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Acacia Quilt Guild of Orange County, 5175 Ball Road, Cypress California, 90630  
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### **Volume 3, Issue 6 December, 2006**

A Note from the President.

November brought us several exciting events:

- Mini Workshops featuring:
  - Fabric marbling & paper marbling (Karen Waterbury)
  - Quick and Easy applique (Leslie Sutherland)
  - Little Fabric Boxes (Georgan Zieres).
- Information about Saturday's workshop by Karen Waterbury
- Brown Bag Auction (AKA Chinese Raffle)
- The first month of Secret Pal exchanges.
- And our regular features: Sew and Tell, Door Prizes and yummy refreshments

#### Regarding the late Dottie Brown:

Tricia Savage and I attended Dottie's funeral on behalf of Acacia. I was able to present Dottie's daughter, Trina Stephens, with the check for \$105 that had been donated. Trina was visibly touched and sent the guild a nice thank you note.

Since Dottie was a quilter, all attendees were given a fat eighth of butterfly fabric (Dottie's friendship group was called The Black Butterflies) tied with a ribbon imprinted with Dottie's name and date of death. Several quilters were in attendance.

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Membership

We currently have 68 members and will gladly welcome more. Guild members who bring a guest to any Acacia meeting will receive a small thank you gift. If that guest joins Acacia that night, the new member will also receive a small thank you gift. We appreciate our members past and present!

Membership dues will be prorated to \$15 as of December 1, 2006. If you've been meaning to join or renew, this would be a great time to do so.

*Holiday Extravaganza*  
*Our December meeting is going to be so much fun. Stay tuned for details!*

Looking forward to seeing all of you soon,

Sonia Das, President

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**Gift Exchange at the December Potluck**



**You may bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10.00 to exchange at the December Meeting and Potluck. This is optional.**



**Get Started on That Ornament**

We will be having our annual Ornament Exchange at our December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The rules are: You must make the ornament yourself - quilted, knit, crocheted, painted, or whatever.

The ornament cannot be larger than 6" in any direction.

Put your name and 2006 somewhere on the ornament.

**December Pot Luck Dinner**

**December 7, 2006  
Buena Park Senior Center**

**Doors Open at 6:00  
Food Served at 6:45**

There will be an optional Homemade Christmas Ornament Exchange and Gift Exchange

**Food Assignments**

**A-H Desserts and Fruit  
I-R Side Dishes  
S-Z Main Dish**

## Next Guild Meeting : **THURSDAY** January 4

On **January 4** we will meet in the Senior Center Meeting Room at the Buena Park Community Center. 8150 Knott Ave, Buena Park, CA 90620 from 6:45 pm to 9:00 pm.

Our General Meeting is on the First **THURSDAY** of the Month at 6:45 p.m., unless it is a holiday. Doors open at 6:00. We finish by 9:00.

Our Board Meeting is on the Third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Buena Park Community Center.



### **Bulletin Board**

#### **Announcement Table**

**Check in** when you arrive at the meeting

**Wear your name tag**

**Check out** a book

**Sign up** to be on a committee

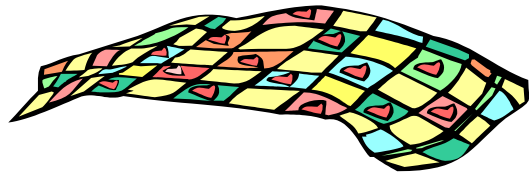
**Bring** a friend

**Bring** something for **Sew-and-Tell**

**Bring a snack** if it is your birthday month, or even if it isn't; it will be appreciated.

**Say HELLO**

**to someone you don't know**



### **DON'T FORGET**

When you come to guild, take time to read the Minutes and Treasurer's Report on the bulletin board in the back of the room. On the same table you will find announcements of quilt shows, business cards, and often discount coupons.

**Check it out every month!**



### **Birthdays:**

Happy Birthday Wishes to all of you with December birthdays!

**Kim Hogan, Virginia Coffee, Susan Stokes, Helen Whitaker, Mona McCormick**

**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.**

## **African Triad Quilt**

Acacia Quilt Guild is proud to have Sylvia Davis as our guest teacher on January 6th.

Teacher: Sylvia Davis

Date: January 6, 2007

Time: 10:00 - 4:00

Place: Buena Park

Senior Center

Price: \$25 Acacia members

\$35 non-members

For more information call

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Sandy Vasquez 562- 908-7950

E-mail [svpeds@aol.com](mailto:svpeds@aol.com)

## **Speakers/Workshops A Sneak Peek At:**

Upcoming Speakers and Workshops

January

Sylvia Davis

African Triad Quilt

February

Cathy Van Burren

All About Applique

“Winter”

March

Nick Colman

Thread Painting

April

Gene Reynolds

Hawaiian Quilting

**Sylvia Davis** has been a “crosscrafter” almost all of her life. Her mother taught her how to sew, knit and crochet when she was 6 year old. These crafts continued to be a source of joy throughout her life. In 1993 she discovered quilting and all the other crafts went to the back of the closet.

Shortly thereafter, she joined the Afro-American Quilters of Los Angeles. She has served as Membership Chairperson, Vice President, and her favorite -- Program Chairperson for the A.A.Q.L.A. Guild. Sylvia enjoys teaching quilting and has organized many challenges, swaps, B.O.M., and visiting speakers for the enjoyment and education of the Guild membership.

Sylvia’s circle, the Sew’N’Sews meet at her house monthly and she has started two other quilting circles. She has taught projects at local quilt shops and in her home.

Recently retired after 33 years of teaching high school classes in Math, Accounting, and Computer Education, Sylvia says, “My goals are to become more creative myself and to encourage fellow quilters to “stretch” into new and exciting projects.”



## Secret Pal

The Secret Pal program has gotten off to a great start. Participants were “Ooooooh-ing” and “Aaaaaah-ing” as they opened and peeked into their bags to discover the surprise gifts given to them by someone who only got clues about them from the form they had filled out.

Every participant I’ve talked to has been so conscientious about the gifts they selected for their “Pal” and has also been thrilled with those selected for them. Thank You notes are already coming in!

And here’s mine...

Thanks to all you “Secret Pals” for making this new program easy to administer and a big success! You quilters are GREAT!

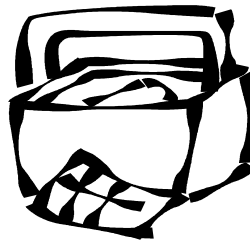
Sherri Vasquez 714-892-3720 e-mail: [sherrivasquez@socal.rr.com](mailto:sherrivasquez@socal.rr.com)

## *Ways and Means*

The November Brown Bag was the most successful one we’ve had so far.

### **Thanks to all**

for donations, for volunteers who helped, and to those who participated in the event. We couldn't have done this without you!



## Opportunity Basket

**It helps in many ways...**

**Your help is welcome to provide items for the Opportunity Basket.**

**Pick up something extra at that next 50% off sale, donate a quilting book that you aren't going to use, make a scissors cover, pincushion or ???**

**These items should have something to do with quilting or sewing.**

**Proceeds from the basket help fund future drawings and any and all of our projects, teachers, speakers, etc.**

**When you buy tickets for the basket, you will be helping the guild, and you just might win!**

## **Sunshine and Shadows**

**Please remember the following people who have recently experienced great sadness**

**Ardelle Stenson - mother passed away last month**

# Philanthropy

And the winner of the Harley Davidson Quilt is.....

**Norma Bunge** of Santa Ana Norma bought the winning ticket at Quilt Daze in Yorba Linda. She will be giving the quilt to her son for his birthday.

He is a biker, and will be very surprised. Norma is a member of Flying Geese Guild in Tustin.

We sold just under \$1300 worth of tickets!!!! We will be making a donation in Norma's name to Wounded Warriors, the group supporting families of wounded soldiers.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the quilt and/or sold tickets. This has been a great fundraiser for our guild.

## **SEWING BEES**

**Philanthropy will not be having a Sewing Bee in December. Sewing Bees will resume in January.**

**Everyone is welcome to come to come to the Sewing Bees to help with Philanthropy projects or work on your own projects. We will see you next year!**

**If you like helping others, plan to participate in our philanthropy projects this year.**

Phyllis Campbell, Philanthropy Chairperson  
714-821-6967 (evenings)  
714-742-4829 (cell)



## **Battered women's shelter for Orange County goes by the name of "Women's Transitional Living Center" or "WTLC"**

December is a busy month for everyone, but if we could take a moment to pick something up that will bring a smile to another face and put joy in your heart, it will be a better month for many.

The new "Winter Wish List" for 2006 is printed on the last page of this newsletter. Why not tear it off and put it in your purse or place it in your car as a reminder to bring joy to another person this holiday season.

I will be taking the donated items to the WTLC office **the second week in December**. If you have an item or items that you would like for me to pick up just give me a call at 714-827-1681 or e-mail me at [mbmccormick@dslextreme.com](mailto:mbmccormick@dslextreme.com).

Donations will also be accepted at all General Meetings, Board Meetings, Sew-So-Late and Sewing Bee Days.

**Thank you** for all your help in bringing hope and joy to the women and children at WTLC.

Mona McCormick with the Philanthropy Committee

## Sew- So- Late



The November 24 Sew-So-Late was a lot of fun! Did you miss it? Well, I sure accomplished a lot—in spite of the chit-chatting and munching we did!

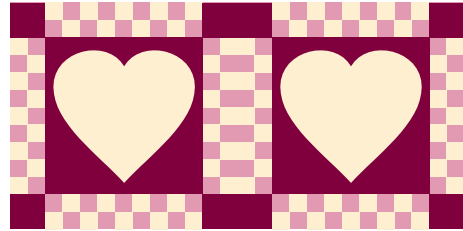
The December Sew-So-Late will be on **Saturday** (yes, we're going back to Saturdays again), **December 23**, from **6:00 PM until the store closes**.

Bring your last minute projects and a potluck dish to share and join us at The Bunney Hutch.

**If you have any questions about Sew-So-Late, please contact our chairperson: Sharon Monge at: 714-891-5024**



Heartfelt wishes that each Acacia Quilt Guild Member has a joyful and safe Holiday Season. See you in 2007.



## CHOSEN TO BE LOVED

Some of our completed quilts will be given to a non-profit organization which links service groups like ours with the needs of children in the local foster care system.

**Chosen to be Loved** gives a quilt and a life book to each baby entering the foster care system. These stay with the child when they are moved from home to home or are adopted or returned to their parents.

Quilts are also given to Foster Care Agencies to be given to older children.

These quilts can be any size as they may be given to toddlers up to teens. These teens still like to have something that is "theirs" and shows them that someone cared enough to make something for them.

# Women's Transitional Living Center Winter Wish List 2006

Help us get ready for the holidays

Target/ Wal-Mart Gift Cards, Payless Shoes Gift Cards  
AMC Movie Passes, Mc Donald's Gift Booklets

Children's Under Garments (Panties, Briefs, Socks)  
Women's Under Garments (Sport Bra's, Panties, Socks, Stockings)  
Pajamas and Robes for Women and Children (All Sizes)

Meat (Turkey, Ham, Roasts)  
Produce (Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, Potato's, Fresh Fruit)  
Dairy (Milk, Yogurt, Cheese)  
Juices (Lemonade, Apple, Orange)  
Snack Foods (Cookies, Crackers, Fruit Cups)  
Canned Foods (Yams, Cranberry Sauce, Gravy)  
Boxed Foods (Cereal, Potatoes, Noodle Dishes, Rice Dishes)

TOYS, TOYS, TOYS!!!!

BOARD GAMES, PUZZLES, COLORING BOOKS AND CRAYONS

BARBIES, ACTION FIGURES, BOOKS  
BALLS, ART SUPPLIES  
C/D PLAYERS, C/D'S AND MOVIES  
INFANT TOYS, RIDE ON TOYS



TOYS,TOYS,TOYS!!!!