



The Hummer

The Newsletter of the Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild

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December 2016

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

December Calendar

- 12/1 Thursday, 8:30 am, Open Sewing
- 12/5 Monday, 6 pm, Holiday Party Potluck, see pgs 2 and 3.**
- 12/7 Wednesday, 10 am, Holiday Party, Potluck, see pgs 2 and 3.**
- 12/8 Thursday, 8:30 am, Open Sewing
- 12/14 Wednesday, 9 am, Community Quilts
- 12/15 Thursday, 8:30 am, Open Sewing
- 12/20 NO BOD Meeting**
- 12/21 Wednesday, 9 am, Quilting Bee
- 12/22 Thursday, 8:30 am, Open Sewing
- 12/28 Wednesday, 9 am, Community Quilts
- 12/29 Thursday, 8:30 am, Open Sewing

2017 January Preview

- 1/2 Monday, 6 pm, Program Mtg, see pg 2
- 1/4 Wednesday, 9 am, Program Mtg, see pg 2
- 1/5 Thursday, 8:30 am, Open Sewing

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

Holiday Cheer!

Much of the cheer I feel this time of year is in my memories. My parents, poor as they were, always tried to make this time of year special. My brother, sister, and I would rummage my dad's sock drawer trying to score his biggest socks!! Yes indeed –this is what we put out for Santa. Dad splurged on a freshly cut tree, and we laid out the socks underneath the boughs. Homemade construction paper garland wrapped round and round the tree. We didn't always have glue but egg white worked just as well. Mom let us put all the glass balls wherever we wanted. And Dad reached up to put the homemade construction paper star on top. Those of you old enough will remember the "ribbon" hard candy that could be bought in long pieces. We had that plus striped candy canes, and nuts and fruit stuffed into the socks. All these things were a huge treat in my childhood.

Now my children are making their own traditions, and I remember the ones I made with them and the old ones with my parents. Oh boy – time for some hot apple cider and a cheerful CD. Happy Holiday to each of you!

Xo

Diane



Upcoming 2016-2017 Programs

Dec 5 and 7, 2016: Holiday Parties on Monday evening and Wednesday morning.

Jan 2 and 4, 2017: Sheila Arnold will present “Delicious Scrap Quilts: Recipes and Ingredients.” Got scraps? Organized? Ready to sew? Sheila uses a power point presentation along with an “in-the-cloth” trunk show to inspire you to use those scraps. She shows how she stores her “ingredients” and shares step-by-step “recipes” for whipping up some of the scrap quilts she has made.

Feb 6 and 8, 2017: Dustin Farrell of Country Stitchin' from Cambridge Springs ,PA, will present “The Fun of Quilting and Long Arming.” There will be a Lecture on New Tools, Rulers & Templates for Home Quilting with trunk show. He will have templates and rulers for sale. Check out his website at www.cscountrystitchin.com.

Upcoming 2017 Workshop

January 3, 2017: Sheila Arnold will present the Sourdough Scrap Quilt. This is an ongoing project, just like sourdough, you can make as many blocks as it takes for the size quilt you want to make. This will be a relaxed fun day of sewing. You will spend some time cutting scraps and the remainder of the day sewing blocks for your quilt. Cost: \$20 per person; minimum 10 students. (6 hour workshop)

March 7, 2017: Shirley McGuire will present a Wool Workshop to create a wool appliqué and felted pillow. This is a fun, small project that can be nearly completed in three hours covering the basics of wool appliqué and needle felting. Cost is **\$20** (includes a \$10 kit); minimum of 15 students. This is a 3-hr workshop. The cost per person is reduced from \$25 to \$20 and could go down further as more persons sign up.

- If interested, contact Eileen at 520-642-6674 or 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).



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*****Holiday Party Fun—**Daytime*******`

Bring a 1/2 yard of pretty fabric to participate in the gift exchange. Wrap it pretty! Bring a dish to share and include a serving utensil. Please label your dish, if you include nuts in it! The Guild will provide drinks and paper goods. Dress in your "Fun" holiday clothes and come have fun. We will eat at **10:00 am** so our food won't get cold; then we'll party.

Wendy Seals and Debbie Guilmette

*****Holiday Party Fun—**Night Time*******

Bring a 1/2 yard of pretty fabric to participate in the gift exchange. Wrap it pretty! **Additionally**, our guild ladies hosting the night time party, have a new game planned with extra surprise gifts and goodies! Bring a un-wrapped **fat quarter** to participate in this new game! Bring a dish to share and include a serving utensil. Please label your dish, if you include nuts in it. The Guild will provide drinks and paper goods. The serving time is **6 pm** so the food won't get cold; then we'll party.

Sonja Matthews



Congratulations to the November Blotto Winners!

Shari Ward

Donna Otto

.....just a reminder.....

There are some members who are very sensitive to fragrance, cologne, perfume, or body sprays, so we ask members to observe a "Fragrance Free-Zone" in the clubhouse. Thank you very much.

*****Hummingbird Stitchers Mentioned*****

On Unitarian Universalist (UU) Website

The UU Quilters, under the leadership of Karen Horton, provided the website where the HSQG was mentioned. <http://skyisland2.skyislanduu.org/uu-quilters/>. Here are two examples of quilts Karen's group have made for distribution in our community. Check out other pictures on the website.



Quilt Donations for November

There were 11 quilts distributed in November to Cochise County Adoption Program.

There were 20 Busy Aprons distributed to Valor Hospice.

HSQG Programs and Workshops Chair/ Co-chair

Nancy Tucheck and I have been honored to serve as your Programs' reps. Working as a team we have been able to continue our personal travels while also planning for the Guild. In April/May of 2017, at the conclusion of our second year, we will be looking for new volunteers to fill the position(s). If you would like to find out more about the position(s) and its benefits, please contact me at stray-catz2@vtc.net or Nancy at nancy2check@aol.com.

Eileen Ahearn

*****Attention Member Vendors*****

There are four tables available for \$15 each for the Quilt Show. Remember that items for sale must be hand made. Contact Karen Horton for sign up. Application forms are available on the website or Karen will have a few printed out. First come first served so don't wait until the last minute.

*****Challenge Quilt Winners!*****

Pictures of the winning entries are posted on the website. Congratulations Ladies!

First Place—Diane Williams

Second Place—Anne Blohm

Third Place—Jill Holsonback

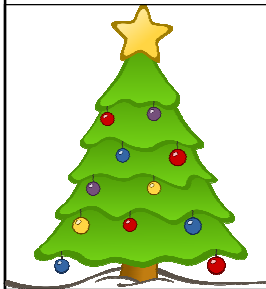


Diane Williams and her Viewers' Choice Challenge Quilt



**Pearl Harbor Day,
December 7**

**Happy Chanukah Begins
Dec 25**



Merry Christmas, Dec 25

*******Attention Quilters!*******

Two newer model sewing machines have recently been donated, which makes a total of 16 or 17 sewing machines available for use. All of them will be on display December 12 and 14 in the sewing room. There will be a piece of paper by each machine for your signature to indicate if you know how to operate that model. It doesn't mean that you have to, just that you may be a resource person. Machines that have the least number of names by them or are not in working order will be considered for disposal. Storage space is at a premium. Please take a look and check them. Thanks!

Community Quilts Committee

Raffle Quilt ticket sellers: Jane Bourne, Shirley Gray, and Coni Tiefel at Rusty Barn, Tucson



**Thank you Ladies for
your time!**



Quilt Entry Form News!

There is a new category added this year for Hand Quilting. The quilt maker will have the option of having one hand quilted entry judged in this category for the usual ribbons of first, second or third place and honorable mention. Any technique and size can be entered in this category as long as it is completely hand quilted. Hand quilted entries can also be judged in all the other categories as in previous year. If you have questions, contact Sue Lee by email, mobile call or text. **All quilt show entry forms are on the website. Also see pages 10 and 11.**

The Quilt Show Needs YOU!

Plans for the coming Quilt Show, 4 -5 March 2017, are on track for another great exhibit. The various teams will have their sign-up books at the guild rooms for the next three months. Be sure to sign up to help in a few areas. The more volunteers we have, the easier it is, and we can all enjoy viewing, shopping, and visiting.

The website has the quilt entry forms. Be sure to include a clear color photo of your beauty when you send the paperwork to Sue Lee. Your quilt doesn't have to be completely finished to send in your entry form. Enter it and continue to work so it's finished by Showtime.

Team leaders can answer any question you have about the jobs. No shift is longer than 2 hours at a time. Let's all work to make this a great experience for our guests.

The team leaders needing helpers are: Admissions and Hand Stamp - Kathy Baker; Boutique - Jeannine Grabowska; White Glove - Gail Staples; Quilt Check-in and Out - Laura Keiller and Deb Guilmette; Shop Hop and Viewers' Choice Table - Jane Bourne; Hanging System - Sue Lee; Vintage Quilts - Donna Otto; Truck Loading and Unloading - Diane Williams; Appraiser - Joyce Larson.

Other leaders who work independently are Hospitality - Pauline Granstrom; CD Sales and Food Vendors - Shirley Fogle; Quilt Database, Design and Hanging Coordinator, Entry Forms - Sue Lee; Judging - Nancy Banz; Member Vendors - Karen Horton; Education - Doris Wells; Ramp Quilts - Janet Murphy, Jan Bowie; Ribbons - Anne Blohm and Shirley Auchincloss; Memorial Display - Lois Bloom; Commercial Vendors - Ruth Akins and Jane Bourne; Guild Brag Table - Janet Wilcox; and Hang Tags - Shirley Gray. A few others do behind-the-scenes work to make everything run smoothly.

We need a strong supply of willing workers to make this a success. Let's get ready to roll!

Maryann Lopic, 2017 Show Chair

******Hear Ye! Hear Ye!******

Calling all Guild members! Please note we have several vacancies coming up in April of next year. We will vote on our new officers in January! It's just around the corner. I know all of our Hummers are busy, but I also know the Guild will not operate without a few people to step up and take over a spot on some of the committees. No one job is hard, but if a person is called on to do two or three, it can get pretty intimidating. So please take a turn as a committee chair or in one of the co-chair positions. All our positions are already laid out fairly well, but there is room for innovation and your own special touch.

Programs/Workshops—two people

Webmaster—one person

Co-chair for Quilt Show—one person

Hospitality for Days—two or more people

Your participation in your Guild is vital in any way that you can. What a fantastic group we have!

Diane

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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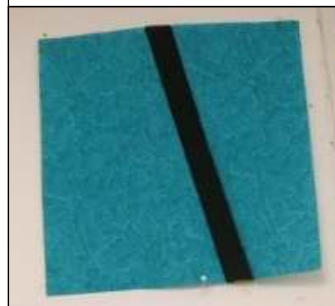
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*******NEWEST BLOTTO DESIGN*******

Here is the latest blotto and quilt design due Feb 1 and 6. It is now posted on the HSQG website under the Blue Moon/Blotto tab. The instructions are available in the Members Only page.



Single block



Assembled blocks in quilt. Wow! Artsy, oh yeah!

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

We extend our sincerest condolences to Betsy Whitesell and family on the loss of her husband, Jim.

We send warmest wishes to Maryann Lepic's husband, Don, for a speedy recovery from surgery.

All the King's Horses Children's Ranch

I'm writing to you to ask you a big favor. We are trying to raise funds for the All the Kings Horses Children's Ranch in Benson. They depend primarily on contributions to keep the ranch operating. The ranch is for kids ages three to eighteen that come from troubled homes to give them a safe place to live. Since foster homes are so limited, the ranch is there for these kids. Besides needing donations, they need house parents so more kids can come there.

We are trying to raise funds for the ranch, and we have a quilt to raffle off on January 14, 2017. Tickets are 1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00 and can be purchased from me. We have set up a pancake breakfast at the Landmark Cafe on Fry Blvd in Sierra Vista on January 14th, at which time the quilt winner will be drawn.

We are doing a dinner at the Outback on Hwy 90/92 by Food City on a Tuesday night, Dec 13th, from 4-9 pm. If you would like to go, you just need to present your tickets. The restaurant is providing their servers, so tips are required also. There are four menu choices, plus beverage. Tickets are \$15 each plus gratuity.

ASKING FOR: we may need 10-12 volunteers for the day at the Landmark Café to help us greet and seat people, sell tickets, serve food and bus tables. The breakfast would be 6:00 to 11:00 am, and if we could get two crews, the time would be divided.

If anyone would be willing to help sell tickets, at your church, or work, or wherever, it would be great for both fund raisers. I thank you all in advance, as I know you are all willing to help out when needed. Please let me know ASAP if you are willing to commit.

God bless you all for your anticipated help. Maureen Ciezki (2-oldfolks@cox.net) Contact Maureen for info regarding menu selections available and obtaining tickets.





*****Sisters at the Houston Quilt Show******

Here is a picture of two happy quilters - Susan and I at the Houston International Quilt show! We had 3 1/2 days of intense looking through the Houston Convention Center and being awed by the creativity and complexity of all the hung quilts. Best of show, awarded \$12,500, was a beautiful quilt depicting a small marina with sailboats. Amazing. The background quilt here was one hung up for personal pictures



****Appearing Now at the SV Mall!****

Here is just one picture of the HSQG Christmas Tree lovingly decorated by our members in November! See more pictures on the website. Many more members gathered at the clubhouse and worked on ornaments. Beautiful and festive, Ladies! Thank you for your design talent and time!

Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Show Entry 2017

Entry form due by Monday, February 6, 2017. No late entries accepted.

Name of quilt maker: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Mobile: _____

Name of quilt: _____

Size: Width _____ Length _____ Perimeter (W+W+L+L) _____ inches

Pattern or design source _____

Who quilted this quilt? _____

Hand quilted _____ Machine quilted, Professional _____ Machine quilted, Non-professional _____

Is this quilt is for sale? NO _____ YES, list sales price _____

If this quilt should be hung with other quilts such as the current challenge or a class, please name _____

Please check the appropriate statement: _____ **My quilt will not be judged. (Please skip to section B.)**

_____ **My quilt will be judged. Circle one category number in section A. Please refer to Category Definitions page.**

A

1. Small Applique -perimeter less than 168 inches	8. Small Mixed Technique -perimeter less than 168 inches
2. Medium and Large Applique -perimeter of 168 inches or greater	9. Medium and Large Mixed Technique -perimeter of 168 inches or greater
3. Small Pieced -perimeter less than 168 inches	10. Hand Quilted - all techniques and sizes see definitions page
4. Medium Pieced, Professional Quilting -perimeter 168-279 inches	11. Art -all sizes
5. Medium Pieced, Non-professional and Hand Quilting -perimeter 168-279 inches	12. Machine Embroidery -all sizes
6. Large Pieced, Professional Quilting -perimeter of 280 inches or greater	13. Apparel
7. Large Pieced, Non-professional and Hand Quilting -perimeter of 280 inches or greater	14. Group and Other -see definitions page

B

Please attach COLOR photo, 3X5 to 4X6 only. **Trim photo to this size.**
Write your name, quilt name, width and length on back of photo.
 Attach a SHORT hang tag statement describing your inspiration for this quilt.

I wish to enter the above item and agree to the rules as stated. I understand HSQG will take all reasonable precautions to protect my quilt but cannot be responsible for loss or damage during judging and the quilt show. Insuring the quilt is my responsibility. HSQG has my permission to photograph this quilt and use the photos to promote the guild including website display and the sale of quilt show CDs.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Turn in entry forms to Sue Lee at any guild meeting or mail to Sue (address in roster).
 All forms must arrive by the due date, February 6, 2017.

Note: All entry forms and guidelines are also available on the website.

2017 HSQG Quilt Show Entry Rules and Definitions

RULES:

1. **Deadline for submission of entry forms is February 6, 2017. No late entries accepted. Completed entry forms must include photo and hang tag statement.**
2. You must have a current HSQG membership to enter.
3. The entry must have been made by the guild member in whole or part.
4. You may enter only one quilt *per judged category*. Judged quilt entries must not have been judged in any other HSQG show.
5. You may enter multiple quilts for *Display* (not judged).
6. The Show and Design Chairs reserve the right to limit the number of quilts per person if necessary.
7. A color photo must be submitted with your entry form; 3 x 5 to 4 x 6 only, cut to this size. Write your name, quilt name, width and length on the back of the photo. The Design Committee will assign hanging space using your photo. A clear, true color photo is appreciated.
8. An entry will be rejected if it is not clean and free of smoke odors and pet hair.
9. All quilts must have a 4 inch hanging sleeve sewn to the back of the quilt. Small quilts can use a 2 inch sleeve.
10. Quilts must have a label with quilter's name and quilt name, sewn on. If the quilt is being judged, the quilter's name must be covered with muslin secured by basting or safety pins.
11. *Judged entries* must be brought to Life in Christ Church, corner of Coronado and Las Brisas Way (across from the police station) on Wednesday, March 1st from 9:30 - 11:00 am. The Judging Committee will be responsible for getting judged quilts to Buena High School on Friday.
12. *Display and Vintage entries* must be brought to Buena High School on Friday, March 3 from 4 -5 pm.
13. All entries must be picked up on Sunday, March 5 from 3:30 - 4 pm with the receipt you are given at check-in.
14. The Show Chairs may combine categories with less than 5 entries for judging purposes and reserve the right to re-categorize any entry to comply with the definitions.
15. Entry forms must be turned in to Sue Lee at any meeting or mailed to her home. (see roster)
16. **Please don't submit an entry unless you are sure it will be ready for the show!**

CATEGORY DEFINITIONS:

Pieced: A quilt that is more than 50% pieced.

Appliqued: A quilt that is more than 50% appliqued.

Mixed Techniques: A quilt that contains more than one technique in **equal amounts**.

Group: A quilt whose top is made by two or more people.

Other: Techniques not listed such as yo-yo, cathedral window and whole cloth

Art: A quilt created as a work of art, reflecting innovative construction techniques, subject matter and/or materials.

Machine Embroidery: A quilt that is more than 50% machine embroidered, all sizes.

Apparel: Quilted clothing such as jackets and tops.

Hand Quilted: (New for 2017!) Quilts of all sizes and techniques that are completely hand quilted. You may enter hand quilted items in other categories instead of this category, if desired.

2017 Awards:

Awarded by the judge:

First, Second, Third and Honorable Mention ribbons as earned for each category.

Exemplary Hand Quilting, Exemplary Professional Machine Quilting, Exemplary Non-Professional Machine

Quilting, Best Use of Color, Best of Show, Judge's Choice, NACQJ Award of Merit

Viewer's Choice Ribbon: *Awarded based on the quilt show attendees' votes*

Arizona Quilters' Hall of Fame Award: *Awarded by the Quilt Show Chair*

***** **Vintage Quilts*******

For those guild members who are interested in displaying a vintage quilt, please contact Donna Otto at djotto51@gmail.com for an entry form and guidelines.

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