

# Welcome to the Newsletter

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I seemed to have done something not quite right. To get to **Decembers** newsletter, click the link to the left for previous newsletters, once you are there press the button for this month's newsletter and it will get you to December. Sorry not sure what went wrong I am working on fixing the kink. Theresa

### *A Note From the President...*

*Dear Quilters,*

#### A Note From the President:

I am happy to be able to tell you that our newsletter/website problems should be over. Vivs Laliberte of Bear's Quilt Shop has offered to assist Theresa and Brianna in posting to our website. Brianna has been unable to access the website from college due to the college security settings.

The 37 surveys that we handed in after our last meeting are proving to be very helpful in guiding our Board. Some answers were very clear, such as a substantial majority of our members want our workshops close by at Acacia or Bunney Hutch. Other answers were a toss-up, such as the time for our meetings to end. Half want us to end at 8:30 and the other half at either 8:45 or 9:00. Looks like we will make some of you happy and some unhappy no matter when we end our meetings.

For those of you that indicated that you would be willing to be an officer or serve on a committee, please talk to any board member, or email me at [bookworm90630@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bookworm90630@sbcglobal.net). We need someone to take over the Vice President position and one or two members to help out with the workshops.

As a result of the survey, we will be planning a monthly sewing day at Acacia. You will be able to work on your U.F.O.'s or a philanthropy project, or BOTH, as you desire. Our first day will be December 10 from 10 to 4. Come all day or for a couple of hours; it is up to you.

You won't want to miss out on the workshop with Margrit Hall on November 12. You can see "Ribbon Dancer" in color in Gallery Four on her website: [www.cattaildesigns.com](http://www.cattaildesigns.com). We enjoyed her spectacular quilts when she spoke at guild last spring, and I can't wait to take her workshop.

Phyllis

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## **November Meeting**

### **Members Showcase**

#### **Met Betty Chadek**

**I have been quilting for 5 years, attended Adult Ed. Quilt classes through Garden Grove Unified School District and upon completing my first quilt (sampler) I was pleased to win 2nd place in the "Ageless Expressions" Art & Quilt Show. That of course gave me incentive to continue and in so doing...Completed 4 more quilts for family members.**

**I began working on the "Harvest Song" quilt 2-1/2 yrs. ago, completed it, and entered it in the Orange County Fair. I was very fortunate to be included with so many talented quilters. No one was more surprised than I at winning the division prize ribbon and a blue ribbon for 1st place (Best Quilt). The Orange County Quilter's Guild also awarded me a \$100 check. I was truly honored. They are a wonderful group of dedicated quilters.**

**I will continue quilting which means a wonderful association with Acacia Quilt Guild and so many gracious, creative & talented quilters.**

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#### **Meet: Joyce Rekstad**

My love of sewing began at the age of 6. I made all my own doll clothes and their accessories from my mother's fabrics and findings. Most of all my doll clothes were made by hand.

When I was a preteen I designed a summer top and made one for every day of the week with different colors of ric rack and various trims. By this time I became quite proficient on my mother's Singer sewing machine (the one that has the thigh power).

My 8th grade sewing project was to construct and sew a form fit dress made from plaid wool, in which I received an A+ (never read the pattern).

During my high school years, I constructed and designed all my school clothes, prom gowns, matching bow ties and cummerbunds for my dates.

Designed and sewn my bridesmaid's dresses.

I made 80% of all my children's clothing over the years.

1984 started my own business as J'Anne Originals, designing clothing, home furnishings, bridal and dance wear. I also attended local craft fairs and sell my items such as country dolls, purses and clothing.

About a year ago my neighbor's parent from Switzerland introduced me to quilting and suggested I join a class to learn about quilting and that is exactly what I did, signed up at Tall Mouse for their block a month and then signed up for the block a month at the Bunney Hutch and joined Acacia Quilt Guild and have loved it and enjoy the wonderful friendships with the other ladies of the group.

My sewing was always secondary as my main career was being an Ophthalmic Dispensing Optician, Ophthalmic Surgical Tech and Director of Ophthalmic Education for Essilor Laboratories of America for more than 35 years.

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### **Presidents Quilt**

Fabric is now available for the blocks for Phyllis' President quilt. See Susan Stokes at the Nov. Guild meeting

If you have completed your block it can be turned into Susan anytime by the January meeting.

Signature block will be available for those not wanting to make the 6" block for the body of the quilt.

If you have any questions, please call Susan (714) 522-4741

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### **"Sew so Late"**

Sign up for "Sew So Late" at the meeting. It falls on the fourth Saturday each month, except when the fourth Saturday falls on a holiday weekend. Then we will not have a "Sew So Late" that month.

"Sew So Late" is held at The Bunney Hutch, at the corner of Cerritos and Denni/Lexington. It starts at 6:00 p.m. and you can stay until 11:00 p.m. if you like. Bring something for the potluck.

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### **Birthdays:**

If your birthday falls in November Happy Birthday!

#### **November Birthdays:**

Theresa Craig 4

Mary Lou Aguilar 24

Carolyn Redmond 4

Karen Waterbury 27

Elizabeth Rack 20

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## **Reminder**

Please bring something for refreshments to guild the month of your birthday and/or anniversary. Remember, it doesn't have to be sweet. Veggies, fruit, crackers, and chips are great alternatives. You could also bring tea, juice or even soft drinks.

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## **FALL 2005 QUILT COMMITTEE**

**Acacia Quilt Guild is blessed to have so many dedicated members to help when called and I would like to thank the following members of the Quilt Committee who made blocks and then put the quilt, "Delectable Mountains," together for Acacia Adult Day Center's annual fall fundraiser: Russ Clelland (embroidery), Rosemary Collins, Nancy Healey, Nancy Helm, Vivs Lalibete, Joyce Rekstad, Susan Stokes (machine quilting), Leslie Sutherland, Sandy Vasquez, and Susann Wood (binding).**

**Sherry Baker, Chair**

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**Coming in December:**

**Ornament Exchange**

**This year we will again have an ornament exchange at our December meeting, so start looking for patterns now. The ornament may be quilted, hand or machine sewn, crocheted, knitted, or painted to look like a quilt, or in some other way quilt-related. The maximum size is 6 inches. It must be handmade by the person participating in the exchange. Participation is optional, but you won't want to miss out.**

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## **Advertise in This Newsletter**

**If you have any sewing or quilt related items you would like to sell to another guild member, you may advertise the item(s) for just \$1.00 per line.**

**Contact Theresa or Brianna Craig through the contact us page here at the website to run an ad.**

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## Library News

Consider our library whenever you're looking for the right pattern for your next project. If you're searching for a specific pattern, I will be happy to help you. This year's budget has earmarked some money for the library to buy new books. Please let me know if you have a book you'd like to see added to the library. I would also like feedback on what categories you would like to see expanded in the library, ie appliqué, paper piecing, holiday, or patchwork. If you have extra books or magazines, consider donating them to the library. Duplicate books and magazines are sold to members with the proceeds going to the guild treasury.

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## Sunshine & Shadows

A member of Acacia Quilt Guild has passed away on Sunday October 23, 2005. She was also a Charter member of Quilter's by the Sea. For those who would like to send a card can do so to the following address.

The member was: Arlene Hester (her husband's name is Ron)  
Address: 3660 Carfax, Long Beach, CA 90808  
Arlene passed away on Sunday, October 23, 2005.

We have also learned that the long-arm quilter, Dottie Brown has been diagnosed with cancer. You can send encouraging cards to :Dottie Brown  
11411 Littchen St.  
Norwalk, CA