



# The Hummer

The Newsletter of the Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild

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December, 2023

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

## December

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 December:

- 05 Dec, Tue:** Holiday Party, 1030-130, open at 10
- 13 Dec, Wed:** BOD, noon at Guild
- 19 Dec, Tue:** No Program Meetings
- 20 & 21 Dec, Wed & Thu** before Christmas, Guild open
- 27 & 28Dec, Wed & Thu** after Christmas, Guild open
- 28 Dec, Thu:** Blue Moon work day

Pueblo del Sol Elementary  
School, Sierra Vista



### Special Dates in January!

- 03-06 Jan:** Deb Deaton Workshop at the Guild
- 03-06 Jan:** limited access to open sew
- 17-18 Jan:** Quilt photos taken and entry forms due for the Quilt Show

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

**"Beautiful things come together one stitch at a time."--- unknown**

Happy Holidays to all! Hopefully December will not be too stressful; all the gifts you are making will be finished in time and all the cooking will be done by someone else! We are definitely winding down the year, but winding up the activities. Be sure to finish up at least the tops of your Quilt Show quilts, so you can take pictures for the entry forms due in Jan.

In November, Katie and her volunteers staffed a table at the Tucson Sewing and Craft Expo. Although not a lot of money was made on ticket sales, they made a lot of contacts. Thank you to all of you that helped during that event.

Another big activity last month was our Challenge Quilt Contest. We had at least 30 entries, and they were all beautiful! Congratulations not only to the winners, but to all that entered. Be sure to enter them in the Quilt Show too!

Coming up really soon is our Holiday Party, to be held on 5 Dec from 1030-130 or so. Please note the information regarding the party later in the newsletter.

For those of you who will be in the area and want to come to the Guild both before and after Christmas, we will be open on our regular days. On the 28th, we will have a Blue Moon to make items the ladies have chosen for the Boutique. Come and join the fun.

Coming up in January, Deb Deaton will be holding a workshop at the Guild, Wed the 3rd-Sat the 6th. There will be limited room for open sewing during those days. This is a one-time 4-day workshop; sorry for the inconvenience to our regular attendees. Also in January, we plan to start our 'mini' talent sharing classes. More to come in the January newsletter.

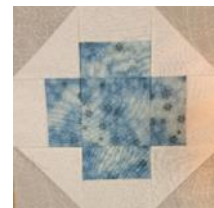
Happy Quilting!

Debi G



Get Well wishes to Laura K for speedy recovery from recent surgery.

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)

### Membership Spotlight



My name is Roberta (Bert) Cushman. I am a native of Tucson. My husband and I moved to Sierra Vista two years ago looking for a better environment than where we were. After my retirement in 2012 I began looking for something that I would enjoy doing; I found quilting. The rest is history! I don't have a favorite pattern or technique; I just enjoy the process. I balance quilting with church, my husband, my home, and my dog. Each brings me peace and enjoyment.

### Donations for November 2023

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VA Auxiliary	10
Private individual	1

<b>Totals</b>	<b>11</b>
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Port pillows were made by guild members and friends and donated to the Arizona Cancer Foundation in Tucson. They are little pillows that attach to a vehicle seat belt and provide padding over a patient's infusion port. There are fliers at the Guild with more information about the Foundation. Sure wish I had had one when I had a port years ago.

Janet W  
Community Quilts

**We are still in need of a Secretary for the next year (Apr 2024-Mar 2025).** You will need to be familiar with using a computer and able to send emails. We will train you and help you learn the position. If you are interested in joining some great ladies and helping the Guild, please inform Debi G, Dorthy G, Nancy B or Susan R.



## Birthdays

Chris T	Dec 05
Karen N	Dec 13
Nancy R	Dec 27
Kristen S	Dec 28
Nancy W	Dec 30



## HSQG Contacts

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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 text** 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

## Challenge Quilt Winners!

Here are the pics of the challenge quilt winners: 3rd Wendy H, 2nd Sherry H, 1st Debi G.



***"97 double-sided Christmas place mats made by guild members were delivered to the Cochise Health Department for seniors who receive meals at home."***



I dropped-off 97 double-sided Christmas place mats to the Cochise Health Department to be delivered to seniors who receive meals at home. I gave them to Shawna who is a case manager for SEAGO Area Agency on Aging. I told her I was donating them on behalf of the Guild. She was very appreciative.

Thank you,

Bert



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!

## 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.



Kudos to **Bella Vista Elementary School** for being selected as a finalist for National Title I Distinguished Award for elementary schools! A reporter from KGUN9 TV featured it November 6 on the 5:00pm news. Check out the Barn Block in school colors! Everyone who was watching the news was treated to a view of the block! Great publicity and the entire report can be found on the KGUN9 webpage.



## 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!

15 duffle bags were repurposed by Guild members to provide a quilt block pocket. They will be donated to Cochise County Foster Care/CASA programs.



## 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



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

### 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 the 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.



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