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## “It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas...”

Dear Acacia Members,

This letter begins on a sad note about one of our beloved Acacia members. As you may remember, Kit Boyd had been living with congestive heart failure for quite some time. For the first few weeks of November, she had been in and out of the hospital. She gradually grew weaker and she passed away on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Both her sons were with her. She will be greatly missed. At our last board meeting we discussed ideas to honor Kit who was a Charter Member.

We are checking into these options and will let you know what we decide. I want to take this time to personally thank all who put so much time and energy and love into making Acacia’s First Tea and Quilt Auction a HUGE success. It was great seeing so many ladies pitching in to help.

We didn’t hear any complaints and everyone seemed to have a good time. It was great seeing so many ladies chip in and work really hard during the tea and with clean up afterward. What a great group of ladies we have! I am proud to be president of Acacia! Below is a summary of income and expenses and our profit. Yes, profit. We made \$4,736.72!

Income	Expenses
Ticket sales 1,945.00	Room rent 260.00
Auction 2,650.00	Food 440.28
Opportunity Basket 105.00	Event insurance 10.00
Boutique 747.00	Total Expenses 710.28
Total Income 5,447.00	Profit \$4,736.72

We are having our annual Christmas party Thursday at our General meeting. We are having a potluck but this year it is a little different. Instead of assigning food to different people, you can bring whatever type of dish you would like: a salad, main dish, vegetables, a side dish or dessert. We are also having a potholder exchange. The “rules”: It’s a set of two and they must be handmade. This is optional but it is always fun to be involved in an exchange. I hope that everyone can make it to our fun Christmas party.

We are not having a workshop on Saturday due to the Candy Cane Lane. Steve from Singer is coming in January instead of December. He will be teaching us how to clean our sewing machines. You can bring in one machine. I am excited about this class because the \$25

fee for the workshop is so much cheaper than taking our machines in even one time! Thanks Steve!

Please take the time to check out your newsletter for all of the upcoming events and news. I will not be at our December meeting. My mom has given me the opportunity to go to Alex Anderson's and Ricky Tims seminar this weekend. Thanks Mom! ☺ Phyllis Campbell will be filling in for me.

I hope that you all have a great Christmas and a happy New Year!

Happy quilting,  
Karen Waterbury

#### "DOG DAY AFTERNOON" Opportunity Quilt

Thank you to The Quilt Cupboard, The Calico House, and Flying Geese Quilt Shop for allowing us to display our opportunity quilt and sell tickets during Santa's Holiday Shop Hop. Another thank you to Georgan Zieres, Diane Donegan, Susann Wood, Susan MacVicar, Marilyn Gulickson, Anna Lee, Shar Taira, Verda and Ralph Smith for answering my pleas for volunteers to sit with the quilt and sell tickets at these shops. I know this is a busy time of the year and the guild and I appreciate your help.

Ticket sales were off a bit at the Tea and Auction, but considering that most of the attendees were guild members who had their own tickets to sell, I won't complain.

Ticket sales are going well overall, but don't hesitate to pick up more tickets at any time. I suggest you carry a packet in your purse. You never know when you might get an opportunity to sell them!

Jody Burtch

#### Caramel-Filled Chocolate Cookies

2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
3/4 cup unsweetened cocoa  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 cup sugar  
1 cup firmly packed brown sugar  
1 cup margarine or butter, softened  
2 teaspoons vanilla  
2 eggs  
1 cup chopped pecans

48 Rolo Chewy Caramels in Milk Chocolate, unwrapped (9 oz. pkg.)  
1 tablespoon sugar  
4 oz. vanilla-flavored candy coating, if desired

1. Heat oven to 375° F. In small bowl, combine flour, cocoa and baking soda; blend well. In large bowl, beat 1 cup sugar, brown sugar and margarine until light and fluffy. Add vanilla and eggs; beat well. Add flour mixture; blend well. Stir in 1/2 cup of the pecans.\*\* For each cookie, with floured hands shape about 1 tablespoon dough around 1 caramel candy, covering completely.
2. In small bowl, combine remaining 1/2 cup pecans and 1 tablespoon sugar. Press one side of each ball into pecan mixture. Place nut side up 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheets.
3. Bake at 375° F. for 7 – 10 minutes or until set and slightly cracked. Cool 2 minutes; remove from cookie sheets. Cool completely on wire rack.
4. Melt candy coating in small saucepan over low heat, stirring constantly until smooth. Drizzle over cookies.

Yield: 48 servings (1 cookie per serving)

\*\*I found it easier to work with the dough when it was VERY cold. Refrigerate a couple of hours or make the night before if you have the time.

# Upcoming Events

## THURSDAY 3, DECEMBER

Acacia Guild Guild General Meeting at 6:45 p.m.

**Program: ACACIA'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY**

**Noodles Exchange:** This month will be our sixth "noodles" exchange. If you are interested in participating, please bring fourteen 2 ½ "strips of fabric in **BATIKS** in a zip-lock baggie labeled with your name and telephone number.

**Secret Pal:** Please bring your monthly gift for your Secret Pal and a thank-you for the person giving to you.

**Potluck:** Please bring your choice of dish (appetizer, side dish, salad, entrée or dessert) to the meeting for our Annual Holiday Party. There will be no extra door prize tickets for refreshments this month. Don't forget to bring your appetite either!

**Pair of Pot Holders Exchange:** Please bring your pair of handcrafted pot holders wrapped nicely for the annual exchange.

## SATURDAY 5, DECEMBER

**Workshop: Steve Schuman, "MAINTAINING YOUR SEWING MACHINE"**

Time: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Cost: \$10.00 for members, \$20.00 for non-members

***PLEASE BRING ONE MACHINE ONLY TO THIS WORKSHOP***

## THURSDAY 10, DECEMBER

**Sew-So-Much - 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

**Philanthropy – 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

**Tall Mouse Arts & Crafts**

13233 E. South Street

Cerritos, CA. 90703

## TUESDAY 15, DECEMBER

**Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.**

**Dinner hosted by Karen Waterbury, President**

**Location – Diane MacRill's home in Fountain Valley**

**NO SEW-SO-LATE THIS MONTH BECAUSE OF CHRISTMAS EVE**

**NO SEW-SO-MUCH THIS MONTH BECAUSE OF CHRISTMAS DAY**