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**PRESIDENT'S NOTE**

**February, 2009**

## **Happy Valentine's Day to all of my fellow quilters!**

**On Monday, February 9th from 2 pm until 9 pm**, we are having a fundraiser. It is not like other fundraisers that require you to sell or buy tickets or other items. This fundraiser only requires you to go to **Rubio's**, taking your flyer and eat and drink... no preparing food or cleaning up the dishes!! I know what you are thinking – what's the gimmick? There aren't any! When you give them your flyer when you purchase your food and/or drinks Acacia will receive 20% of your sale! You can either eat there or take your food to go. Please come eat and support Acacia. Let's make this a huge success.

Your board has been discussing **Acacia's Fall Tea and Quilt Auction**. My mom, Diane MacRill, and I are co-chairing this fantastic fundraiser. We will present you with more details at our February meeting.

Do you struggle picking out fabrics that go well together or are "stuck in a rut" with your colors of quilts? **I'll be teaching "The Great Color Quest" on Thursday night, February 5th, and then teaching a fun workshop on Saturday the 7th.**

I would like to extend a huge **thank you to Kim Hogan** who is taking over the treasurer position. The board voted her in at our January meeting. As many of you know, Lisa Sullivan offered to be our Treasurer because no one else would and Acacia was going to fold without one. Lisa has done a fantastic job! **Thanks Lisa!** With being the treasurer and Philanthropy chair she was overworked. She has a heart for Philanthropy and now can focus on it easier.

**Thank you to all of the ladies who did the product testing** with the containers last month. I believe that **we brought in \$70**. It is a great and easy way to make some extra money. The more money that Acacia brings in the better speakers and teachers we can afford.

I hope to see you all at the February meeting.  
Happy Quilting,  
Karen Waterbury



## Membership

Sonia Das,  
Judy Hunsaker,  
Linda Stearns

Attendance at the January 2009 meeting: 34 members and 2 guests

Three new members joined in January and we warmly welcome them to the Acacia family:

**Paul Atkinson of Garden Grove, CA**  
**Anna Lee of Orange, CA**  
**And Diane Sanchez of Buena Park, CA**

As of February 1, 2009, Acacia has 69 members.

Membership updates to the 2008-2009 Roster will be available soon.



## News staff

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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.



*Opportunity  
Basket*

*For the month of February we will have a Valentine themed basket. Tickets are three for 1 dollar, or 1 ticket per donation. Donations include fabric, such as a fat quarter, or any sewing or quilting related item.*

*The month of March we will not have an opportunity basket due to the brown bag.*

*The basket will return in April with an Easter and spring theme. For the month of May we will have a juvenile and baby themed basket. The month of June will have an ocean theme.*

*Please come by and purchase tickets to support our guild. Go home a lucky winner like last months winners Diane Rice and Eva Selnick.*

*Thank you for your donations and ticket purchases.*



**Sunshine and Shadows—Kim Hogan**

Acacia Quilt Guild extends its **condolences and prayers to Stephanie Doyle and her extended family** over the unexpected loss of her brother's wife. May the peace which comes from the memories of love shared comfort you now and in the days ahead.

We celebrate with **Linda and Roger Stearns** as they show us how **35 years of love and**

**commitment** can change the lives of many. Way to go!

And finally to **Sonia Das** - A huge **congratulations** to you on becoming the **newest president of Quilter's By the Sea**. May your term be rewarding as you guide a wonderful group of quilters in their efforts to create beauty, and serve their community side by side with one another in friendship and love.

If you know of someone who is in need of a word of encouragement or a hearty congratulations please shoot me an e-mail at [kimsplayce@socal.rr.com](mailto:kimsplayce@socal.rr.com). And, in the meantime, put up with small annoyances to gain great results.



*Happy  
Birthday  
To You*

Susann Wood--Hospitality Chairman

We wish our following members a very **happy birthday for the month of February:**

**Rosemary Collins  
Diane Donegan  
Catherine Drace  
Nancy Malm  
Sharon Monge**

**Diane Sanchez.**

Thank you, quilters, for providing refreshments during our General Meeting on February 5th.

I would also like to thank all of you who bring goodies to share even though it is not your birthday. Please remember to pick up your extra door prize ticket for your thoughtfulness. What an abundance of treats we have each month!

Susann Wood  
Hospitality Committee



**Would you like to see a  
“Cook’s Corner”  
in the Newsletter?**

*Phyllis Campbell suggested this column and it sounds great to me! Her idea is to publish recipes for treats suitable for sharing at a meeting—or maybe*

*things which were shared and were “Gone in 60 Seconds”!  
Phyllis started us off with this recipe:*

### Apple Cake

1 box spice cake mix  
1 (20 ounce) can apple pie filling  
2 eggs  
1/3 c. chopped walnuts or pecans

Combine all ingredients; mix very thoroughly with a spoon. Make sure all lumps from the cake mix are broken up (suggestion--Use a whisk or pastry blender to make cake mix "silky" before adding other ingredients.)

Pour into a greased and floured (or coated with Pam) Bundt pan. Bake at 350 for 50 minutes, or until a toothpick comes out clean.

You may substitute any other cake mix or pie filling in this cake for a different flavor.

**Please fill in the blank and give to Phyllis Campbell by the start of the next meeting:**

A quilter is someone  
who...

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(example: A quilter is  
someone who buys fabric she  
doesn't need to make a  
quilt that may never be

The responses will be read at the  
meeting and/or added to the next  
newsletter, depending on the  
number of responses.



**FOR SALE**

**Bernina Aurora 440 Quilters  
Edition**

**with Basic Stitch Regulator  
\$2350**

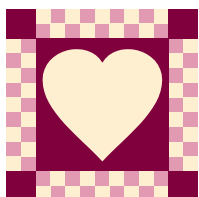
**Jody Burtch (714) 828-2498**

Well, its 2009 let's all  
be working on a kit or  
two!!

I found a cute pattern  
with an appliquéd teddy  
bear in the center. I  
will hand out copies at  
the meeting and those who  
make this up and turn it  
in  
will get **THREE** tickets  
for our drawing in  
March. So let's all try  
and make one or more.  
They are very cute.

We have a very bountiful  
selection of fabric for  
our philanthropy efforts  
so I hope to see many  
more of our members  
coming to the "sew  
days". We need batting  
cut and kits assembled.  
Our guild has the power  
to bring a ray of hope to  
those who might have lost  
all of theirs.

Please remember to stop  
by and see what is going  
on and let me know what I  
can do to get your  
support in this effort.



**Philanthropy**  
Lisa Sullivan

We support:

Fullerton-Women's  
Transitional Living  
Center (WTLC)

Blocks for the Brave

Our next Sew Day will be

February 21, 2009  
Picasso Room (Buena Park  
Community Center)  
Time: 1pm -5pm

Please let me know if  
you're coming or RSVP.

Sewing on  
Lisa Sullivan  
714-642-1127 anytime



See's Candy Gift  
Certificates Available  
for Valentine's Day

Valentines Day is coming  
and See's Candy Gift  
Certificates are a great  
gift. They are \$14.50  
for a one pound  
certificate and these  
never expire. Call Susan  
Stokes on 714-522-4741!



*Secret Pal*

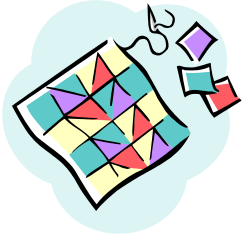
*Sherri Vasquez*

*Happy February, Secret Pals--the  
month for valentines and presidents  
birthdays and valentines and ground  
hogs and valentines. Yes, I am a  
romantic at heart—but, please, don't  
tell anybody!*

*Thank You again for all the  
wonderful and thoughtful gifts I have  
been receiving every month. I can't  
believe how fortunate I am to be the  
recipient of such graciousness and  
kindness. If my gifts have been so  
great, I can just imagine what you are  
all receiving from your Secret Pals!  
And I see you are sending thanks' too.  
That's what makes this program work  
so well; gracious giving and grateful  
receiving.*

*Well, we have five more months of  
exciting surprises to give and receive!  
Let's see. That's Valentine's Day,  
Saint Patrick's Day, April Fool's  
Day, Memorial Day and Year End  
Special Surprise. Enjoy the  
adventure!*

*Sherri*



Sew -So-Much  
Chairman: Sharon  
Monge

Well, the Bunney Hutch is remodeled and ready for a new year of helping fill the quilting needs of the community.

I know the dates have been shuffling around a little in the last few months, but things are back in routine now and the Sew So Much at the Bunney Hutch Quilt "n" Sew will be back on schedule.

In **February** we will meet on the **27<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 5 pm** in the classroom in the back of the shop and chat and work on our projects and even munch a little (bringing a dish to share is not compulsory—but nice).

**March's date is also the 27<sup>th</sup>**—how'd that happen?

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).



*Birthstones, Flowers, Colors  
And Trees*

Feb 04 to Feb 08	Poplar Tree
Feb 09 to Feb 18	Cedar Tree
Feb 19 to Feb 28	Pine Tree

**POPLAR TREE (the Uncertainty)** - looks very decorative, not very self-confident, only courageous if necessary, needs goodwill and pleasant surroundings, very choosy, often lonely, great animosity, artistic nature, good organizer, tends to lean toward philosophy, reliable in any situation, takes partnership seriously.

**CEDAR TREE (the Confidence)** - of rare beauty, knows how to adapt, likes luxury, of good health, not in the least shy, tends to look down on others, self-confident, determined, impatient, likes to impress others, many talents, industrious, healthy optimism, waiting for the one true love, able to make quick decisions.

**PINE TREE (the Particular)** - loves agreeable company, very robust, knows how to make life comfortable, very active, natural, good companion, but seldom friendly, falls easily in love but its passion burns out quickly, gives up easily, everything disappointments until it finds its ideal, trustworthy, practical.

## Purple

The historic use of purple to denote royalty or nobility can be seen in the oldest art forms, from

**February:** Amethyst marks the month of February. Amethysts have long been associated with special energies thought to open the mind. The stone was found in quantities large enough to make it available to both royalty and commoners alike.

Amethyst calms the mind and is said to help break unwanted habits. On an emotional level, it helps to balance body, mind and spirit. This stone is closely tied with [Aquarius](#), a sign that represents people who are true visionaries and humanitarians.

The color of the violet, February's flower, has a close tie to the crown chakra that gives a person their connection to the divine. Violets represent independence, creativity and progress.

<b>February</b>	Violet, Primrose	 Amethyst, Bloodstone, Onyx, Moonstone.	Sincerity	Light Blue, Yellow and purple
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portraits to statues to burial sites of ancient kings and queens. Use purple if you want to appear aristocratic or wealthy. Because of its often muted tone, purple is not pretentious. It will enhance your environment without coming across as loud or obnoxious. It does not scream, "Look at me, I'm somebody." Rather, it subtly reminds guests or friends that you are someone special, someone with class and dignity.

# Upcoming Events

## 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, Picasso Room, BPSC
- 23 Sew-So-Much, Bunney Hutch Quilt and Sew, 10 am to 5 pm

**March**

- 5 General Meeting, Buena Park Senior Center, 6:45 pm  
Speaker: Frances Moore
- 7 Workshop: Frances Moore  
Time: 9 AM to 3 PM, Cost: \$25.00 for members, \$35.00 for non-Members
- 17 Board Meeting at 6 pm
- 21 Philanthropy Sew Day
- 27 Sew So Much at the Bunney Hutch Quilt 'n' Sew, 10am to 5 pm



**ACACIA DOOR PRIZE WINNERS –  
JANUARY 2009**  
Sonia Das

**Congratulations to the following lucky door prize winners at the January 2009 meeting.**

**Many, many thanks, as always, to our generous donors.** Don't forget to send in or turn in those *Thank You* notes to let our donors know how much their generosity is appreciated!

***Please remember to support our local quilt shops whose collective generosity helps support many Acacia activities!***

**QUILT SHOP/DONOR**

**PRIZE**

**WINNER**

***BEAR'S QUILT SHOP***

**GIFT CERTIFICATE \$10**

**Diane Donegan**

	GIFT CERTIFICATE \$10	Helen Whitaker
	GIFT CERTIFICATE \$10	Linda Stearns
<b><i>BUNNEY HUTCH</i></b>	GIFT CERTIFICATE \$10	Anonymous (did not sign)
<b><i>PHYLLIS CAMPBELL</i></b>	VASE OF ROSES	Anonymous (did not sign)
<b><i>SINGER SEWING CENTER</i></b>	GIFT CERTIFICATE \$89.99	Phyllis Victor
<b><i>TIMELESS QUILTS</i></b>	FQ PACK	Paul Atkinson
	FQ PACK	Karen Waterbury
<b><i>THE QUILT CUPBOARD</i></b>	PATTERN	Phyllis Campbell
	PATTERN	Judy Hunsaker
<b><i>VERDA</i></b>	FQ PACK	Susann Wood
	FQ PACK	Susan Stokes

## A Thank You Note from Kennedy High

John F. Kennedy High School Update

Thanks to the generous donations from guild members, John F. Kennedy High School is on its way to get sewing imbedded into the visual arts curriculum.

Currently, the visual arts department is proud to announce that a total of 14 sewing machines have been donated to the program along with a variety of fabric swatches.

The sewing machines are currently being serviced and students will be able to start using them in about four to six weeks. As of right now, the plan is for students to learn the basic sewing fundamentals and to develop their skill set in the medium.

The visual arts program would like to once again thank the following individuals for their generous contributions to the program for without them this project would not be possible:

**Jody Burtch** for the two sewing machines, **Phyllis Campbell** for one sewing machine, **Cathy Drace** for one sewing machine and fabric, **Kim Hogan** for one

sewing machine, **Sharon Monge** for one sewing machine, **Susan Stokes** for one sewing machine, **Lisa Sullivan** for the large donation of upholstery fabric, **Linda Reese** for fabric and patterns, and to **Phyllis Victor** for her time and instruction on the serger.

Lastly, we would specially like to thank the efforts, inspiration, and devotion of **Dana Matsukawa** who has help speared this project and whom without, this project would only be a idea and not an actually.

We will keep you up to date on the up coming sewing project and its progress.

Thank you,  
Hilda Vazquez

John F. Kennedy High School  
Director of Activities  
714-220-4110 Fax/Phone



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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**or contact**

