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The Newsletter of the Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild

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March, 2019

Guild meetings are held at Rothery Education Center located at 3305 E. Fry Blvd., Sierra Vista unless otherwise noted.

March

- 3/4 Mon., 6 pm—Trunk Show—see pg 2
- 3/5 Tues., Workshop—see pg. 2
- 3/6 Wed., 9 am—Trunk Show—see pg 2
- 3/7 Thurs., 8:30 am – 2:30 pm, Open Sewing
- 3/13 Wed., 9 am, Quilting Bee
- 3/14 Thurs., 8:30 am – 2:30 pm, Open Sewing
- 3/20 Wed., 9 am, Quilting Bee
- 3/21 Thurs., 8:30 am – 2:30 pm, Open Sewing
- 3/27 Wed., 9 am, Quilting Bee
- 3/28 Thurs., 8:30 am – 2:30 pm, Open Sewing

Coming In April

- 4/1 Mon., 6 pm—Program—see pg. 2
- 4/2 Tues., Workshop—see pg. 2
- 4/3 Wed., 9 am—Program—see pg. 2
- 4/4 Thurs., 8:30 am – 2:30 pm, Open Sewing
- 4/10 Wed., 9 am, Quilting Bee
- 4/11 Thurs., 8:30 am – 2:30 pm, Open Sewing
- 4/17 Wed., 9 am, Quilting Bee
- 4/18 Thurs., 8:30 am – 2:30 pm, Open Sewing
- 4/24 Wed., 9 am, Quilting Bee
- 4/25 Thurs., 8:30 am – 2:30 pm, Open Sewing



***** President's Message *****

Hello Quilters,

Whew! Another quilt show is in the can and we can start thinking about the next one! (Oh, no!) I was unfortunately traveling during this year's show, but everyone I've talked to thought it was the best one EVER! I would like to thank everyone individually, but I know someone would get left out (unintentionally) if I started naming names, so I'm just not going to take that chance. Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who entered a quilt and helped in anyway to make this show a success!

February was also a rough month for our guild. We lost one of our past presidents and longtime member, **Penny Lupo**, and we lost longtime member and challenge quilt chair/helper for several years, **Gail Fisher**. God speed to both women and their families.

The Board of Directors is working on the budget for the 2019/2020 year. If you have any suggestions, please pass them to Wendy Seals or any other board member as soon as possible. We will also be discussing ways to continue having interesting and rewarding programs without "breaking the bank" and suggestions for that are welcome too. [Please don't suggest "have a guild member.....", suggest a member you think would be good for whatever you are suggesting!]

Enjoy a month of relaxation and then start thinking about next year's quilt show entry and how YOU can help make the show/guild. Volunteer for a vacancy...dream up a way to put YOUR stamp on YOUR guild!

Candy (for Susan)

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 4 & 6: Trunk show "Color, Design, & Texture" by Nubin Jensen from Oro valley. Her website is: <http://www.nubinquilts.com/> KJ quilts extraordinaire.

April 1 & 3: Helen Frost Trunk show. Her website is: <http://helenyoungfrost.com/>

May 6 & 8: Trunk show by Sheila King

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

March 5, 2019

9:00—2:00

Great Stash Busting String - a quilt utilizing an original design by Nubins for the Hummingbird guild. As a bonus Nubins, will demonstrate how to make a special binding with easy techniques. Cost is \$30.00 per person for the workshop and \$10.00 for the pattern. Sign up at the guild or contact Nas Mazuji at nmazuji@gmail.com. Your fabrics should be cut into strips of varying widths and starched before class. The guild has muslin squares, 10.5" squares X 10 for \$2.00, and 8.5" squares X10 for \$1.50. Let me know how many you would like to have. Her sample is hanging at the Guild.

April 2, 2019

9:00—3:00

Helen Frost: Lonestar quilt made easy; workshop fee is \$30.00 per person.

BLOTTO CORNER

Remember to pick up the new Blotto block!!! If you have never done a Balkan Puzzle block now is your chance. Just add an ivory fabric to the colors provided by the guild to complete this awesome block. Kits available at the guild while they last!

This block is due by Wednesday, May 8th. When you turn in your blocks, pin a note with your name to each block. If your block meets the size and color requirements, you will have one chance to win for each block you enter.



If you have any questions call: Debi 227-0381 or Nancy 508-9044



Wendy H	March 2
Ovidia S	March 4
Lucinda W	March 7
Connie A	March 7
Gail F	March 13
Mary C	March 14
Diane W	March 14
Melanie M	March 15
Ellen P	March 20
Jane B	March 21
Debbie L	March 22
Emily R	March 22
Frances K	March 25
Pauline G	March 26
Kathy D	March 26
Patricia H	March 27
Donna O	March 28
Ann L	March 29
Patty H	March 30

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DON'T MISS THIS ONE!!!

Splendor in the Desert—Green Valley Quilt Show

March 16 and 17—10:00-5:00 and 10:00-4:00

565 Belltower Drive, Green Valley, AZ

Over 100 quilts! Mini Raffle; Vendors; Food available.

Admission: \$8

www.vqgaz.com

Quilt Show Report 2019

Revenue

Admissions	\$4,945.25
Boutique	6,140.82
CD's	540.00
Comm. Vendors	2,700.00
Donations	100.00
Member Vendors	180.00
Raffle Quilt	5,901.00
Sponsorship	150.00
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	\$20,657.07

Expenses

Advertising	\$870.83
Appraisal	65.00
Boutique Expense	0.00
Catering	191.55
CD's	525.00
Comm. Vendors	0.00
Education	75.00
Judging	703.35
Memorial	0.00
Misc.	0.00
Printing	42.07
Raffle Quilt	550.46
Raffle Tickets	198.14
Ribbons	400.21
Security	700.00
Set up/Tear Down	400.00
Tables	711.72
Venue	2,572.00
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	\$8,005.33

Net Income from Show \$12,651.74

Quilt Documentation Project

The next QDP will be held on April 27th at Ethel Burger Center 9AM-12PM. Helpers, please come by 8:45 AM. We will have a QDP display set up at the quilt show to help spark interest and hopefully find lots of fabulous quilts to document. Thanks for your support. QDP volunteers. To sign up, please contact

Joyce Larson at

[\(joyceplarson@yahoo.com\)](mailto:joyceplarson@yahoo.com)

LAST CHANCE!!

You can order a CD with pictures of all the quilts in the 2019 show until Wednesday, March 6. After that, it will just be too late. See Nancy Banz at Guild Hall or contact her at 520-508-9044 to get your order in.

In Memory of Penny

Our wonderful friend, Penny Lupo, went home to be with God. She was truly a wonderful person and loved everyone that came into her life.

Please keep her husband in your prayers as this has been a very hard trip for him. Penny fell a few weeks ago. She was airlifted to Tucson on Thursday and they operated on her. She then went to a Hospice home in Tucson and passed there.

Penny's husband cared for her while she was fighting Alzheimers. He has shown us the true love of a husband. Please keep Jim in your prayers.

Our Deepest Condolences

To the family and friends of Gail Fisher, longtime member and challenge quilt chair/helper for several years.

Also to Susan Ritter who lost her husband, Rodney. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Susan.



HSQG Classes

A while back I offered free classes to guild members. We started with the most basic concepts of fabric facts and preparation, cutting with accuracy, sewing simple and then more complicated blocks. We worked our way through different techniques like hand and machine appliqué, paper piecing and more. Sadly I lived in Bisbee and the extra trip over just got to be too much over time.

Now that I live near the Guild Hall, I feel that we can resume those classes. This is the plan: We will meet for about 2 hours on Wednesday afternoon, starting at 1:30 this is for the those who are not working during the day.

Another session will be held on Wednesday evening beginning at 6:30—obviously for the quilters who do work during the day.

Classes will be held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

There is no sign up necessary. Everyone is welcome, including non-members, though non-members will be required to join the guild if they wish to participate long term. The first couple classes are just free for them. The first class will be on March 20th. There will be no supply list for that session; just bring a pencil and paper.

You can drop in and out of the classes so that you come for those topics of interest to you. And you can influence the content—just let me know what you would like to work on.

This is a techniques program—not designed to make a specific quilt/table runner/wall hanging — you get the idea. Supplies will be kept to a minimum. It will be hands on, though you could audit the class if that works best for you. As you may have noticed, this is an easy-going class. Lots of learning, lots of fun, lots of companionship, and very little stress. If this sounds good to you, come on down and invite friends to come as well.

-Doris Wells



This is an example of a super simple quilt made with the most basic techniques. It's bright and cheerful and would make a great 'couch quilt' or a gift for a friend or a child.

If you have any questions, send me an email at:

doriskwells@gmail.com

Notes From your 2019 Quilts of the Huachucas! Co-chairs

Another Show is over. Thank you to each guild member and family member who helped make this **"the best show so far."** Each year an attendee writes this on the viewer's choice ballot. You are the reason it was great.

We had **690 paid attendees** (including several first-timers), the Boutique did a brisk business, some quilts sold, and the raffle quilt took in \$5901. The quilt winner was Kathy Baker and she has it on her bed already. She's redecorating the room for it.

Award winners are posted at the website. Photos are on there as well. If you'd like your own copy of the Show, please see Nancy Banz.

If you haven't returned your **yard sign** yet, please do so soon. Also, a big "Thank you" to those who laundered the black sheets. Splitting this job amongst ourselves helps the Show Chairs. Please return them to the guild rooms soon.

The 2020 Quilts of the Huachucas! is slated to be held the first full weekend of March (7-8) if the guild members vote positively for it at the April business meeting. Hopefully this will bring in more attendees.

Direct any **concerns or comments** you have about the Show just past or the 2020 Show to Virginia McCabe, Melanie Harris, or Maryann Lepic. Let us know how you can help make 2020's Show "the best ever." We need your participation.



Raffle Quilt Winner

The 2019 raffle quilt winner is Kathy Baker and she has it on her bed already. She's redecorating the room for it.

How nice that one of our members won a raffle quilt. We all work to sell tickets and her work paid off in winning a truly unique quilt she can enjoy for many years.

Hints from Lynn Kough - HSQG Judging 2019

Lynn gave us numerous tips along the way while judging our quilts for the show. We're going to try to share some of them but also are hoping to plan a program where we talk and demonstrate them and also prepping your quilt for quilting and for the show.

Binding

- ◇ Polka dots or solids will show up uneven binding easily.
- ◇ Stripes and plaid are great binding, cut on the bias
- ◇ Bias binding will stretch well
- ◇ Cut according to the pattern, not the grain!!!
- ◇ Snip corners to reduce bulk
- ◇ Avoid seams in the corners

Borders & straight seams

- ◇ Cut lengthwise on fabric for less stretch
- ◇ Measure 37x and cut once!!
- ◇ Measure the center of quilt and then each side (about 2" in). Divide the difference in 2 and ease/stretch to fit
- ◇ You can stitch the edge of the quilt to aid in easing but it should never be more than 1/2"
- ◇ Block (steam) to square your quilt

Stitching

- ◇ Avoid Hen's Teeth (thread that shows up on the top of your seams) by matching color to fabric, having good tension, and not pressing too hard to stretch the seam
- ◇ It's ok to press a seam open to avoid bulk in joins
- ◇ Trim your threads!!

Quilting

- ◇ If you use black on the top, use black bobbin, even if the back is light!
- ◇ Make sure your tension is perfect and check often
- ◇ Change your needle for each project & use an appropriate size!!
- ◇ Stitch length should be even on top and bottom for both machine & hand quilting



Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild Membership

April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020

*Returning members: Please list your name and
Only the information that has changed.*

Last name _____ First name _____
 Mailing address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____
 Birthday (month/day only) _____
 Land line phone number _____ Cell phone number _____
 E-Mail address _____

Check all that apply:

- New Membership
- Renewal
- Adult Membership \$25
- Junior Membership \$12.50
- I am joining primarily to enter
a quilt in the Guild quilt show.

I understand that the primary goal of the Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild is to promote interest in and appreciation of quilting and fiber arts and to contribute quilts to the community. To achieve this goal, the Guild has quilt shows, various yearly projects, and monthly programs. By being a member of this Guild I will uphold this goal and pledge my cooperation by working on the Guild's projects, shows and programs. I will share my time and talents as generously as I can for the betterment of the Guild.

I give consent for photos of myself and my property to be used in print media, on the Guild website, and on quilt show CDs for promoting Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild and its activities.

Signed: _____

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Or deliver to the Membership Chair or Treasurer at a HSQG Meeting
 (www.hummingbirdquiltguild.com)

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Membership Number	
Check Number/Cash	
Amount Received	
Date Recorded	

In case of an Emergency, Please Contact (this information is voluntary)

Name: _____
 Phone number(s) _____