



The Hummer

The Newsletter of the Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild

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June, 2023

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

June

The clubhouse will be open as follows.

**Regular Wednesday Hours:
8:30-11:30**

**Regular Thursday Hours :
8:30-2:00**



Reminder of these Special Dates in June:

14 June, Wed: BOD, Clubhouse, Noon

20 June, Tue: Monthly Program meetings
9am & 6pm



Gatlinburg, TN

Thanks, Janet W!

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

"My soul is fed with needle and thread."---proverb

Summer is upon us! This time of year, my desire to quilt usually ebbs, while gardening and traveling take its place. But, coming to the guild clubhouse every week keeps my soul fed and my spirits up. It is so wonderful that we have a place where we can quilt with old friends and welcome new ones, while feeding our need to create. Remember to reach out to someone new, include them in what you are working on, ask questions about their favorite quilts and techniques. It is amazing what we learn from each other.

Soon, we will have a survey for the membership to fill out regarding the guild activities. It is important for the guild to know what the members want from their membership. Think about what you, as a member want and what you can contribute. It is said it takes a village to raise a child; well, it takes active members to run a quilt guild! So share your ideas when you return the survey.

Are you needing new ideas for projects? Check out the free table, there are usually quilt magazines and books you can take home. Or browse and check-out the many books in our library for inspiration. The boutique and Community Quilts also have kits ready to go, so you don't have to think of an idea, just follow the instructions.

Look for the information on June program later in the newsletter. Helen Frost always presents a great program.

Happy quilting!

Debi G

Anyone who finds a quilt shop while traveling,
please snap a pic and send it to the newsletter!
We're on the move!

Blotto News

The new Blotto "Izzy's Keyhole" is now ready to pick up and sew. The kit contains some of the batik fabric (the colored and black batik strips); you need to provide the rest (cream batik and assorted 2 1/2" squares).

What is our BLOTTO? Pick up a kit from the BLOTTO box at the guild; add some of your fabric to finish the block as requested; turn the block in with your name to have a chance to win a set of blocks for a quilt. Your block must have the type of fabric suggested AND be the correct size!! Our drawings are held at our meeting, but you don't have to be present to win.

The drawing for the previous star blocks was held at the May 16 meeting. The 3 winners are: Marge Carrithers, Olga Fannin., and Sue Baird.



If you have any questions, you can reach us: Donna O: 520-220-8851 or d_j_otto@yahoo.com.

Desiree: sierra_winds@yahoo.com

New Member Spotlight!



Meet Kari Franny

I learned about Sierra Vista after reading the local author, J A Jance, book series set in Cochise County. After several visits the area spoke to my desires - less pollution, less noise, less lights, less traffic, and the icing on the cake - the hummingbird. It is my spirit guide! I moved here in September from Litchfield Park. Before Arizona we were in California for many years. I started quilting in the 80's but sewing came much earlier than that.

I consider myself a fiber/fabric artist and quilting is one of the many different ways I express my creativity. I love all "things" fiber, from the individual crocheting thread to the whole cloth piece of fabric.

Creating and sewing is woven into who I am and my purpose in life. It is how I have fun, serve others and spend my days. I love the process and journey of creating with my hands. It's such a blessing to find a group of like-minded, talented women in the guild!

The holdup in quilt making has moved on to the quilting. Anyone who has a new longarm or just wants to try on your domestic machine, come on to see us. You'll have quite a selection.

Nice to be inside as the heat spikes!

Gail S/Laura K

Donations for May, 2023



SW Cancer Center	10
Donations for May, 2023	
Buena Project Graduation	1
Quilt of Valor	1
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Totals	12

At this time there is an abundance of smaller quilts, less than 48"x60". Please consider adding an extra border or block set for a minimum size. Square should be at least 60"x60" to be used as a lap quilt.

A big thanks to all who helped with community quilts this year! Members contributed time and effort to produce 525 quilts, a record! Give yourself a pat on the back and, Well Done!

Janet W
Community Quilts

Janet W



Birthdays

Sue D	Jun 01
Jan B	Jun 05
Jo G	Jun 05
Maryann L	Jun 07
Roberta W	Jun 08
Catherine H	Jun 09
Peggy K	Jun 10
Lois K	Jun 11
Cathy N	Jun 11
Lucinda R	Jun 11
Frances C	Jun 13
Addie L	Jun 13
Alice B	Jun 21
Karen Z	Jun 21
Pauline G	Jun 26
Dana E	Jun 27
EulaMae T	Jun 30

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The **2023-2024 HSQG Member Roster and Member Photo Directory** are available. Please contact the Membership Chair who can email you a copy. You must be a paid member to receive a copy.



QUILT SHOW NEWS

The 2024 Quilt of the Huachucas Show will be held March 2&3 at Buena High School! Hours for the show will change this year, shortening Saturday to 9-4 and opening Sunday morning at 9, closing at 3 as usual.

I am excited to announce that Kelly R has joined our team and will be the Quilt Show Chair in 2025! She will train with Virginia and me in 2024 and continue to be the Judging Chair.

We also welcome Marrietta O as the Member Vendor Chair following the loss of our long-time member Karen H. Thank you Marrietta.

Additionally, 2 other positions remain open;

White Gloves: Make sure that an adequate number of clean gloves are available. Make sure the volunteer schedule is filled and at the show. Wash gloves to be stored for next year.

Security: Contact the Sheriff's Assist team to guard our quilts overnight on Friday and Saturday. Meet with them on Friday, give them a tour of our show. Release them on Saturday and Sunday morning.

Please let me know if you would be interested in filling one of these positions and becoming part of the Quilt Show team.

Melanie H
2024 Quilt Show Chair

IT'S HERE, IT'S HERE!**SIERRA VISTA BARN QUILT TRAIL**

AS PART OF THE GUILD'S COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM, THE GUILD BEGAN A COLLABORATION WITH THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA TO PROMOTE THE WEST END REVITALIZATION PROJECT. BEGINNING IN THE FALL OF 2021, WE BEGAN CREATING A BARN QUILT TRAIL. THE BARN BLOCKS WOULD INCREASE GUILD VISIBILITY AS FIBER ARTISTS AND COMPLEMENT WEST END HARDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS. A BIG THANKS TO NAS M, EILEEN A, MELANIE H AND JANET W FOR LEADING THE FIRST BARN QUILT BLOCK PAINTING PARTIES. THANKS TO JOHN H. FOR THE USE OF HIS SHOP! MANY OTHER GUILD MEMBERS SUPPORTED THE PROJECT BY THEIR TIME AND PARTICIPATION. AT THIS TIME THE TRAIL INCLUDES ABOUT 60 BLOCKS DISPLAYED THROUGHOUT SIERRA VISTA. TAKE A WALK, TAKE A DRIVE, ENJOY!

THANKS TO JUDY JONES, SIERRA VISTA MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS, A MAP APP IS NOW AVAILABLE ON THE SIERRA VISTA CITY WEBSITE, IN THE DIGITAL VERSION OF THE SIERRA VISTA ADVENTURE GUIDE. IT CAN BE DOWNLOADED IN A COUPLE OF WAYS:

FOR ANDROID USERS:

[HTTPS://PLAY.GOOGLE.COM/STORE/APPS/DETAILS?ID=COM.GUIDEBOOK.APPS.EXPLORESIERRAVISTA.ANDROID](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.guidebook.apps.exploresierravista.android)

FOR APPLE USERS:

[HTTPS://APPS.APPLE.COM/US/APP/ID6443662506](https://apps.apple.com/us/app/id6443662506)

JUST SEARCH FOR SIERRA VISTA ADVENTURE GUIDE, WALKING TOURS, BARN QUILT BLOCKS TOUR

IT CAN ALSO BE ACCESSED ON THE HSQG WEBSITE, HUMMINGBIRDQUILTGUILD.COM, THROUGH THE COMMUNITY SERVICE TAB. THANKS TO BLAINE FISHER, SIERRA VISTA CITY PLANNER, FOR THE MAP AND LISTING. ALSO CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE, "HUMMINGBIRD STITCHERS QUILT GUILD."

THE PLAN IS FOR THE BARN QUILT TRAIL TO EVENTUALLY EXPAND THROUGHOUT SIERRA VISTA AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.

THERE IS AN INTERACTIVE WEBSITE, [HTTP://WWW.BARNQUILTINFO.COM](http://www.barnquiltinfo.com), TO VIEW OTHER TRAILS. WATCH FOR OUR TRAIL INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED!

Please Take Note!**Portapotty Etiquette:**

We may not place anything except the company provided toilet paper (on the rollers inside). No kleenex, paper towels, sanitary products. They clean it weekly with a suction hose which gets clogged with any of these products.

Thank you for your help.

And on another note:

If you are cleaning out drawers & have unused get well/thinking of you/sympathy cards, please drop them by the Guild for our Caring Chair, Shirley F. Due to the cost of stamps, we don't send birthday cards!

...And Regarding the Barn Quilt Effort

The Tombstone Brewery has received the newest 4x4 barn block. Great addition to the Trail!

Thanks,
Janet W
Community Quilts

Challenge Quilt Guidelines:

1. Quilts can measure 12 inches wide by 18 inches long, 18 inches wide by 12 inches long or 15 inches square, (or smaller, but no larger than 60" perimeter). The quilt can have an irregular shape (i.e.: wavy or jagged edges). Measure the edge as best you can.
2. There are no subject requirements and you may use the quilting techniques of your choice (applique, piecing, embellishing, etc.)
3. All quilts must consist of a quilt top, batting, backing, "finished edge" label and sleeve.
4. Quilts must be **black, white + one pop of color**.
5. Fabrics do not have to be solid colors. Prints that are black with white design or white with black design are allowed. Only one pop of color allowed, although it can appear more than once in the quilt.
6. Please sign up for the Challenge by emailing JoAnn at vandine@Q.com by July 1.
7. **IMPORTANT:** For all entries, please email JoAnn at vandine@Q.com by October 15 with your name, name of the quilt and size of the quilt.
8. The challenge quilt viewing and voting takes place at the November guild meetings. More details will be released in October.

HSQG Qrtly Business Meeting

MINUTES April 18, 2023

Board members in attendance: Debi G, Nas M, Janet W, Mary R, Wendy S, Katie A and Debbie L

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am by President Debi G.

[A presentation was made for the proposed budget for 2023-2024. A motion was made and seconded to accept the budget. It was approved unanimously.](#)

Old Business:

A motion was made and seconded to hold the quilt show in 2024. It was approved unanimously. Melanie H and Virginia M have agreed to chair the show in 2024. Kelly R will chair the 2025 quilt show.

New Business:

2023 Challenge quilt will be B&W+1POC. Black and white – no gray, no off white, true black and white designs with 1 Pop Of Color which can be used more than once throughout the quilt. Quilts can measure 12 inches wide by 18 inches long or vice versus, or 15 inches square, or smaller, but no larger than a 60-inch perimeter. Please sign up for the Challenge by emailing JoAnn V at vandine@Q.com by July 1. For all entries, please email JoAnn V at vandine@Q.com by Oct 15 with your name, name of the quilt and size of the quilt. The quilt viewing and voting will take place at the Nov guild meeting. More details will be released in Oct. Please see the newsletter or Joyce V for further details/requirements.

Adjournment at 10:18 am

Next Qtrly Meeting: July 18, 9 am in clubhouse

PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

PROGRAMS

Tues, 20 Jun 2023 – Helen Frost will be back in June and her program is: "Stash Management." Is your fabric collection an asset or a liability? This question and more will be answered in the humorous yet practical program. Learn when to invest in more material and when to "divest" of some of your holdings. You'll also see some great storage solutions!

Tues, 18 Jul 2023 – Karen Rieffer will be here to talk about the art of gem trees and how she got started.

Sat, 19 Aug 2023 – "Tea Party & Wearable Art." Come join us for a fun time at the HSQG Meeting room, 12:30PM TO 3:00PM. We will have tea and cookies and we invite you to wear any item(s) you have made or someone made and gifted to you. This could be crocheted or knitted items, jewelry, sewn jackets, etc. We will have lots of fun socializing and admiring each other's wearable art!

Tues, 19 Sep 2023 – Kathi S– Kathi recently joined our guild and will be presenting our program this month. Kathi's talk is "A Little Bit Fussy."

Tues, 17 Oct 2023 – Michele Markly - "My Muses & Wonderful World of Arts." She will have items for sale, including crystals.

WORKSHOPS

PLEASE PAY BY CHECK OR CASH TO THE HSQG THE MONTH BEFORE OR NO LATER THAN THE WEEK BEFORE. PAY BY CHECK OR CASH TO HSQG AND GIVE TO THE TREASURER. CLASS WILL START AT 9:00 AM AND WE REQUEST YOU BE SET UP AND READY TO START AT THAT TIME. IF AN EMERGENCY ARISES, AND YOU CANNOT ATTEND, CALL CLARA OR PATTI. TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE ON THE LIST OF MEMBERS.

Wed, 21 Jun 2023- "Pincushion Party". Let's party with Helen Frost! Come have fun creating a new batch of cute and clever pincushions. You'll make a "red delicious" apple, a wool strawberry and perky mouse, and a Nine Patch chicken. All the machine sewing has been done for you so all you need to do is hand stitch, stuff, and embellish. The class will be free with a \$10.00 kit to purchase.

Wed, 19 Jul 2023 – Karen Reifer will be giving a workshop on Gem Trees using copper wire. The class cost is \$40.00 and that price includes everything except a ruler and scissors. This looks like it will be a very fun class and he designs each participant comes up with will be unique, I am sure!



Wed, 20 Sep 2023 – Our own Guild member, Kathi S, will be teaching us a specialized English Paper Piecing technique. Samples of what she will teach us to make, and a sign-up sheet are posted at the guild.



Wed, 18 Oct 2023 – Michele Markly, will be teaching us the techniques for creating an individually colored pattern of a hummingbird. The kit will cost \$65.00 (includes \$45.00 for the class and \$20.00 for the kit) and includes the hummingbird pattern below printed on fabric, and use of all her inktnense pencils, fabric markers, and jell pens. Class participants will not have to provide their own.



HSQG Website Update:

Thanks for your patience. For the past few months, we have not been able to keep our website completely up to date as our website host (Yahoo/Turbify) has been undergoing upgrades. We (me and my mouse) think the upgrade is almost completely done. From a webmaster's point of view, everything is not perfect, but we are able to post pictures, post documents, and keep our members-only data "secure".

While sharing the news that our website is up to date, I thought I would share a few more tidbits.

1- Pictures: While the website contains some pictures, most of our guild pictures are hosted on FLICKR. Links to get to our pictures are on our website tabs (Quilt Show, Community Service and Programs & Workshops tabs). We have been a member of FLICKR since 2007 and we have over 10,000 pictures posted. This service would normally cost the guild about \$50 per year but since 2020 FLICKR has allowed us to join for free since we are a non-profit organization. I need to thank several of our volunteers who email me pictures for posting: Gail for community quilts, Nas for show & tell and Patti for workshop. So, if you want to check out all the Quilt Show quilts, go to the link found on our [Quilt Show tab](#). If you saw a quilt during show and tell that you want to look at again, go to the link on our [Show & Tell tab](#). If you made a beautiful quilt that you showed during show and tell, share the link to our Show & Tell page with your friends and family so they can admire it too.

2- Members Only tab: A unique feature with this website provider is that we are able to post information on our website and still have it password protected. The password-protected data is in the Members' Only tab and access to this information is a benefit for members only. To protect that information, the password changes yearly. We'll be changing soon, so update your membership and continue to share in the unique information found in the Members' Only tab.

3- What's New on our Website: There are two ways to tell if the website has been updated. The first is on the Home page. In the middle of Home page is a section called "What's New". It lists the date when new information was posted, what is posted and where to find the new stuff. To get to the updated pages, just click on the Menu bar to the left of the page. The second way to tell when the webpage has been most recently updated is at the bottom of every page (Updated as of XXXXX). I also try to change the hummingbird picture on the Home page each time I post our latest newsletter. So, if there is a new hummer pic, go to the Newsletter tab.

4- Hummingbird Pictures: If you enjoy seeing pictures of hummingbirds, keep sharing them with me (<mailto:webmaster@hummingbirdquiltguild.com>). When I use your picture, I will give you credit at the bottom of the home page, so please take hummer pics and please share them with us.

5- Updates on the Webpage: Information on our webpage is provided by our many hard-working board members and committee volunteers. When they email me information, I try to update the website in a timely manner. Before I send a response email saying the information is posted, I double check to make sure the update has taken. Of course, I don't always catch all the issues, but I try. If you see something that you think needs updating, send email to me or the volunteer responsible for managing that particular page. To see who manages a particular page on the website, check out the bottom right corner of each web page, "This page managed by XXX."

6 - Complaints about the webpage: Sometimes we all get frustrated with the webpage, but we don't always complain. Sometimes, as in the past four months, it has been a website issue and other times possibly an operator issue. We all have these moments. To learn from others, I thought I would share two of the most common complaints:

a. "When I open the webpage, the black Menu bar (far left) is covering up half of the information!!!" -- Since the website is built to be seen on a desktop/laptop, tablet and mobile device, there is some compromising that needs to happen. If you are on a laptop or desktop computer, this problem can be easily solved by you changing the "zoom" or magnification on your page. To change the zoom, click on the three horizontal dots on the top right of your webpage and change the "zoom". For many of us, we like the larger text sizes and have increased the zoom to 125% or even 150%. If you click down to 100%, then the menu bar will likely not cover up the rest of the webpage. You can play with the % to see what works best for you.

b. "The webpage is not updated." -- Most of us have the HSQG webpage saved as a bookmarks link. Unfortunately, our computers often "cache" the webpages on our behalf so it loads more quickly. When you click on your bookmark link, your computer saves time by going to the page stored in your cache which may not be the most current version of the website's Home page. If you think the webpage has been updated (for example, you get email announcing that the latest newsletter has been posted) but using your bookmark to get there shows you the old page, do not despair. Two options for you are: -1- click on the "refresh" symbol on the top left of the page (looks like a circular arrow just to the right of the arrows that point forward and back). Or -2- search for the HSQG website using your google, yahoo, or another search engine feature (search for Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild).

We (me and my mouse) hope this website update has been helpful for you. If you have issues or suggestions about the webpage, please email them to us. If you want to expand your personal skills to include learning how to create or update a website so that you can become our assistant webmaster, please email me. If you want to take charge and create an entirely new webpage for the Guild, please email me. The website is our tool, and we want to hear from you (webmaster@hummingbirdquiltguild.com).

Happy Sewing,

Eileen A

ECO-DYE CLASS

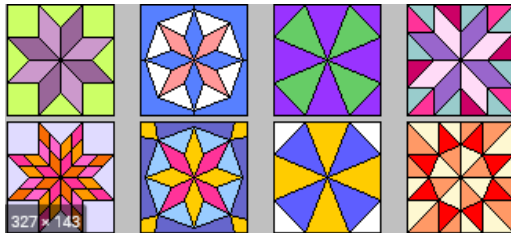


At the May guild meeting, Clara Pimple showed us the beautiful fabrics she did at Lori Kovash's eco-dye class. Several ladies were interested in information on the class, so we are providing the following information. The class is \$60.00 and includes everything you will need. You will eco-dye one piece of fabric and one piece of silk fabric. You also have an optional choice of an eco-dyed shirt for an additional \$20.00. The total class takes about 5 hours, but you will have 90-minute break while your items are steaming to do as you wish. The maximum number in a class is 8 people. Please contact Lori Kovash at 520-234-5528 for complete details.



Please remember to wear your name tag!

It helps new members and reminds older members. You can keep the name tag in your car so it is always accessible.



WORK WITH US!

Maybe you're interested in working with Programs & Workshops and you are not sure what the duties are and how to fulfill them. You have thought about it, right? We would love to have 2 people volunteer to work with us (Clara & Patti) this year to learn the inner workings. Much of the stress will be gone when you take over the responsibility next year because you will have the upper hand! You will have gained all the knowledge needed, and you can add your own ideas to further enhance this position! Contact our guild president, Clara P or Patti H.





Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild Membership

April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024

Returning members: Please list your name and only the information that has changed

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Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code _____

Birthday (Month/Day Only) _____

Land Line Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Email Address: _____

Check All That Apply

New Membership

Renewal

Adult Membership \$35

Junior Membership \$17.50

Joining to enter Quilt Show

I understand that the primary goal of the Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild is to promote interest in and an appreciation of quilting and fiber arts and to contribute quilts to the community. To achieve this goal, the Guild has quilt shows, various yearly projects, and monthly programs. By being a member of this Guild's projects, shows and programs I will share my time and talents as generously as I can for the betterment of the Guild.

I give consent for photos of myself and my property to be used in print media, on the Guild website, and on quilt show CDs for promoting Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild and its activities.

Signed: _____

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Or deliver to the Membership Chair or Treasurer at a HSQG Meeting

For Guild Use Only	
Membership Number	
Check Number/Cash	
Amount Received	
Date Received	

In case of an Emergency, Please Contact: (this information is voluntary)

Name: _____

Phone Number(s): _____