



# The Hummer

The Newsletter of the Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild

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November, 2023

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

## November

The clubhouse will be open as follows.

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

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

**\*See Special Dates below!**



### Reminder of these Special Dates in November:

- 08 Nov, Wed:** BOD Meeting, noon
- 15 & 16 Nov, Wed & Thu:** Turn in your Challenge Quilts!
- 21 Nov, Tue:** Program Meeting, 9am & 6pm, Challenge Quilts
- 22 & 23 Nov, Wed & Thu:** Closed for **Thanksgiving**



Pueblo del Sol Elementary School, Sierra Vista



Our condolences go to Candy J on the recent loss of her brother.

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

**"You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have."** – Maya Angelou

Has everyone been creative designing and hopefully finished your Challenge quilt? Turn them in on either Wednesday, 15 Nov or Thursday 16 Nov at the Guild. Then on Tuesday, 21 Nov, we will get to vote for our favorites; good luck with your entries. The winners will be announced at the evening meeting. Be sure to look for our youngest member's entry! Take a minute and be sure to thank JoAnn V for chairing this event for us.

I am so sorry I missed the Michele Markly workshop!! What a creative project. I am anxious to see the results of those who took her class. Thank you to all the members who support our workshops! The programs & workshops chairs have worked hard to try and offer a wide selection of fun options for us.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Art in the Park booth and at the Sewing Room Sale! Both events did very well. A big thank you to Nas M for supporting, transporting and helping set up, not only at these events, but at many of the events we participate in.

The Tucson Sewing and Crafts Expo (aka, Rusty Barn) is really soon, if you have a couple of hours, please volunteer to sit at our booth and sell the tickets for our opportunity quilt. It is a really fun couple of days with a lot of new products to see.

October is the month we started planning for next year's Board of Directors and committees. The nominating committee, Dorothy G, Nancy B and Susan R, will be contacting some of you to ask about helping next year. Please seriously consider taking a position; you will be given the job description, the current placeholder will assist in training and you will be supported as you learn a new job. When we work together, the work is easier and we build new friendships.

Wishing all of you a Happy Thanksgiving, safe travels and happy visits for all.

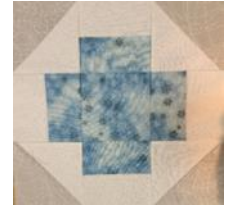
Happy Quilting!

Debi G



Wishes for a speedy recovery from surgery go to Katy W.

BLOTTO Nov 2023-Jan 2024



### Winter Solstice Greek Cross

Drawing Jan 16, 2024

The drawing for "Teacup Party FFP" block was held October 17. The winners were Donna O and Mary Lou S.

The Blotto, **Winter Solstice Greek Cross**, is now ready to pick up and sew. This month all the fabric is provided to make a winterish-looking quilt. This drawing will be January 16, 2024.

Remember that for your block to be included in the drawing, it must measure at exactly 12½ " Square.

If you have any questions, contact Donna O @ 520-220-8851 or [d\\_j\\_otto@yahoo.com](mailto:d_j_otto@yahoo.com)

### Meet Jeannine Grabowska

I spent the first 41 years of my life in the Midwest (Minnesota and Wisconsin) before moving to Sierra Vista in 2006. I am a wife and mother with many other interests. After working 29 years in the Hospital Laboratory, I bought my first longarm machine in 2016 and opened a longarming business the following year. That segued into a job as a National Educator with Handi Quilter in 2021. I also love decorating, entertaining, baking, gardening, and exploring new places with my husband of 35 years. I look forward to retirement!



### Donations for October, 2023

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Boutique	1
Car Show Fundraiser	1
Hoops House	26
Project Linus	1
<u>Vietnam Vets of America</u>	<u>4</u>
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>33</u></b>

If you know of a non-profit organization that would appreciate a lap quilt for a fundraiser let Janet W know. The Guild has donated to Real Wishes, U of A Dancing Under the Stars, The SV Symphany, Warrior Healing Center, in the past.

Janet W  
Community Quilts



## Birthdays

Julie F	Nov 1
Judy D	Nov 4
Sandy K	Nov 7
Betty F	Nov 12
Becky L	Nov 12
Beth H	Nov 13
Nena R	Nov 14
Cindy R	Nov 19
Vangie K	Nov 25

## HSQG Contacts

### Officers

President	Debi G	<a href="mailto:president@hummingbirdquiltguild.com">president@hummingbirdquiltguild.com</a>
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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.



### Editor's Note:

I am, unfortunately, unable to work with a **.pdf** or **.jpeg** format. In the future, documents must be submitted in either **.xlsx** or **.docx** format to be used in the newsletter. Documents in **.pdf** format will be returned to the sender, hopefully for conversion and resubmission. Thank you all for your help and understanding in this matter.

## 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

**HSQG Quarterly Business Outline  
17 Oct 2023 AM/PM**

President Debi G, called meeting to order at 9am/6pm

Motion to approve last quarter's minutes; second; vote to accept was unanimous

No treasurers report

Old Business

-Vote on Bylaws to be adopted as of 1 Apr 2024

1. change 'audit' the treasure's accounts to 'review' (Art V, Sec 4C.)

2. This line was left out in the revised version: Article VI-Duties of the BOD F. a quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of five (5) Board members with a minimum of two (2) elected officers.

3. Major changes are:

1 Junior members from 10-18 to 5-18.

2 Future president changes to Vice president

3 Past President is eliminated

4 Member at large is added, this is a liaison person between the members and board, no official responsibilities

5 Vice President will be responsible for overseeing building and property

6 Elections- change mail in ballots to return to the guild

7 Change term limits for elected officers to may remain unless contested

8 Change sewing bees to regular clubhouse hours

-Motion to accept Bylaws as corrected; second; vote was unanimous

-Vice President position is filled, Georgia Mastin, still need volunteer for Programs/workshops.

New Business

-The nominating committee, consisting of Dorthy G, Nancy B, and Susan R are now recruiting volunteers for next year's positions. If you are asked, please consider filling the position. Remember, the Guild is run by volunteers. You will be given a job description and helped with the position.

No other business

Motion to adjourn the business portion of the meeting; seconded; all in favor

Next quarterly meeting will be in January

Prepared by President Debi G



The 2025 Opportunity Quilt has been named!

The Winning Name is:

Scarlett Dreams

Thank you to everyone for all the submissions;  
they were awesome!

And Thank You to Debi G for the winning name!

### 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. Sign up should have been completed by emailing JoAnn at [vandine@Q.com](mailto:vandine@Q.com) by July 1.
7. **IMPORTANT:** All entries, should have been emailed to 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.

### Estate Donations

The Guild loves to get donations; without them we would not have a wonderful selection of fabric for our many quilts and items for the boutique. But we are not in the business of 'doing' an estate sale. There is a process for the Guild to accept these donations. It should be prearranged for drop off by contacting the President, the stash control team or one of the Board of Director members. We prefer the items to be in clean condition and boxed, bagged or in reusable totes. The Guild does not go to the estate to sort, price, sell, pack and deliver things to be donated. The Guild only works with woven cotton fabric, no decorator, dressmaker or craft fabrics. In the past, individuals from the Guild have volunteered on their own time to help families of members clear an estate. But this was not a Guild activity. So please, if you know of members or their estates that want to donate to the Guild, pass along this information. We appreciate our donations, but members cannot commit the Guild to 'help' with the estate. Contacts are: Debi G, president (520)227-0381, Gail S, stash (520)236-7350 or reach us through our Facebook account The Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild website.

### 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 changed 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 should have been 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

We will not have a speaker for programs until February with the holidays etc., but there may be meetings, so make sure you check page 1 of the newsletter under "Reminder of These Special Dates".

### 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. CALL CLARA AT 520-266-0575 OR PATTI AT 520-227-5747.**

Jan 3rd, through Jan 6th, 2024 -- **THIS CLASS HAS ENOUGH PEOPLE SIGNED UP AND IS A GO. IF YOU ARE SIGNED UP AND HAVE NOT PAID, PLEASE DO SO THIS MONTH!!**. Deb Deaton will be giving her 4-day workshop. This is a daytime workshop. This is Deb Deaton's 4-day Fiber Arts Bootcamp. Strap in for a jam-packed 4 days of creating! The cost is \$295.00 plus \$25.00 kit fee if you want to do "Splendor" shown below. Paints will be provided as well as the use of instructor's mixed media supplies if you do not have your own. Stop in at the Guild and see the original "Splendor" fiber arts piece that Deb created. You can pick a picture of your choice, any scenery, animals, buildings, etc. If you think you might want to take the class but are not sure, or you aren't sure what design/picture to use, let me (Patti H 520-227-5747) know and I will provide Deb's contact information.



### Holiday Luncheon

The Holiday Luncheon will be Tuesday, December 5 from 10:30 to 1:30 at the guild. There will not be an evening event this year. Bring a dish to share with everyone. Please no soup as the carpets were recently cleaned. Coffee, tea and water will be provided, along with plates, cups, etc.

Bring a 1/2 yard cut of good quality cotton fabric placed in a plain brown paper bag for exchange. There will be a few games, lots of door prizes and much socializing. This is a great time to "catch-up" with ladies we don't see often. Bring a show-and-tell item - many of us are inspired by what others are doing.

### **VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!**

We still need volunteers to sign up for the **Tucson Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival aka "Rusty Barn"** booth in Tucson, November 9th through the 11th. Please check the sign up sheet on the table by the door.

### **Art in the Park**

Thank you to all who helped out at our Art in the Park booth. We made \$326 in "Opportunity Quilt" ticket sales! And we got 2 new members as well!



## OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS! (OR EMBROIDERS!)

Opportunity for embroiders/crafters to make a bit of money! Some of the guild members would like to have an embroidered name tag. Make a sample and present it at a program meeting. You set the price

The Guild provides ready-to-sew quilt kits in a variety of sizes, colors & patterns. They are located in the tubs in the meeting room & there is no sign out sheet or deadline for completion.

If you find one that intrigues you, but you're not happy with any part, come to the stash to replace that part from our collection. The kits are suggestions, starting points! You can also use your own stash fabric to replace any part.

Many thanks to all of you who take a kit home to complete!



Your mother or the maid does not work at the Guild. If you can't take care of your coffee cup, the coffee pot will simply go away!



## 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.

**New guidelines for making backs for quilt tops:** please make the backing at least 5" longer on each of the top & bottom edges and 4" on each side. This allows for ease in loading the backing without the quilter having to add an extra leader.

Also, please sew down any seam edges from piecing so the seam doesn't come apart in loading.

Every little bit helps our long-arms who volunteer time & thread!

## 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.



## DON'T FORGET!

We have new guild pins in stock @ \$5/each!

I will have them available at guild meetings and our Wed & Thurs sewing sessions.

See you soon! Katie A

**Please Note:** The guild will be closed on **Wednesday 22, Nov and Thursday, 23 Nov**, so all our members can celebrate **Thanksgiving.**

Debi G



Canyon Vista Hospital  
4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Display until Dec 31

### Why Do Quilts Cost So Much?

Cost for materials, construction, & finishing for  
90" x 100" Queen Size Quilt

#### Materials for Queen Size Quilt

Fabric for the top:

15 Yds @ \$12.95 = \$194.25

8 ½ Yds backing @ \$12.95 = \$110.08

¼ Yds for Binding @ 12.95 = \$9.71

2 ¾ Yds Batting @ 12.95 = \$35.61

Pattern @ \$10.00

TOTAL cost of Materials = \$359.65 (not including sales tax or markup.  
Markup is customary in any other business!)

#### Construction

Labor based on \$25.00 an hour (We are NOT Minimum wage, unskilled workers, but skilled Artisans with years of experience and large investments in equipment and training)

#### Making a Top

(Includes shopping for fabric, prepping fabric, cutting fabric, sewing blocks, sewing blocks together adding sashing and borders)

40 hours @ \$25.00 = \$1,000.00

(What would you expect to get paid working at a skilled job per 40 hour work week?)

#### Finishing

Long Arm quilting (All over Edge to Edge)

9,000 Sq inches @ .02 = \$180.00

Trimming Quilt @ \$15.00

Making Binding ½ hr @ \$25.00/hr = \$12.50

Sewing binding on and hand stitching the back

380 linear inches @ .30 = \$114.00

**Total Finishing cost = \$321.50**

**TOTAL COST OF QUILT = \$1,681.15**

Note: A larger quilt or more intricate pattern or Custom Long Arm Quilting will increase cost

Revised by Doug Sobel 1/3/2018



**Did you know...  
From a fat quarter,  
you can cut:**

99-2" squares

50-2 1/2" squares

42-3" squares

30-3 1/2" squares

20-4" squares

16-4 1/2" squares

12-5" squares

12-5 1/2" squares

9-6" squares

6-6 1/2" squares





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