



The Hummer

The Newsletter of the Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild

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December, 2024

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(see **Reminder**):

Regular Wednesday Hours:

8:30-11:30

Regular Thursday Hours :
8:30-2:00



Reminder of these Special Dates

Dec

7th, 9-3, Paint Barn Quilts
11th, noon, BOD
12th noon-3, Using a Serger
17th, 10am, Holiday party
25th & 26th Guild CLOSED

Jan

1st Guild CLOSED
2nd, 830-2, Guild open
8th, noon, BOD

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

Families are like old quilts. Although they tend to unravel at times, each can be stitched back together with love.

Holiday Greetings!! With the holidays right around the corner, this saying is relevant. The holidays are stressful and it is mindful to remember that our families are important to us even when they 'unravel;' be kind, be thoughtful and be patient during this time of year.

Wow, the last month of the year! Where has the time gone? We have had a busy year: natural disasters, elections, and personal challenges, but keeping us grounded is our quilting and our quilt family. I am so thankful for all of you!

I want to personally thank everyone, again, who participated in making pillowcases and supporting the Hurricane Quilt. We made over \$550 to be sent to NC. The winner was Cheryl C from Dagoon. She was thrilled to learn she won!

The Challenge quilts were so impressive! So creative. What a great Challenge JoAnn had for us this year. I, for one, can't wait to see what she will challenge us with next year! Thank you to her for all she does for us. Congratulations to all the winners!

John H was so kind to come take pictures of the guild members and the BOD. We will publish them on the website soon.

On the 12th, noon-3, Wendy S and I will attempt to explain some serging techniques you can apply to quilting. Join us, with your serger, for a fun project and hopefully to learn a few new things.

Wishing you happy holidays, safe travels and wonderful new memories!

Happy Quilting!

Debi G

WITH DEEPEST
Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to Fran H on the passing of her son-in-law.



Here is the pic of the junior entry in the quilt challenge: Tristen R (age 7)

Membership Spotlight: Laura Marlowe



Hi, I've been a resident of Sierra Vista for 8 years now. I've been a member of the guild for 3 years. I was recently married about a year ago. I own a commercial machine embroidery business, with capabilities of 14"x 9" currently. I've quilted since the 80s, but I've been serious about it for about 9 years now. I enjoy long-arming as well. But my favorite part of guild is that I absolutely adore the gals that I sew with every Wed. at the guild. It's not what I am sewing, it's the friends that I have made. My other main hobbies are gardening and participating in Random Acts of Crochet Kindness.

Caring-- If you know of a member that is recovering from an illness, an accident or an injury, or has experienced a death in the family, please let one of the following people know, so the guild can send a card: Guild president, Debi G; any board member; the Caring Chair – Kay W; or Gail S. Thank you!

Donations for the Month of November

Donations for November

Dialysis	10
Project Linus	5
WIC	6
Quilt to NC	1
TOTAL	22

Janet W
Community Quilts



HELP! As winter comes & temperatures drop, please save the plastic zippered bags from blankets for the Guild. The sheet ones are too small for our quilts when we add batting & backing. Thank you.



The **Hurricane Opportunity Quilt** raised over \$550 for the victims in NC. We will be sending the money thru Samaritan's Purse to be distributed. The winner was Cheryl C from Dragoon. Pictured here is the quilt maker, Kathy O, with the quilt. Thank you to all that supported this effort!

Help with Photos!!

The Community Service section of the HSQG website needs updated pictures! Please take pictures of guild events and copy to Eileen when sent to the monthly newsletter. Some currently in that section are from 2017 or earlier and we have participated in a lot since then. Workshops, Quilts of Valor, Vietnam Vets, Education, Show and tell, etc. Let's get it on the website!



Birthdays

Jackie I	Dec 1
Leona B	Dec 3
Dorthy G	Dec 5
Lois B	Dec 6
Sydney B	Dec 6
Karen N	Dec 13
Alice D	Dec 19
Ann W	Dec 21
Dianna H	Dec 26
Kristen S	Dec 28
Joretta "Joey" F	Dec 31

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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.

Additional Information from Gail S & Janet W, Community Outreach

Duffle bags were also sent with the quilts to North Carolina. Wendy H sent additional quilts to aid hurricane victims. The Guild quilters made 112 pillowcases recently. Originally intended for NC, we are donating them to Roswell NM instead. They are eager to get them & in desperate need. Will be shipped to the Calico Cow Quilt Shop. Besides being used as a pillowcase they can be used to carry personal belongings. Keepsake Quilting in Archdale, NC, where the Guild sent the quilts, posted pictures on FB showing donations that have poured in to their store. They are not accepting any more donations at this time but are distributing to other needy organizations in the area. We are looking for another organization to send pillowcases received late in our guild.

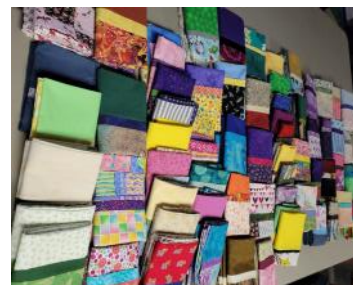
Blue Moon



Dedicated Quilters



Pillowcases





K.I.S.S. Challenge Quilt

I am pleased to announce this year's HSQG Challenge winners. The theme was K.I.S.S., Keep It Simple Sweetie. In alphabetical order: Debi G, Donna O, Jill H, Laura K, Sherry H, and Virginia M. Congratulations Ladies!!

A big thank you to JoAnn V for all the time and energy she put into planning and setting up this event!

To all the participants, please enter your challenge quilt in the quilt show in Mar. They were all so interesting and fun to see!

Winners: Donna O (pieced hummingbird), Debi G (Mola hummingbird), Jill H (wool work circles on red), Laura K (crazy quilt), Sherry H (tree), Virginia (squares in hexagon). Group pic, Laura K not pictured, Virginia, Donna, Jill, Debi, Sherry

Debi G



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!



Barn Quilt Trail Blocks

Please join us to paint Barn Quilt Blocks!

December 7, Saturday, 9:00 - 3:00p, at the Guild rooms! It's not too late to send an email to Nas M or Eileen A and see if there is space available. We will be painting 2'x2' ACM blocks. Refer to the November Newsletter for more info and **LOOK** at the announcement posted at Guild.

Janet W
Community Quilts
janetwilcox@hotmail.com

DECEMBER PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS



December's meeting will be our Holiday Party. December 17 from 10:00 – 1:00.

January's meeting is TBA. We'll let you know as soon as possible. It will be the beginning of an exciting year.

February's meeting will be a Program and Workshop on creating quilts by collage. There is a choice of five patterns for the workshop and they are already posted at the clubhouse. Think about which one you would like to make, sign up and pay for the class. You will be sent a code which will give you a discount when you order from the speaker's web page. This will be the usual date of the third Tuesday for morning and evening programs. The workshop will be Wednesday from 10:00 to 3:00.



The program for

the **March meeting** will be Gina Perkes, the award-winning quilter. She will give us a trunk show and the workshop will teach us how to use rulers on our domestic machine.

April's meeting will be Emily Robles, updating us what she is doing in her new shop, as well as tips for maintaining the life and health of your machine.

The **May meeting** will be presented by the 3Dudes Quilting. He will be speaking about creating simple, yet spectacular quilts. Some of their patterns will be for sale.

We are working on filling the rest of 2025 with interesting topics and classes. Please give us an idea of what you would like to hear and skills you would like to learn. We want to bring interesting speakers here.



Ideas, Comments, Complaints

(Hopefully more of the former than the latter!)

Want to hear a program on a certain topic?

Want to meet one of our speakers?

Want to take a class on a particular technique?

Have a comment on a past speaker?

The Program Committee would love to hear your ideas, comments, or 'attagirls.' Speak to Sally T or Susan R any time. This is your guild and we're always looking for new ideas.



Opportunity Quilt Raffle Tickets are a great idea to add to your Holiday Greeting Cards. We have plenty in stock so pick up an envelope or two today!

Merry Christmas and wishes for a Happy, Peaceful New Year to all!

Katie A

Hummingbird Pictures Wanted

You may have noticed that each month the home page of our website changes hummingbird pictures. We have been proud to show off pictures taken by our very own Hummingbird Quilt Guild members but we are starting to repeat our pictures. And while they are wonderful, we would like to show off new pictures. So please send your hummingbird pictures to us at webmaster@hummingbirdquiltguild.com.

HSQG Password Changed on July 15, 2024

The username and password to our Members Only page changed on July 15, 2024. The new username and password was emailed to all current 2024 members on 7 July 2024. If you did not get the new information and are a current 2024/2025 member contact us at hsqg@hummingbirdquiltguild.com. If you are not a current member, send in/drop off your renewed membership form (available on the website or newsletter) ASAP.

Attention all members, once again, my name/title is being used to solicit money, gift cards, etc from members. Please, please, please **DO NOT** respond to these requests. Check the email address from which they are being sent; it is not mine. I will not **EVER** ask you to send money in this way. Stay alert, especially this time of year.

Debi G, President HSQG

Attention Members:

A recent vote at the quarterly meeting, changed our By-Laws membership requirements. As of now, anyone 85 years young or more, and who has been a member for the last 5 years qualifies to become a lifetime member with your future guild dues paid by the Guild. Please let Debi G, Georgia M or Mary R, know if you qualify.

2025 Quilt Show News

I hope everyone is having a good summer and is thinking about/working on their quilts for the 2025 Quilt Show! We are working to update forms and will let you know when they are available and where you can find them. Your committee chairs are working hard to ensure everything goes smoothly.

2025 Quilt Show Dates:

January 22: Entry Form Deadline (Rules and Entry Form pp. 11-13)

February 26: Quilt Intake at Ethel Berger Center; 9am - 11am

February 27: Judging at Ethel Berger Center

February 28: Set Up at Buena High School; 4pm - 9pm

March 1: Show open; 9am - 4pm

March 2: Show open; 9am - 3pm, Pick up quilts starting at 4pm

Please note that the Tombstone Quilt Show pick-up date is on February 26, which is the same day as Quilt Drop off for our show.

Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Kelly R, 2025 Quilt Show Chair

Thanks!

Save the date for the Guild's Holiday Party!

Tuesday, **December 17th** from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Enjoy food, fun, games and fabric exchange

Bring something edible to share, (no soups, please)

Bring one (1) yard of good quality cotton in a plain brown lunch bag for the fabric exchange. Bags at the clubhouse if you need one.

RSVP Not required



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!



Village Meadows has had issues on where to mount their school quilt block. It's finally up! It's in school colors and can be seen from the street. Now all elementary school in SVUSD have a quilt block in school colors. Next up are blocks for the charter elementary schools.

Sierra Vista, Arizona Barn Quilt Trail - some Guild History (Part 1 of 2, TBC in January 2025)

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!

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 on Fry boulevard. There are currently 57 barn quilt blocks around Sierra Vista, each painted by HSQG members. The elementary schools in the Sierra Vista Unified School District have blocks painted in school colors. The trail is listed on the City's website app at <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.guidebook.apps.ExploreSierraVista.android> It will soon be 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.

What is a barn quilt?

Quilts are made up of squares, or blocks. A barn quilt is a painted replica of one of those blocks. The most common sizes are 2'x2'4', 4' or 8'x8'. The pattern is chosen to honor a family, hobbies, or favorite place. They are painted on prepared wood or an aluminum sheet and then mounted on a barn or other structure for their owners, and the public, to enjoy. Barn quilt trails consist from 6 blocks to a show stopping 120, as on a trail in New York. In Shawno County, Wisconsin there is a retired couple who has created 400 quilt blocks as their retirement activity. That trail covers the entire county.

Barn quilt history

The history of the American barn quilt can be traced back almost 300 years to the arrival of immigrants from the central regions of Europe, Germany, Austria and the Netherlands. Paint was very expensive in those days and painting a decorative and distinctive quilt pattern on their barn wall was a way of allowing for decoration at the same time as preserving the wood. It was also an excellent way for travelers to find particular families or cross roads.

Early Arizona settlers brought their quilts and quilt patterns with them when they came to the Territory. The Revolutionary War had eliminated England as a source of cloth and American manufacturers began a new industry of weaving cotton cloth. Quilts were in every household and used as a means of decoration as well as utility. Fabric was expensive and every scrap was used in a household. Eventually enough leftover shirt or dress material would be accumulated and a new covering for an old quilt or blanket was sewn. As fabric became more available women started revising established patterns to show dexterity and more artistic ability. Some of those patterns have been passed down to current Cochise County residents. Many new pattern blocks come from variations of historical designs.

LongArm Spotlight on:

To get to our list of available longarmers on the website: Wendy H

On page 1: Select Quilting 101

Right column, scroll down to: [+ Local LongArm Quilters & Sewing Machine Repair for Hire \(click Here\)](#)



BLOTTO

October 2024 - January 2025 Blotto



No-Cut Folding Square

The next BLOTTO is bringing hope of spring. All fabric is provided and there is no cutting or trimming. Read the directions and/or ask questions.

If you have any questions, you can reach out to: Donna O (520-220-8851 or d_j_otto@yahoo.com).

2025 HSQG Quilt Show Entry Rules and Definitions

RULES:

Deadline for submission of entry forms is January 22, 2025. No late entries accepted. Completed entry forms must include photo and hang tag statement and be received by January 22nd. Be cautious of the deadline if mailing.

You must have a current HSQG membership to enter.

The entry must have been made by the guild member in whole or part.

You may enter only one quilt *per judged category*. Judged quilt entries must not have been judged in any other HSQG show.

You may enter multiple quilts for *Display* (not judged.) Entries will be accepted on a space-available basis.

The Show and Design Chairs reserve the right to limit the number of quilts per person if necessary.

A color photo must be submitted with your entry form; 3 x 5 to 4 x 6 only, cut to this size. **Write your name, quilt name, width and length on the back of the photo.** The Design Committee will assign hanging space using your photo.

An entry will be rejected if it is not clean and free of smoke odors and pet hair.

All quilts over 15 inches wide must have a 4.5-inch hanging sleeve **sewn** to the back of the quilt. Small quilts can use a 2 inch sleeve.

Quilts must have a label with quilter's name and quilt name, sewn on. If the quilt is being judged, the quilter's name must be covered with fabric secured by basting.

All entries must be brought to the **Ethel Berger Center, 2950 E. Tacoma**, on Wednesday, February 26th, from 9:00 - 11:00 am. The Committee will be responsible for getting all quilts to Buena High School on Friday.

All entries must be picked up on Sunday, March 2nd, from 3:45 – 4:30 pm with the receipt you are given at check-in.

The show chairs may re-categorize any entry to comply with the definitions.

All quilts purchased at the show will pay the Guild a 10% handling fee as per the bylaws.

Entry forms must be turned in to Georgia Mastin at any meeting or mailed to her home. (see roster)

Please don't submit an entry unless you are sure it will be ready for the show!

CATEGORY DEFINITIONS:

Appliqued: A quilt that is more than 50% appliqued.

Pieced: A quilt that is more than 50% pieced.

Mixed Techniques: A quilt that contains more than one technique in **equal amounts**.

Hand Quilted: Quilts of all sizes and techniques that are hand quilted. (You may also enter hand quilted items in other categories.)

Non-traditional: A quilt created as a work of art, reflecting innovative construction techniques, subject matter and/or materials and using no commercial patterns.

Machine Embroidery: A quilt that is more than 50% machine embroidered, all sizes.

Modern: Any techniques may be used but quilts in this category must feature at least one of the following criteria: 1) a significant amount of negative space, 2) dense graphic quilting, 3) the majority of fabrics used should read as solid.

Group: A quilt made by three or more people.

Other: Techniques not listed such as yo-yo, cathedral window, whole cloth and apparel.

CATEGORY SIZES: **Small** – perimeter less than 168". **Medium** – perimeter 168"-279". **Large** – perimeter 280" or greater

2025 Awards:

Awarded by the judge:

First, Second, Third and Honorable Mention ribbons as earned for each category

Exemplary Hand Quilting, Exemplary Computer Assisted Machine Quilting, Exemplary Free Motion Machine Quilting

Best Modern Quilt, Best Use of Color, Best of Show, Judge's Choice

Awarded based on the quilt show attendee votes: Viewer's Choice Ribbons (First, Second & Third)

Awarded by the Quilt Show Chair: HSQG Heart Award

For HSQG Use Only
Entry ID: _____

Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Show Entry 2025

Entry form due by Wednesday, January 22, 2025. No late entries accepted.

Name of quilt maker: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Mobile: _____

Name of quilt: _____

Size: Width _____ Length _____ Perimeter (W+W+L+L) _____ inches

Name pattern or design source _____ Is this a kit? Yes No

Who quilted this quilt? _____

Hand quilted _____ Machine quilted, computer assisted _____ Machine quilted, free motion _____

Is this quilt for sale? NO _____ YES, list sales price _____ (a 10% handling fee will be paid to the Guild)

If this quilt should be hung with other quilts such as the current challenge or a class, please name _____

Please check the appropriate statement:

My quilt will not be judged. (**Please skip to section B.***) My quilt will be judged

A

****Judged Quilts Only****

CATEGORY SIZES: Small – perimeter less than 168"
Medium – perimeter 168"-279"
Large – perimeter 280" or greater

Circle one category number in Section A. (Please refer to Show Entry and Category Definitions handout)

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|---|--|
| 1. Small Applique | 9. Medium and Large Mixed Technique |
| 2. Medium and Large Applique | 10. Hand Quilted |
| 3. Small Pieced | 11. Non-traditional |
| 4. Medium Pieced, Computer Assisted Quilting | 12. Machine Embroidery |
| 5. Medium Pieced, Free Motion Quilting | 13. Modern |
| 6. Large Pieced, Computer Assisted Quilting | 14. Group |
| 7. Large Pieced, Free Motion | 15. Other |
| 8. Small Mixed Technique | |

B

All Quilts

Please attach COLOR photo, 3X5 to 4X6 only. **Trim photo to this size.**
Write your name, quilt name, width, and length on back of photo.
Attach a SHORT (140 words or less) hang tag statement describing your inspiration for this quilt.
Information about your process or techniques is appreciated by the viewers.

I wish to enter the above item and agree to the rules as stated. I understand HSQG will take all reasonable precautions to protect my quilt but cannot be responsible for loss or damage during judging and the quilt show. Insuring the quilt is my responsibility. HSQG has my permission to photograph this quilt and use the photos to promote the guild including website display.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____ (Students)

Turn in entry forms to Georgia Mastin at any guild meeting or mail to Georgia (address in roster). All forms must arrive by the due date, January 22, 2025.



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: _____

Please make check payable to HSQG and mail to:

Hummingbird Stitchers 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): _____