



NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2012



Winter



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi, Quilters,

I'm writing this on Christmas night, after my husband's and my last visit as Santa and Mrs. Claus. We had a wonderful time visiting so many families and children. We also enjoyed Christmas with our daughter's family. Our grandchildren are growing up too fast, so we enjoy being with them while they still want us around.

Now it is time to get back to a normal life. I have two quilting contests I am planning to enter, and all I have done so far is draw some sketches. Can't start yet, as we will be driving up to Gilroy in the morning to see our son on his birthday—yes, he was born on Christmas night, thirty-two years ago.

I hope all of you will think about taking advantage of a very special opportunity in January. Desiree Habicht is coming to teach us how to use watercolor pencils to "applique" whole cloth quilt blocks. This is an easy-to-learn technique, taught by an outstanding local artist and quilter. Those of you who have been in the guild from the start may remember that Desiree came and taught us how to applique a cute baby quilt with some very cute animals.

Go to <http://www.desireesdesigns.com> to see some of Desiree's beautiful creations. Think you can't make a beautiful block with these colored pencils? This technique is almost as easy as coloring a picture in a coloring book.

What's really great about this class is the block is pre-sewn for you and you don't need to bring anything—no sewing machine, no fabric, nothing but yourself. Look for details in the newsletter and sign up before we run out of room. I'm really excited we can offer this class at our regular fee of \$25 for members. The block you will color is being given to you at cost for only \$10, ready to color. This class usually costs \$50 at Gingers, and you have to drive all the way out there too.

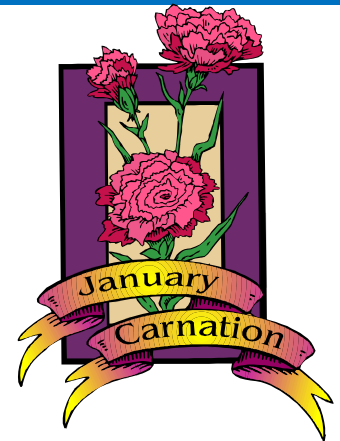
Let's all learn something new in the New Year, vow to finish some of our UFO's, and complete at least one of the philanthropy kits available from Lisa Sullivan. Our guild is all about leaning, making quilts, and helping others. Let's all get busy and make this a great year for our guild!

Remember: Quilts are like friends, a great source of comfort!

Phyllis

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MARK YOUR January CALENDARS. . .

Thurs., 1/5: 6:45 PM—**AQG General Meeting**; Ehlers Community Center, 8150 Knott Ave, Buena Park

Thurs., 1/12: 10:30 AM-5:00 PM—**Sew So Much**; Tranquility Quilt Shop, 10191 Valley View, Cypress

Wed., 1/18: 7:00 PM—**AQG Board meeting**; **Picasso Room**, Ehlers Community Center, 8150 Knott Ave, Buena Park

Thurs., 1/19: 5:00 PM—**Sew So Much**; Quilt Cupboard, 11891 Valley View, Garden Grove

Tues., 1/31: 5:00 PM—**Lisa's Ladies Philanthropy Friendship Group**, 7002 Moody, #209, La Palma

Next Meeting

January 5

Those with January birthdays are requested to bring refreshments, and we welcome goodies from non-birthday members too.



JANUARY PROGRAM

1. Speaker this month—January's program **and** workshop will feature **Desiree Habicht** from Riverside. Desiree teaches how to use water color pencils to add details. She will show a fun and fast way to color appliqué quilted blocks:

- how to blend, select colors, shade to achieve dimension using colored pencils, watercolor pencils and others for added depth and details;
- how to marleize fabric to create interesting, textural designs;
- how to protect your piece of art and how to seal it so it is washable!



Even traditional appliquéers will like this method for adding tiny details to their quilts. At the meeting she will show us examples, and at the workshop she will demonstrate so that all will be successful. For more examples of Desiree's art go to her web site:

<http://desireesdesigns.com>

2. Fat Quarter Frenzy—Don't forget to take part in our monthly Fat Quarter Frenzy. We are to bring fat quarters this time in preparation for March holidays and events, so bring greens, whites, shamrocks, kites. As always, you will receive a ticket for each fat quarter you turn in. One ticket is drawn at the end of the meeting and the winner gets all the fat quarters in the basket.

JANUARY WORKSHOP

Desiree Habicht will demonstrate her water color pencil technique and help us all to successfully complete a pre-quilted piece to color.

Costs for the January workshop:

- **\$25.00 for members or \$35.00 for non-members;**
- **\$10.00 for a pre-quilted piece to color.**

Supplies for the January workshop:

- **Bring watercolor pencils if you have them.**
- **If you don't, Desiree will have some at the workshop for purchase.**

Skar Taira, Program Chair

Happy Birthday!

Acacia Guild members with December birthdays:



Here is the birthday list for January 2012.

- 1-5 Judith Hunsaker
- 1-9 Lydia Elder
- 1-17 Diane MacRill
- 1-27 Donna McDaniel

Thought for the day: "We've loved, we've laughed, we've lived"

Submitted by Carmen Meraz



NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM & WORKSHOP NEWS

February's program and workshop will feature our own Jan Raymond doing "Machine Appliquilt." The February workshop cost: \$25.00 (members), \$35.00 (non-members). Supply list will be available at the workshop table at the February meeting. Workshop hours: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM (approximate).

Skar Taira, Program Chair

MEMBERSHIP

Jody Burtch, Marie Ketsdever, & Carmen Meraz

We had 31 members, 3 guests, and one new member at our meeting last month—welcome back Nancy Williams! We now have 50 members. Since the membership dues drop to \$15 for anyone who joins now, it's a good time to invite friends and family members who enjoy quilts and quilting to join our guild.

Also, remember to wear your nametag to each meeting. No nametag = 25 cent fine—but we really just want to get to know each other.



Philanthropy—“If you haven’t got any charity (philanthropy) in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble,” said Bob Hope.



Happy New Year 2012!!! Hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year as well as a safe one. Lets all try and take a kit to get the new year started off right. Really need quilting done on many kits. If you want to you can tie one if that is something you can do. Please stop by and see what I have that you can finish up for our Philanthropy donations.



Please plan on joining us on one of our sew days to make kits, sort fabric and supplies and share our love of quilting.

Lisa Sullivan, PHILANTHROPY CHAIRPERSON (2007-2012); 714-642-1127; lisa@jdcoulterco.com

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS — December 2011

There were fewer door prizes this month than usual, but we still thank our door prize donors for their generosity.

- ⇒ Gift certificate from Moore's went to Donna McDaniel
- ⇒ Gift certificate from Moore's went to Cecelia Carey
- ⇒ Flower bouquet from Phyllis Campbell was won by Brianne Craig
- ⇒ Winner of the Fat Quarter Frenzy (11 fat quarters this month) was Shar Taira

Congratulations to all winners! The Door Prize Committee is always seeking donations of “Thank You” note cards and blank note cards. If you have note cards that you would like to donate, please bring them to the Door Prize table at the guild. We appreciate your assistance!



Opportunity Quilt

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by Georgan Zieres

Our Opportunity Quilt drawing happened at our meeting December



meeting, and the winner was **Cathy Dolan from Long Beach**. I thank all members for your fundraising efforts and congratulate Cathy for winning this beautiful quilt!

Our next Opportunity Quilt is in the planning stages—contact Phyllis Campbell or Susan Stokes for more information.



Important Reminder!

From **Susan Stokes**,
Representative to SCCQG

Acacia Quilt Guild is hosting the quarterly meeting of the Southern California council of Quilt guilds (SCCQG) on **Saturday, January 14, 2012 from 10:00 AM to noon**.

We need volunteers for 2 crews:

- Crew 1: To help **set up** refreshments at 8:30 AM.
- Crew 2: To help **clean up** at noon.

If you did not sign up to help on one of the crews at the December meeting, you may still do so at our January meeting. Let’s have everyone volunteer, so that this great occasion for our club will not be a burden on a few.

PS: Those on **Crew 1** do not have to stay for the SCCQG meeting on Jan. 14, but you are welcome to do so, and those on **Crew 2** may come early if they wish. There are always wonderful opportunity quilts from the many guilds in attendance to view and to buy tickets for—so bring a little cash if you wish.

Show & Tell

At our December meeting we enjoyed wonderful food at the potluck portion of the meeting and later wonderful quilts shared by members. See left and below:



WAYS & MEANS by Sonia Das

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2012

Huge Sale of Magazines: All magazines will be 5 for \$1. Come buy a whole bunch and start out your new year with lots and lots of fun reading.

February 2012

Cookbook Committee Kick-Off: We have many wonderful cooks and recipes in this guild. I have wanted to do a fundraising cookbook for many years, and I would appreciate the membership's help and experience and RECIPES!

March 2012

Brown Bag Raffle. The raffle will return. Tickets are 5 for \$1 and take a chance on winning several fun items (sewing and miscellaneous). If you have any donations, please bring them to meeting early if you would like them to be part of that night's raffle. Otherwise, donations will be held until the next raffle in July.

Please contact me at 562-429-4477 or soniadas@yahoo.com with fundraising suggestions or if you would like to help at a meeting. Thank you in advance for your support!



ACACIA QUILT GUILD

Membership Year: June 1, 2011 – May 31, 2012

Date: _____ New Member: _____ Renewal: _____

Name: _____ Birthday: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Can you help Acacia Quilt Guild with any of the following:

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| _____ Setting up at meetings | _____ Making photocopies |
| _____ Making coffee at meetings | _____ Sending out emails |
| _____ Setting out refreshments at meetings | _____ Phone Tree |
| _____ Tidying up after meetings | _____ Website |
| _____ Teaching a class/mini-demo;
What can you teach: _____ | |

REDUCED MEMBERSHIP DUES (6 months):

\$15.00 (w/o mailed newsletter); \$24.00* (with mailed newsletter)

**OPTIONAL NEWSLETTER MAILING FEE: \$9.00 (for 6 months)*

The Acacia newsletter is sent to the membership via email and is available for free on the Acacia Quilt Guild website. If you wish to have a newsletter mailed to you, please add the mailing fee.

Amount: _____ Cash: _____ Check #: _____ (Payable to *Acacia Quilt Guild*)

Dues can be paid at the Membership Desk at General Meetings.

If mailing your application form, please send your form and check to:

**Acacia Membership
Attn: Jody Burtch
4682 Simone Way
Cypress, CA 90630**

If you have questions, please call or email:
Jody Burtch at 714-828-2498 or email her at
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ACACIA QUILT GUILD OF ORANGE COUNTY



Winter



UPCOMING SCCQG EVENTS

January 2012

1/14—SCCQG Quarterly Meeting hosted by Acacia Quilt Guild. AQG members, we need your help for the event; see page 3 for more information and/or contact Susan Stokes.

1/19-22—“Road to California”; Thursday - Saturday 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM; Sunday 10 AM to 3:30 PM; Ontario Convention Center, Ontario, CA; Preview Night, Wednesday, January 18; visit www.road2ca.com to register for workshops.

For more details, go to <http://www.sccqg.org>
Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds

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

2011-2012 Officers:

President – Phyllis Campbell
1st Vice President – Shar Taira
2nd Vice President – Sonia Das
Secretary – Diane MacRill
Treasurer – Donna McDaniel