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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

March, 2008

Is it really March? I hope that all are well and staying healthy. We've definitely had our share of illnesses around our house this winter.

Welcome to all of our new members. If there are any questions that you have or if we can help in anyway, please let me know.

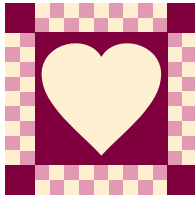
March brings us **Frances Moore**. She was here with us last March and gave a wonderful lecture and workshop. I am sure that she will repeat this year with a new lecture and workshop. Please check out the Programs and Workshop section of Acacia's fabulous Newsletter. There is some pre-cutting involved with Frances' workshop (if you have email check your email for the photo of the quilt and cutting directions; if you have mail, check your mailbox-we're working out the details)

Thank you to all who joined us at **Rubio's** for our fundraiser lunch or dinner. I love their fish tacos and enjoyed 2 of them that night. My husband and daughters are always up for Rubio's too. The initial plans and details have begun for **Acacia's Fall Tea and Quilt Auction**. Diane MacRill and I are co-chairing this fantastic fundraiser. We will give you details at the March general meeting. We are going to need everyone to help out in one facet or another to make this event successful.

Let me ask a question. How many of you love chocolate or know someone who loves chocolate? Acacia is selling **See's Candy gift certificates**. They never expire so you can keep them and take them in whenever you have a craving for yummy chocolate or give them as gifts. I purchased one and took it into See's and picked out my families favorite and we enjoyed every last one!! We will have them at the March meeting. Please see Susan Stokes to purchase them. Believe it or not, our fiscal year is going to end and we'll be starting a new one in **June** which is only a few months away. This is the time to start thinking about the position that you would like to be involved in next year. If time is an issue there are jobs that don't take up as much time as others. They are all fun and rewarding.

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



Philanthropy

Chairman:
Lisa Sullivan

back ladies. Please send in your wants and wishes. Turn out is very low and I just want to be very available to whatever the most of you want to do. So I will be taking a survey at our next meeting to see what you all want so put on those thinking caps and be ready to give me your list at the meeting or you might just toss me an email or a phone call to fill me in.



WTLC

On December 16, Mona McCormick and I had the privilege of representing the Acacia Quilt Guild at the Women's Transitional Living Center (LWTC) as we presented to them:

- 19 Quilts
- 40 Gift Bags
- 30 Stuffed Animals
- 5 Crocheted Pillow Covers
- 3 Boxes of Cosmetics
- 4 Boxes of Toys and School Supplies

You ladies are GREAT! You made it possible for these frightened, displaced women and children to have a Christmas! Thank You all for the contributions and encouragement.



MEMBERSHIP
Sonia Das, Judy
Hunsaker, Linda
Stearns

Attendance at the
February 2009 meeting:
34 members and 5 guests

One new member joined in
February and we warmly
welcome her to the Acacia
family:

Erin Kennell
Buena Park, CA

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

Membership updates to the
2008-2009 Roster will be
at the March meeting.



Helpful Hints

It's YoYo time again! When making yoyo's it is suggested to use a two stranded thread or quilting thread so it won't break when tightening. Also, using small stitches makes the center close tighter. Try making a flower with two different sized yoyo's and stuffing the smaller one.



Workshops
Chairman: Diane
MacRill Vice President

In **March** we have **Frances Moore** teaching us “**Star Search**”. This is a beautiful quilt that you can make with any size of stars from 2” to 24”. Sonia has emailed the directions for some precutting. If this is done ahead of time, you will have more time to sew on Saturday. The quilt that Frances made included the 7’ and 14’ stars. Come sign up at our meeting next week. I have purchased 30 spools of the thread that Frances recommends. You can purchase that from me at the discounted price.

In **April** we have **Lyn Mann** teaching us her “**Happy Birthday**”. I took this workshop from her at Camp Watchapatcher in 2006. Each person’s quilt will be different not only because of the fabric that you choose, but also because of your squares. They are determined by your birth date. There are only two fabrics; one of them should pertain to something that you enjoy, such as a hobby. See me at the meeting for more details. There is a bit of **prep work** for this one, so if you are considering signing up for it you should do it at the March meeting.



Speakers And Workshops

By Phyllis Campbell

I want to give you a glimpse of the plans for upcoming speakers at Acacia. For our 6th anniversary, we plan to have Lyn Brown back, as she was instrumental in getting this guild started. She kept saying in class that we should start a guild in west Orange County—so we did! In July we plan to have Steve of Singer Sewing Center back to show more of us how to open up our sewing machines so we can clean and oil them. In August, our own member, Nancy Williams, who lives in Cincinnati, will be back to show us her small quilts and to teach us how to make quilted postcards.

Coming up later in the year, and into 2010, will be Don Beld with "Perthina Bailey's Secret Treasure Quilt". Also we will be learning about African Folklore Embroidery with Sharon Camping, and Jake Finch, Managing Editor of *Quilter's Home* magazine, will be coming to speak and do a workshop for us.

We are working on having Rob Appell come to speak and then do a workshop in conjunction with Bear's Quilt Shop, as we can't afford him on our own. We also plan on having Patt Blair back with another

fabric painting workshop.

We will have a Round Robin night when we divide in groups and learn a new technique from several of our members. Verda is also going to speak about long-arm quilting. I may be teaching a free motion quilting class, as I have had several requests to do so. If any of you would like a chance to speak and/or teach, please contact me so I can work you into the schedule.



We appreciate the opportunity to come into your facility. Your participation in our studies helps to save children's lives. It is because of your continued support that this program is successful. We look forward to working with you in the near future.

Thank You
Child Related Research, Inc.
(Participation in the research at the December Meeting earned Acacia \$78.00.)



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Sheri Vasquez - Newsletter



*Happy
Birthday
to You*

Susann Wood
Hospitality Chairman

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

*Kit Boyd
Jody Burtch
Sonia Das
Joelda Owens
Sherri Vasquez
Phyllis Victor
Susann Wood*

Thank you for providing refreshments during our General Meeting on March 5th.

A special thank you to those who set up refreshments in my absence during

last month's meeting. You are a great bunch of quilters with a heart for hospitality!

Reminder: For those who bring treats even though it is not their birthday month, please pick up your extra door prize ticket for your thoughtfulness.



*Opportunity
Basket*

The Opportunity basket is a great way for you to win fabric, quilt and sewing notions, and a host of other goodies while raising funds for the guild's great speakers. Tickets are three for one dollar. Those who give donations such as quilt or sewing related item or a fat quarter will earn a free ticket per item.

During the month of March we will be having a brown bag event instead of the Opportunity basket.

The Opportunity basket will return in April with an Easter or spring theme. For the month of May juvenile and baby, and for the month of June we will have a beach theme for the basket.

Next month you may be the lucky winner, like *Colleen Van Gundy and Betty Chadek* were in the month of February!

So come by and support the guild with your ticket purchases!



DON'T FORGET!

March 5 is brown bag day!

**Come prepared to buy tickets—
5 for \$1**

And join the fun!



**"Cook's
Corner"**

Phyllis Campbell

Here is a fast recipe for anyone who doesn't want to turn on the oven. I like them rolled in unsweetened cocoa or hot cocoa mix. The recipe is from www.happytobeathome.net but I used to make these with the children I taught.

Chocolate & Peanut Butter Balls

Ingredients

- 1 cup peanut butter (creamy or crunchy)
- 1 cup powdered milk
- 6 Tablespoons honey (add more if the mixture is too dry)
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips (semi-sweet or milk)
- 2 graham crackers, crushed

Directions

1. Mix all the ingredients (except the graham crackers) together in a bowl. (I put my hands in sandwich bags and mix with my hands once I have stirred it well.)
2. Form the mixture by hand into 1 inch balls.
3. Roll the balls in the graham cracker crumbs to coat completely.
4. Refrigerate or freeze, then enjoy!

Makes around 2 dozen balls

Variations: Roll the balls in powdered sugar or unsweetened cocoa or replace the chocolate chips with raisins or peanut butter chips.



Sunshine and
Shadows
Chairman: Kim
Hogan

We're glad to have **Diane MacRill** back after her forgettable and unexpected stay in the hospital. She has recovered nicely and is back to her normal but somewhat hectic routine.

Remember - We are each of us angels with only one wing, and we can fly only by embracing each other.

If you know of someone who is in need of encouragement or congratulations please be

sure to give me a call at 714 891-3485 or email me at

kimsplayce@socal.rr.com



See's Candy
Gift
Certificates
Available for

Easter and Mother's Day are coming and See's Candy makes a great gift. One pound of See's candy is now \$15.00, but our certificates are only \$14.50!

SUPPORT OUR GUILD by getting a certificate that NEVER expires. Certificates will be available at the general meeting or by contacting Susan Stokes on (714) 522-4741.



**PRESIDENT'S QUILT
2009**

Sonia Das

One of the pleasures of being Past President is that you get to organize the creation of the current President's Quilt. There have been two meetings where we finalized the pattern and fabric and

prepared the kits. Thanks to all who came but special thanks to Diane MacRill and Kim Hogan for all of the work they have put into the quilt so far!

Kits and instructions will be available at the March meeting. Please return the completed block by the April meeting OR ELSE . . .!

The quilt must be presented in June which leaves April to construct the quilt and May to complete the quilting.

In April, we will announce the date for sewing the blocks together.

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.

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 would like a kit but cannot come in March, please email me at soniadas@yahoo.com or call me at 562-429-4477 to make arrangements. Thank you in advance!

A Thank You Note from Kennedy High

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

(Okay, you're right! This was in the February issue, too. Dana just wanted to be sure everyone had a chance to be properly "thanked" for so graciously reaching out to the community!
The Editor)



Secret Pal

Coordinator:
Sherri Vasquez

SOOO!

How many of you think you already know who your Secret Pal is??

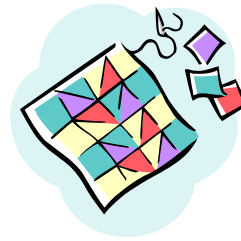
I have had so many people already assuming they have solved their mystery BUT—

*Some are RIGHT
AND
Some are WRONG!*

And I'm NOT TELLING!

There are only a few months left to keep you guessing, and I'm having fun! Hope you are too!

What a wonderful collection of gifts I received in February! I had so much fun going through everything! I wish I could thank you all individually, but when the cards are unsigned... I have no choice but to just use this column to say, Thank You to each and every Secret Pal Participant, for including me in the surprises!



Sew -So-Much
Chairman: Sharon
Monge
By Sherri Vasquez

Sew-So-Much at the Bunney Hutch is going strong—as I type this!

Did you ever have to miss out on a fun experience that you really always enjoy doing? Well, that's me today. I missed out on the Sew-So-Much.

Here I sit—trying to meet my newsletter commitments instead of working on those quilts and projects that are piling up on the table behind me; instead of listening to my quilting buddies talk about families, new quilt ideas, and show us their projects in progress; instead of getting great fabric or patterns or stuff to make my quilting easier from the store—here I sit.

*But next month things will be different!
(Have you ever promised to get yourself organized—mañana?)
Next month I will be at :
Bunney Hutch Quilt 'N Sew
located at:
4478 Cerritos Avenue
Los Alamitos, CA 90720
(714) 226-9647*

(which is 1/2 mile west of the Los Alamitos Racetrack at the corner of Lexington & Cerritos).



[A thank you note Ron (at the front desk) and his wife]

Dear Phyllis and the Quilting Guild,
Ron and I were so thrilled when we opened the lovely Christmas gift you gave us. The sugar-free chocolates, the chocolate pretzels, the cranberry pumpkin bread, all taste fantastic. However, the Christmas table runner is absolutely the best. We had one which was just a trifle too short for the coffee table. This one fits to perfection! Thank you all so very much, we really appreciate your thoughtfulness. We hope you all have a wonderful Holiday Season.

Hugs,
Ron and Joan

For more information, call Dana Matsukawa at (562) 402-2553.



Dog
Opportunity
Quilt

**DANA MATSUKAWA, DOG OPPORTUNITY
QUILT CHAIR**

Acacia's next opportunity quilt will be a lovely dog quilt featuring 35 breeds.

Please check in with Dana Matsukawa at the March guild meeting to select the dog pattern you would like to make and to collect the background fabric for the block. We would like to have 35 different breeds on the quilt and avoid duplicates. If your favorite dog has already been chosen, please pick another breed you like from this pattern or another dog pattern that seems fun to do. The dogs are meant to look realist so choose fabric accordingly. The dogs are to be fused onto the center of the background fabric.

Blocks will be due at the May meeting.



*Birthstones, Flowers, Colors
And Trees*

Trees

Mar 01 to Mar 10	Weeping Willow Tree
Mar 11 to Mar 20	Lime Tree
Mar 21	Oak Tree
Mar 22 to Mar 31	Hazelnut Tree


WEeping WILLOW (the Melancholy) - beautiful but full of melancholy, attractive, very empathetic, loves anything beautiful and tasteful, loves to travel, dreamer, restless, capricious, honest, can be influenced but is not easy to live with, demanding, good intuition, suffers in love but finds sometimes an anchoring partner.

LIME TREE (the Doubt) - accepts what life dishes out in a composed way, hates fighting, stress, and labor, dislikes laziness and idleness, soft and relenting, makes sacrifices for friends, many talents but not

tenacious enough to make them blossom, often wailing and complaining, very jealous but loyal.

OAK TREE (the Brave) - robust nature, courageous, strong, unrelenting, independent, sensible, does not like change, keeps its feet on the ground, person of action.

HAZELNUT TREE (the Extraordinary) - charming, undemanding, very understanding, knows how to make an impression, active fighter for social cause, popular, moody, and capricious lover, honest, and tolerant partner, precise sense of judgment.

Month	Flower	Stone	Meaning	Colors
March	Jonquil, Violet	 Aquamarine, Bloodstone, Jade, Rock Crystal.	Courage	White, Light Blue

The jonquil, a white flower that resembles a daffodil, represents happiness and domestic tranquility.

Blue :

Representing the color of the sea, blue has been intrinsically linked to water. Since water is used to purify and to clean, blue is often viewed as representing a clean heart. With that in mind, blue has also come to symbolize femininity and stability. Vastness has been associated with the color blue, taken from the large expanse of the blue sky or the miles and miles of vast ocean viewable from the shoreline. As such, using blue as a decorating scheme can open up smaller rooms and create a sense of outdoor calm. If you want to appear open to new ideas, wear blue to that next business meeting. Likewise, if you want to convey the message that the matter has been decided and not open for discussion, wear any color but blue. And watch out for blue eye shadow. No matter what your speech says, that blue eye shadow will say the deal is still on the table.

March: Like the sign of [Pisces](#), the aquamarine is thought to help align the spiritual and mental aspects of an individual. It was used to help reduce fear as a person moved through particularly challenging life changes.

Upcoming Events

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

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
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ACACIA DOOR PRIZE WINNERS – FEBRUARY 2009



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

Congratulations to the following lucky door prize winners at the February 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

<i>BEAR'S QUILT SHOP</i>	GIFT CERTIFICATE \$10	Karen Waterbury
	GIFT CERTIFICATE \$10	Jody Burtch
	GIFT CERTIFICATE \$10	Pat Galonka
<i>BUNNEY HUTCH</i>	FAT QUARTERS	Colleen Van Gundy
<i>SINGER SEWING CENTER</i>	GIFT CERTIFICATE \$15.00	Diane Rice
<i>TIMELESS QUILTS</i>	FQ PACK	Paul Atkinson
	FQ PACK	Sharon Monge
<i>VERDA</i>	FQ PACK	Linda Stearns

AND BY THE WAY!

Steve of the Singer Sewing Center is having a 25% off sale on his whole south wall of fabric, and his batiks and great quality Kona cotton are only \$4.99. He even has lots of black!

This sale will last for about the next two weeks. For anything not on sale, Acacia members get their usual 15% guild discount.

Singer Sewing Center
3414 W Ball Rd # C
Anaheim, CA 92804
(714) 761-0070

Located on Ball Road near Knott Avenue and shares the same parking lot with M & L Fabrics.

[Steve has been a good friend to Acacia with donations of large quantities of fabric for philanthropy and very generous doorprizes.]