



# The Hummer

The Newsletter of the Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild

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July, 2023

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

## July

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 July:**

**12 July, Wed:** BOD, clubhouse, Noon

**15 July, Sat:** Christmas in July, Ethel Berger Center, 9am-3pm

**18 July, Tue:** Quarterly Bus Meeting/ Program, clubhouse, 9am & 6pm

**19 July, Wed:** Workshop by Karen Rieffer, clubhouse, 9am-3pm

### **Open positions:**

Future President  
Program Coordinator(s)  
Someone to update FaceBook information and door sign

Please contact Debi G (520) 227-0381 or any board member if you are interested in helping!

### \*\*\*\*\* President's Message \*\*\*\*\*

**"Sewing small pieces together gives me a peaceful heart and a quilt to wrap you with, my love." – Benita Skinner**

I guess many of us will be peaceful as we work at breakneck speed to reduce our scrap collections!! Happy 4th of July! Hard to believe half of the year has already come and gone. As many of you, I have been busy, accomplished many tasks, but still haven't formulated an idea for the Challenge Quilt, but I will.

I want to thank several of our members that contribute so much to the guild: Gail S for her work in the stash area, contributing to Facebook, sorting donations and so much more. It is a non-ending job and she performs it well. She is looking for some help with the Facebook announcements; talk to her if you can help. I also want to thank Eileen A, Webmaster, for her ability to keep our Website up and running with no end of issues to deal with. And last, Janet W, who took the idea of making Barn Quilts for our city and made it happen! She also distributes all of our community quilts. Thank you ladies for all you do for the guild!

We have some interesting programs and workshops coming up in the next couple of months; be sure to sign up for the workshops and learn something new. I am really looking forward to the 'tea party' in Aug! What a fun idea; wear something you made to share! Hope to see you there. If you would like to help plan next year's programs, please contact me or Clara P.

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.

If you have any questions, you can reach us:  
[d\\_j\\_otto@yahoo.com](mailto:d_j_otto@yahoo.com).

Donna O: 520-220-8851 or

Desiree: sierra\_winds@yahoo.com



### Meet Susan Ritter



Susan joined the Guild in 2005 after retiring for the second time and has served mostly in Community Quilts work and as President. She hosts the New Member Luncheons and is a great advocate of the Guild!

Susan is noticeably fond of bright colors and rainbows in her quilts. She is still learning how to quilt! Enjoys meeting all kinds of people who love quilts. In a former life she worked with architects and promises to make a quilt like that one day. She grows a lot of flowers and is still making new gardens.

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 June, 2023

Cochise Foster Care	5
Cochise Oncology	7
Dialysis	7
Forgach House	6
Lori's Place	10
Quilt of Valor	1
Sierra Vista Gives*	2
SW Cancer	10
WIC	10

**Totals 58**

\*Sierra Vista Gives Family Center is a new organization that give emergency family assistance, providing resources such as food, clothing, hygiene items. Address is 315 Bartow Dr.

Janet W  
Community Quilts



## Birthdays

Deborah V	July 2
Sally T	Jul 5
Jeanne S	July 6
Yuki (Mary) P	Jul 12
Sue R	July 13
Jill M	July 14
Patricia B	Jul 15
Jo Ann S	July 15
Merrie H	July 19
Gail S	July 21
Audrey M	July 24
Sheila R	July 24
Vicky K	Jul 26
Joyce L	July 26

## HSQG Contacts

### Officers

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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

A huge thank you to these ladies who have volunteered to be part of the Quilt Show Team.

Joann V. - White Gloves  
 Mary R. - Security  
 Marrietta O. - Member Vendors  
 Kelly R. - 2025 Quilt Show Chair!

Look for the 2024 Rules and Entry Form on the HSQG website!

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](mailto:vandine@Q.com) by July 1.
7. **IMPORTANT:** For all entries, please email JoAnn at [vandine@Q.com](mailto: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.



### PASSWORD CHANGE: Members Only Tab

A benefit of being a member is access to information not available to everyone. Examples include Accuquilt information, patterns, board meeting minutes and membership rosters with contact information. This information is posted on our website under the Members Only Tab and is password protected.

Each year we change the password so only current guild members have the password. The Username and Password will change on 5 July 2023. So, if you have not renewed your membership, please do so quickly. We want to share all the joys of quilting with you. The new Username and Password will be emailed to all current members only at the end of June with the July newsletter notification. You can also find out the new User Name and Password by contacting our secretary, Debbie, at [hsqg@hummingbirdquiltguild.com](mailto:hsqg@hummingbirdquiltguild.com) or myself, Eileen, at [web-site@hummingbirdquiltguild.com](mailto:web-site@hummingbirdquiltguild.com).

We'll check the membership roster and if you are on it, we'll email it back to you.

## PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

### PROGRAMS

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! There will be giveaways and raffles so come join us!

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, 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 inktense pencils, fabric markers, and jell pens. Class participants will not have to provide their own.



Jan 2024 – Deb Deaton will be giving her 4-day workshop. The dates are January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>. This is a daytime workshop. A description, cost and more information will be provided soon.



### ECO-DYE CLASS

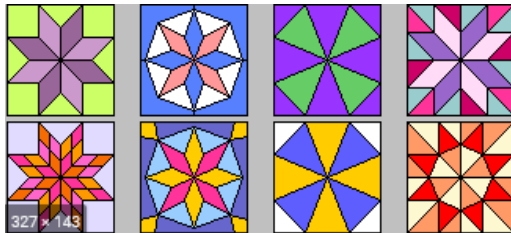


At the May guild meeting, Clara Pimple showed us the beautiful fabrics she did at Lori Kovash's eco-dye class. Several ladies were interested in information on the class, so we are providing the following information. The class is \$60.00 and includes everything you will need. You will eco-dye one piece 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to HSQG and mail to:

Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild  
 P.O. Box 1326  
 Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

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): \_\_\_\_\_