec 23 to Jan 01</b>	<b>Apple Tree</b>
<b>Jan 02 to Jan 11</b>	<b>Fir Tree</b>
<b>Jan 12 to Jan 24</b>	<b>Elm Tree</b>
<b>Jan 25 to Feb 03</b>	<b>Cypress Tree</b>


**APPLE TREE (the Love)** - of slight build, lots of charm, appeal, and attraction, pleasant aura, flirtatious, adventurous, sensitive, always in love, wants to love and be loved, faithful and tender partner, very generous, scientific talents, lives for today, a carefree philosopher with imagination.

**FIR TREE (the Mysterious)** - extraordinary taste, dignity, sophisticated, loves anything beautiful, moody, stubborn, tends to egoism but cares for those close to them, rather modest, very ambitious, talented, industrious, discontented lover, many friends, many foes, very reliable.

side? The race is on ladies!  
Kim

**ELM TREE (the Noble-mindedness)** - pleasant shape, tasteful clothes, modest demands, tends not to forgive mistakes, cheerful, likes to lead but not to obey, honest and faithful partner, likes making decisions for others, noble-minded, generous, good sense of humor, practical.

**CYPRESS TREE (the Faithfulness)** - strong, muscular, adaptable, takes what life has to give, content, optimistic, craves money and acknowledgment, hates loneliness, passionate lover which cannot be satisfied, faithful, quick-tempered, unruly, pedantic, and careless.

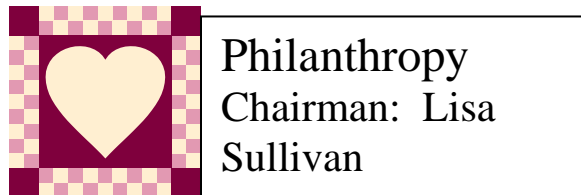
Month	Flower	Stone	Meaning	Colors
<b>January</b>	Carnation, Snowdrop	 Garnet, Emerald, Rose Quartz.	Loyalty, Constancy	Black, Dark Blue, Dark Red

**January: The traditional birthstone associated with Capricorn is the garnet.**

This deep red stone has a longstanding connection to the underworld. The Egyptians would put garnets in the tombs of the dead as payment for the deceased's passage into the next world. The garnet was also considered to be a strong deterrent against the evil eye. This stone is symbolic of an individual's willingness to serve others, but at the same time remain true to himself or herself. It is a stone of respect and responsibility, much like the traits of the sign of Capricorn.

**The flower for January is the carnation.**

This flower represents love, but not the deep love associated with the rose and carries an air of sophistication.



Welcome 2009!

A **great "BIG THANK YOU"** to all those who are participating in our Philanthropy efforts. If you could only see the big smiles on their faces when our delivery is coming into the shelter you would just be so inspired and humbled.

Our donation this time had: 19 Quilts--40 bags--30 stuffed animals--5 crocheted pillow-covers--3 boxes of cosmetics--4 boxes of school supplies and toys. Mona and I went to the shelter to deliver the items December 16th. Thank you Mona!

Also want to express to those who participate in the 'BLOCKS FOR THE BRAVE' -- we make a difference. I know that a quilt given to a soldier is a real inspiration and a great motivation to them that they are likely not to forget. (you all should have received an email with pictures and if you want a copy let me know).

Well now that we are making our commitments for 2009 lets get a

commitment to PHILANTHROPY. I know that each of us, if we were asked, would say that one of the reasons we are a member of the guild is, in part, to have a forum for philanthropic donations, so lets make sure that we remember to commit (even just a little bit) of our special time and talent to give to those who need us and our talents.

We need:

1. Sewers to sew on the third Sat of the month (lets all get those calendars out and put down at least two or more 3rd Saturdays to come out and sew).
2. If cleaning your sewing room (or just lightening up the load) is on your list already please consider sending your UFO's or your "I am so past this phase" fabric to philanthropy to be finished and sent to our shelter.
3. We could use cotton batting anytime. I have about 40 kits ready to go that just need batting to be a complete kit.
4. Please take at least one kit and bring it back next meeting finished to be added to our drawing of great prizes (last give away we gave 2 workshops. Lucky Phyllis Victor and Donna Holley). Keep up the good work.
5. YOU!!! Yes we need you no matter what your skill level or limitations please call on me and together we will find your special talent to make Philanthropy 2009 the best it can be.

Happy New Year 2009  
Lisa Sullivan  
714-642-1127 (anytime!)



*Opportunity  
Basket*

*The opportunity basket for the month of January's theme will be Bears! Come over and buy some tickets to support the guild. Tickets are 3 for one dollar. Free tickets are given to those who bring donations of fat quarters or other sewing or quilting items for the basket.*

- *February's theme will be red and white/hearts,*
- *April's theme will be Easter/spring,*
- *May's theme will be baby and juvenile,*
- *June's theme will be sewing.*

*For March and July there will be no basket because we will be*

*having a brown bag those two months. I will accept donations for the basket for any theme any time.*

*December's lucky winner was Charlotte Hansen. Thank you for your donations and for buying tickets for the opportunity basket.*



## KENNEDY HIGH DONATIONS

*Kennedy High received a serger as a donation. I am looking for a generous person to donate a little of their time and teach Ms. Vazquez and I how to use it. Your help would be greatly appreciated! Dana Matsukawa*

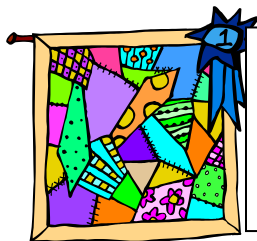
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Workshops  
Submitted by:  
**Diane MacRill**

From Diane MacRill, V.P. of Workshops:

Vivs from Bear's will be teaching a workshop on Paper Piecing on Saturday, January 10. If you have never tried paper piecing before, this is the perfect time to learn. Even if you have paper pieced, Vivs will have some hints that I am sure will help you with your next project. This looks like a pretty project to make, or you can just practice the techniques. You can still sign up at our meeting on January 8. I will have a supply list for you at that time. There is some prep work that needs to be done before the workshop.



Membership  
Chairman: Sonia Das  
Judy Hunsaker, Linda  
Stearns

Attendance at the December  
2008 meeting: 40 members  
and 5 guests

As of January 1, 2009,  
Acacia has 66 members.

The 2008-2009 Rosters  
were distributed at the  
October 2008 meeting.  
Please see the Membership  
Table if you did not receive  
one. Rosters will be mailed  
out upon request.

#### **ACACIA DOOR PRIZES**

Sonia Das

Winners for December and  
January will reported in a  
future newsletter.

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

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.



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:**  
**[www.acaciaquiltguild.org](http://www.acaciaquiltguild.org)**

**or contact**

**Karen Waterbury: 714-209-0165**

Please excuse the confusion during our current construction project. Also, please remember that there is a parking lot to the rear of the building if the front lot is filled.



## Speakers

Submitted by:  
**Phyllis Campbell**

Dear fellow quilter,

My name is Deborah Segart and I have been a quilter for more than 25 years and the publisher of Down Under Quilts magazine for the past 9 years.

I am writing to share some good news with you. - **Down Under Quilts is available digitally for FREE**, including over a years worth of back issues.

All it takes is 30 seconds to subscribe at <http://subscriptions.creativelivingmedia.com.au> and the latest issue is sent immediately to your email address. I am sure you will find the monthly issues of Down Under Quilts enjoyable, insightful and fun.

*An email that was sent from a member of online Australian group "scquilters" had this to say about Down Under Quilts:*  
*I have been meaning to tell you:*  
*Your implementation of an online*

*magazine is the best I have encountered anywhere - and I've looked at hundreds in many subjects. It's really easy to navigate, very friendly, very faithful to the print edition (and so is very familiar to the reader who is used to the print version). Well done to you all, and especially your online designer PS I'm a website manager in my other life.*

Please do sign-up. **Share the good news that Down Under Quilts is available FREE online with your guild members too, I am sure they will appreciate it.**

In fact over 25% of our current readers are presently from the US and we hope to share our lovely magazine with even more US quilters.

If you have any questions please do get back to me.

Kind regards and happy quilting!  
ps. if any of your friends or members are machine embroidery enthusiasts our Creative Expressions magazine with Jenny Haskins is also available.

Deborah Segært  
Publisher



**Happy  
New  
Year,  
Secret  
Pals**

*No, I haven't had too much of "the bubbly"! I just get confused. If it's New Years, how come we aren't starting all over with a new Secret Pal program?*

*Okay, I really do know the answer! Just playing with your heads! I know that Acacia has a year from July to June instead of January to December. I know we are fortunate to have a program that doesn't have to juggle Secret Pal special end of year gifts with the Holiday gifts you are working so hard to get together for family and friends.*

*So, what do we have to look forward to this next six months? I just finished typing up the calendar of "Other Holidays" for this issue and there are so many ways you can treat your Secret Pal and say Thank You that my mind is boggled! You can choose a "different" Holiday—like Groundhog Day or April Fool's Day—and prepare a gift collection around that! Okay, so I'm a little wacky tonight! But you guys are doing such a great job I know you will make each month special for your Secret Pal.*

*So Happy New Year, to all you Special Giving Ladies! And may you be truly blessed for your giving!*





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

Now that the Holidays are over and there is time to breathe, it seems like a great time to come to Sew-So-Much and work on something new and challenging.

Need ideas? Well at Sew-So-Much there are always plenty of quilters who will stimulate your imagination with suggestions—or just by seeing their works-in-progress.

We always accomplish a lot while we chat and work and munch. By going-home-time I am always surprised at how much I got done in just a few hours.

Come join us at the Bunney Hutch on January 23 from 10 am to 5 pm (bring a dish to share—if you wish!)

By the way, contrary to previous rumors, the Bunney Hutch has not been sold and is not going out of Business. We are still meeting there as usual! COME JOIN US!

***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).***

# Holidays in 2009

		(F=Federal Holiday)		
			14	Valentine's Day
			16	President's Day F
			22	Washington's Birthday
January	1	New Years Day F	24	Mardi Gras
	19	Martin Luther King Day F	25	Ash Wednesday
	20	Inauguration Day		
			March	
			8	Daylight Saving Time Begins
			17	Saint Patrick's Day
February	2	Groundhog Day	20	Vernal Equinox-First Day of Spring
	12	Abraham Lincoln's Birthday		

April			9	California Admissions Day
	1	April Fool's Day	11	Patriot Day
	5	Palm Sunday	13	Grandparent's Day
	9	First Day of Passover	17	Citizens Day
	10	Good Friday		(aka Constitution Day)
	11	Easter	19	Rosh Hashanah
	22	Earth Day	21	International Day of Peace
	24	Arbor Day	22	Autumnal Equinox
				- First Day of autumn
May			28	Yom Kippur
	5	Cinco De Mayo		
	10	Mother's Day	October	
	16	Armed Forces Day	5	Child Health Day
	21	National Maritime Day	11	National Children's Day
	25	Memorial Day F	12	Columbus Day F
			23	United Nations Day
June			31	Halloween
	13	Flag Day		
	20	Summer Solstice-First Day of Summer	November	
	21	Father's Day	1	Daylight Savings Time Ends
		And don't forget your Graduates!	2	Election Day
			11	Veteran's Day F
			26	Thanksgiving Day F
			December	
			7	National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
July			12	First Day of Hanukkah
	4	Independence Day F	15	Bill of Rights Day
			17	Wright Brothers Day
August			21	Winter Solstice
	18	National Aviation Day		—First Day of Winter
	22	First Day of Ramadan	25	Christmas Day F
	26	Women's Equality Day	26	Kwanzaa Begins
			31	New Year's Eve
September				
	7	Labor Day F		

# Upcoming Events

## January

8 General Meeting, Buena Park Senior Center, 6:45 pm  
Mini-Demos by Acacia Members

- 10 Workshop: Vivs from Bears: Paper Piecing  
Time: 9 AM to 3 PM, Cost: \$25.00 for members, \$35.00 for non-members
- 17 Philanthropy Sew Day 1 pm to 5 pm
- 15-18 Road to California Quilters Conference and Showcase,  
Ontario Conference Center, Ontario, CA  
For more info. See [www.road2ca.com](http://www.road2ca.com)
- 20 Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- 23 Sew-So-Much, Bunney Hutch Quilt and Sew, 10 am to 5 pm

## **February**

- 5 General Meeting, Buena Park Senior Center, 6:45 pm  
Mini-Demos by Acacia Members
- 7 Workshop: Karen Waterbury; "The Color Of Quilting"  
Time: 9 AM to 3 PM, Cost: \$25.00 for members, \$35.00 for non-members
- 17 Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- 21 Philanthropy Sew Day 1 pm to 5 pm
- 23 Sew-So-Much, Bunney Hutch Quilt and Sew, 10 am to 5 pm