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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.

May

The clubhouse WILL be open as follows.

**Regular Wednesday Hours:
8:30-11:30**

**Regular Thursday Hours :
8:30-11:30**

Coming In May

Watch the website and keep looking for the latest news and updates! As you can imagine, we need to figure out our schedule as we get guidelines on maintaining the safety of our members. Thank you all.

Special Notes:

Remember, instead of making a President's block this year, you are invited to come into the clubhouse and sign a block you made last time, or one of the blank blocks.

Your ballot for next year's officers, next year's tentative budget and whether or not to have a quilt show in 2022 may be cast until Sunday May 9 or emailed to Susan Ritter.

The Sewing Room Sale was a success. We realized a total of \$1514.71. Well done all!

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

Good morning, quilters!

I hope this beautiful weather is inspiring all of us to look around us again. The scent of roses is drifting in my window, tempting me to go sit outdoors. I've had both vaccinations and am beginning to feel like getting out and about again. A bunch of us have taken the chance to travel a little and come back refreshed.

This is my last President's letter to you and next month Nas Mazuji takes over as President. I want to take a moment to thank all the Board members who served with me, the Committee Chairs who filled their posts and all the volunteers who helped our Guild survive a very difficult year. From the quilters who kept the clubhouse open even when we could only drop off and pick up projects to the truly heroic efforts of the Community Quilts volunteers to keep ahead of the requests for help (see end of year report elsewhere) to our Boutique volunteers who have made it possible to keep our doors open another year to our webmaster who spearheaded the re-design of our website, to the people who had to find ways we could stay connected and to those who stayed home and sewed – all of you deserve a standing ovation of applause.

As the guild activities come back up to speed this year, I'm taking a fresh look at my personal quilting: What kinds of quilts appeal to me now? What do I need to learn next? Where will this quilting adventure take me now?

Susan



Our best wishes to Lois Bloom as she recovers from a serious illness.

April Sewing Room Sale

Saturday, April 17 was a new adventure for me. I've done some really big garage sales, but nothing quite like the Sewing Room Sale. Someone asked me what I had done for publicity. Publicity, was I supposed to do that as well? I hadn't even thought of it! But the question put me in motion and we got some publicity out there. (I think next time, I'll place a Herald newspaper ad as well). So many things I didn't even know I didn't know. Well, next time around, I'll be a bit more prepared. However, so many of you volunteered your time and expertise and helped me be better prepared than I thought I could be!

With aid of so many experienced volunteers – who had been there and done that - the guild managed to bring in almost \$1500.00 from the sale. All from stuff we didn't even pay for. I know I ended that sentence with a preposition, but this is due tomorrow and I need to get 'er done.

Thank you to all of you who participated in so many ways. Let's hope the fall one is as successful.

Debbie Lassich

Condolences

One of the special notices we received this month was the passing of Millie Fehrenbach. I was reminded once again of how quilting appreciation and skills are passed down and shared through the generations. Many of our members quilt with a relative. Most of us have made quilts to celebrate family occasions. Millie's family used to spend a weekend quilting together and then coming to the Monday evening meeting. Lovingly known as "The Family" many retreats were enlivened with their stories. Please give your condolences to our members: daughters Sonja M and Carol S, sister Linda Y, and sister-in-law Shirley G.

Sunday, March 28, 2021 Mildred (Millie) Fehrenbach of Sierra Vista was called home at age 89. Millie is survived by her five children, a brother, and a sister. Her children Sonia and Carol and her sister Linda always came to Guild meetings, retreats, and shows. She had a passion for quilting and was a long time member of the Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild. She considered everyone family. She loved bright, vivid colors and was always interested in everyone's projects.

Susan

Community Quilts



Here are the last 20 of the quilts for 2020 year. That means we made 550 awesome gifts for deserving people.

Thank you so very much!



Reminder: Time to join/rejoin and pay your dues!

Your loyal membership and participation are what keeps our guild going, especially in these difficult times. Please take a moment and review the Membership Application on page 9 to make sure your information is current. The application contains instructions to get your information and dues to the guild. We all look forward to seeing each other, hopefully soon!

Jane labeled the 1st batch of Community Quilts for April. Definitely our quilters are out & about as we dropped to 15, but all lovely & very appreciated.

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.

PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

No programs are planned at the moment until further notice. Due to the coronavirus spiking in our county and the rest of Arizona, and to the uncertainty of travel and school closings, we are not scheduling any outside program speakers until further notice. We remain open on Wednesday and Thursday mornings for work sessions and drop-off/pick-up. We hope to be able to have our monthly meetings in some form. As soon as we know, notices will be posted on the Guild website, newsletter, Facebook, and e-mail. Thank you for your support.

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

Constance L T	May 6
Mary T	May 13
JoAnn V	May 17
Lucy Ellen B	May 18
Linda Sue H	May 24
Marilyn C	May 25
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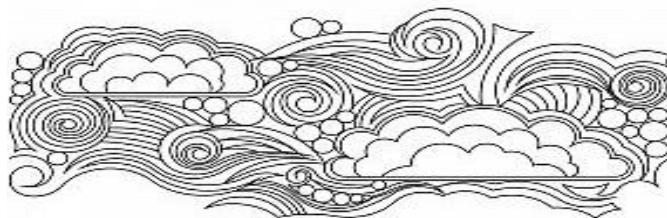
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We've been working on our "I wanna be a" tubs to make up kits for wall hangings, table runners, & any variety of quilt! Stop by any Wednesday or Thursday to have a project ready when our summer heat begins next month.



Donations and Quilt Sales report for April 2021

April donations (new year):

Quilts of Valor	1
SW Cancer Ctr	6
WIC	<u>14</u>

Total 21

Thanks to all members! As usual, please let me know of anyone or organization in need.

Janet Wilcox
Community quilts Chair

Blotto Corner

Blotto for February - May 2021



Don't forget to turn in your completed blocks for the Jewel Box Blotto. When you turn in your blocks, pin a note with your name to each block. If your block meets the size and color requirements, you will have one chance to win for each block you enter. The winners will be notified by phone or email. The drawing for the blocks will be Wednesday, May 5, 2021.

Blotto for May-August 2021



The new Blotto for May-August 2021 is Flower Power!!! This Blotto is an easy appliqué flower block which you can keep as simple as you like or you can have fun embellishing it. Choose one to three flowers for your block and an appliqué method of your choice. Four different methods have been used on the samples at the guild. If you have never done appliqué this is an easy block to try. Kits will be available on May 5nd at the guild.

Doris Wells will be doing a demo workshop on appliqué methods. Please see the notice in this newsletter for information regarding dates and times

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



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.

Summer Activities for Kids

The Sierra Vista Schools are looking for ideas for a summer program for grades K-12 any time during the 6-week period of June 7 to July 16. Programs can be any length, any age group, any topic. We could host high schoolers for a couple hours every week; we could present a one-day make-a-project for younger children.

The topic, age group, and frequency are up to us. Only one person per session needs to be fingerprinted; other volunteers will not need fingerprinting. We will be able to use their space. For instance, if we worked with high schoolers, we would have a dedicated art room and our equipment could be stored safely.

At this point, the District is looking for ideas: for example, the age group we are interested in, the length of our sessions, etc. They will send out a message to parents and students to determine how much interest there is before scheduling classes.

In return, the District will consider this effort as part of our rent. It is government-funded and the payment generous.

We need to submit an application; I have copies you can review. If anyone is interested in working with children or young people, please contact Nas Mazuji at nmazuji@gmail.com or Susan Ritter at swilcox3@mindspring.com

Great Library Addition

Donated to the Guild library last month, we now have a copy the latest edition of Barbara Brackman's ***Encyclopedia of Quilt Blocks***. Not only does it add about 100 new blocks, but this edition is in color. The blocks are beautiful just to browse through. It is available for browsing at the clubhouse now and can be checked out after June 1.

New Blotto Block Session

The new blotto block is an applique block. For those who have not done a lot of applique, we have set up two workshop sessions to talk about some of the applique techniques that can be used to make this block. The sessions are scheduled for May 6th and June 3rd, in the Guild Hall from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. It will be a demo, rather than a hands-on session with a handout for you to take with you. No need to sign up; just come along.

--Doris Wells

Password Change

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 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 will again change on May 15. Prior to the change, an email will be sent to all members with the NEW User Name and Password. If you join the guild after the change, look at the back of your membership receipt. After the change, if you have any challenges, 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.

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 ec-r1950@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 _____

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER **Members Only Access Password Changing**

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP REMINDER It's that time of year again. Time to renew your membership. This year the membership dues are **\$35**. You can drop off the dues at the clubhouse on Wednesday or Thursday mornings 8:30 to 11:30. Or you can send a check and membership form to Mail: HSQG, P.O. Box 1326 Sierra Vista, AZ 85635. Please check the information we have about you on the members-only roster (e.g., phone number, email address, birthday, picture). If any information is incorrect or missing, please send that information to the membership chair at Ann.Walker@live.com. You can see that information at the HummingbirdStitchersQuiltGuild.com, members-only section. If you forgot the username and password, call Ann Walker at 520-236-9959 or email her at Ann.Walker@live.com.

A benefit of being a member of our guild is access to our Members Only tab of our website. Information available only on the Members Only tab includes the library listing, members roster, board meeting minutes and more. When you renew your membership, look on the back of your receipt for the new password. In addition, our mistress of Membership, Ann W will email you to confirm your email address AND send you the new password. The new password will start on 15 May 2021. If you forget your password contact our website email and we'll send it to you after we verify your membership.



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:

Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild
 P.O. Box 1326
 Sierra Vista, AZ 85636-1326

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) _____

Special Business Meeting Notice to All Members

In a normal year we would have elected new officers at the January evening business meeting. Then we would have voted for a proposed annual budget and whether to have a quilt show at the April daytime business meeting. Our regular schedule was interrupted and the guild has continued to function as best we could. Some activities such as our Community quilts surpassed themselves this year.

However, we are now at a point where we can catch up to our regular schedule and make ourselves legal again. The proposed slate of officers is:

President	Nas Mazuji
Future President:	<i>vacant</i>
Secretary:	Debbie Lassich
Treasurer:	Wendy Seals

Also on your ballot for ratification is the proposed budget for 2021-2022. This is our best guess as to what we will be doing this year. If conditions change drastically, we will come back to the members for your approval. See bottom of this page.

The final item on your ballot is a yes/no vote on whether to hold a quilt show in 2022. We are on the school's draft schedule for the first weekend in March 2022. And we are beginning to sell tickets for the 2022 Opportunity Quilt in the hope that next year will be back to normal. The final decision still rests with the school board.

There are several ways to vote: you may print and tear off the last page of this newsletter and drop it off at the clubhouse during our regular Wednesday/Thursday hours. OR you can mail your ballot to our P.O Box 1326, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636. OR you can send an e-mail to Susan Ritter at swilcox3@mindpring.com All ballots must be received by Sunday May 9.

Thank you for your participation.

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.

May 2021 Special Ballot

Vote for:

President:	Nas Mazuji
Vice President:	(vacant)
Secretary:	Debbie Lassich
Treasurer:	Wendy Seals

Please circle your choice:

Proposed Annual Budget 2021-2022 (see page 2)

Yes
No

Should we have a Quilt Show in 2022

Yes
No



2020-2021 Donations

Chair Report

This past year was a period of stress because of the Covid-19 virus. Members were unable to meet as a group for periods of time, presentations and workshops were cancelled. Normal activities were severely restricted. So we as quilters did what we do best - made quilts. Keeping in touch at a distance, keeping the Guild rooms open for drop off/pick up, posting on Facebook, our members rose to the challenge to make a record number of quilts this past year. It turns out that in times of national stress, more quilts are requested, too. Together, our members made 550 quilts and donated 541 to many organizations in and around Cochise County. Thank you to all the members who gave of their time and expertise, promoting interest and appreciation in fiber arts.

Quilts donated

Boutique	15
CASA Hospice	2
Chantal's House	11
Cochise Oncology Center	21
Cochise County Foster Care	123
SV Dialysis Center	25
Forgach House	40
Ft Huachuca Community Fundraiser	1
Hoop's House	21
Jennifer House	17
Kiwanis Fundraiser	1
Mary's Mission	7
Fresenius Dialysis	12
Mt View Apartment Fire	20
Private individuals	36
Quilts of Valor	6
SW Cancer Ctr	80
Valor Hospice	2
Vietnam Vets of America	19
Warrior Healing Ctr	28
WIC Program	<u>54</u>
Totals	541

4,691 Covid-19 face masks were made and distributed

Salvation Army and St Vincent de Paul received fabric and supplies

Peach's Pantry – SVPS received donations from Guild members

Donation of hats and gators made by a member to Operation Gratitude

Donation of fabric-scrap dog beds made by a member to Animal Shelter

Janet