



Members of the guild during a retreat display their work.
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also sew "busy aprons" for Alzheimer patients in Sierra Vista. We have also made and donated quilts to "Quilts of Valor," "Home of the Brave," the Buena High School Band and this year we are donating a quilt for Buena Grad Night.

An especially creative program annually is our "Challenge Quilt." The 2013 challenge was to make a small wall-hanging quilt incorporating a minimum of three recycled items; metal, plastic, wire, buttons, lace, wood, whatever our creative minds could come up with. The results were amazing. Coming up with

the themes for these challenges are Gail Fisher, Bonnie Clark and Roberta Sipes.

Another one of the fun activities we conduct is a two-month program at the Sierra Vista Boys and Girls Club. This year we will be helping the children each make a small quilt. This project is chaired by Shirley Fogle.

During the years other activities have included; making and presenting the Sierra Vista 50th Anniversary Commemorative Quilt to the City of Sierra Vista, pillow cases for soldiers overseas and for children in hospitals and conducting beginning quilting classes.

In addition, for more than 30 years, the annual Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Show has displayed an incredible collection of quilts and wall hangings. From the first quilt show where only 30 quilts were displayed in the early 80s, the show has grown over the years and is visited by people from all over the country. The show is held the last weekend in February at the Buena High School.

This year there were more than 175 quilts displayed in addition to vendor and member booths, a guild boutique, and a display of vintage quilts & tablecloths. The quilt appraisal services of Joyce Larson, a certified quilt appraiser, were also available. Our show chairwomen; Lynne Bie, Sue Lee, Nancy Banz and boutique chairwoman, MaryAnn Lepic, and all the members worked hard all year to prepare for this show.

This year's theme, "A Celebration of Patchwork," was highlighted by a raffle quilt – Golden Glow. The making of

Quilt Stitches Guild begins.

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The group has grown from a few members during the last 35 years to more than 180 members now.

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