



# The Hummer

The Newsletter of the Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild

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June 2017

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

## June Calendar

- 6/1 Thursday, 8:30 am –4 pm, Open Sewing
- 6/5 Monday, 6 pm, Program Mtg, see pg 2
- 6/8 Thursday, 8:30– 4 pm, Open Sewing
- 6/14 Wednesday, 9 am, Bee
- 6/15 Thursday, 9 am-8 pm, AZ Hall of Fame Sew-In for CASA, see pg 6
- 6/17 Saturday, 9 am-3 pm, AZ Hall of Fame Sew-In for CASA, see pg 6
- 6/20 Tuesday, 9 am, BOD, Country House
- 6/21 Wednesday, 9 am, Bee
- 6/22 Thursday, 8:30-4 pm, Open Sewing
- 6/28 Wednesday, 9 am, Bee
- 6/29 Thursday, 8:30 –4 pm, Open Sewing

## July Preview Calendar

- 7/3 Monday, 6 pm, Quarterly Bus Mtg.
- 7/5 Wednesday, 9 am, NO MTG, Bee
- 7/6 Thursday, 8:30 am-4 pm, Open Sewing
- 7/8 Saturday, Quilt Room Tour, see pg 2 and 7
- 7/12 Wednesday, 9 am, Bee
- 7/13 Thursday, 8:30 am-4 pm Open Sewing

## Happy June, Hummingbird Stitches!

As we transition into the summer months, I hope everyone makes time to sit quietly outside. When was the last time you sat outside with nothing in your busy hands and just relaxed for 10 minutes? If you can't remember, I encourage you to book this activity into your day at least a few days each week.

We are well underway in supporting the Arizona Quilters Hall of Fame 10th Anniversary Sew-Ins for Foster Children. I hope to see many of our members on Thursday and Saturday, June 15th and 17th, for our Sew-Ins. We already have quilts finished for foster kids in Cochise County. Kits are available if you are not able to attend. The CASA Council of Cochise County will be delivering our quilts to children from newborn to 17 years of age in November and December. The Hummingbird Stitches are making a difference in the lives of over 250 abused and neglected children in Cochise County.

I am reminded daily of the great works and service being performed by our HSQG members. From the community quilts we make, to the roles we assume to keep our guild running, I appreciate being part of this organization. We all know that there is never enough time to do all the things we'd like to accomplish! I'm living proof of the saying, "If you want something done, ask a busy person!"

We are looking for a few members to help with important positions in the guild. If you would like to assist or learn, either individually, or with a partner, we could use your talents. Open positions are Webmaster, Art in the Park, and Way and Means Coordinator. These are not new positions, and there will always be members to train and assist you if you are interested in volunteering. Sharing the load makes the task easier and faster!

Remember, Quilting is a passion, a release, and an outpouring of love. If you are feeling like it is a burden, step away! **Happy Quilting Always, Deb**

## Upcoming 2017 Programs

**June 5 and 7, 2017:** Cynthia Hatch will present the ancient Japanese Art of Temari. She will share and demonstrate creating unique, three-dimensional balls decorated with thread, fabric or lace. This technique is an art that was practiced by the Imperial Court of Japan over 1000 years ago. Cynthia will have samples for sale. Learn more about Temari at: <http://www.temarikai.com/>

**July 8, 2017, Saturday:** Quilt Room Tours. Four guild members (Ann Walker, Nas Mazuji, Mary Lou Spurgeon, and Jeannine Grabowska) have graciously agreed to show us their quilt rooms on Saturday. Locations range from Huachuca City to Hereford, so get your carpools ready. Flyers with addresses will be available at the Guild and posted on our HSQG website by June. You may travel to the quilt rooms in any order you choose. Please be respectful of the hostess/host and neighbors.

**August 2 and 7: 2017:** Lisa Thompson of the Thunder Mountain Alpaca Ranch from Palominas will talk to us about Alpaca ranching, benefits of raising Alpacas and products made from their fur. She will also have genuine wool products for sale.

**September 4, 2017:** no meeting.

**September 6, 2017:** Sewing Room Sale

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No workshops scheduled at this time.

## Upcoming Workshops 2017

- If interested, contact Eileen at 520-642-6674 or [straycatz2@vtc.net](mailto:straycatz2@vtc.net)
- All classes must be paid in advance
- Supplies list and pictures posted on the Programs and Workshops tab on HSQG website

More details regarding future Programs and Workshop information are available on our HSQG Website under the Programs and Workshops tab: [http://www.hummingbirdquiltguild.com/HSQG Workshops.html](http://www.hummingbirdquiltguild.com/HSQG%20Workshops.html).



6/1	Pat Wettack
6/5	Beth Dilley
6/5	Jo Green
6/5	Jan Bowie
6/7	Maryann Lepic
6/8	Karen Aker
6/8	Roberta Watson
6/9	Sharon Ball
6/9	Karen Hollinghead
6/10	Dorothy Bianco
6/10	Peggy Kenny
6/11	Susan Molina
6/11	Cathy Morton
6/11	Lucinda Rossow
6/14	Lee Grieme
6/16	Connie Cook
6/18	Kathryn Tyler
6/21	Karen Ziegler
6/26	Pauline Grosch

### **“Invitation from Gail Fisher”**

I would like to invite you all to visit the Huachuca Art Association’s Gallery during the month of June where I am being featured as the “Artist of the Month” along with Dorothy Bowman, a talented jewelry designer. Our reception is on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the gallery from 3 to 5pm. We would love to see you all. But, if you have never been to the new gallery, stop by anytime in June and visit. There is much interesting art, sculpture, unique crafts and gifts. We are now located at 1835 Paseo San Luis, Sierra Vista, Tuesday through Saturday 11am to 5pm.

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### **Free or Reduced Price Foods**

Every Friday, 4 -5:30 pm, Veterans Park. Donation asked. Food Bank produce.

1st Wednesday, 9 -10:30 am, Country Estates Baptist Church (5700 Hwy 92 - just past Ramsey Canyon Road) Free. Commodities. Frozen foods and produce.

3rd Saturday, 7 - 10 am, United Methodist Church (Buffalo Soldier Trail and St. Andrews) 60 pounds for \$10. POWWW produce.

**There are some members who haven’t renewed their membership for this year. Please see Ann Walker to bring the membership database up to date and keep your newsletter coming! Thanks Ladies!**

## BLOTTO DRAW Aug 7



### \*\*\*\*\*Clean Out Your Stash\*\*\*\*\*

**To all our quilters who are working on cleaning out your stash (so you can replace it with a new stash of course!)**

If you are finding fabrics as our Judy Neimeyer trainer suggested that are never going to see the front of a quilt, consider donating the larger pieces to the Guild. Our 310 quilts last year used at least 1200 yards of backings! With lessening income and more costs for batting, we are always in need of nice pieces. The quality of the quilts we donate, with our Guild label on them, deserve a somewhat coordinated backing, and we really don't want to sew more than 4 pieces. It makes it harder for our quilters and takes much longer to produce.

Many thanks to all of you who donate and sew for our community quilts; they are so appreciated.

Gail, Doreen and Laura

**Coming soon to the Squirrel's Nest—Long Arm Rentals, Long Arm training, and Licensing**

**Call or go in for more information!**

**If you have ever wanted to know how to wash a quilt.....**

I came across a very useful article on washing a quilt in a blog in the Accuquilt website. It's too long to quote in our newsletter, but you could mention it as a useful website.

[www.accuquilt.com/blog/thoughts-on-washing-quilts/](http://www.accuquilt.com/blog/thoughts-on-washing-quilts/)

**Susan Ritter**



**\*\*\*Taking Care of Our Own\*\*\***

Our best get well wishes go to Linda Erickson who is recovering from knee surgery; roller skating might have to wait a while!

Our sincerest condolences go to Betty Folkner and family on the loss of their mother.

Our thoughts and prayers go to Connie Anderson on her way to Omaha to be with her very sick mother.

**\*\*\*June\*\*\***



**Flag Day June 14, Long May It Wave, Thank you Veterans!**



**June 18**



Please feel free to submit articles, suggestions, patterns, or want ads to buy or sell anything quilt related. We do not promise publication of all submitted items. We will, however, endeavor to publish all items that are applicable to the Guild's charter within a reasonable time frame. All items must be written in an e-mail or on paper. The editor cannot take responsibility for verbal requests. Request deadline is the 20th of the month. Please send all contributions to the Newsletter Editor.

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**\*\*\*Color Boosts Mood!\*\*\***

Researchers at the University of Glasgow in the UK studied quilters and report that in addition to the well-being that comes from the sense of few of their craft, the women get mood boosts from the colors of the fabrics used.

Well duh! We all knew this !

Karen Horton found this in an old "Prevention" magazine.

**Shirley Gray posted an updated Calendar on the website.**





## We're Celebrating and Serving with the AQHF! Come to the CASA Sew-In Event

The Arizona Quilter's Hall of Fame (AQHF) is celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Sew-Ins to benefit Foster Children.

Did you know there are over 19,000 children in foster care in AZ, with over 250 in Cochise County?

Did you know that a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) may be a foster child's only constant adult supporter as they go through the dependency court process?

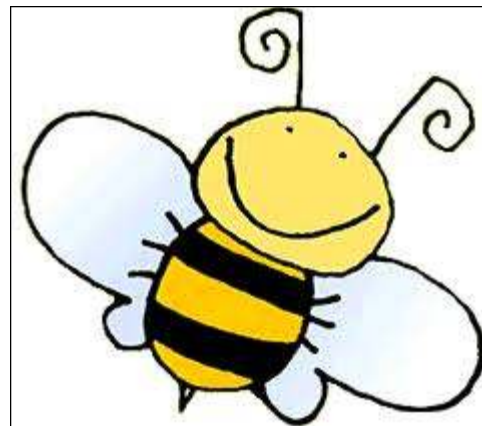
We'll be partnering with the CASA Council of Cochise County to distribute quilts to foster children aged newborn to 17 yrs in November and December.

Our Sew-Ins will be on **Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>** and **Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>**. **On Thursday the hours will be 9 am to 8 pm. On Saturday the hours will be 9 am to 3 pm.** Quilts will be from layette to twin sized.

Bottled water will be available, but please bring your snacks, lunch, and coffee or soft drinks. Long sewing day—have to keep up your energy!

Our members have already been busy with this latest community outreach project. Stash Ladies, Gail, Laura, and Doreen have set aside quilt tops ready for quilting. There are 5 tubs of coordinating fabrics and kits ready for completion.

Quilters can check these out at any time, especially if you will not be able to attend the Sew-Ins. We have batting and backing available, and our Stash Ladies are always happy to receive donations of fabric and batting for all our community outreach projects.



### \*\*\*\*\*Quilt Room Tour\*\*\*\*\*

In just a short time Saturday, July 8, we will have a quilt room tour from 9 am –noon. There are four members who will open their houses to the tour. They are: Ann Walker, Nas Mazuli, Mary Sue Spurgeon, and Jeannine Grabowska. If in the future, you would like to show your sewing room, please contact Eileen Ahearn or Nancy Tuckeck. See page 2, Programs, for more detail on this event. Maps are being prepared and will be available in the clubhouse and on the website soon.



### \*\*\*\*What's Happening Around Town\*\*\*\*

- 6/1 Thur, Patterson Observatory on U of A Campus, Free Public View Nite
- 6/3 Sat, Nature Walk Ramsey Canyon Preserve
- 6/3 Sat. 4-9 pm, Jazz Wine Festival, Brown Parade Field, FHU, Free Admission, US Military Intelligence Corps Band will play
- 6/17 Sat, 7-10 pm, Free Summer Movie in Veterans' Park

### Buena High School Grad Night 2017

Thank you Wendy Seals for putting this Graduate Package together for the lucky Buena Grad. These gifts are a great send off for the young adult.



Maryann Lopic submitted this website for free patterns and ideas. **But** expect to spend time on this site. Sounds like a plan!

[Www.modabakeshop.com](http://www.modabakeshop.com)

\*\*\*\*\*While Traveling this Summer\*\*\*\*\*

Ladies, remember to take a photo of yourself at the quilt shops you visit this summer. They will be posted on our website, and we will visit vicariously!

Forget the beach, where's the next quilt shop?!



This is Janet Wilcox visiting a fabric shop in Salisbury, England, just down the street from famous Salisbury Cathedral, which dates from the 13th century. If you are an Anglophile (your editor confesses she is one), Salisbury Cathedral has one of four copies of the Magna Carta,



Goodbye! So long! Farewell!  
 Au Revoir! Auf Wiedersehen!  
 להתראות! Adios! Arrivederci!

Final days May 22-31, 2017.  
 Please call me for an appointment.  
 520-266-3617.

Thanks for the past 12 years of support,

Joyce Larson







## HSQG 17 Quilt Challenge

You will pick a ticket at random, keep one side of the ticket..it will tell you the name of the quilt you will be making. Sign and turn in the other side of the ticket and you will be registered to participate.

Rules to follow to be eligible for an OSCAR (prizes).  
(otherwise it will be hung as "Display Only")

- \* Must be a current member of HSQG to draw a ticket.
  - \* The name of the movie that you have drawn at random has to be the name of the quilt that you make.  
(Don't worry..... others will not be happy either, it's a challenge, remember !!)
  - \* Challenge quilt can be any finished size you want...BUT...it can be no wider than 25' and no longer than 25'. It does not have to be square, it can be a rectangle. (size matters because our display area is limited)
    - \* Use whatever construction or quilting methods work best for you....challenge yourself, be creative !!
- There is no fabric requirement to be met, no limit to the total number or type of fabrics used. Embellishments are optional.
- \* Put a label on the back of your entry (name of quilt and your name, at least). Hopefully, you will be entering your quilt in the challenge category of the 2018 show, so go ahead and put that sleeve on it now!!
    - \* Entry tickets must be in by the end of September.
  - \* Finished challenge quilts MUST be at the November evening and daytime meetings for judging by the Academy !! (Guild members).  
THAT'S IT.....Good luck and Have fun!!

**The Producers**

**Gail Fisher..&..Jill Holsonback**

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