



**NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2017**  
**ACACIA QUILT GUILD – SMALL, BUT MIGHTY!**  
**President's Report – Shar Taira**

Wow! I can't believe another year has passed - my birthday is this month and I am officially a SENIOR! I have a hard time believing it. I try to think of myself as a 30-year old with aches and pains here and there!

I find this to be a bittersweet moment: last week I bought a car seat for my granddaughter from Walmart and a guy came up to me and made a very insistent offer to paint all the dents in my car! Although I told him, "No", and I even called my son-in-law who told me, 'Don't let him do anything to your car', I let the guy paint my car! My son-in-law said a repair job on my car would cost thousands of dollars and this guy wanted to do it for so much less! But after it was done, my car looked worse than when we started and the guy said I would need to leave it that way for three weeks then return to him so he could buff it all out for another several hundred dollars. When I went home my son was so mad he wanted to go find the guy and beat him up, but I told him then the cops would come after him! I took a picture of the guy and stopped payment on the check I wrote him, but I just feel so stupid! My son had his friend buff it all out so my car looks normal now. At least I am not driving around in a marked car! I just want to move on and forget this ever happened, ya know? I hope you never go through such an experience even though I know this goes on every day! I think it is so very sad that people prey on other people like that. I know I am just too trusting, but if you didn't have people like me around, then it would really be a sad state of affairs!

On a lighter side of life, I am excited about our Jelly Roll Race at our next General meeting and I've been busily preparing. At the last Fabricators meeting I gathered the leftover lace and cut it up, ready to give away at Super Senior Saturday. It just had to be bagged! Well, at the Board meeting we found that the box had been stolen - it was gone! So we had no give-away that day, but Michelle thought she would start sewing her firehouse quilt and brought along her sewing machine. I think more people came to the table just to see what she was working on! We did not have a great spot this year; I think last year's was better, but since I brought along strips for our team's jelly roll quilt I decided to do some cornerstones. I texted Phyllis to see if that would be okay, but never heard from her. Since we talked about it, I might have disqualified us, but, we can still sew a quilt and that is what all this is about! We don't mind losing as long as we get a finished quilt out of the process. As far as I am concerned we fulfilled our goal!

Also, at the Board meeting, Beth Swift, Mayor of Buena Park and member of Acacia, came by to talk about the firehouse quilts. Acacia committed to make 30 quilts, a sign-up sheet is going around; I think we need at least another ten quilts to meet the need for the station. Please sign up! Sonia will be sending details soon so keep an eye on your email and this newsletter. And I am pretty sure we will be working on firehouse quilts at the September 9<sup>th</sup> Sew Day in the Picasso Room. Please join us. We have invited the public to come help on that day too. I hope you are helping with a firehouse quilt (or two), recovery tote bags, pillowcases, Christmas stockings or boutique items! There is so much going on and we need everyone to pitch in and help!

Happy Sewing, Shar  
 President, Acacia Quilt Guild

## FIREHOUSE QUILTS

### ACACIA QUILT GUILD OF ORANGE COUNTY BUENA PARK FIREHOUSE QUILT PROJECT

#### **Background:**

- Buena Park Fire Station 61 was destroyed by fire in January 2017. Construction on a new firehouse has begun with completion expected in Spring 2018.
- Beth Swift, Acacia Member and Buena Park mayor, proposed that the guild make quilts for the residents of the new firehouse. Beth is also Chair of the Orange County Fire Authority.
- This proposal was presented at the July 2017 General meeting and all members present were unanimously in favor of proceeding with this project.
- Quilts will be presented in the name of both Acacia Quilt Guild and Mary Hicks.
- Special labels will be printed for this special project.

#### **How many quilts?**

30 bed quilts (XL twin) will be made for the firefighters and staff who will reside at the firehouse.

#### **Quilt Size?**

Each quilt will be an extra long twin (XL Twin): 70" x 90"

#### **Quilt Themes:**

Traditional or modern designs that read as neutral or masculine (all overnight residents will be men):

- patriotic
- plaid
- deep, darker colors

#### **Deadline for completion:**

**MARCH 1, 2018**

#### **Batting and Backing:**

Acacia Quilt Guild will contribute backing and batting for some of the quilts.

#### **Firehouse T-Shirt Quilt**

A T-shirt quilt will be made to display in the new firehouse. John Peat will donate firefighter t-shirts for this quilt. John is the Mayor Pro Tem of Cypress, a retired firefighter, and the winner of the Acacia Alaskan Wildflower 2016-2017 Opportunity Quilt.

#### **Quilt Pattern Links - some ideas for quilts**

- <http://www.quilterscache.com/BlocksbySizeB.html>
- <http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/quilt-patterns/bed-quilts/free-bed-quilt-patterns>

## NEWSLETTER

Please submit any newsletter articles or photos to Maryjo at [maryjedgar@quietgrove.info](mailto:maryjedgar@quietgrove.info). Deadline for the Newsletter remains the Sunday after the Board meeting, which meets monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday.

## AUGUST WORKSHOP

We had great fun making a tote bag to carry our cutting mat and supplies to workshops! Here are some of our creations:



## 2nd Vice President– Upcoming Programs & Workshops

Phyllis Campbell

### Acacia Quilt Guild of Orange County 2017-2018 *(Subject to change)*

We are excited to hold a Jelly Roll Race at our September 7<sup>th</sup> General Meeting. Choose a team to cheer for or form your own team. Prizes will be offered to the first team who COMPLETES their quilt and turns it in at the October General meeting.

Upcoming speakers and workshop leaders include Lyn Mann, Sylvia Davis, Nancy Williams, and Desiree Habicht. We will also be using some of our talented members! Programs will be announced as we firm up dates. It's going to be a fun year with lots of surprises at meetings!

Phyllis Campbell,  
V.P., Programs and Workshops

## **SEPTEMBER MEETING AND WORKSHOP**

### **September 7**

**Door Opens 5:15PM, Meeting Begins 6:45PM**

"Jelly Roll Race"- Choose a team to cheer for or form your own team. Join the fun. Contact Phyllis to sign up before September 6<sup>th</sup>. Instructions below.

### **September 9**

**10AM to 4PM** - An important Sew Day to make quilts for the new Buena Park Fire Station 61. Everyone is welcome and invite your friends. Bring machine and accessories. Fabric will be available or plan ahead and bring fabric for your project. Please choose masculine, patriotic, or darker tones as all of the recipients will be male. (See above project notes for more information about quilt requirements.)

## **Acacia Quilt Guild - Jelly Roll Quilt Race**

Begins: September 7, 2017, General Meeting

Prizes for fastest team. Grand prizes awarded at October General Meeting for favorite finished quilt  
Quilts will be donated to Acacia for Tea, Opportunity Quilt, other charity, or Philanthropy

Sign up for a team of 2 or 3 members before September meeting  
Name your team

### **To make the Jelly Roll Quilt you need:**

- One Jelly Roll (40 strips of fabric that measure 2.5" X 42-44") or make your own.
- Your team may go to storage and choose fabrics and/or backing. Batting will be available
- at end of contest
- Matching or neutral thread (You need two full bobbins)
- Full size scissors and small scissors
- Two sewing machines in case one has problem during contest

### **Procedure:**

- Two people can sew at once while joining strips end to end if desired
- Strips can be joined straight across or diagonally
- Accent pieces may be added while joining, if desired
- When all strips are sewn together end to end, cut 18" off last piece and attach first to last, right sides together
- Starting with joined end strips, sew strips together the whole length of doubled strips with 1/4" seam. Stitch length should not be over 2.5
- Sew to end and cut open, being careful not to cut stitching
- Place the now double row ends right sides together and stitch together, forming 4 rows
- Again cut end open, then place 4 rows together and sew, forming 8 rows
- Continue until fabric is all attached. Cut last row open and you are done!!!
- The Jelly Roll Quilts will measure approximately 54' X 64"

### **Completing the quilts:**

Completed quilt must be ready for October Meeting. Applique and borders may be added. Quilt must have batting, backing, be quilted and labeled on back with Acacia Quilt Guild of O.C., October 2017, and team and members names.

<http://angiejuda.com/jelly-roll-quilt-video>  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=2bEJLnaZQOU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2bEJLnaZQOU)

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

### PROGRAMS:

- 9/7 *Jelly Roll Race*- Pick your team to cheer for, or form your own team! Look for details and rules in this newsletter.
- 10/5 *Fat Quarter 21 - Game Night*- Join us and play "21" with fat quarters. A \$5 buy-in will get you a lot of fun. Additional fat quarter bundles available for purchase. Completed Jelly Roll Quilts will also be judged by popular vote.
- 11/2 "*Head for the Borders*" with Lyn Mann. Lyn returns to us after several years' absence to teach us about improving our quilts by using interesting borders. For additional information, see website: [www.quiltsbylyn.com](http://www.quiltsbylyn.com)
- 12/7 Our 14th Annual Holiday Potluck and Ornament Contest and Exchange. We will also be announcing the rules for the Quilt Challenge. Be on the lookout for handmade ornament ideas to enter and exchange. They must be made by you!
- 1/4/18 "*Have You Wondered How Fabrics Are Designed?*" We are excited to have fabric designer and artist Desiree Habicht show us the process and share some of her award-winning quilts. For additional information, see website: [www.desireesdesigns.com](http://www.desireesdesigns.com)

### WORKSHOPS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

- 9/9 Sew Day to work on Firehouse Quilts. See project notes above in this newsletter or on the website.
- 10/7 Holiday Sewing Projects with Jill Shuman, teacher at the Quilt Cupboard. A \$10 materials fee is requested to cover costs of several projects planned for that day, plus regular workshop cost.
- 11/4 *Swirling Tulips* quilt, bed, or table runner with Lyn Mann. Ruler to complete project \$15, plus regular workshop cost.
- 12/2 Candy Caneland & Craft Faire at Ehlers Event Center. We will have a boutique booth. Donations of boutique items and volunteers are welcome. Additional details closer to the date.
- 1/6/18 *Watercolor Log Cabin* – Quilt, bed or table runner with Phyllis Campbell.

## WAYS AND MEANS

### Treasure Chest

'Congratulations' to Barbra Riley for winning our Opportunity Treasure Chest #1, containing enough fabric to make 5 quilts! We'll be looking forward to seeing her beautiful quilts at Show and Tell at our meetings.

***The "Blue Bonanza" is coming....***  
**Treasure Chest #2 starts in September**  
**Tickets are 1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00**

### "You Look Marvelous" Costume Jewelry Sale

Can you say Fabulous? Our upcycled Costume Jewelry Night was a huge success netting over \$200.00 in profit for the guild. Thanks to everyone who supported our fundraiser.

### Save the Date!! Game Night at the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting

Back by popular demand.....**Fat Quarter 21!** Bring a friend for a great night of fun, friendship, food, fabulous door prizes, and, of course, fat quarter fabric bundles! Buy in to play is \$5.00 so remember to mark October's Guild meeting on your calendar for this terrific event.

### S.O.S.

Ways & Means needs members willing to lend a helping hand cutting fat quarters for the game night. Contact Michelle at [quiltagal@aol.com](mailto:quiltagal@aol.com) to assist in preparing for our upcoming event.

## QUILTS NEEDED

Quilts are always needed for our reserve to be given out when we are contacted about community or individual need. Please let Lisa or Shar know if you have any quilts you would like to donate for this purpose or if you know where one might be that can be retrieved. Thank you!

## PHILANTHROPY & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

**Lisa Sullivan**

Thank you to all our members for your continued generous donations of TIME, TALENT, FABRIC, & DOLLARS. Your efforts are appreciated. Please continue to pick up kits for recovery tote bags as well as stockings and pillowcases and bring back finished items. Many 'thank you's' for your support!!!!

**September 9** – Please mark your calendar for the September 9<sup>th</sup> Sew Day for the Firehouse Quilts.

**September 26<sup>th</sup>** - Lisa's Ladies will meet from 6PM to 9PM.

Thank you all for your continued support!!

Lisa Sullivan  
Time Talent Donations  
714-642-1127/Text  
zquilt.ls@gmail.com

## SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

The following cards have been delivered/sent out recently

- **Bev Tyler**- *Get Well* card for shoulder surgery
- **Joalyn Mushin**- *Thinking of You* card for her husband's recent hospitalization

Sonia Das chairs Sunshine & Shadows for Acacia. Please contact her with news about guild members at 562-607-2384 or soniadas@yahoo.com.

Cards/acknowledgements are sent for the following reasons:

- Milestone anniversaries (25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and beyond).
- Get well card for a member or their spouse.
- Sympathy card for death of an immediate family member
- Congratulations for new babies, grandbabies, great grandbabies, etc.
- Congratulations for something super spectacular such as starting a new job, opening a new business, having a quilt selected for a show, winning a quilting ribbon/prize, winning the lottery, etc.
- Thinking of You where encouragement is needed.
- Missing You if a member has missed a few Acacia meetings.
- Any other category that deserves a card from the guild.

## Fabricators

The Fabricators met in the Picasso Room on August 12th, our usual meeting date on the second Saturday of the month. We worked on cancer recovery bags, grocery bags, and some of us were still finishing up flannel throws.

Our next regular date conflicts with the work date for the firemen quilts, so we will meet in the Picasso Room on September 30th instead. Everyone is welcome to join us on the 30th. We will be using fabric from our storage unit to make cancer recovery bags, shopping bags, and items for the boutique. If you can't join us, come by for a pattern and some fabric.  
Barbra Riley

## Show and Tell – August 2017

Due to vacation, this feature will return in the October newsletter

## Calendar At A Glance

### September 2017

7	6:30 PM	General Meeting – Program: <i>Jelly Roll Race</i>	Bring Snack foods for game tables.
9	10AM to 4PM	Workshop – Sew Day for Firehouse Quilts	
21	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	
24		Newsletter articles due ☺	
26	6:00 PM	Lisa's Ladies	
30	9:00AM	Fabricators Sew Day	



**ACACIA BOARD 2017-18**

President: Shar Taira  
 1st VP. At Large: Sonia Das  
 2nd V.P. Programs/Workshops: P. Campbell  
 Secretary: Maryjo Edgar  
 Treasurer: Chris Mattison

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

Birthdays: OPEN  
 Door Prizes: OPEN  
 Equipment: Barbra Riley  
 Historian: OPEN  
 Hospitality: Sandy Brown  
 Membership: Maryjo Edgar, Asst: Brenda Howard  
 Newsletter: Maryjo Edgar  
 Opportunity Basket Frannie Donoghue  
 Opportunity Quilt: Chris Mattison  
 Parliamentarian: OPEN  
 Past President Sonia Das  
 Philanthropy: Lisa Sullivan  
 Photographer: OPEN  
 Publicity: OPEN  
 Secret Pal: OPEN  
 SCCQG Representative: Susan Stokes  
 Special Events (Tea & Quilt Auction) OPEN  
 Sunshine & Shadows: Sonia Das  
 Ways & Means: Michelle Smith & MaryAnn West  
 Website Patti Paschall

**GENERAL MEETINGS** are held on the 1st THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH. If this is a holiday, the meeting will be moved to the 2nd Thursday. Doors open at 5:15 pm; meeting starts at 6:45 pm

**Walter D. Ehlers Event Center**  
**8150 Knott Avenue**  
**Buena Park, CA 90620**

**BOARD MEETINGS** are at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the same location.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THE SUNDAY AFTER THE BOARD MEETING.** Please email articles to: Maryjo Edgar at [maryjedgar@quietgrove.info](mailto:maryjedgar@quietgrove.info)

The purpose of this guild shall be to promote cooperation and exchange of ideas among those persons interested in or engaged in quilting; to further the education and skill levels of the members of this guild; to preserve the heritage of quilt making and to educate the public as to the significance and history of quilting as an art form as well as an ongoing craft; to utilize the skills of members to make items for those in need and to assist other philanthropic organizations.

Dues are \$25.00 per year, June 1 through May 31st. Dues for members joining after 11/30 will be \$15. Due for members joining after the last day of April will be \$10.00. Guests will be asked for a donation of \$3.00 at the general meeting.



## Birthdays of the Month

9/10 Bev Tyler  
 9/12 Anne Killian  
 9/19 Shar Taira  
 9/21 Tricia Savage  
 9/24 Sandy Eckhardt  
 9/29 Margot Taub

**MEMBERSHIP**

**Maryjo Edgar & Brenda Howard**

At the August 2017 General Meeting we welcomed 23 members and 3 guests.

We welcomed three new members!  
**WELCOME** to Pat, Anita, and Lori.

Don't forget to introduce yourself to our new members and keep inviting your friends to our programs and workshops.

The 2017-2018 Membership Directory is here! Your copy will be waiting at the Welcome Table at the September 2017 General Meeting or you may email or call Maryjo and she will be happy to mail you one.

Applications for membership are available at the Welcome Table at each General Meeting or from Maryjo or Brenda at Board. You can also download a copy via the website (use "Membership" tab), or through the newsletter. If you have any questions, please call Maryjo at 714 232 3806.

ACACIA QUILT GUILD
Membership Year: June 1, 2017 – May 31, 2018

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ New Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_
Address: \_\_\_\_\_
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Can you help Acacia Quilt Guild with any of the following:
Setting up at meetings
Making coffee at meetings
Setting out refreshments at meetings
Tidying up after meetings
Teaching a class / mini-demo
Making Photocopies
Sending out emails
Phone Tree
Website
What can you teach? \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00\* (w/o mailed newsletter); \_\_\_\_\_ \$43.00\*\* (with mailed newsletter) \*prorated to \$12.50 after Jan 1

\*\*OPTIONAL NEWSLETTER MAILING FEE: \$18.00 (for 12 months)
The Acacia newsletter is sent to the membership via email and is available for free on the Acacia Quilt Guild website. If you wish to have a newsletter mailed to you, please add \$18.00 to Membership Dues for a total of \$43.00.

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ (Payable to Acacia Quilt Guild)

Dues may be paid at the Membership Desk at General Meetings.

If mailing your application, please send your form and fee to:

Acacia Membership
Attn: Maryjo Edgar
maryjedgar@quietgrove.info
6612 San Diego Drive
Buena Park, CA 90620

If you have questions, please call or email:
Maryjo Edgar - 714 232 3806 –
OR
Brenda Howard 714-952-4798