



Acacia Quilt Guild of Orange County Newsletter

March 2010



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Spring is in the air, the birds are singing and the flowers are blooming.

Thank you all who attended Acacia's Rubio fundraiser. We raised \$64! If there is a place that you would like to see Acacia have a fundraiser, please let me know. This is a fun and easy way for Acacia to raise money.

As I stated last month, our website is being done professionally. It is partially up and I've been told that it will be completed for our

March meeting.

We have started the initial plans for our annual Tea and Quilt Auction. Our first one was a huge success, thanks to all who participated! We are planning for Spring 2011 for our next one. We will get the date to you all as soon as we have one set. Now is the time to start thinking of the quilt or items that you would like to donate.

I hope that everyone is well and will be at our March meeting with Frances Moore. Please check out the Programs and Workshops section for details about our meeting on Thursday and workshop on Saturday.

Please take the time to read through your newsletter. It is full of information. Thank you board members for turning in articles.

Happy Quilting,
Karen Waterbury

PROGRAMS



MARCH 2010 -- FRANCES MOORE: "GETTING THOSE TOPS QUILTED"

In March, Frances Moore will have us bring tops of quilts for which we don't know what pattern to use for quilting the quilts. She will give us ideas of how she would quilt them, and we will be able to discuss alternatives. So please bring any quilt tops that you have completed but haven't yet quilted.

Here is Frances in her own words taken from <http://frantastic-stitchwitchery.blogspot.com> (her blog) and www.twowackywomen.com (for whom she teaches retreats):

“In addition to being a serious CSI fan I am what I call the accidental quilter. Wandering aimlessly at Treadleart many years ago I came across a quilted vest pattern. I was NEVER going to make a quilt so a garment did not count as really quilting. Well, after cutting the fabric into many pieces and creating a picture I was not only hooked I was amazed! The guest bed was discarded and the sewing studio was up and functional over night. Many quilts have been created since that time. Scrap quilts with some black and white fabrics are now my calling card.”

“I have been quilting for 13 yrs and teaching for the last 6. I love to teach free motion quilting on a domestic machine without a stitch regulator or a frame. And I don't use gloves! Yeah, I LOVE IT!!!”

“When I first started to quilt 10 years ago, “sending your quilt out” was a very common phase. I was not in a financial situation that allowed me to do that, so I learned to do my own quilting and fell in love with it immediately. What really made me smile was the applause I received.”

WORKSHOPS

by Diane MacRill



March's workshop teaches the student how to machine piece usable yardage from the very smallest pieces of fabric. Start saving (if you have not already) pieces of fabric from other projects. They can be as small as 2"x2". Unused half square triangles, rectangles, strips, left over blocks, selvage. You save it and you can use it. Bring lots to class in plastic bags. By lots I mean several stuffed gallon ziplocks or more, you can always cont to create at home.

If you have a favorite color or motif fabric, bring small pieces of this as well.

For example, everyone knows most of my quilts have some black and white in them, so every few inches of created fabric has a piece of black and white. Perhaps your signature is dots or flowers.

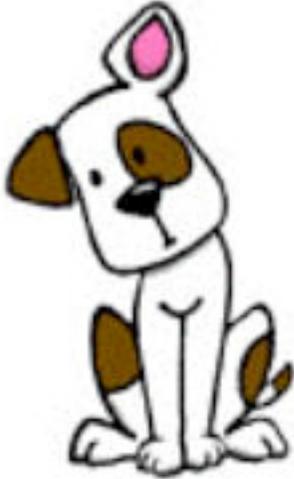
The basic pattern creates a quilt that measures approx 60 in x 75 in. This does not include any borders. The “accent” fabric is approx 2 & ¼ yds. This can be all one fabric or several coordinating colors. Fat quarters work well.

Supplies:

Sewing machine in good working order
General sewing tools
6x13 ruler and 6x23 ruler
Rotary cutter and mat
Piecing thread in neutral color
Spray starch



“DOG DAY AFTERNOON”



Opportunity Quilt

Can you see it? *June 3rd* is just around the corner. Doesn't time fly fast? That's the date for drawing the winning ticket for our Opportunity Quilt. Have you sold/bought your tickets yet? We have several more venues to display the quilt and sell tickets and we need volunteers to help us meet these schedules. Please contact Jody or Georgan if you can help. Everywhere we have taken the quilt people have been excited to see it and anxious to buy the “winning ticket”.

Jody Burtch (714) 828-2498

SECRET PALS

The winds of March –fiction or reality? Since I'm writing this in February, it remains to be seen.

I had a lovely visit to California in February. We had our taxes figured, celebrated our 37th anniversary with the couple we eloped to Vegas with, and got to see a few quilters at Sewing at the Tall Mouse. I did not get to any classes or guild meetings and I did not manage to sneak into any quilt shops. I heard Steve from Singer Sewing Center is moving to the Quilt Cupboard with his machine business. SO COOL!

I had a talk with Helen about how you guys are doing. She gave you all a positive report card. YEA!! There were a lot of leftovers from the February meeting that she had to lug home with her. Hope that doesn't mean H1N1 has new victims!

March, April, May, June—only four more months until all the secrets will be revealed. Can you believe this year is flying by so fast? Let's see—St. Patrick's Day, April Fools Day, Easter, Memorial Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day—What am I forgetting? OH! Birthdays—don't forget to honor your Secret Pal on her birthday! And don't forget to send a Thank You.

Have fun Secret Pals.
Sherri Vasquez





NOODLES EXCHANGE

Acacia is having a **Noodles (2.5" strips)** exchange throughout our 2009-10 year. Participation each month is optional- sit out any month that you choose. Here is how it works:

- 14 strips (2.5" wide by width of fabric) will be exchanged each month. One yard of fabric should yield 14 strips at 2.5".
- Select your fabric according the theme of the month (see below).
- Preferably the 14 strips should come from one fabric.
- Use 100% cotton fabric of good quality.
- Pre-wash the fabric.
- Fold each strip in fourths.
- Place them in a plastic zip-top bag labeled with your name and phone number.
- Leave your bag in the designated **Noodle Strips** basket before the meeting at the Workshop Sign-Up table.
- Pick up your bag at the break. You will receive 14 varied strips. If you don't pick up your strips one month, they will be held over until the next month.

PLEASE be careful with your cutting. We have been getting some odd sized strips.

July - patriotic

January - white, off white

August - blue

February - red

September - brown/beige

March-quilter's choice

October - fall colors

April - floral

November - holiday fabric

May - yellow/orange

December - batik, any color

June - green

If you have any questions, call Diane MacRill at 714-962-5929

PRESIDENT'S QUILT 2010 – MARCH UPDATE

Sonia Das

Please return your President's Quilt blocks to Sonia at the March meeting. Thank you to all those early birds who finished their blocks within a few days! Once all the blocks are in, I will begin putting the top together. If anyone would like to help with this phase, please contact me. If you won't be at the March meeting, please call me at 562-429-4477 or email me at soniadas@yahoo.com to arrange for mailing or delivery of your block.



Easter and Mother's Day are coming!

Looking for a yummy, oh so sweet gift for
someone special?

Well here's the gift for you.

For just \$14.50 you can put a sweet, sweet smile
on anyone's face with a

See's Candy Gift Certificate.

And while you're at it,
don't you deserve one too?

Be sure to see Kim Hogan and pick up your certificates at any Acacia Meeting!



DOOR PRIZES

Door Prize winners for February 2010 @ Acacia Quilt Guild:

Ralph, Dee Livernois, Doris A., Susan Stokes, Ingrid DeCook, Marilyn Gulickson, Diane Rice, Diane MacRill, Kim Hogan, Marie Ketsdever, Mary Hicks.
Congratulations everyone.

Please do not forget to send the 'Thank You' cards that were attached to the door prizes, if not for the quilt shop owners giving us door prizes we would not have them.

Anna Lee
Door Prize Committee
Acacia Quilt Guild

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/1 - Sherry Vasquez and Phyllis Victor
3/12 Janet Coulson
3/13 Sonia Das
3/16 Susann Wood
3/21 Joelda Owen
3/25 Jody Burtch



Remember to bring snacks if it is your birthday in March. Of course, we always welcome additional snacks as well. We always seem to have a wonderful selection.



MEMBERSHIP

Sonia Das, Judy Hunsaker, Susann Wood

Attendance at the February meeting: 36 members & 6 guests

As of February 28, 2010, Acacia has 67 members.

Membership Renewal Forms will be available as of April 2010. Dues are \$25.00.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Dip For Raw Vegetables

- 2/3 cup sour cream
- 1 cup mayonnaise (not salad dressing)
- 2 teaspoons salad oil
- 3 green onions, chopped (including greens)
- 2 tablespoons parsley
- 3 tablespoons parmesan cheese
- 2 teaspoons Shillings Bon Appetit or Spice Island
Beau Monde

Mix together. Refrigerate until ready to use.

HELP! If you have a recipe that you think others would enjoy, please email it to me or give it to me at the meeting.

