



The Hummer

The Newsletter of the Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild

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October 2010

Guild meetings are held at the Sierra Vista Community United Church of Christ unless otherwise noted.

October Calendar

10/2-3	Art In The Park Booth
10/4 6pm	Program Meeting - Doris Wells Trunk Show
10/6 9:30am	Quarterly Business Meeting/ BLOTTO Due/Challenge Quilt Prize
10/13 9:30am	BOM/POM
10/15	Quilt Challenge - Title of Your quilt and a Short Write-Up Due
10/20 9:30am	Community Quilts
10/22-24	Retreat - Huachuca Oaks Baptist Camp
10/27 9:30am	Quilting Bee/Strips & Scraps

A Message From Our President

Some of you have seen parts of the quilt I just finished called, "Mama Says." After a year with the first two blocks on my design wall (over four years since the original idea!) I finally mailed it to my sister-in-law. She says she opened the box, read the front and laughed at all the things our mothers said to us. Then she turned it over and read the label dedicating it to her mother (now deceased) and wept.

Truly, our quilts take in all parts of our lives, both the tears and the laughter. They include memories of special people and special occasions. Some are made for other people, some just because you saw something, thought of an idea, saw a fabric, and it all came together in your head. This is the most exciting part for me.

Of course, then I face the challenge of trying to get the idea in my head into the quilt. For me, this is not so easy; there are many detours on my way. Sometimes, it goes stale on me – guess that's where all the UFOs come from! Occasionally, serendipity happens and something I didn't expect turns out well. But the best part of finishing a quilt is – then I get to start a new one!

Happy challenges!
Susan Ritter

Honoring Betty Merkel



A reception was held on September 13th honoring Betty Merkel and celebrating her induction into the Arizona Quilters Hall of Fame. The induction took place in Mesa on September 27. Additional pictures can be seen on the HSQG website



Welcome New Members

Nanette Chopin-Cook
Kathy Dean
Maria Leeds

Nominating Committee

It is time to select a committee of 5 adult members to nominate candidates for HSQG officers. The Nominating Committee will be chaired by the First Vice President and the slate of officers will be presented at the January Business Meeting. New officers will serve for a year beginning 1 April 2011. If you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee, please contact Candy Jennings.



Crochet Help Needed!!

I have a tablecloth made by my great-grandmother for my grandparents when they married. My mother put it in the washing machine. I have asked other places where I have lived for help and no luck. Can anyone help me? Thanks so much!

Patty Holley

JoAnn Fabric Discount Cards

Members, I have not heard from JoAnn Fabrics even though I wrote to them in February/March. While I was at the store in Tucson, the cashier handed me a paper telling me to go to the website and apply there as my card had expired! So - go to Joann.com/VIP and follow the easy directions on their web site.

Penny Lupo



Workshop

Our next workshop will be held Saturday, Nov. 6 for a UFO workshop at the Huachuca Oaks Campground. It will be from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and lunch will be provided. This will be a wonderful way to get some of those gifts you'll be giving finished. Cost is only \$10. We'll begin signing up at the October program meetings.

Penny Lupo
Workshop Chair

Upcoming HSQG Calendar

11/1	Quilt Challenge
11/3	Quilt Challenge
11/6	UFO Workshop**
11/9	Taste of Home Booth
11/10	BOM-POM
11/17	Community Quilts
11/24	<u>NO MEETING</u>
12/1	Holiday Party
12/6	Holiday Party
12/8	Quilting Bee
12/15	Community Quilts
12/22	Quilting Bee/Strips and Scraps
12/29	Blue Moon Wednesday
<u>2011</u>	
1/3	Program Meeting
1/5	Quarterly Business Meeting/BLOTTO due/ Election of Officers

**Huachuca Oaks Baptist Camp

Community Quilts

- ▣ In September, 12 quilts were donated to the Disabled American Vets at Life Care Center.
- ▣ If you have taken a project to work on, please get it back as soon as possible.
- ▣ We are still collecting Mountain Mist UPC codes. If we collect 100, we get a discount on our next batting purchase.

Janet Wilcox and Coni Tiefel

Behind the Scenes

Did you know a lot of work goes on behind the scenes? Here Doreen Dolan and JoAnn Van Oosten sort fabric to be used for Community Quilts.



Congratulations Linda Erickson

Linda's quilt "Bubble Hive 2" has been named as a finalist in the Art Miniature category in the International Quilt Association annual judged show. The show will be held in Houston November 4-7.

Maura Grogan

For your information, Maura Grogan, who presented a wonderful program in July about color, is teaching Cholla Flowers at the Quilter's Market on October 17th.



2012 Raffle Quilt

If you have checked out a block, please try to return it before Thanksgiving. Please use scant 1/4" seam and ensure the finished block is 8-1/2". If any question, please contact Ruth Akins, Clara Billock, Jane Bourne, Pat Hopkins or Pat Wettack.



October 22-24 Retreat

The Fall retreat is quickly upon us. It will be a great time to finish your UFOs and be with friends. If anyone wants to attend, please call Shirley Auchincloss at home evenings, as there are 5 ladies who have not paid the remainder of their money, and it is WELL past September 15th when it was due. Cost for members is \$112. Please note the new dates for future retreats:

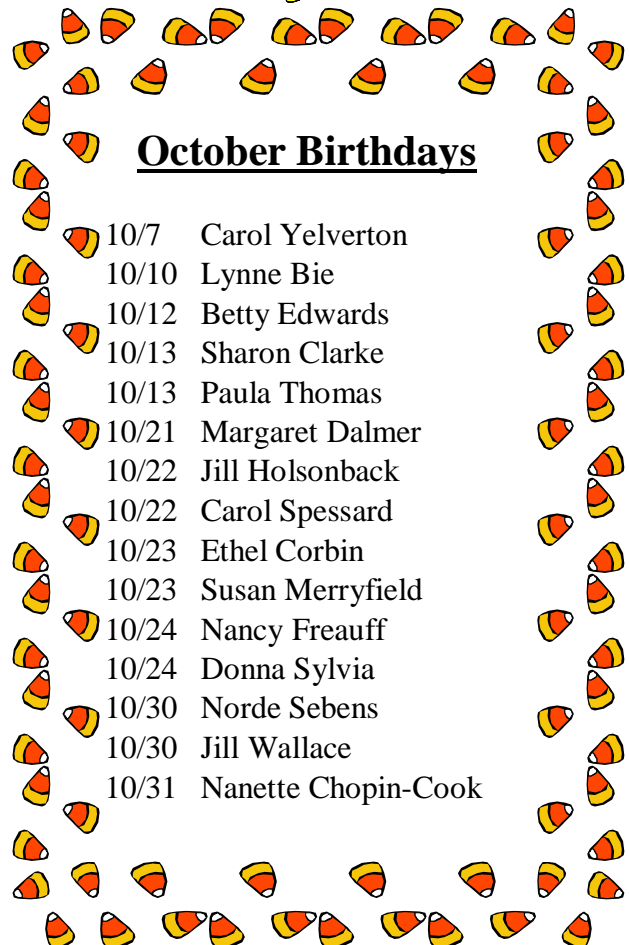
May 6, 2011 thru May 9, 2011

August 24, 2011 thru August 28, 2011

October 7, 2011 thru October 10, 2011

April 20, 2012 thru April 23, 2012

August 22, 2012 thru August 26, 2012



October Birthdays

10/7	Carol Yelverton
10/10	Lynne Bie
10/12	Betty Edwards
10/13	Sharon Clarke
10/13	Paula Thomas
10/21	Margaret Dalmer
10/22	Jill Holsonback
10/22	Carol Spessard
10/23	Ethel Corbin
10/23	Susan Merryfield
10/24	Nancy Freauff
10/24	Donna Sylvia
10/30	Norde Sebens
10/30	Jill Wallace
10/31	Nanette Chopin-Cook

Lois Jensen

With regret we report that long-time HSQG member, Lois Jensen, has passed away in Yuma. She had been struggling with pulmonary fibrosis for some time. Lois' quilt guild in Yuma is setting up a quilting award at the Yuma County fair in her name. She had been a judge and really worked to get entries submitted for the fair. Anyone wanting to donate to the award fund can make the check payable to Fran Razmus and mail it to her at 14388 Fortuna Palms Dr., Yuma, AZ 85367 or contact Clara Billock for information.

It's Fair Time

Please let the Newsletter Editor know if you have entered quilts in a local or state fair. Share your accomplishments with Guild members.

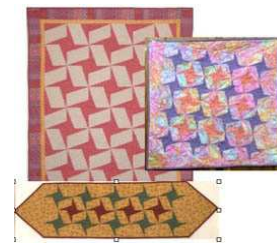
Dates for Your Information

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| 9/30-10/2 | Tucson Quilt, Craft, Sewing Festival
(www.quiltcraftsew.com) |
| 10/6-9 | AQS Quilt Show, Des Moines
(AmericanQuilter.com) |
| 11/4-7 | International Quilt Festival
Houston (www.quilts.com) |
| 11/6-13 | Southern AZ Great Fabric Round Up
Shop Hop |
| 11/12-14 | Rim Country Quilt Roundup
(www.rimcountryquiltroundup.com) |
| <u>2011</u> | |
| 1/21/23 | Quilt Fiesta, Tucson
(www.tucsonquiltersguild.com) |
| 1/20-23 | Road to California
(www.road2CA.com) |
| 3/10-12 | AQG Show, Mesa, AZ
(www.azquiltersguild.org) |

Upcoming Class

Class: Endless Stars, Endless Gifts - One technique, 3 sizes, endless possibilities. Whip up some holiday gifts-Quilts large and miniature, runners, potholders, etc.

Date: November 6, 10am-3pm
Place: The Squirrels Nest
Cost: \$30
Taught by: Karen Horton



Website Roster Picture

If your photo does not appear on the website roster, please see Shirley Gray to have her take your picture at a meeting.



October Block of the Month / Project of the Month



October BOM/POM from JoAnn Vandine.

Quilt Shop Closings

Thimbleweed in Sierra Vista has closed as well as Catalina in Oro Valley. Quilted Quickies in San Manuel and Calico Corners in Tucson have also announced they will close.

A Message from the Challenge Committee

Wow! **One Month** and your challenge quilts are due.

A gift certificate donated by Cowgirl-Up Quilts will be given away at the October 6 meeting (winner need not be present). Please read your September newsletter to find out how to have a chance at winning the gift certificate. A Big Thank you to Cowgirl-Up Quilts for supporting the challenge program.

Reminders: for those quilters planning on showing a challenge quilt.

1. The title of your quilt (A portrait of...) and a short write up (no more than 75 words) will be due to Jill Holsonback by October 15.
2. Please bring your challenge quilts on November 1 to the church hall between **5:15 to 5:45pm** and on November 3 between **8:45 to 9:15am**. We have a quilt show to set up and we need some time to do this.
3. The quilts are due at both the Monday, November 1 and Wednesday November 3 meetings. If you cannot attend both times—please make arrangements for someone else to bring your quilt. Quilts not at both meetings cannot be considered for Viewers Choice Award or a prize.
4. Please put a label on your quilt.



Sew Many Quilts

It is that time of year again, I will start distributing the raffle tickets at the meetings on October 4 and October 6. Since the quilt show and the selling of raffle tickets is the big fund-raiser for the Guild, all members are expected to participate in the selling of tickets.

Doreen Dolan

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 second Wednesday of the month. Please send all contributions to the Newsletter Editor.

We do not publish phone numbers for our members in respect for their privacy. If you need to contact a member by phone, please refer to your current Guild roster.

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Website of the Month

www.thequiltcomplex.com (watch the slide show showing Amish quilts)

Tip of the Month

Tip from Shirley Fogle: To easily gather fabric, zigzag over a length of crochet cotton along the fabric's edge. Pull crochet cotton to gather.