



The Hummer

The Newsletter of the Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild

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P.O. Box 1326, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636-1326

December, 2025

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 **except as shown below:**

Regular Wednesday Hours:
8:30-11:30

Regular Thursday Hours :
8:30-2:00

Holiday Party:

December 16 from 10:00 to 1:00

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

How fast the days fly by during the holidays! And yet we found time to put on a mini quilt show for the residents at Mountainview Gardens senior residence. Our boutique setup and sale was a great success and many residents are planning to come to our annual quilt show! Speaking of the quilt show, between decorating and baking, entertaining and shopping, wrapping and creating holiday gifts, time to get your entries in is fast approaching.

Remember, all the beautiful challenge quilts should be entered! They don't have to be judged but with all of them hung will make a really fun display. Thanks to all who participated! What a fun challenge !

I look forward to seeing you all at the Holiday party .

-Georgia

December Exceptions

The clubhouse will be closed on:

December 24 and 25

December 31 and January 1

Looking for Volunteers!!

We now have the entire kit for the 2027 Opportunity Quilt. There are twelve individual kits with 2-4 blocks to be made for each one. On Thurs, Dec 11, at 12:45pm, I will hold a short meeting for those who are interested in helping to make this beautiful quilt. You will take home the main instructions, specific instructions, any necessary templates and the fabric for your month. Please return the finished blocks no later than Thurs, Feb 12, 2026.

For any questions or comments, contact Debi G, 520-227-0381.



Please join us for our Holiday Luncheon

Tuesday, December 16, 2025
Time: 10:00 to 1:00

We will have a short guild meeting; and afterwards games, socializing and fun. We will have Bingo games, door prizes and "Guess the number of buttons" for a \$25 gift card.

Bring a dish to share, but, please no soups or chili as they spill easily. Coffee, water and hot tea will be provided, as will plates, napkins, cups and cutlery.

Bring one (1) yard of good quality cotton fabric for our fabric exchange. Put the fabric in a plain brown lunch bag. Bags will be provided should one be needed. (Participation is not required).

There will be a contest for the most creative holiday sweater. Please do not wear it as it will be displayed for voting.

**OPPORTUNITY QUILT FOR 2026**

Hi fellow Quilters!

The Holidays are fast approaching. Tickets make great gifts to add to Christmas Cards. Be sure to pick up an envelope or two at the Guild. Maybe add a couple bookmarks too! We have plenty...

Because this quilt has such vibrant colors, we are including two custom pillow shams! Also, we received the Appraisal for this quilt, \$2,950! Make sure to let your friends and family know!
-Thanks, Katie A.

**BLOTTO -
Winter Rolling Stone**

This new BLOTTO makes us think of winter. The kits are available at the guild. Read the directions and measure each step for accuracy. The drawing for this block will be January 2026.

There were 3 winners who each received 12 pineapple blocks: Donna O, Patricia B, Debi G. Congratulations to each! If you have any questions you can reach out to: Donna O (520-220-8851 or d_j_otto@yahoo.com).

DONATIONS

Donations for the month of November, 2025

Cochise Foster Care	10
Dialysis	10
Forgach	20
Fresenius	10
Project Linus	11
Relay for Life fundraiser	1
SW Cancer Ctr	10
NICP	16
Private individual	1
Lori's Place	12
Warrior Healing Ctr	18
Warrior Healing Ctr Fundraiser	1
Total	<u>120</u>

Dog and cat beds delivered to the animal shelter

Duffle bags repurposed and donated to NICP

Fun fact - from April 1, 2025 until November 22, 2025 the Guild has donated 477 quilts to those in need. And our year does not end until March 31, 2026! Give ourselves a big pat on the back. Well done! (Reminder, this does not reflect quilts made. The Guild has made more than that this year)

Member Vendors

Our 2026 quilt show will be here before you know it. Time to start thinking about having a table to display & sell your crafts. Even if you don't regularly, or ever do craft shows I know most of you do produce crafts of some sort or other. Consider getting a table this year & share your craft with those attending the show. Think of the money you could earn to buy more fabric!!! Apply early to make sure you get a spot. We are limited to 18 member vendor spaces. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Wendy Hirsch 520-609-4097

Attention all Collage lovers!

And anyone who missed the class or just wants to learn, or practice. Our speaker in February, Barbara Blackman- Guzak (who, by the way, got excellent ratings from those who took her class) has designed a hummingbird pattern, just for us. She is on the road again, but will be in Arizona in January. We have reserved a class on Saturday, January 10. Class maximum is 12, so decide soon and sign up.

December

Birthdays

Jackie, I	Dec 1
Leona, B	Dec 3
Deb, D	Dec 3
Dorthy, G	Dec 5
Lois, B	Dec 6
Sydney, B	Dec 6
Karen, N	Dec 13

CHECK OUT THIS FUN OPPORTUNITY!

The Great American Birthday Quilt

This is an opportunity to submit a quilt block for the creation of a huge quilt celebrating America's 250th birthday. This website will give you all the information you need including guidelines. The due date is February 28th. Go to:

www.visitwilliamsburg.com/williamsburg-250/american-birthday-quilt/

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2026 QUILT SHOW INFO

When you're ready to turn in your entry forms, you can drop them off at the guild or mail them. If you mail them in, make sure they're received by Jan 22, PO Box 1326, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636-1326.

Maggie Allen is collecting them. If she's not at the guild, ask that they be put in the yellow envelope that is inside the beige cabinet in the meeting room.

Sign-up sheets are out at the Guild. There are many opportunities to help out at the show. There are many jobs and we depend on everyone to help out. This show cannot happen without your quilts and your help.

DATES TO REMEMBER

15 & 22 Jan – 9am -11am Quilt Pictures, if you need them. Location: At the guild

22 Jan Last day to get your entries turned in.

25 Feb – 9am - 11am Drop off your quilts at Ethel Berger.

27 Feb, 4pm-9pm Quilt Show Setup at Buena

Reminders:

Quilts need sleeves sewn onto quilt back for hanging. See rules.

NO PINS

Quilts need labels with at least your name and quilt name. If quilt is being judged, cover name with fabric that is basted on. The cover will be removed after judging.

Any questions, please call or email:

Virginia McCabe

Kelly Reimer

Sherry Hurt



Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild Membership

April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

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	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adult Membership \$35	<input type="checkbox"/>
Junior Membership \$17.50	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joining to enter Quilt Show	<input type="checkbox"/>

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: _____

For Guild Use Only

Membership Number	
Check Number/Cash	
Amount Received	
Date Received	

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

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

Name: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Application for Members to Vend

Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild

2026 Feb. 28 & March 1

Tables are \$15 each with a limit of 1 table per member selling at the quilt show. Only items that are hand-made by guild members and are not sold through commercial venues are eligible to be sold in the member vendor area. This form must be completed and payment made by February 14, 2026.

There are 17 tables available. First come, first served. Please make checks payable to HSQG.

Drop off completed applications with payment at the guild or mail to:

Wendy Hirsch 1113 E Lena Way, Huachuca City, AZ 85616

Name: _____ HSQG# _____ Ad-
dress: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Need electricity yes/no

Terms and conditions for members to vend:

1. Only items that are handmade by guild members and are not sold through commercial venues are eligible to be sold in the member vendor area.
2. All tables must be manned during the hours of the quilt show. Your presence at the tables maintains security and increases your sales. Please feel free to arrange a schedule with family and friends.
3. Tables must be kept neat and presentable at all times. Please keep a pathway around your table to minimize the risks of potential accidents.
4. Backdrops and tablecloths are your responsibility.
5. All vendors are required to do their own cashiering. Please keep appropriate cash on hand to make your own change.
6. You will be personally responsible for calculating sales tax and acquiring the appropriate business license. Inquire at the City Hall.
7. Vendors may arrive not earlier than 8:00am Saturday and Sunday. "I agree to the terms and conditions of the Hummingbird Stitchers Application for Members to Vend."

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Check # _____ Cash \$ _____

For HSQG Use Only
Entry ID: _____

Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Show Entry 2026

Entry form due by Thursday January 22, 2026. 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)

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

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 Maggie Allen at any meeting or mail to HSQG PO Box 1326, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636-1326.

All forms must arrive by the due date, January 22, 2026.

Remember to attach COLOR photo, 3X5 to 4X6 only.

(You can trim photo to either 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.

2026 HSQG Quilt Show Entry Rules and Definitions

RULES:

Deadline for submission of entry forms is January 22, 2026. No late entries accepted. Completed entry forms must include photo and hang tag statement and be received by January 22. 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 must have a 4-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 February 25, 2026, 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 1**, 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 Maggie Allen at any meeting or mailed to the guild at HSQG PO Box 1326, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636-1326.

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

2026 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

Exemplary Piecing

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***Awarded by the Cochise County Sheriff's Assist Team:*** SAT Award***Awarded by the Quilt Show Chair:*** HSQG Heart Award***Awarded by Sierra Vista Mayor:*** Mayor's Award