



The Hummer

The Newsletter of the Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild

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

July

The clubhouse WILL be open as follows.

Regular Wednesday Hours:
8:30-11:30

Regular Thursday Hours :
8:30-11:30

Special Notes:

See page 10 for: **HSQG Board of Directors 2021-2022**

See pages 4 & 6 for: **Proposal to Change HSQG Meeting Days and Times**



Also:

We've been working on our "I wanna be a" tubs to make up kits for wall hangings, table runners, & any variety of quilt! Stop by any Wednesday or Thursday to have a project ready when our summer heat begins next month.

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

With summer officially here, I hope everyone is either enjoying the hot weather or staying cool.

I have been busy teaching quilting to middle and high school students enrolled in the summer academy at Buena High School, a new experience for me. I could not do it without the tremendous support of my co-instructor Candy Jennings and the other members who volunteered to help.

Volunteers make the organization hum and run, and we can never say thank you enough. There are several events coming up that are going to need volunteers. First is the Guild's sewing room sale, 25 Sept. 9am-1 pm at the Rothery Center. Next, Art in the Park provides us with an opportunity to sell raffle tickets and promote membership. 4-6 Nov. will be the Quilt, Craft, and sewing festivals where we also sell raffle tickets. Look for upcoming announcements about these and other events and consider joining the regular volunteers.

I would like to see some fresh faces working at these venues, interacting with members and the general public. Thanks again to all those behind-the-scenes workers who make our Guild successful.

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Best wishes to Betsy W for a speedy recovery from a serious illness at her daughter's home in Gilbert.

Blotto for May-August 2021

Kits are still available for the Flower Power Blotto for May-August 2021!!! Have fun with this easy appliqué flower block which you can keep as simple as you like or be creative with embellishments. Choose one to three flowers for your block and an appliqué method of your choice. When you pick up your kits at the Guild, see the four different methods that were used on the samples. If you have never done appliqué this is an easy block to try. The drawing for this Blotto will be Wednesday, August 4th.



If you have any questions call: Debi 227-0381 or Nancy 508-9044

Members Only Data Password Has Changed

While the HSQG is all about sharing the pleasure of quilting and fabric, some information is intended for only Guild members. Examples include our membership rosters, board meeting minutes, past BLOTTO patterns and our library. Guild only information is posted on our the Members Only page of our website and links to the data are password protected. To keep our information secure and as a benefit of membership, our password changes annually. This year our members only password changed on May 18. If you have any challenges access the Members Only data, please contact the Guild (hsqg@hummingbirdquiltguild.com); we'll check your membership status and get back to you with the new user name and password. Happy quilting and website surfing.

Community Quilts



Special thank you to Lois Klein for all the lovely backing fabric she donates to Guild. Such a generous lady with her quilts & fabrics.

You all really raise the level of quilts we distribute each month.



Who are you?

Many quilters would like to know. We currently have 96 paid members in the guild, but only 70 members have pictures listed on the roster in the members' only area. Especially since we have not seen each other for a while, we may need a refresher regarding your beautiful face. Please send me (Ann Walker) a picture or have one taken at the guide.



Member Moving

Ruth Ann A is moving to Tucson to be near her daughter. She has been a faithful helper, doing the binding on dozens of community quilts throughout the Covid crisis and beyond. As a parting gift, she has given the guild a fabulous embroidered quilt. The photo here doesn't do it justice as it is completely double-sided. It is scheduled to hang in our hospital display case from July until the end of September. If you happen to go to Canyon Vista, please take a few minutes to view her exquisite workmanship.

As a follow-up to this announcement, there will be a yard sale at Ruth Ann's home Saturday, July 10. Further details will be posted on the Guild's Facebook and web pages.



Op/Ed Opportunity

As your editor, I would like to hear from you. Do you have a question? Do you have a request? Maybe you would like to express an opinion on what's happening in the Guild? As long as it falls within the purview of the Guild guidelines, I would like for you, the membership to have a forum. I will try to get answers to questions, or direct your requests appropriately. In order to get an article in the current newsletter, I would have to have it by approximately the 20th of the month prior, and if there is an overflow (Yay!) some might spill into the next month. Maybe someone out there has an answer that I can't find - I'd love to make that connection for you. As an example:

Why Can't I See the Roster?

Well, just maybe you forgot about renewing your membership April 1? Maybe you thought there wasn't much going on, if we don't have program meetings with a speaker? Maybe the whole mask thing is a real nuisance? Maybe you were waiting for everyone to be vaccinated? Maybe you've just been working on projects at home? A little of all of these?

Well, hesitate no more. Every week former members return and we have several new members. We are having lots of fun and you don't want to miss out on anything.

Sure, Facebook gives you part of the story. If you stop in on Wednesday or Thursday, you get to see some incredible WIPs (works in progress.) New programs for this fall and winter are being set up already. Look for the Challenge quilts in November, the holiday parties in December, and Swan Sheridan of Swan Amity Studios with a brand new program for us in January.

The school district is still requiring masks, but they expect to be updating requirements soon.

We have a new President, a budget, and a requested date for the March 2022 Quilt Show. Come back and let's have some fun!

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2021 Challenge—Bring on the Blue!

Guidelines:

Quilts can measure 12 inches wide by 18 inches long, 18 inches wide by 12 inches long or 15 inches square. The quilt can have an irregular shape (i.e. wavy or jagged edges).

There are no subject requirements and use the quilting techniques of your choice (applique, piecing, embellishing, etc.)

All quilts will consist of a quilt top, batting, backing, "finished edge" label and sleeve.

Quilts must be **blue** and only **blue**.

Small amounts of neutral colors can be used. i.e. white, black, gray or cream/beige. For example, a blue fabric may have in it small black dots. The question to answer is "Does this fabric read as blue?" Also, neutral fabrics can be used in the quilt.

The question to answer "Is this a Blue Quilt?"

There are many colors that are combinations. For example, blue/green. If using one of these fabrics it should read as blue not green. If it reads as green do not use.

Please sign up for the Challenge by emailing Jill at holsonback@cox.net by July 1.

IMPORTANT: For all entries please email Jill at holsonback@cox.net by October 15 with your name, name of the quilt and size of the quilt.

The details of the quilt show and voting will be released in October.

Inspiration can be found in phrases, music, movies. Here are a few:

Once in a Blue Moon, Rhapsody in Blue, The Deep Blue Sea, True Blue, Blue Blood, Blue Velvet, As Cold as Blue Blazes, Like a Bolt from the Blue.

Also, inspiration can be found on the internet. Check out the Exhibit of Sapphire Quilts from Houston 2019 Quilt Show.

<https://www.quiltandtextilecollections.com/blog/the-sapphire-celebration>

Wanted: A quilter to take charge of the ribbons/prizes for the 2021 Challenge. No experience is necessary. Contact Jill Holsonback at the above email.

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

Possible Changes

The board has been reviewing the days set aside for our morning and evening programs and for workshops given by our speakers. It has been proposed that we have our meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, one in the morning and the other in the evening. When the speaker offers a workshop, that would be given the following day, Wednesday. For additional specific information, see page 5. Please send your thoughts on this proposed change to me (doriskwells@gmail.com) and I will bring them to the board at our next meeting. The new plan would go into effect when we resume a regular meeting schedule.

Doing Good All Year Round!

Besides all the quilts we make for the community, there are more ways you can help others this year. See the note about Peaches' Pantry in December's issue. The thing to remember about Peaches is that even though school is closed, kids are still hungry and the faithful workers at Peaches are there delivering food every week to kids who wouldn't eat otherwise.

Also, as you do your everyday shopping, remember the SmileAmazon option. IF you shop on Amazon and IF you have not already chosen a charity, you may select the Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild as your charity of choice. Google for SmileAmazon and follow the simple steps to choose a charity. Then each time you shop, log into Smile Amazon first – the website looks the same as before, but there will be a little button top left that shows your charity and tells you that they are donating a small percentage of your order.

Fry's Food and Drug Store has similar program. To use it, go to the Fry's website; look at the bottom of the page for the "Community Rewards" button. Follow the easy steps to set up a digital account and choose a charity. This does not conflict with the gas points rewards.



Birthdays

Linda K.	F	7/1
Deborah	V	7/2
Brian	B	7/4
Chari	P	7/6
Kathleen	A	7/7
Rebecca	R	7/7
Vivian	V	7/8
Yuki	P	7/12
Lynn	L	7/14
Patricia	B	7/15
Merrie	H	7/19
Gail	S	7/21
Audrey	M	7/24
Sheila	R	7/24
Joyce	L	7/26
Anne	B	7/27
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Donations and Quilt Sales report for June 2021

Quilt distribution for the month of June

Boutique	1
Lori's Place	5
SW Cancer	9
Total	15

Thanks again to all who made this possible! I will be out of town for a while so please contact Gail or Susan if a quilt is needed.

Janet Wilcox
Community Quilts

Proposal to Change HSQG Meeting Days and Times

Rationale: Present meeting days sometime conflict with Tucson Guild
This affects about 6-7 members.

1. Change days to last (or 4th?) Monday and Wednesday of the month; same times with Tuesday for the workshop

Pro: Would avoid Tucson dates
Would remove conflict with Show dates early in March
Con: Would conflict with Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays
2. Change meeting days to Tuesday with a morning and evening program on the same day. Workshop day on Wednesday

Pro: Might save one night hotel expense for local speakers
Would put the programs first, so more people might sign up for workshop.
Con: Would still conflict with Tucson if we stay in first week of month
Speakers from a distance probably would still need to come the day before
3. Change meeting days to third Monday and Wednesday of the month; workshop stays on Tuesday

Pro: Would not conflict with any holidays
Would not conflict with Show dates and deadlines
Con: Would necessitate changing BOD meetings, newsletter deadlines and publication dates
4. Combination



Introducing "*Something Blue*"

Tickets are now available for the 2022 Opportunity Quilt! Money raised from ticket sales will be used to fund our growing Community Quilts program.

Something Blue is 72" x 72"; the pattern is by Dutch designer Jacqueline de Jonge.

Piecing was done by Melanie Harris and fabulous custom quilting by Virginia McCabe.

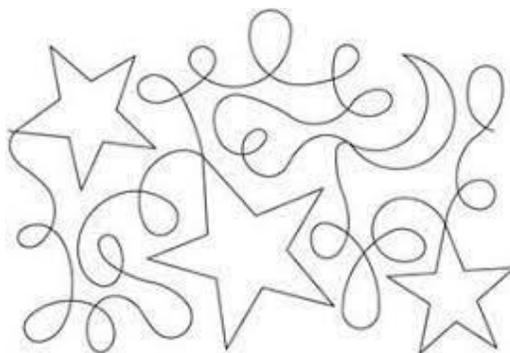
You may pick up tickets to sell at the Guild and start selling now! The drawing will be March 6th, 2022 at 2pm, the Sunday of our next quilt show. The Quilt will be on display throughout the year at Sew Easy Sewing in Sierra Vista as well as other events.

Hello Members:

Some of our HSQG members have had their emails hacked. It's not a good thing, but it happens. The bad guys use our members' email addresses to send malicious mail to everyone in that member's address book. You might get this kind of email. Beware!

1. If the sender says that they need for you NOT to phone them, just don't respond to the email: **IT'S A SCAM.** If you're concerned about a member and the email that they seemed to have sent, call them using the phone book or the Guild directory. Again, do not respond to the email.
2. If the "Vendor" says that they need a payment really soon: **IT'S A SCAM.** All vendor payments go through the Treasurer—I know who we owe, and I know how much, and I will handle it. That's my job.
3. If the "vendor" talks about Gift Cards IN ANY WAY: **IT'S A SCAM.** The Guild doesn't pay with Gift Cards. I write checks and I have invoices and receipts.

Wendy Seals, Treasurer



First Meeting Back

At this time, we are waiting on the school administration to set a date when we can again use our building for meetings. Once we have the go ahead, we will scramble to get moving again!!

Since many of us have not had a chance to see one another for a very long time, we are planning our first meeting to be a "Catch Up and Share" event. Instead of a set program, the meeting will be a chance to visit with each other and to have a grand Show and Tell. Each member will be invited to bring **one or two (maximum!)** quilts from the time we have been dealing with quarantine. Good stories about this time are also appropriate for the Tell portion of the evening. Cookies welcome!

Library Corner

Not your usual Storm at Sea quilt. Recently, some generous person dropped off books for the library. Included was a *Better Homes and Garden Sampler Collection Volume I*. This contained the Storm at Sea Pattern with several blocks changed to the color red. These red blocks form a subtle red heart. Many of the Thursday quilters liked the pattern so I am sharing it at the Library table at the Guild. Stop by and look. Please do not take the book so others can look at it too.



Calling all Long-arm Quilters (and Embroiderers)

Please get your information in as soon as possible, so a list can be compiled, for everyone's benefit!

Our members have asked for a reference list of quilters willing and able to do long-arm quilting for others. Your personal information would NOT be on the open newsletter; it will be on the guild's website under **Members Only**.

There is a form to fill out and send to the editor, Elizabeth Polhans at ecr1950@yahoo.com. If you prefer to mail, the address is in the Roster.

Embroiderers can use the same form.

One more thing: if you are quilting for others, **please make sure your business cards are on the bookshelf at the clubhouse.**

Thanks!

Name _____ Phone _____
Alt Phone _____
Email _____

Quilting available for (Yes/No): Guild _____
Paid Quilting for Personal Quilts _____

Type of Quilting (Ex: Edge-to-Edge, Custom, Hand-Quilting) _____

Embroidery available for (Yes/No): Guild _____
Paid Embroidery for Personal Quilts _____



Got something to sell?

Remember to check the Newsletter section of our website for Advertising Guidelines, as well as the Members Only section for special member discounts.



Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild Membership

April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022

*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 number _____ Cell phone number _____
 E-Mail address _____

Check all that apply:

- New Membership
- Renewal
- Adult Membership \$35
- Junior Membership \$17.50
- I am joining primarily to enter
a quilt in the Guild quilt show.

I understand that the primary goal of the Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild is to promote interest in and 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 I will uphold this goal and pledge my cooperation by working on the 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:

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Or deliver to the Membership Chair or Treasurer at a HSQG Meeting
 (www.hummingbirdquiltguild.com)

For Guild Use only	
Membership Number	
Check Number/Cash	
Amount Received	
Date Recorded	

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

Name: _____
 Phone number(s) _____

May 2021 Special Ballot Results

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Raffle Quilt 2021	Dorothy Goulding/Debi Guilmette/Coni Tiefel
Raffle Quilt 2022	Melanie Harris/Virginia McCabe/Marge Carrithers
<i>Arizona Hall of Fame has disbanded</i>	
Webmaster	Eileen A
Ways & Means activities	
Art in the Park	<i>vacant</i>
Tucson Quilt & Craft Expo	<i>vacant</i>