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The Newsletter of the Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild

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February, 2024

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

February

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 February:

- 1 Feb, Thurs 12-3**, (SQS) JoAnn V - paper piecing
- 8 Feb, Thurs 12-3**, (SQS) Shirley A - pet beds
- 14 Feb, Wed, noon**, BOD meeting at the Guild
- 20 Feb, Tues, 9AM & 6PM**, monthly program meeting
- 28 Feb, Wed 9-11AM**, Turn in quilts at Ethel Berger
- 29 Feb, Thurs**, Quilt Judging



Special Dates in March!

- 1 Mar, Fri** Set up the quilt show at BHS
- 2-3 Mar, Sat & Sun**, quilt show at BHS
- 13 Mar, Wed, noon**, BOD meeting at the Guild
- 19 Mar, Tues, 9AM & 6PM**, monthly program meeting
- 20 Mar, Wed, 9AM-3PM**, Stack & Whack workshop

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

"You can't buy happiness, but you can buy fabric, and that's pretty close." – Unknown

Happy Valentines! However, not so happy is the closing of Sew Easy, but it is a good opportunity to buy some more fabric. With more fabric, we can make more beautiful quilts. So start now to plan your entries for next year's Quilt Show! Speaking of which, our Quilt Show is next month. I hope everyone got their entries in on time and are in the final stages of finishing your quilts. It is an exciting time, as we approach to the show. Even though the volunteer slots are filling up, we still need a few more volunteers to make it all happen smoothly. Sign up next time you are at the Guild. A reminder for the Quilt Show, we need lots of cookies to help feed our many workers. Drop them by the Guild on Thurs, Feb 29th or bring to the set up at Buena when you come to help. Thank you to all who are helping!

I would like to thank all our members that have spent days getting the jelly rolls ready for the show: Dorthy G, Addie L, Dana E, Sally T, Kelly R and so many others! Your hard work is greatly appreciated.

After the Quilt Show, we will be starting a Beginner Quilting Class, taught by JoAnn V! There will be more information on this in the near future.

I am so pleased with the participation in the Sharing Quilt Skills (SQS) program! We have several signed up to share and many interested. At first it was going to be a drop-in activity, but we are going to have sign-up lists so those sharing will have a better idea of how many to prepare for. JoAnn V will be at the Guild on 1 Feb to offer a quick class on paper piecing! She will have a little heart wall hanging to make. Then on February 8th, Shirley A will hold a hands-on class on making simple pet beds. Sign up for these and see the supply lists at the guild. There was such an interest in the Stack & Whack class, it will be a workshop in March. See the Guild bulletin board for more information.

Be sure to come to the February monthly program meeting to hear Cpl Borgstadt, from the Sierra Vista Police, talk to us about personal safety as we are out and about.

The nominating committee did a wonderful job, filling the officer slots, and they also reviewed the many committees and filled positions there if needed. We will have the official vote at the February meeting to affirm the selections.

Happy Quilting!

Debi G



We send heartfelt wishes for speedy recovery to Dorthy G, Katie A and Donna O.

Membership Spotlight: Ellie Malloch



I have spent my adult life first in Virginia, followed by Montana, and for the last 2 ½ years, here in Sierra Vista. I love Sierra Vista for its climate, its people and the ease of living here.

My quilting "life" started about 20 years ago. Sometimes I will make a traditional pieced quilt, but usually I make pictorial quilts, working from a photograph.

Besides quilting, I grow tomatoes, okra and flowers. Very recently, I bought an electronic piano, and am trying to revive a long-lost skill of reading music and playing.

Membership Spotlight: Debra Guilmette



I have been with the guild about 13 years. I have served as the Programs Chair, BLOTTO co-chair, Hospitality co-chair, worked on many of our opportunity quilts and am currently the Guild President. I have two daughters, a son-in-law and four grandkitties. My husband, Dan, and I have been married 39 years and have lived in eight states together, thanks to the Army. He hails from Vermont and me from California; we met/married in Washington. We have lived in Sierra Vista for over 26 years.



Don't forget to pick up your tickets for the 2024 Opportunity Quilt!

The proceeds from these tickets help to keep our Guild running by providing funds for batting and supplies to make our Community Quilts as well as the rent for our location. Last year, we were able to donate 510 quilts to people in our Community!! Let's see if we can break last year's number!!

Katie A

****Quilt Show News****

Now is the time to add the finishing touches to your Show Quilts!

Don't forget to pick up your yard signs.

Quilt Drop Off - 9-11am, Wed. Feb 28th at Ethel Berger.

Set-Up - Friday, March 1st, 4pm Buena High School

Hello February

Birthdays

Laura S	Feb 1
Diane C	Feb 2
Kathi S	Feb 2
Shirley F	Feb 5
Deb G	Feb 10
Starr S	Feb 10
Neva C	Feb 14
Shirley G	Feb 15
Gail K	Feb 15
Julia J	Feb 19
Virginia F	Feb 20
Nasrin (Nas) M	Feb 21
Susan R	Feb 25

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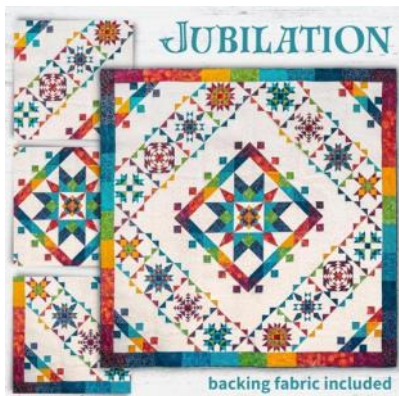
MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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.



2026 OPPORTUNITY QUILT

We will be getting together in April after the quilt show to start working on this quilt. It is a block of the month and includes the backing! If you are interested in working on this gorgeous quilt, please let me know!

Katie A

Stitch-in-time@hotmail.com

QUILT SHOW SET-UP

Good day, Ladies.

I would like to remind you all that we are not allowed into the Buena High School cafeteria until 4pm the afternoon of Friday, March 1, 2024 for the quilt show set-up. Please park your cars in the adjacent parking lot to alleviate blocking quilt show delivery vehicles. And, if you do park in the ramp area, move your car as soon as it is unloaded. The broad stroke plan is to unload all the boutique merchandise and display fixtures first.

Then, we will break into row set up teams, and work with them to erect the poles and drapes.

After dinner, the teams will divide into two dirty ladder climbers, two semi clean display pole inserters, and a clean quilt handler. This will keep the quilts clean by not having people touch poles and then quilts.

The teams will use S-hooks, and suspension cables to hang and adjust each quilt as they are hung. The idea is not to have to come back and adjust the height of the quilts once they are hung. The ladder people can stay on the ladders, the semi- clean people can fit the quilts onto the rods, and hand them up to the ladder folks, and the clean person can advise how to best adjust for height and level. This way, once you have worked down a row, it is completed.

Please sign up in advance so we know who, and how many to expect to help. If you would, please put a 1/2 inch wrench in your pocket, and bring a light-weight ladder; everything else will be furnished. All the quilt show sign-up books are on the table under the bulletin board.

Thanks,
John H

Sharing Quilting Skills (SQS)

Sharing Quilting Skills (SQS) for Feb. These mini sessions will be held on the noted Thursdays, 1200-3pm. If you would like to share a skill, there is a sign-up list at the guild.

Ongoing: Maryann will help you learn to foundation piece string quilts. Debi G will be glad to help you with quilt sleeves, labels, problems with your quilt.

1 Feb: JoAnn V, will be available to work with you on paper piecing. She has a cute heart wall hanging to make. See the bulletin board to sign up and for a list of supplies.

8 Feb: Shirley A, on how to make dog/cat beds. It would be nice to have people bring any non-cotton quilting fabrics like corduroy, knits, curtain fabrics, bed pads, fleece, etc for the exterior (about 2 yds total) and batting left-overs that are larger than 1 inch wide, AND THEIR SEWING MACHINES. It would be great to have them make some that day.



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

20 FEB 2024 – Cpl. Borgstadt from our Sierra Vista Police Department will talk to us about feeling safe as we go about town. As we maneuver through parking lots to go to work, shop, etc., we will learn about techniques we can use to stay out of harm's way.

19 Mar 2024 – On Tuesday, Wendy H will show us some of her stack & whack projects and talk to us about her workshop.

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.

20 Mar – This Wednesday will be a workshop given by our own guild member, Wendy H. Wendy will instruct us on the process of stack and whack. Stack and whack designs create intricate kaleidoscope patterns, full of vibrant, dramatic patterns each having distinctive designs depending on the fabric you choose. Join us for a fun filled day! The workshop is free and there will be a supply list available at the guild.



BLOTTO

Jan – April 2024 BLOTTO
Spring Fun Pinwheel 12 ½" unfinished
 Drawing April 16, 2024



The drawing for the **Winter Solstice Greek Cross** was January 17, 2024. The 2 winners were Janet W and Eula J. Congratulations to them both.

The new BLOTTO block is the Spring Fun Pinwheel. Can you see the white pinwheel hidden in the middle of the fun bright colors? There are kits at the guild to be picked up. The 4 bright colors are provided; you use your white or white/on white fabric to finish this 12 ½" block.

Remember that your block must measure 12 ½" and have the colors as shown in order to participate in the BLOTTO drawing that will be held in April, instead of March.

If you have any questions, contact Donna O @ 520-220-8851 or d_j_otto@yahoo.com



HSQG Sweetheart Bakery Sale

30-minute Blitz Sale

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Step over to the Boutique table for scrumptious bargains on:

Layer Cakes

Jelly Rolls

Cloth Loaves

Fat Quarter Turnovers

And a generous sprinkling of Notions

All happening right after the monthly meeting!



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!



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!

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!



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

Donations for December, 2023

Beauty from Ashes (new organization)	4
Cochise Foster Care	13
Forgach House	7
Private Individuals	2
Peaches Pantry	2
Project Linus	4
Quilt of Valor	2
SW Cancer	7
Wounded Warrior Project	25

Totals **66**

As of December 28, 2023, **439** quilts have been donated to various organizations and individuals.

Donations for January, 2024

Boutique	1
Copper Queen Infusion	10*
Dialysis	5
Fresenius	10
Newborn Intensive CP	19
Quilt of Valor	2
Warrior Healing Ctr	13

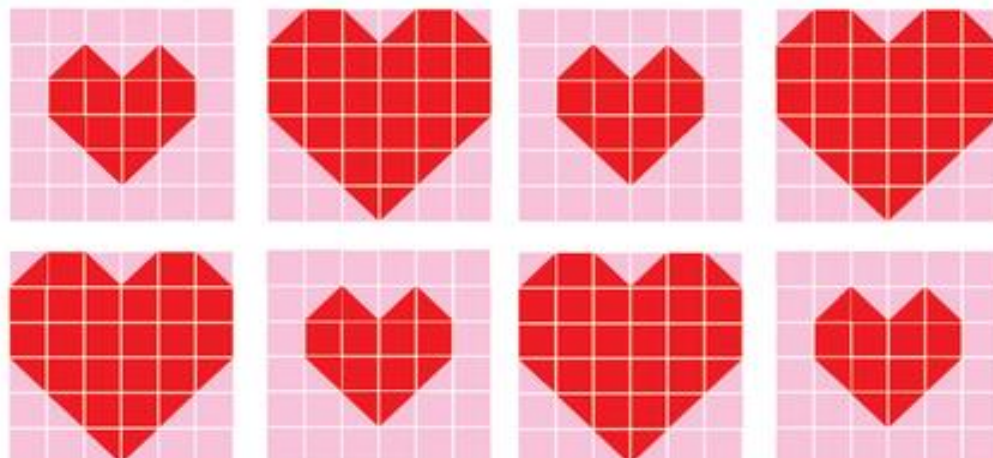
Totals **60**

*Copper Queen Infusion is a new department at the Copper Queen Hospital in Bisbee

Another big pat on the back for Guild members. We have donated about **500** quilts so far this year and still have two months to go! Whew!

Janet W

Community Outreach





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): _____