



Members share a love of the arts and of preservation of history.
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the 104 foot-square quilt was spearheaded by a team of guild members – Coni Tiefel, Dorthy Goulding, Sandy Varley, Debi Guilmette, and Joyce Larson, with many guild members sewing individual blocks within the quilt top. It was professionally quilted by Pam Knight. The quilt top for the 2015 raffle quilt has been made and is ready for quilting. The quilt for 2016 is in the planning stage. The annual Quilt Show, raffle quilt and boutique sales are our major fund raisers. Funds raised throughout the year are used to purchase supplies to make our community quilts.

Twice a year overnight retreats are planned by Shirley Auchincloss. These retreats are always a lot of fun where members can work on their own projects or community quilts. Retreats are planned for April and October for 2014.

The guild provides a place to meet new people and make new friends while sharing a fun and creative activity. We invite like-minded people to join us. For more information and a schedule of events for the Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild, visit our web site at hummingbirdquiltguild.com, visit us on Facebook at [facebook.com/Hummingbirdquiltguild](https://www.facebook.com/Hummingbirdquiltguild) or contact our president, Nora Eaken by e-mail at HSQG@hummingbird-quiltguild.com.

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Preserving the Past

Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild Documenting quilts and quilt makers of Arizona's past.

Keeping History Documented

Another of our activities that we began last year is the Quilt Documentation Project. We work with the Arizona Quilt Documentation Project to collect and preserve information about quilts and quilt makers of Arizona, past and present.

This is part of a national effort to document quilts, quilt makers and their stories. The collected information is entered into the Quilt Index (quiltindex.org), an Internet accessible, free database that is run by Michigan State University. Last November we held a documentation day at the Ethel Berger Center and Henry Hauser Museum with the help of Nancy Krieski, where we documented more than 40 quilts from the community.

It was a busy day and many beautiful quilts were seen; one was a Civil War Era quilt. Two more documentation days are scheduled in 2014 - - March 22 and April 26. We encourage the public to schedule their quilts to be documented. The committee chairwomen for this are Ruth Atkins and Clara Billock with more than thirty members participating in each documentation day.

—Nora Eaken



Quilts help document history.
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