



The Hummer

The Newsletter of the Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild

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March, 2024

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

March

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 March:

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

14 & 21 Mar & 4 Apr, Thurs, noon to 3, Beginner Quilt classes



Special Dates in March!

1 Mar, Fri Set up the quilt show at BHS

2-3 Mar, Sat & Sun, quilt show at BHS

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

Happy St Patrick's Day!!

"Without craftsmanship, inspiration is a mere reed shaken in the wind." – Johannes Brahms

What beautiful craftsmanship we enjoyed at this year's quilt show: all I can say is wow! We have such talented quilters! Congratulations to all the winners and to all that entered! A huge thank you to everyone that helped put this large event together: the planners, the set up crew, the many volunteers that worked the show, and the take down crew. This show would not happen without all of the helpers. A big thank you to the quilt show chairs: Melanie H, Virginia M and trainee, Kelly R.

At the February monthly meeting, the next year's slate of officers was voted in: Pres: Debi G, VP: Georgia M, Sec: Donna O, Tres: Wendy. Thank you to all of you for agreeing to fill these positions. I am looking forward to working with all of you and the Committee Chairs for 2024-25.

Our new Education Chair, JoAnn V, is getting started on a Beginning Quilting class and already has several signed up. See her article in the newsletter. She is also planning more free Sharing Quilt Skills (SQS) demos. They will be advertised in the newsletter and at the guild.

Now that the quilt show is over, we are looking forward to resting and planning the rest of the year. JoAnn has the Quilt Challenge rules ready for this year: KISS, explained later in the newsletter. The new Program/Workshop Chairs, Susan R and Sally T, are working on planning some great programs. Please let them know if you have an idea for a program or workshop.

This month we will have guild member, Wendy H, present a free Stack & Whack Workshop. Slots are filling up fast, so be sure and sign up at the guild.

Happy Quilting!

Debi G



We send heartfelt wishes for speedy recovery to Katie A and Doris W.

Membership Spotlight: : Meet Janet Murphy



I took my first quilting class in 1979 from a neighbor lady. I was between jobs while living in IL so I was going to school and learning how to quilt! We used cardboard templates and scissors to cut the pieces, and it was a hand quilt as you go sampler quilt pattern. I finished the blocks and pieced them together before going back to work. I ended up paying someone else to hand quilt the sashing and borders and it is the ugliest quilt I have ever made! I did not quilt again until the early 90's after I stopped working, but really got into quilting after moving to AZ in 1994. When I joined the HSQG in 1997 (I think) it was a life saver for me. I met so many wonderful ladies and learned so much. I have taken many classes over the years; some I loved and some not so much. I don't do anything really difficult anymore and I still really like paper piecing.

Neva Chun made the QR code for the Guild as a Challenge Quilt. It works!



LAST CHANCE!! 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.
Set-Up - Friday, March 1st, 4pm Buena High School



Birthdays

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| Wendy H | Mar 2 |
| Tristen R | Mar 7 |
| Luci W | Mar 7 |
| Ovidia S | Mar 9 |
| Irene V | Mar 13 |
| Melanie H | Mar 15 |
| Debbie L | Mar 22 |
| Emily R | Mar 22 |
| Kelly R | Mar 24 |
| Frances K | Mar 25 |
| Pauline G | Mar 26 |
| Pat R | Mar 26 |
| Patricia H | Mar 27 |
| Donna O | Mar 28 |
| Katherine A | Mar 30 |
| Beth H | Mar 31 |



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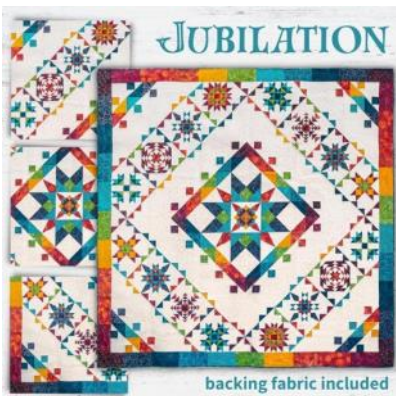
MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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

K.I.S.S.

Keep It Simple Sweetie

HSQG Challenge 2024

Back to basics. Plain & simple. Solid color fabric only. Think Amish.

Kona 2024 color of the year included – Julep

Color choices, pattern, and quilting are the focus this year.

Hand embroidery is the only allowed embellishment. Quilting technique of your choice – pieced, applique, etc.

No larger than 60" perimeter -- 12"x 18", 18" x 12", 15" x 15" for example. It can be smaller and can be an irregular shape.

3 layers (top, batting, backing), quilted by hand or sewing machine (not embroidery machine), finished edge, label and sleeve.

SIGN UP BY JULY 1: at HSQG clubhouse, info sheet includes a 5" charm of Kona Julep. Limit 42 (because that's all that was in the charm pack)

IMPORTANT: Email JoAnn at vandine@Q.com by **October 15** with your name, name of quilt, and size of quilt.



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

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

16 Apr 2024 – Tuesday Joyce L will discuss with us the reasons why you should have your quilt appraised and she will also do a Trunk Show.

21 May 2024 – Tuesday morning meeting we will have Joyce Holley lecture on “The Hunt for Perfect Points”. Tuesday evening’s presentation is being worked.

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 – Class will begin at 9:00am. 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.



22 May 2023 – The workshop will last about 6 hours and will start at 9:00 a.m. This Wednesday we will have a workshop by Joyce Holley. “It’s all about the wings” is a workshop on Flying Geese Units and how to get them to “Fly” and “Atlantic Flyway” using the Wing Clipper Method for making 4 perfect units at a time with the Studio 180 “Wing Clipper 1”. Plus opening the process of constructing Migrating Geese using the Quilters Magic Wand. The class fee is \$40.00 and requires you to have the Studio 180 “Wing Clipper 1” ruler. Joyce will bring rulers for the purchase price of \$27.00. This includes a 10% discount. You can see photos on facebook “noahandhersisters” and there is a finished Atlantic Flyway quilt about 5 or 6 rows down in her photos. We will post pictures in next months newsletter and at the guild.



SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE**OPEN HOUSE OPEN HOUSE OPEN HOUSE**

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| WHEN: | Tuesday, April 23, 2024 |
| WHERE: | Home of Susan R (maps and address at club house) |
| TIME: | 10:00 to 12:00 a.m. Repeated in the evening 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. |
| WHO: | New Members, anyone who hasn't attended before, any quilter interested in meeting few friends |
| WHAT: | Coffee, tea, cookies, fresh fruit, maybe a coffee cake (Contributions welcome) |
| WHAT: | Coffee in the garden, quilt-y talk, door prizes |



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

Donations for February, 2024

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|----------------|----|
| CASA | 25 |
| Forgach | 15 |
| Quilt of Valor | 3 |
| SW Cancer Ctr | 6 |
| WIC | 7 |

Totals **56**

Another amazing month!

Janet W

Community Outreach

Classes! Classes! Classes!

4-Patch Beginner Class

Three Thursdays, noon-3 p.m., Mar. 14, 21, April 4

\$15 member, \$24 non-member

You must register and prepay. Supply list and other information will be sent by email once you are signed up and paid. The sign-up sheet is at the clubhouse. Pay fee to Wendy S.

This class will include lots of information for a beginning quilter: selecting fabric, cutting, sewing, adding borders, "envelope turning," and tying. Quilt is a small baby size. Sample is hanging in the clubhouse.

Paper Pieced Hearts

Thursday, noon-3 p.m., May 2

\$15 member, \$20 non-member Includes a \$10 book, printed papers, and some fabric.

You must register and prepay. Supply list and other information will be sent by email once you are signed up and paid. The sign-up sheet is at the clubhouse. Pay fee to Wendy S.

This class is one-day instruction on paper piecing. It includes a book by Carol Doak, printed papers, and some fabric. Sample is hanging in the clubhouse.



BLOTTO

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



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

Hospital Display



BLUE MOON

Here are the dates for the Blue Moon for the next year. It will be the last Thursday of the month and kits will be provided. It's a fun day of camaraderie for a common goal.

I'm looking for someone to lead the ones in June, September and January. The Guild stash area can provide the fabrics for the kits & help set them up.

March 28 2024 Courtyard Whitehaven. Katie

June 27 2024 TBD

Sept 26 TBD

Jan 30 2025 TBD

Please contact Gail S for more details.

Photo of March Quilt for Blue Moon





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

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:

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

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| Membership Number | |
| Check Number/Cash | |
| Amount Received | |
| Date Received | |

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

Name: _____

Phone Number(s): _____