



The Hummer

The Newsletter of the Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild

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May, 2024

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

May

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 May & June:

8 May, noon, BOD
9 May, noon, Wendy S: quilt sleeves demo
16 May, noon, Laura K: hand embroidery
21 May, 9am, Monthly Program: Joyce Holley, speaker
6pm, Doris W, Trunk Show
22 May, 9-3, Workshop with Joyce Holley
29 May, 5-7:30pm, Beginner Quilt classes start

5 & 12 Jun, 5-7:30pm, Beginner Quilt classes
18 Jun, 9am, Monthly Program: Tea Party

We'll be happy to see you! Updated Member Rosters and Member Directory with Photos will be available on the Guild's website when upgrades are completed. Thank you for your participation and enthusiasm!



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

*"One misstep is all it took and it all came crashing down."
Bianca Scardonì*

Well, this has been an interesting spring. As I helped move items out of the guild to go to storage, I misstepped! I did not fall, but a loud pop in my knee brought me to a halt! After an ER visit, orthopedic appointments and PT, it was determined nothing was broken or badly torn, thank goodness! But, still the knee required rehab, so I am a bit behind on the rest of my life. Thank you so much to everyone who helped me through all this 'down' time. I am so proud to be part of this 'tribe'.

Thank you to Joyce L for your interesting quilt appraisal presentation in April. You shared so much knowledge with us and gave us many reasons to get our quilts appraised!

This month we are looking forward to our presenter, Joyce Holley, who will share how to achieve perfect points in our blocks. Then the following day will be an exciting workshop on using the flying geese pattern. Be sure to sign up to learn some new techniques. Also, this month we will have two members giving free demos on the noted Thursday afternoons.

If you have not already renewed your membership, be sure to submit it to Mary R or Wendy S.

Coming up in June, our Program Chairs have a special treat planned: a wedding themed tea party! This should be a fun time to share our wedding stories! Be sure to read about the details later in the newsletter.

Happy Quilting!

Debi G

Speedy recovery wishes go out to Florene P who recently had hip surgery.



Get well wishes go to Marilyn C on her knee surgery.

Membership Spotlight: : Meet Janelle Miller



My husband and I moved from No. CA about 5 years ago to find an affordable and warm community to live out our retirement years. I have been sewing since I was a young teen and quilted my first project about 40 years ago but got really interested in quilting when I joined the local quilt guild in the town where we lived. I also like craft sewing, gardening and cooking, repurposing, and on and on.

I appreciate the community minded efforts of this guild and love working with these creative folks.

Just some clarifications on the stash fabric. There are some rumblings that quilters hope to start shopping in the stash since we are losing our 2 stores.

The BOD set a policy when we received the large "Judy" donation many years ago that stash fabric was only for sale in small quantities to finish a personal project when you need a matching piece or free for any Guild project. Batting & backing fabrics are never for sale as they are often purchased.

The policy is 50% of current commercial price: \$5 for regular & \$6 for batiks per yard. Stash fabrics will routinely be weeded for jelly rolls, Boutique, or Free Table. This was set to make it fair & equitable for all members and to remove the appearance of any favoritism.

While it does appear that we have lots of fabric, just think about how much it takes to make 600 quilts in a year. Awesome turnover!

Quarterly BIZ meeting

We will have Quilt Show the first week of March 2025. The tickets for the 2025 Opportunity Quilt will be ordered and ready soon for pickup if you happen to be traveling and want sell as you travel.

The budget was presented and approved.



ATTN: MEMBERS

Many of you may have gotten strange requests from me or Wendy asking for money to pay Guild bills. The emails ask for money to help pay bills by sending gift cards or money thru Paypal. These are attempts to defraud the Guild. It appears that someone has taken the emails from our public email list in our newsletter and is trying to get someone to bite, this is known as phishing. Please ignore any requests for money for the Guild. Check the email address that the request came from. Do not response. Delete and ignore any requests you get asking for money from 'someone' in the Guild. This is not the first time this has happened and I am sure it will happen again. If you have concerns or questions, call the board member that has 'requested' the money to confirm.



Birthdays

Connie T	May 6
Karen T	May 7
JoAnn V	May 17
Julie H	May 22
Linda Sue H	May 24
Marilyn C	May 25

HSQG Contacts

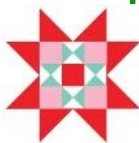
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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

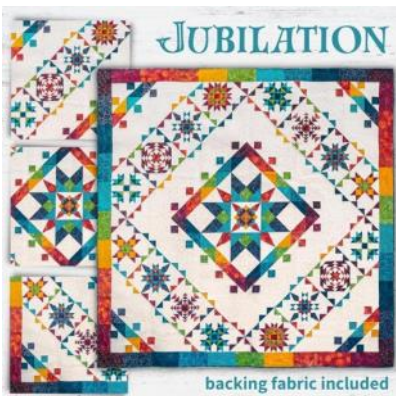


The **2024-2025 HSQG Member Roster and Member Photo Directory** are available. Please contact the Membership Chair who can email you a copy. You must be a paid member to receive a copy.



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

Our next meeting is on
 Thursday, May 16th at 12:30PM.
 See you there!!
 Katie Atwood

**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.

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!

**Education Corner - May** – Thursdays noon-3:00 pm.

2 – Paper Pieced Hearts. This is a class. You must be registered and paid. Limit 10. \$15 for members. Class is full.

9 – Wendy will demo making a sleeve for your quilt.

16 – Laura will demo hand embroidery. This might give you some ideas for your 2024 Challenge Quilt. Bring a hoop. We'll supply floss, needles, and designs.

Easy Peasy 4-Patch Class for beginners will repeat in the evenings. 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Wednesdays, May 29, June 5, June 12. \$15 for Guild members, \$25 non-members. Contact JoAnn for info vandine@Q.com

MAY MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS**MEETINGS****MAY PROGRAMS****MORNING**

This month we are fortunate to have two excellent speakers on two different topics. Our morning speaker, Joyce Holley, has taught for many years and enjoys passing on the lessons of her long experience. This month's workshop will be "Atlantic Flyaway" in which we will learn how to make those pesky points behave.

Joyce Holley

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Facebook: Noah & Her Sisters Quilt Co.



Joyce is an energetic quilt instructor who truly delights in quilting and loves sharing this art form by teaching classes, leading retreats, sharing quilts at Guild trunk shows, lecturing and demonstrating new techniques. Her passion is for precision pieced quilts. Joyce expanded her passion in 2016 by becoming a Studio 180 Certified Quilt Instructor. Joyce's quilting journey began in the early 80's, making her first hand pieced and quilted quilt (well sort of). By putting her Home Ec. Vocational teaching experience into practice "In the Beginning" was born. This is a class truly for the person who has always wanted to make a quilt but did not know where to begin. "In the Beginning" began being taught in 1996 and continues being taught in various ways today.

With a hunger for learning and perfecting precision piecing techniques, Joyce continues practicing and learning new point perfect precision techniques. Deb Tucker's Studio 180 Tools and Rulers have been a great discovery. Joyce enjoys piecing and designing with the Studio 180 Tools. I would love to share the Joy of Quilting with you from the simple, to the intricate.



EVENING (following page)

MAY PROGRAMS (cont.)

EVENING

We are very lucky this month to have a different evening speaker. Doris W will be showing a selection of quilts from her lifetime of quilting. It is not often we get a chance like this and I would encourage everyone to attend both programs. If you don't drive at night, call a friend and arrange a carpool. It will be worth it.

A Lifetime of Quilts: Doris W Our own long-time member, Doris W, has made and exhibited quilts for a lifetime. Her quilts have been recognized with numerous awards. She has taught many classes on techniques and design. She will share some of her insights with us during her trunk show.



As for June programs, think about things we often plan in June: something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue

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 SUSAN 520-220-2800 OR SALLY 520-730-4485.

22 May 2023 – Joyce Holley's workshop will last about 6 hours and will start at 9:00 a.m. "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 posted in the clubhouse.



REMINDER! Time to renew your Membership in the Guild.

The yearly membership is only \$35, which entitles you to access to come to the clubhouse during the open hours, use our many supplies, take classes, attend monthly meetings and get all the advice you ask for. You can also enter your quilts in our annual show. If you have already renewed, thanks! If not, the membership application is included in the monthly newsletter. Please confirm that your address and contact information is correct. You can mail the completed Membership Application and payment to the address on the form or bring both to the Guild any Wednesday or Thursday.

Newsletter Wrap Up 2023-2024

The final figures are in for our fiscal year. HSQG donated 644 quilts this year to organizations and individuals in need. Wow. Like, really wow! Our members are truly dedicated. Everyone gets a pat on the back for a job well done. Some of you sewed tops, some sewed fabric together for backing or put on binding! Maybe you just pressed out blocks.

I calculated some fun facts on this effort. First, I estimated average size of each quilt as being one of the 3-yard quilts recently made at a Blue Moon day. Of course, many were larger, some smaller.

7 yards of fabric were used, 3 for the quilt top, 4 for the quilt back to quilt with a long arm machine. Some was used for binding.

A roll of batting is 30 yards by 96". That's enough for approximately 20 quilts. We used more than 32 rolls this year.

So, 644 quilts multiplied by 7 yards of fabric equals about 4,508 yards of fabric. Check it yourself. Amazing! Most of our fabric comes to the Guild as a donation and the stash crew measures and sorts into colors and variety. The average price of good fabric at current prices is \$12/yard. Bins in the stash corner look full to the brim with fabric, don't they? Well, at least 4,508 yards of fabric was needed this past year.

Let's go on to the batting needed for the quilts.

3.5 yards of batting, multiplied by 644 quilts comes out to 2,254 yards used. Another wow!

Other considerations are the current costs of fabric, batting, thread, supplies, and having it quilted. The Guild does focus on serving Cochise County but has provided quilts to others in need, such as wildfire devastation, in New Mexico, California, and Hawaii.

We are fortunate to be able to rent our Guild rooms from the Sierra Vista Unified School District. We have a dedicated place to sew, store supplies, hold classes.

Thanks again to all our members,

Janet W
Community Quilts

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 lots of 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 April, 2024**

Elks/Cancer Fundraiser	1
Hoops House	21
HUGS/CPS*	4
Project Linus	19
Quilt of Valor	4
WIC	7

Total: 56

Janet W

Community Outreach

MaryAnn L brought 12 duffle bags from her group to the Guild. They will be given to the Foster Care program and Forgach House for those individuals who do not have anything in which to carry their belongings. They are duffle-bag size, have a carrying strap, full zipper and a big pocket with a quilt block on the outside.

Gently Used Shoe Drive

Hi, I am a member of an organization called P.E.O. We support projects that help women who are furthering their education. We are currently doing a gently used shoe drive as a fundraiser through the middle of June.

Please take this opportunity to help us by going through your family's shoe collection and donate any shoes that you don't want to use. Please spread the word to your friends in the area. I have placed a box in the center room at Guild to collect any you might want to give away.

Many thanks.

Gail S



BLOTTO

April - July 2024 Blotto



Springtime Disappearing 9-Patch+

The new Blotto is now ready to pick up and sew. The print and white fabrics are provided this month. You provide the read as a solid color that matches one of the colors in the print; shown is a brown – NO Black please. This is an interesting disappearing 9-patch quilt block; read your instructions carefully, front and back.

The 2 winners of the BLOTTO drawing for the Hidden Pinwheel were Bert C and EulaMae T

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

Hospital Display



BLUE MOON

We will have had our 3rd Blue Moon Sewing Day by the time this is published. At least 20 quilters have participated each time, enjoying the camaraderie & challenge. Blue Moons are held the last Thursday of every 3rd month.

We've made 3-yard quilts, microwave bowl cozies, and a variation of a courtyard pattern. The quilt tops are then run through our regular quilting process for distribution.

I'm looking for someone to head up the next 3 Blue Moons in June, Sept & next Jan. The stash area will help you select fabric & quilters will help cut up the kits.

Contact me if you have any questions or are interested.

Gail S





Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild Community Quilts 2023-2024

Quilts Donated

Beauty from Ashes	4
Boutique	4
Buena Project Graduation	1
Cars in the Park fundraiser	1
C.A.S.A.	25
Cochise County Foster Care	18
Cochise Oncology	40
Copper Queen Infusion Ctr	10
SV Dialysis Center	28
Forgach House	51
Fresenius Dialysis	10
Good Shepherd Service	3
Kiwanis Fundraiser	3
Hoops House	26
Lori's Place	35
Maui, HI Fire individuals	12
NICP	19
Peaches Pantry	2
Private individuals	24
Project Linus	81
Quilts of Valor	21
Sierra Vista Gives	2
SW Cancer Ctr	53
VA Aux Home	10
Via Elegante	35
Vietnam Vets America	4
Warrior Healing Ctr	38
WIC Program	84

Totals as of March 31, 2024	644
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Salvation Army and St Vincent de Paul received fabric and supplies

Peach's Pantry - SVPS received food donations from Guild members

Donation of fabric-scrap animal beds made by a member to Animal shelter



Sierra Vista, Arizona Barn Quilt Trail

Have you noticed the barn quilt blocks along Fry Blvd? There's a trail! And it includes more than Fry Blvd! Barn quilt blocks aren't just for barns anymore! Several Guild members also have barn quilt blocks at their homes.

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. Begun in the fall of 2021, we are creating a barn quilt trail.

The Sierra Vista Barn Quilt Trail increases Guild visibility as fiber and visual artists in the city and complements the streetscape improvements along Fry Boulevard. The Sierra Vista Trail begins with blocks mounted at the Landmark Cafe and the old Hoppin Grapes building on Fry boulevard. There are currently 57 barn quilt blocks around Sierra Vista, each painted by HSQG members. The trail is listed on the City's website app at <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.guidebook.apps.ExploreSierraVista.android> is available on the Guild's website. The plan is for the barn quilt trail to eventually expand throughout Sierra Vista and the surrounding communities.

Trails are one of the fastest-growing grassroots public arts movements in the United States. Others collaborating in the project are the West End Commission, Henry Hauser Museum, Legacy Foundation, Sierra Vista ACE Hardware, Home Depot, Carmichael Neighborhood Association.

There are now barn quilt trails in all 50 states and 3 provinces in Canada and the trails continue to grow. Over 16,000 quilts are part of organized trails. There is an interactive website, <http://www.barnquiltinfo.com>, where you can click on a state and it will highlight the counties with quilt trails and other news. Trails have been combined in some venues to join other tourist attractions, such as a yearly barn quilt and winery tasting tour in Oregon.

If you are interested in painting a block, or 2, email Janet W, Community Quilts or Susan W, Programs Chair and we can schedule a class.





Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild Membership

April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025

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 Stitchers 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 Stitchers Quilt Guild and its activities.

Signed: _____

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

For Guild Use Only	
Membership Number	
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Amount Received	
Date Received	

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

Name: _____

Phone Number(s): _____