



The Hummer

The Newsletter of the Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild

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January, 2025

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

January

The clubhouse will be open as follows:

Regular Wednesday Hours:
8:30-11:30

Except January 1—CLOSED

Regular Thursday Hours :
8:30-2:00

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

Good friends are like quilts, they age with you but never lose their warmth.

Happy New Year!!! Wow, 2025! May this be a year of joy, hope and lots of quilting! I hope each of you made happy, new memories during the holidays and are ready to get back to the normal things, like quilting.

We had a fun Saturday on the 7th of Dec, painting barn blocks at the guild. We finished 7 and will be using most of them to replace the tired ones on our building in the near future. Thank you to Janet W for setting this up.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bert and all who helped her set up our wonderful holiday party. It was a lot of fun, it was beautifully decorated and there was a lot of good food for all. It was such a pleasure to welcome our first 'class' of Life Members at the party. We are so fortunate to have such loyal and lovely ladies among our members.

As all of you know, the quilt show is rapidly approaching. It is time to get your quilts finished, the photos of them taken and the entry form(s) turned in. On Jan 16th, there will be several members available to take photos of your quilts in the meeting room at the guild. Note: that room will not be open for sewing that day. The monthly meeting will be focused on preparing for the quilt show: reviewing the volunteer positions, how to prepare your quilt, and answers to any of your questions. We want this to be a successful show and we need your help to make it so.

Also at the monthly meeting, we will hold the BLOTTO drawing, so if you have an unfinished one, be sure to finish it and bring it to put in the drawing.

There is a Blue Moon planned for the end of the month. Details to be announced later.

Happy Quilting!



Reminder of these Special Dates

Jan

8th, noon, BOD
16th, quilt photos
21st monthly meeting
21st BLOTTO drawing
22nd quilt entry forms due
22nd quilt help available
30th Blue moon

Feb

12th, noon, BOD
18th, 9am & 6pm, monthly meeting
19th, 9-3, workshop, no open sew
26th, 9-11am, quilt intake at Ethel Berger
28th, 4-9 pm, quilt show set up at BHS

WITH DEEPEST
Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to Wendy H on the passing of her Mother,

And to Irene V who lost her brother.

PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

January 2025:

Not a formal lecture, this will be a review session for entering your quilt in the show. There will be people ready to help you with:

- Entry Forms
- Selecting a Category
- Photographing your quilt,
- Labelling the quilt
- Making the Sleeve
- Final Tidying it up
- And more.

Entry forms are due January 22.

Two more things to remember: Your quilt does not have to be finished completely, just enough to take the picture. The Layout Committee needs to know the colors and sizes early.

Reminder for all Challenge Quilters: We would like to have all of these entered in the show. They can be judged or not, but they are a very popular special exhibit near the beginning of the show. Please fill out your form and turn it in.

February 2025:

Creating quilts by collage - Workshop - Wednesday from 10:00 to 3:00.

I know the February 2025 meeting is still some time away. We wanted you all to have time to look at the choices of patterns and make a selection. The teacher chose the ones she thought would be the easiest to learn the new technique. A few people have asked to try other patterns. The actual choices are posted at the Guild.

So, come on, all you quilters who filled out a request to learn the collage technique. Here's what you need to do:

1. Sign up and pay for the class (\$44)
2. Choose one of the five patterns
3. Go to Barbara's website and download the pattern. There will be a discount for paid students.
4. Read the pattern; there will be instructions about fabrics, etc.



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

April: 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 and issues to consider when sending your quilt out to a long-armed.

May meeting will be presented by the 3Dudes Quilting. This program and workshop feature how easy it is to make a fun quilt. Their patterns often begin with an easy pattern and can be tweaked in many directions for a different look.

Member Spotlight: Susan Ritter



Seeing my first quilt hanging in HSQG's first judged show was exciting – I was hooked. Then I was asked to chair the Community quilts committee and my personal quilting expanded exponentially. I have learned so much from other members. I served as President of HSQG for a few years and now even as co-chair of the programs and workshops committee.

Although I've tried applique and quilting, piecing is the most fun. I love seeing the pattern come to life. I often start with a pattern but change it part-way. Of course, the best part is finishing! I don't think I've ever repeated a pattern; each one started with an idea somewhere. Now I have space at home to hang my large quilts and enjoy rotating them around. The next open house will see a new exhibit. And then there's my flowers . . .

Donations for the Month of December

Aires Social Serv	18
Cochise Foster Care	12
Forgach House	20
Fresenius	7
Private individual	1
Project Linus	19
SW Cancer Ctr	15
TOTAL	92

Guild members are dedicated! We have distributed 571 quilts as of this month, and there are still three months left in the fiscal year! The Guild accounting year is from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025



Find a new friend—

If you are going to the Modern Quilt Con in Phoenix in Feb, I have contact information for a lady that is looking for someone to share a ride/hotel room. See Debi G for her information.



Additional Information from Gail S & Janet W, Community Outreach

We have had some requests for more "manly" quilts if possible. All the quilts are beautiful but stripes, plaids, solids for male recipients would be appreciated. The next Blue Moon sew together will be January 30. Themes for it could be making recently donated panels into quilts or making table runners with a simple pattern. All would go to the Boutique for sale.

LongArm Spotlight on:

To get to our list of available longarmers on the website: John & Melanie H

On page 1: Select Quilting 101

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

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LONG ARM QUILTING

John & Melanie Harris

3518 E Ojibwa St. Sierra Vista AZ

Edge to Edge and Custom up to 100"

John's Cell: 520-456-5827 Melanie's Cell: 520-678-9544



JANUARY Birthdays

Ann, H	Jan 3
Janelle, M	Jan 6
Nancy, M	Jan 6
Nena, R	Jan 8
Katherine, A	Jan 17
Kalista, D	Jan 17
EulaMae, T	Jan 19
Beth, H	Jan 27
Virginia, S	Jan 27
Merrie, H	Jan 29
Laura, K	Jan 29

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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.

2025 Quilt Show News

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!

Sierra Vista, Arizona Barn Quilt Trail - some Guild History—Part 2 of 2

Barn quilt trails

The first barn quilt trail in the United States was inspired by a woman named Donna Sue Groves in Ohio, in the late 1990s. After dialogue with friends and neighbors the first block was painted on her barn in 2001. That increased to 20 in the next few years. A quilt trail can be made up of any number of quilts, large or small, outside on buildings or inside store windows. Block designs are chosen as favorites by the maker or to represent the locale.

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.

Barn Quilt Trail Blocks

Members of HSQG met on December 7 to paint barn blocks and paint they did! ACM (aluminum composite material) was used for the block and it was easier to paint. Georgia M and Dana E had previously prepped the boards so we could start right in with graphing and taping designs. There are 6 new blocks to replace and add to the ones on the south wall of our building! Check the Show & Tell on the Guild website! Dr. Chun has been notified and we hope to have Maintenance mount them over the Christmas break. Since there is extra wall space we hope to add two more to complete the row. We could schedule another Barn Quilt Paint a Thon in the spring if there is enough interest.

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): _____