



NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2011



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi quilters!

The president of my friend's quilt guild recently visited Iowa. She stated in a note that she felt that Iowans are the epitome of this saying: "The happiest people don't have the best of everything; they just make the best of everything they have." We certainly saw that to be true in many of the vintage quilts that Anne Copeland showed us at our last meeting.

Quilters, like Iowans, are very resourceful. We never throw anything away that might be useful. We recycle our scraps, have swaps, and watch for sales. Some of us even save dryer lint, dryer sheets and fabric selvages. While trying to organize my stash, I have come to realize I have more than enough fabric to last me long past this recession, and many of you probably do too. Even though our country isn't in very good financial shape, we quilters will do okay. We will swap fabric, use our stashes, save our scraps, make more scrap quilts, settle for the "not quite perfect" fabric, and keep on making beautiful quilts for family, friends and those in need.

It is with all this in mind that I'd like to urge you to: (1) Remember that our workshops are the best bargain around, (2) Join a friendship group, (3) Volunteer to help our guild—we still need a V.P. of Ways and Means and some committee members, (4) Be willing to teach others what you know about quilting, (5) Make a quilt for Philanthropy to help someone less fortunate than yourself, and (6) Participate in fabric swaps by using your stash.

Other than our bargain workshops, all these are free! By using our kits, even making a philanthropy quilt is cost-free, except for your thread. We just need you to be willing to give of your time and talent. **Remember:** Quilts are like friends, a great source of comfort; and you can have all of these—quilts, friends, and comfort—as a part of Acacia Quilt Guild!

Sincerely, *Phyllis Campbell*

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Next Meeting September 1

We ask those with September birthdays to please bring refreshments but we welcome goodies from non-birthday members, too.



MARK YOUR September CALENDARS

Thurs., 9/1: 6:45 PM—AQG General Meeting; "Let's Have a Fashion Show;" Ehlers Community Center, 8150 Knott Ave, Buena Park

Thurs., 9/8: 1:00-7:00 PM—Sew So Much; Tranquility Quilt Shop

Thurs., 9/15: 5:00 PM—Sew So Much; Quilt Cupboard

Wed., 9/21: 7:00 PM—AQG Board meeting; Picasso Room, Ehler's Center

Mon., 9/26: 10:00 AM-5:00 PM—Sew So Much; Bunney Hutch

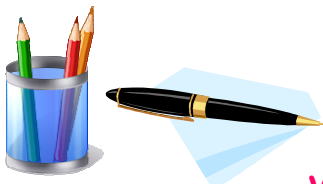
Tues., 9/27: Lisa's Ladies Philanthropy Friendship Group, 4019 Orange Avenue, Cypress

PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER MEETING

"LET'S HAVE A FASHION SHOW"—Every one can participate Thursday, September 1, by wearing or bringing wearable art projects. Come at 6:45 or before, and plan to share your fun patterns.

"FAT QUARTER FRENZY"—Our new fat quarter game got off to a great start last month—22 fat quarters were won by Lydia Elder! **The theme for this month is "It's Fall, Y'all"**, so bring a fat quarter (or two) of tans, browns, neutrals, or Thanksgiving colors. You get a ticket for each fat quarter and at the end of the evening one lucky ticket-holder wins all the fat quarters in the basket. Then that person will have almost two months to put together a quilt for Thanksgiving, if she chooses. Watch for announcements about future Fat Quarter Frenzy themes:

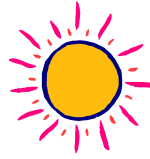
- Christmas (reds, greens, golds, silvers);
- winter (blues & whites);
- Valentines (red, pink, whites);
- greens; sherbet colors (pinks, purples, yellows, greens, oranges);
- florals;
- batiks;
- patriotic (reds, whites, blues).



WORKSHOP NEWS

- No workshop in September;
- **October** workshop is fabric dyeing—batik, tie dye, and fabric printing;
- **November** workshop—Lyn Brown will show us her "Salt Water Taffy." If you can't wait to see the pattern, take a look at this web site: <http://www.etsy.com/listing/72075452/salt-water-taffy-quilt-pattern>
- No workshop in December

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SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

by Sonia Das
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Please contact Sonia Das with news about guild members at 562-429-4477 or soniadas@yahoo.com.

Generally members are sent cards for the following reasons:

Milestone birthdays (50, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100) – however we won't be publicizing quilters' ages unless they are close to 100!

Milestone anniversaries (25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and beyond).

Get well card for a member or their spouse.

Sympathy card for death of an immediate family member

Congratulations for new babies, grandbabies, great grandbabies.

Congratulations for something super spectacular such as starting a new job, opening a new business, having a quilt selected for a show, winning the lottery, etc.

Thinking of You where encouragement is needed.

Missing You if a member has missed a few Acacia meetings.

Anything other card and category that deserves a card from the guild.



Happy Birthday!



Acacia Guild members with September birthdays:

- 9-2 Linda Stearns
- 9-11 Randy Haller
- 9-19 Sharleen Taira
- 9-21 Tricia Savage
- 9-24 Sandy Eckhardt
- 9-29 Margot Taub

Submitted by Carmen Meraz

*When difficulties are overcome,
they become blessings.*



Philanthropy

- **Report on AUGUST 20th Workshop**—We had a very successful **Christmas Stocking Workshop** on Saturday with nine members attending. Our rotary cutter blades were sharp, and the sewing machines were humming. We completed 27 stockings and have ten more ready to put together. Door prizes were won by Diane Donegan, Donna McDaniel, and Barbra Riley.



- **More Christmas Stockings Needed**—We are issuing a **challenge to every member to make at least one Christmas stocking**, but you'll find they're like potato chips, it's hard to stop at just one. It looks like we will need 100 or more stockings this year as there is always a need for Christmas stockings for those less fortunate than we are. If you'd like to work on stockings at home, pick up a pattern at the next meeting or **if you have some already completed, bring them with you to our meeting September 1st.**
- **Report on Super Senior Saturday, August 27**—We will be working on Super Senior Saturday. Instead of a boutique this year, we are going to be demonstrating some of the things our guild does.
- **School Supplies**—As you find good deals on Back-to-School items, consider buying some to donate to children in need such as those at Thomas House.



Lisa Sullivan,

PHILANTHROPY CHAIRPERSON
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PS: Contact me anytime for donations of time, talent, quilts, etc

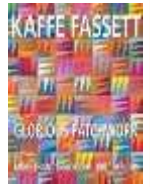
For Your Planning:

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(1) An Evening With Kaffe Fassett—

This special event sponsored by Westside Quilters will be held **Monday, September 26; 7:00 PM; Westwood United Methodist Church, 10497 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90024;** (Wilshire Blvd. and Warner Avenue); Admission charge **\$25.00** (tax deductible); **Free parking** next door beneath Belmont Village. Kaffe Fassett is an internationally known artist, author, fabric and quilt designer, and he will present a PowerPoint lecture and book signing. Come hear him in person discuss "A Colorful Life."

Tickets are on sale now only on the Westside Quilters Website at www.WestsideQuiltersLosAngeles.org. If you are coming from a distance, you are invited to come early in the day and visit Westside quilt shops, shop at the Century City or Westside Pavilion malls and/or have an early dinner in nearby Westwood Village. For more information contact Sally Wright, President at WestsideQuilters@Yahoo.com or P.O. Box 641925, Los Angeles, CA 90064



(2) Harvest of Quilts—October 1 & 2, Flying Geese Quilters Guild; at Soka University in Irvine; more information—see <http://flyinggeese.net/quiltshow.htm>

(3) Auction and Tea—October 8, Orange Grove Quilters Guild; at Garden Grove United Methodist Church, 12741 Main St., Garden Grove; additional information at <http://orangegrovequiltersguild.com>

(4) Joann Fabric Store Contest—The "Quilt Your Colors Quilt Contest" begins on August 28, 2011, and ends on January 14, 2012. Entrants must make a quilt using materials purchased at a Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Store or from Joann.com®. Quilts must be at least 36"x36" (lap size), but may be no larger than 105"x95" (king size). Quilt kits are permitted, but entrant must make the quilt with little or no assistance from others. No groups or teams are allowed.

Go to <http://www.joann.com> for more information.

Photo Page

At the August Meeting: Members brought their family heirlooms and other quilt treasures for Anne Copeland to evaluate.



Anne Copeland's Car--
At the August meeting, our speaker Anne Copeland told us that to celebrate her 70th birthday, she covered her car with fabric using an acrylic gel medium! See photo right.



BLOCK OF THE MONTH

July-August Block of the Month

Use **white, green, and gold**
Unfinished $12\frac{1}{2}'' \times 12\frac{1}{2}''$

From **White** Fabric:

Cut 4 squares $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$

Cut 2 squares $4'' \times 4''$

Cut 1 squares $7'' \times 7''$

From **Green** Fabric:

Cut 1 squares $7'' \times 7''$

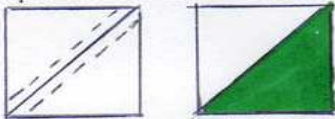
From **Gold** Fabric:

Cut 2 squares $4'' \times 4''$

Place **White** ($4'' \times 4''$) and **Gold** ($4'' \times 4''$) squares right sides together. Draw a diagonal line across square. Sew $\frac{1}{4}''$ seam on both sides of the diagonal line and then cut on the drawn line. Square up the half square triangle to $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$. Repeat one more time to have a total of 4 half square triangles.



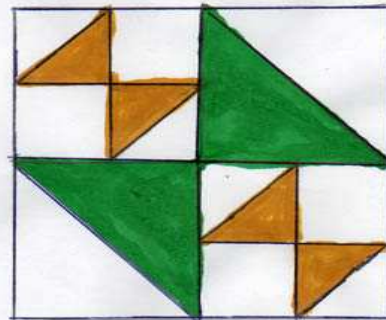
Place **White** ($7'' \times 7''$) and **Green** ($7'' \times 7''$) squares right sides together. Repeat the above steps. Square up to $6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 6\frac{1}{2}''$. Will have total of 2 half square triangles.



Sew **White** and **Gold** half square triangle ($3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$) to **White** ($3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$) square four times.



Arrange block as shown in the picture below.



International Quilt Festival Class with Jamie Fingal--Phyllis Campbell took Jamie Fingal's class at the International Quilt Festival in Long Beach. Using acrylic paints, class members painted on 2 large canvases, which they cut into 10 pieces each. Each person took home 4 pieces to use in quilts, tote bags, covers for journals, etc. See Phyllis' results



DOOR PRIZE WINNERS — AUGUST 2011

Thank you to our generous door prize donors. Please take a moment to thank them for donating prizes while you are shopping. **Winners:** please mail the pre-addressed & stamped **Thank You** note provided with each prize. The donors/shop owners appreciate the notes and feel their donations were appreciated by the guild.

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Prize Winner</u>
Bunney Hutch	Gift Certificate	Bette Harmon
Bunney Hutch	Gift Certificate	Shar Taira
Quilt Cupboard	Quilt Plaque	Susan Stokes
Quilt Cupboard	Quilt Plaque	Jan Raymond
Sandy Eckhardt	Bird Feeder	Barbra Riley
Phyllis Campbell	Flowers w/vase	Linda Stearns
Tranquility Quilts	Gift Certificate	Carmen Meraz
Tranquility Quilts	Gift Certificate	Geri Larson
Moore's Sewing Center	Gift Certificate	Jody Burtch
Moore's Sewing Center	Gift Certificate	Mary Ann West
Sew Vac Ltd	Scissor Pal	Lisa Sullivan
Sew Vac Ltd	Scissor Pal	Lydia Elder
Bears Quilt Shop	Gift Certificate	Colleen Van Gundy
Bears Quilt Shop	Gift Certificate	Tina Fritz
Bears Quilt Shop	Gift Certificate	Beth Swift
Bears Quilt Shop	Gift Certificate	Karen Waterbury
Bears Quilt Shop	Gift Certificate	Phyllis Victor
Bears Quilt Shop	Gift Certificate	Ruth Kennedy
Quilters Path	Directory	Donna McDaniel

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. Thank you in advance.



MEMBERSHIP *Jody Burtch, Marie Ketsdever, & Carmen Meraz*

We had 29 members and 3 guests at our August meeting to hear Anne Copeland speak on Antique Quilts. Those of you who couldn't be there missed an interesting meeting. The new yearbooks were handed out to those in attendance. Please wear a name tag to the guild meetings. If you don't have one yet, watch for the new name tag challenge Phyllis Campbell will be introducing soon. If you know people who have not yet renewed their memberships or they have not heard of our guild yet:

- Invite them to come on the first Thursday of each month
- Give them or email them copies of our newsletter
- Encourage their involvement.



**Be sure to wear
your nametag or be
Fined by Membership!**

Membership in the Acacia Quilt Guild is \$25 with emailed newsletter and \$43 for newsletter by USPS mail.

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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| <input type="checkbox"/> Setting up at meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Making photocopies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Making coffee at meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Sending out emails |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Setting out refreshments at meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Tree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tidying up after meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching a class/mini-demo;
<i>What can you teach:</i> _____ | |

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

\$25.00 (w/o mailed newsletter);

\$43.00* (with mailed newsletter)

**OPTIONAL NEWSLETTER MAILING FEE: \$18.00 (for 12 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 \$18.00 to Membership Dues for a total of \$43.00.

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
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Cypress, CA 90630*

If you have questions, please call or email:
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ACACIA QUILT GUILD OF ORANGE COUNTY



UPCOMING SCCQG EVENTS

There are no September listed activities or events on the web site for Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds, but there are some for October including the two in Orange County mentioned on page 3:

- 10/1 & 2—*Flying Geese Quilters Guild "Harvest of Quilts" at Soka University in Irvine;*
- 10/8—*Orange Grove Quilters Guild Auction and Tea at Garden Grove United Methodist Church*

Watch this box in our next newsletter for more details, or 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 — vacant
Secretary — Diane MacRill
Treasurer — Donna McDaniel