



Acacia Quilt Guild of Orange County Newsletter

January 2010

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

How did this year go by as quickly as it did? I wish you all a happy and healthy new year. Thank you for all who filled in for those of us who weren't at our December meeting. I hear that fun was had by all and good food was eaten and many shared in the hot-mitt exchange. I missed the meeting but was given the opportunity to go to the Ricky Tims and Alex Anderson Super Quilt Seminar.



Thank you all who helped at the Candy Caneland. It was a success and we made money for Acacia and sold many opportunity quilt tickets.

We are pleased to have Steve from Singer and Phyllis Campbell co-teaching our workshop in January. Please check out the Workshops section and Programs section for this month and upcoming month's meetings and workshops.



I know that it seems like a long time until June comes, but as we know, time seems to fly by. June is when our next year starts and our new board. Now is the time when we need to start thinking about the position we would like to have. There are big positions that require a bit of work and positions that don't require much time and some in-between the two. It takes many people and many hands to run our guild as smoothly as it does. As president, it is so much help having people that are willing to help out. It not only makes my job easier but everyone's.

Please take time to read your newsletter. We are working on the "kinks" that we've encountered since Sherri Vasquez has moved. For those of you who don't know, Sherri and her husband have moved to Arizona on a permanent basis. Thank you Sherri, for all that you've given to Acacia since the start. You will be missed!!

Happy Quilting, Karen Waterbury ~ President of Acacia



WORKSHOPS

In January we are combining two workshops into one. Steve of Singer Sewing Center will be offering a cleaning and tune-up clinic for your sewing machine. He will show you how to perform routine maintenance on your machine. There is a limit of one machine per person enrolled. Bring the supplies that came with your machine-screwdriver, cleaning brush, and sewing machine oil. Pipe cleaners/chenille stems are also useful for cleaning.

The second workshop will be "Tips For Machine Quilting" by Phyllis Campbell. The workshop will include both free-motion and straight-line quilting methods. You will have the opportunity to try out a Supreme Slider sheet, which makes quilting easier. These sewing aids will be available for purchase at a discount if you take the class. Phyllis will demonstrate shortcuts and products which help with machine quilting. Bring front and back fabrics cut to placemat or table runner size. Cut out at least 4 placemats and/or one table runner. At least one piece of fabric should be a medium to large floral. It will be on the backside unless you want it on top. Cut batting for the placemats or table runner. You will not be binding them in class. You will need your machine, sewing supplies, and Metallica needles size 12/80. Bring cotton and/or rayon thread that matches or contrasts with your fabric choices. If your feed dogs don't lower, bring the cover plate for them. The workshop is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, January 9 in the Picasso Room. Cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members.

February's workshop is Bragging Rights with Jake Finch. In this workshop we will be making little albums in which to put photos. You will actually have a finished project when you leave. Please sign up at the January meeting if you are interested so that we will have an estimate of how many people will be attending.

March's workshop is Making Fabric From Scraps and Turning It Into A Quilt with Frances Moore. Details will be forthcoming next month.



PROGRAMS

In January The Batty Lady will be presenting a talk about various types of batting and when to use what. She will have various batting available for purchase.

February will bring Jake Finch talking about Making Quilts That Care.

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.



OPPORTUNITY QUILT

Sales are going well. I want to thank all of you who have sold your tickets and an extra "thank you" to those who have taken more to sell. If you carry a packet in your purse, you'll always be prepared for additional sales. You never know when the conversation will lead to quilts (surprise, surprise!) and you might be able to sell more tickets. I recently went into a quilt store in Salado, Texas, and the owner bought a ticket.

Hope you all have a safe and happy holiday season.

Happy New Year!

Jody Burtch

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.

July - patriotic

January - white, off white

August - blue

February - red

September - brown/beige

March- -flannel

October - fall colors

April - floral

November - holiday fabric

May - yellow/orange

December - batik, any color

June - green



Door Prize Winners for December were:

Diane Rice

Mary Hicks

Marie Ketsdever

Lisa Sullivan

Sharon Monge

Brianna Craig

Jeraldine Rankins

Andrea

Ralph Smith

Susan Wood

Cathy Drace

Jerry Hunsaker

Dana Matsukawa

Charlotte Hansen

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Anna Lee

Door Prize Committee



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Chocolate Mint Cake

1 chocolate cake mix

4 eggs

½ cup oil

½ cup warm water

1 ¾ oz. package instant chocolate pudding mix

1 cup sour cream

1 6 oz. package mint chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Mix all of the ingredients in order given except for the chocolate chips. Beat 4 minutes. Fold in chocolate chips. Pour into greased and floured bundt pan. Bake 45-55 minutes. Turn out after 5 minutes. Drizzle with chocolate frosting or sprinkle with powdered sugar.