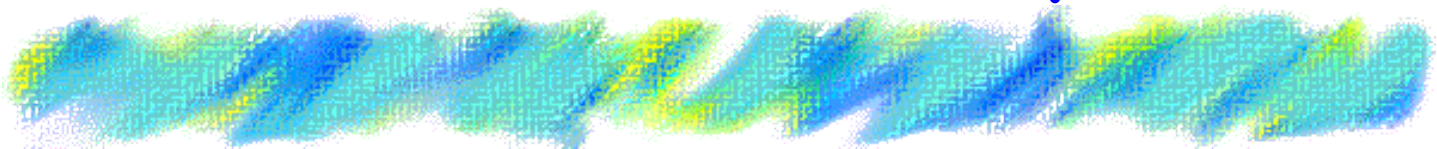




NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Have you made your new year's resolutions yet? This is that time of year when I think - "Next year I'm going to do things differently". But then the new year brings new opportunities and new challenges and before we know it, it has come and gone and I'm still running behind.

We accomplished a lot in 2010 - we heard some great speakers, were invited to show our Opportunity Quilt at the Long Beach IQF, entered the Million Pillowcase Challenge (at last count we made 185 pillowcases), made 60 Christmas stockings and filled them for Thomas House in addition to the deliveries Lisa made throughout the year, got our website up and running, sold \$3000 worth of tickets on the "Dog Day Afternoon" opportunity quilt, gave of our time and talents making quilts for our veterans and philanthropy groups, and still had time to meet new people and make new friends through our quilt guild. We have so much for which to be thankful.

So now as we learn how to write **2011**, let's set ourselves a few goals:

- Invite a friend to our guild meetings
- Step out of our comfort zone and volunteer to help or chair a committee
- Attend a guild or philanthropy workshop
- (Insert your own quilt guild goal here _____)

Happy New Year

Jody Burtch



MARK YOUR CALENDARS . . .

- January 6 - General Meeting: Ann Turley, speaker
- January 8 - Workshop with Ann Turley
- January 15 - Philanthropy Workshop
- January 19 - Sew So Much, Quilt Cupboard
- January 18 - Board Meeting
- January 24 - Sew So Much, Bunney Hutch



Remember to bring to guild

- **A** smile and a friend
- **N**ame Tag
- **S**how **N** Tell
- **R**efreshments (if it's your birthday month)
- **I**tem for the Opportunity Basket (get a free ticket)
- **\$**\$ and ticket stubs for sold Opportunity Quilt tickets

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PROGRAMS

ANN TURLEY TO SPEAK AND TEACH IN JANUARY.

Ann is a local quilt artist and quilt judge. She has had the opportunity to judge the Hoffman Challenge as well as Los Angeles and Orange County fairs.

At our January meeting, her subject will be “Out on a Limb” - an exploration of the many aspects of participating in a guild challenge. Ann will cover the use of a theme and the development of ideas as well as what makes a challenge fun for your membership. She has been a part of many challenges and therefore has a good sized trunk show to share.

Due to low interest in “Lily”, we have changed the workshop to “Seismic Activity” (shown below). This is a fun quilt and is much easier than it appears. The cost of the workshop is \$25 for members, or \$35 for non-members. There is a \$7 pattern fee. This quilt can also be made from small print kids’ fabrics for a great child’s quilt or use holiday fabrics for Valentine’s Day or it would look great in baskets. This is also a great pattern for different fabrics in the blocks, uses 1/4 yard of 5 different fabrics



using your stash as there are nine ing less than one yard. The border or fat quarters.

**THE SAMPLE PEOPLE WILL BE AT OUR JANUARY MEETING -
COME EARLY FOR THE BEST SELECTION.**

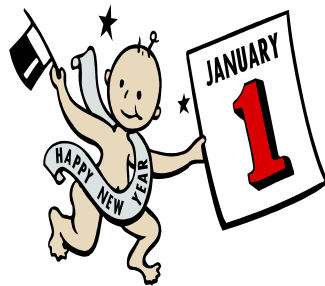
We need members to support our workshops or we will have to stop offering them. It isn't fair to contracted teachers to cancel the class for lack of participation. Our guild cannot afford to offer the class when there is not enough participation to support the cost of the class. We are offering the classes for a lot less than you would pay at a quilt shop or some other guilds. We even offer lunch for \$5 and will go and buy it for you. That doesn't happen when you take a class elsewhere!

Phyllis Campbell

HOLIDAY MAIL FOR HEROES

*You All are awesome!!!!!!
Thank you to all of you who took time out to sign cards for our Holiday Mail for Heroes. I mailed out 336 cards to be distributed to our veterans and their families.*

*Thanks again,
Marie Ketsdever*



Diane Donegan needs help with ByLaw revisions. If you will be willing to help her, please give her a call @ (714) 828-7411. This isn't a big job, but we do need to update our bylaws.

She also is seeking volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee. She'll be asking for volunteers at the January meeting.



Wishing all our Acacia members and their families a very good 2011 and to our January birthdays a "Very Happy Birthday" from our guild!

- 1/2 Mary Scharfenburg
- 1/5 Judith Hunsaker
- 1/9 Lydia Elder
- 1/13 Tiffany LaMarre
- 1/14 Donna Hovartos
- 1/17 Diane MacRill
- 1/22 Dee Livernois

The thought for the month:

"You will find as you look back upon your life that the moments when you have really lived are the moments when you have done things in the spirit of Love."

Henry Drummond

Carmen Meraz,
Birthday Chairperson

"ACACIA'S GARDEN" OPPORTUNITY QUILT



The Opportunity Quilt was on display at the Santa's Candy Caneland & Craft Faire. We sold \$54 in tickets. Now that the new year is here, we'll be taking it to other guilds in the area and will be asking for your help. This is a great way to see how other guilds are run and hear their speakers. If you are willing to help, please give me a call @ (714) 821-4345. For this fundraiser to be successful, we need to show the quilt at as many different venues as possible.

Thanks for your help and support.
Georgan Zieres, Chairman

Door Prize Winners December 2010

Thank you to our generous door prize donors. Please take a moment to thank them when shopping or at a guild meeting.

For the winners: please mail in or hand deliver the Thank You note provided with each prize. The donors/shop owners appreciate the notes and feel their donations were appreciated by the guild.

The Door Prize Committee is always seeking donations of Thank You note cards and blank note cards. If you have some note cards, that you would like to share, please bring them to the Door Prize table at the guild. Thank you in advance.

We have multiple prize winners on occasion because they received extra door prize tickets from the Membership Desk. Extra tickets are given for carpooling, bringing refreshments, and other things.

Donor

Prize

Prize Winner

Timeless Quilts

Fat Quarters

Susan Stokes

Timeless Quilts

Fat Quarters

Donna McDaniel*

Bunney Hutch

Jar of Buttons

Cathy Drace

Bunney Hutch

Moda Jelly Roll

Phyllis Victor

Phyllis Campbell

Bouquet of Flowers & Vase

Theresa Craig

Quilt Cupboard

Quilting Calendar

Bette Harmon

Quilt Cupboard

Quilting Calendar

Sonia Das

Verda

Fat Quarters

Annette Rivera

Verda

Fat Quarters

Maggie Hadjuk

*Our newest member



BEAUTIFUL 14k GOLD SCENIC THIMBLE

Ticket sales for a 14k Gold Scenic Thimble, which can be worn on a necklace, are off to a great start. The cartouche on the thimble is engraved "New Year 1879". Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The winning ticket will be drawn at our Tea and Auction on May 14, 2011. Tickets will be for sale at the meetings. For more information or to buy tickets, see Jody.

PHILANTHROPY - - - - -



We gave out 60 stockings, pillowcases, and toys to Gina and Judi from Thomas House at our December meeting. Gina's story about the little boy who had never had a pillow and had been sleeping on the floor brought a tear to many eyes. His delight at having his own pillow AND pillowcase shows how much our efforts are appreciated.

On December 9th, I was joined by Verda, Sue Green and Dana Matsukawa on my delivery of other donations to Thomas House. They were able to see where our donations are being put to good use.

As we move into the new year - 2011 - we are again asking for your help by putting your talents to use to create quilts and pillowcases to share with those who are less fortunate than us.

The storage is full and we need to sew up and get these quilts done. There are kids and families that could really use these quilts. If we could get them sewn up and donated, so many more families could feel the warmth and comfort of our quilts.

Mark your calendars for January 15, 2011 - the first sew day in the new year. We will meet in the Picasso Room at the Buena Park Center. Please come

and help for a hour or two. . . . or stay all day and enjoy your fellow Guild members' company as we sew and put kits together. What better way to get to know your fellow members better while we have fun? If you can't make it to the sew day, then please pick up a kit or two at the meeting to make at home. If you don't want to make the whole quilt - do the part you like the best, whether piecing, quilting, or binding. We have something for everyone.

THANK YOU TO ALL who helped make the Christmas Stockings. **THANK YOU TO ALL** who have made pillowcases and those who have made it to a Sewing day. **THANK YOU TO ALL** who have given of their **TIME, TALENT, AND DOLLARS.**

Hope you all have a Happy New Year.

SEW ON and ON

Lisa Sullivan

Philanthropy Chairperson 2008-2011

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MEMBERSHIP

Sonia Das & Judy Hunsaker



Attendance at the December 2010 meeting: 37 members. Six guests were present that night

As of December 31, 2010, Acacia has 63 members (including five life members)

Please welcome our newest member: Donna McDaniel of Lakewood

Pro-rated memberships for Jan 1 - May 3, 2011 will be available for \$15 starting in December.

PLEASE WEAR A NAME TAG TO THE GUILD MEETING OR ELSE YOU WILL BE FINED BY MEMBERSHIP AND HAVE TO PAY A PENALTY!

FABRIC EXCHANGE—BLACK, BROWN, BEIGE, OR GRAY

January 2011 (Wow!)

28 six-inch squares of Black or brown or beige or gray

How it works:

Several persons indicated they preferred to exchange 6-inch squares, so we will do that this month. Six-inch squares can always be cut down to 5" squares, and there are so many more things that can be done with 6" squares than 5" squares.



Fabric Preparation:

--Buy 1/2 yard (18") of a quality 100% cotton fabric. No \$2.00 fabric from any source, please. Do not use fabric exchanges as a way to get rid of junk fabric in the hopes of getting good stuff. Give the quality you would like to get.

--Square up your fabric. It's never perfectly cut straight off the bolt. I always buy an eighth of a yard extra to allow for squaring up my fabric by tearing both cut ends from selvedge to selvedge. (The stretching that happens at the tear is "recovered" during the washing.) Then I clip a small triangle at the selvedge which prevents further raveling during washing. The strips that get cut off each end also get washed, and I can usually cut strips at least 1 1/2" wide from what I have torn off. Another way to square up the fabric is to pull a thread all the way across – that's the tedious way, but that way you don't have to deal with the stretching from tearing. (I use this method with my 'elegant' fabric.)

--Wash the fabric. I know that some people don't like to wash their fabric first, but I know of too many quilters who have been broken hearted after a quilt was washed and one fabric ran into the others.

--Iron it. If you can't iron the crease out, that means there is some polyester (boo! hiss!!) in the fabric.

--Cut at least 1/2 "off the selvedge on both sides.

Making sure that you are cutting on the exact straight of grain, cut the half-yard of fabric from selvedge to selvedge in 5" strips. You'll get three 5-inch strips and have approximately 3" left over so you can keep a 2 1/2" strip for yourself.

--Cut each 5" strip into 5" squares being sure that you are on straight of grain. You will get 8 squares from each strip, and 24 after you cut all three strips. That's what we'll exchange.

--Individually fold all 24 squares in a criss-cross pattern (to make it easier to pick up each separate square) and put into one medium or large plastic bag with your name on it.

--Put your plastic bag into the Fabric Exchange Box / Basket at the Membership Table when you first arrive. The fabric will be exchanged during the meeting, and your plastic bag with 24 different 5" squares will be available for pickup by the end of the meeting (if not delivered during the meeting).

--It doesn't matter how many or how few members participate each month, but the more the merrier--the more members who participate, the more different fabrics you will receive. If 24 people participate, you will receive 23 different fabrics (and 1 of your own) back. If only 12 people participate, you will receive two each of 12 different fabrics, etc. If more than 24 people participate, the fabrics you receive may not be exactly the same fabrics your friend receives.

--*Note: All 24 individual squares you provide do not have to be the same fabric. They could be 12 squares each of two different prints, for example.*

--If desired, you can contribute two plastic bagsful – just make sure that you contribute two **different** fabrics with your name on both bags. You'll go home with 48 squares.

Marilyn Gulickson

Questions? (714) 995-0544

BOXES FOR OUR TROOPS

We mailed three more boxes in December to our troops in Afghanistan thanks to the donations from guild members and members of Lyn Brown's Monday class. Thank you for your participation in this endeavor. The boxes will be much appreciated.
Phyllis Campbell

A thank you message from LtCol Morris of 3/5 in Afghanistan to you patriots who've stepped up and sent them packages...

Thank you so much for the packages. We have been absolutely overwhelmed by the support that you and others have provided to the Marines and Sailors of 3rd Bn, 5th Marines. I want to extend a personal thanks from every single member of the Darkhorse Battalion to you and your "army" of volunteers who have been so generous to us while we have been deployed and in harm's way here in Afghanistan. We are truly blessed to have such patriotic Americans behind us, keeping us all in their thoughts and prayers, and sending a little piece of America our way. No one has been in want of anything. Every day multiple packages arrive and the Marines attack them like "dogs on a bone." The fact that they are nearly constantly treated to goodies and best wishes from home keeps their morale and confidence high.



Save the Date

Tea and Quilt Auction

**Saturday
May 14, 2011**

12:30-3:30 p.m.

Liberty Hall

**Walter Ehlers
Community Center
8150 Knott Ave.
Buena Park, CA 90620**

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quilt shop**



Geri Larson – Dad's quilt
Marie Ketsdever - 2 Tablerunner/napkin sets
Verda - 2 quilts
Jan Raymond - Redwork Christmas Quilt
Gingerbread tablerunner
Lights tablerunner
Christmas table topper
Marilyn Gulickson - "Harmonic Convergence"
Carmen Meraz – Pillowcases
Lisa Sullivan - Block of the Month quilt

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ACACIA QUILT GUILD OF ORANGE COUNTY



The purpose of this guild is:

- 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 quilting and to educate the public as to the significance and history of quilting as an art form as well as an ongoing craft.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * Jan 8 - SCCQG meeting, LA County Quilters, Downey Women's Club, 9813 Paramount Blvd, Downey, CA
- Jan 8 - Bower's Museum, Peggy Calvert interviews local quilters, Fairy Earnest, Cynthia Catlin, Merci Apodaca
- Jan 20-23—Road to California Quilt Show, Ontario Convention Center
- * Jan 30—South Bay Quilters Guild—"The Threads that Bind a Family Together"—a one-woman show of quilts by Rosemary Zettler
- * Feb 9 - Glendale Quilt Guild - Earlene Fowler, speaker, Glendale Public Library

* **More information about these events can be found at**

<http://www.sccqg.org/calendar.php>



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