



# The Hummer

The Newsletter of the Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild

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July 2017

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

## July Calendar

- 7/3 Monday, **NO MEETING**
- 7/5 Wednesday, 9 am, Bee
- 7/6 Thursday, 8:30 am-4 pm, Open Sewing
- 7/8 **Saturday, 10 am-1 pm, Quilt Room Tour, pgs 2-4**
- 7/12 Wednesday, 9 am, Bee
- 7/13 Thursday, 8:30 am-4 pm Open Sewing
- 7/18 Tuesday, 9 am, Board of Directors, Country House
- 7/19 Wednesday, 9 am, Bee
- 7/20 Thursday, 8:30 am-4 pm, Open Sewing
- 7/26 Wednesday, 9 am, Bee
- 7/27 Thursday, 8:30 am- 4 pm, Open Sewing
- 7/29 **Saturday, 8:30 am-3 pm, Sew-In NEW, see pg 6**
- 7/31 Monday, 9 am, **BLUE MOON**

## August Preview Calendar

- 8/2 Wednesday, 9 am, Program Meeting, See pg 2, **BLOTTO DUE**
- 8/3 Thursday, 8:30 am-4 pm, Open Sewing

## Happy July, Hummingbird Stitches!

This seems to be THE month for celebrating ~~~  
**Monsoon Has Arrived!**

**It's officially Summer!**

**Happy Birthday America!**

Cheers to All who are celebrating a special event this month! And special Cheers to all who will be traveling to see family!

The Hummingbird Stitches continue to amaze me with their talent and gracious service to others. Our members have been busy making quilts for children in Foster Care. We'll be presenting these to the CASA Council of Cochise County this Fall. There is still time to participate in this project that will touch the lives of children in trauma.

I invite all our readers to check out our website and spend time scrolling through our Show and Tell pages. You'll see many of the amazing quilts and projects our members complete each month. (<http://hummingbirdquiltguild.com>).

I recently learned that this is a favorite site of a very special assisted-living center in Maryland. On behalf of the Hummingbird Stitches, it is our pleasure to share our passion for quilting with others!

As the heat of June passes, remember to Hydrate and Quilt On!

*Deb*



### Upcoming 2017 Programs

**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 are now available at the Guild and posted on our HSQG website. 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, the benefits of raising Alpacas and the 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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### Upcoming Workshops 2017

**September 9, 2017:** Cynthia Hatch will offer the first in a series of three classes on how to make and decorate your very own temari ball. This first class will cost \$30 and include all the materials needed to make your own temari ball in an original Cynthia design. During this class you will learn how to make a mari ball and learn one stitch to decorate your ball. You will complete one ball in class. Class will be from 10:30 am-1:30 pm. Classes two and three (dates TBA) will teach you up to five stitches/designs so you can complete your second and third temari balls. Classes two and three will cost \$15 each and you will bring all your own materials.

**September 12 and TBA, 2017:** Swan Sheridan has offered to teach the TUFFET workshop for only \$125 which includes pattern and tuffet materials (less fabric) We have only TWO spots left, and then all her patterns will be sold out. The workshops will be in September 2017 on two dates (12 Sept and TBA Sept). The first class will be a four- hour class 10 am-2 pm with instructions on how to sew the pattern. The second class day will follow one or two weeks later for assembly. Assembly is by appointment only and will take less than 1 hour. SPACE IS LIMITED. (Coordinating to move Workshop to Oct 2017)

**October 3, 2017:** Kay Wentworth will share her techniques for turning fabric into art by helping us create Portraits of Our Pets. This workshop demonstrates raw-edge appliqué techniques that do not use glue or adhesive materials such as wonder under. Pick out your picture (does not have to be a pet). Class will cost \$30 per person, minimum of 10 students. The workshop will be all day (TBA: 9 am-3 pm or 10 am – 4 pm). Check out her website at <https://kaywentworth.carbonmade.com/>.

- 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).**

## HSQG July Program: Quilt Room Tours Saturday, 8 July 2017 from 10:00 am to 1pm

- Visit the quilt rooms in any sequence that is convenient for you and carpool as you wish.
- Please be respectful of their homes and neighbors.
- Many thanks to all the hostesses for volunteering to share their quilting domains with us.

*The homes are listed from north to south:*

**Hostess: Ann Walker: 327 Railroad Drive, Huachuca City; 520-236-9959**

General directions: On Hwy 90/Huachuca Blvd just at the bottom of the dip/hill on the north end of HC, turn left/west onto W Railroad Drive (it is a dirt road). Travel 3/10 of mile, pass the orange storage box and the house is on the right/north side of the road.

*What's special about My Quilt Space?* My "work room" serves double duty as my computer room and sewing room. I designed and built a high table for sewing with a shelf to keep me organized. I repurposed most of the drawers and containers for storing sewing materials. The work room also displays a recent acquisition of a limited edition print by Will Moses (great-grandson of Grandma Moses) titled "Quilting Social."

**Hostess: Nas Mazuji: 3498 Little Hill, Sierra Vista; 520-732-9136**

General directions: Oakmont Estates off of Avenida Cochise. Turn north onto Oakmont Drive; follow the curve then turn at the second left onto Willow Oak Lane; then turn right onto Little Hill; last house on right/south side before it turns to dirt. You'll see my quilting square and my van/RV.

*What's Special about My Quilt Space?:* For the first time I have a specific room for all my needlework and quilting materials and books. I have my material relatively organized now and so can be more efficient.

**Hostess: Mary Lou Spurgeon; 3717 Barahona Drive, Sierra Vista; 520- 378-7103**

General directions: Head south on HWY 92; turn right/west onto Canyon de Flores; cross over St Andrews; turn right/north at the T intersection at Antequiera Drive; follow curve onto Sierra Bermeja Drive; turn at second left/south onto Barahona Drive; it's the second house on the left. The house is south of Buffalo Soldier Trail, east of Cherokee Ave and west of Saint Andrews

*What's Special about My Quilt Space?:* I have a nice but inexpensive design wall, and I did take a class on designing a quilting space so I used what I learned to arrange it. Hopefully it will help others with ideas for their own rooms.

Please see next page for a continuation of tour directions.



Note from Editor: I think this is a quilt room in Heaven! ....sigh.....

**HSQG July Program: Quilt Room Tours Saturday, 8 July 2017 from 10:00 am to 1pm  
continuation**

**Hostess: Jeannine Grabowska: 6124 So. Burro Drive, Hereford; 520-255-3816**

General Directions: Take Hwy 92 south, turn left/east onto Ramsey Rd, then right/south on Burro. Drive 7/10 mile up Burro (past intersection with Dakota); look for the grey barn cottage with the quilt squares on the right side of the road.

*What's Special about My Quilt Space?: My grandmother, Marjorie Gamerdinger, was the inspiration behind Chickadee Cottage Quilting. You'll see pictures of her in the quilting cottage. My quilt room space was created to give me a space for both my personal quilting and business quilting in a pet-free space. I'm excited to share it with my friends!*

**Hostess: Anne Blohm: 7251 Land Grant, Hereford; 520-860-0705**

General directions: Take Hwy 92 south, turn left/east onto Hereford Rd; continue for 6.9 miles (pass Moson Rd); turn right/south onto S Land Grant Rd and it is the second house on the left/east.

*What is special about My Quilt Room? I love my sewing room. I get to look at the beautiful Huachuca Mountains, see the birds & simple enjoy my space. The walls have special pictures and my collections are up on shelf over the window. Unfortunately, my sewing room has somewhat exploded over the last few years & has made it out to the dining room, as well as part of the guest room.*

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

**Board Positions still Open:**

**Ways and Means**

**Webmaster**



**BLOTTO DRAW Aug 7**





7/1

Linda Fulford

7/6

Jeanine Shields

7/18

Sandy Deaton

7/19

Merrie Haynes

7/21

Gail Staples

7/24

Audrey Mapoles

7/26

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7/28

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### \*\*\*\*\*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



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

Our best get well wishes for a speedy recovery go to Marrietta O'Brien on her second hip replacement surgery.

Our thoughts and prayers go to Connie Anderson and family on the loss of her mother.

**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**

**"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.

**\*\*\*\*July\*\*\*\*\***

**4th of July—Long may we remain a Free and Constitutional Republic!**

**Hurray for the Red,  
White, and Blue! Happy  
Birthday America!**

**Freedom is Not Free**



**\*\*\*\*\*Hello Quilters!\*\*\*\*\***

The Guild is going to have Open Sewing on Saturdays! Our meeting rooms will be open from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm on the **last Saturday** of each month for the **next three months**. The dates are **July 29, August 26, and September 30**. This is a great opportunity for quilters who work or have other obligations during the week to sew "in community." If participation warrants, we'll keep the Last Saturday Open Sew on our calendar.

Hope to see you in July!

Wendy Seals





## CASA Council of Cochise County Sew-ins, June 15 and 17

Gail Staples and her team, Doreen and Laura, thank each and every quilter who participated in this event for their time and expertise. Gail reports that 15 participants worked feverishly to complete 30 quilts during this two-day sew-in. Other members chose to take kits home or assemble quilts from their own stash. These quilts will be presented to the CASA Council of Cochise County at the November 6 and 8 meetings. **Many, Many Thanks Ladies!**

Gail also took pictures during the sew-ins, and Shirley Gray has uploaded them to the website.



### 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.

Maryann Lepic 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)

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

- 7/1 11 am-3 pm, Saturday, Tombstone Freedom Days, 11 am Parade on Allen Street
- 7/1 9 am-3 pm, Saturday, Christmas in July, Ethel Berger and the Oscar Yrun Community Center
- 7/4 4th of July Celebrations, Tuesday, at Veterans' Memorial Park, Festivities begin at 7 am; Fireworks show at 8 pm-9 pm.
- 7/6,13, 10 am-2 pm
- 20, 27 Farmers' Market at Veterans' Park

**\*\*\*\*\*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!**



**Here is Joy Bradley in front of Mouse Creek Quilts in Howell, New Jersey.**



**Here is Marge Carrithers visiting Quilts on Plum Lane in Dade City, Florida**



**Here is Candy Jennings visiting Rae-Bon Sew & Quilt Shop in Fargo, North Dakota**



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





## 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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