



# 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.*

## January

The clubhouse will be open as follows.

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

**Regular Thursday Hours :  
8:30-2:00**

## Special Quilt Show 2023 Note:

See p. 8 for Member Vendor Applications  
and

See p. 5 for additional information



## \*\*\*\*\* President's Message \*\*\*\*\*

I hope everyone had a great holiday season. I am looking forward to longer and warmer days! Currently I am still working on my show quilts and trying to get my paperwork in. I know the show chairs will appreciate getting as many of your forms as early as possible.

Ann W has been working on our library system and we want to let members know that we have a lot of books available. If you look through any of the books, please initial the card so we can gauge how much use the books get. No point in keeping a library if no one looks at them!

Our Jan meeting will be on the 17th and the workshop will be on Wed, the 18th. Suzie Weaver is a great presenter and I always learn a lot of practical tips from her classes. Please come in and sign up for her workshop at the Guild.

Thanks to the members who volunteer at all our events and who are creating so many quilt tops, quilting the tops, binding and labeling them. We also have a group led by Janet W who are putting quilt blocks up all over town. Sierra Vista will have its own quilt block trail! Volunteers are truly the foundation of the Guild.

Nas M

## Good Luck

Good luck to Jane and Larry B as they relocate to Casa Grande. Jane will have the same phone number and e-mail.

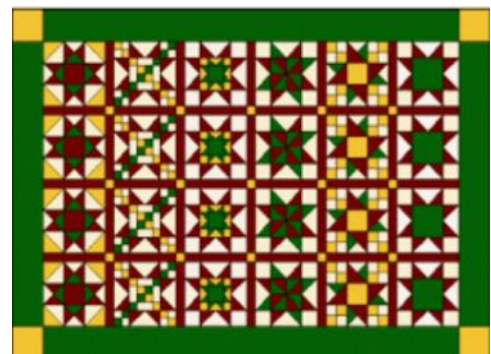
WITH DEEPEST  
*Sympathy*

Our sympathy goes out to Dorothy G on the recent loss of her brother.



We wish Beth H a speedy recovery from surgery & treatment.

Best wishes to Wendy S for a speedy recovery from surgery.



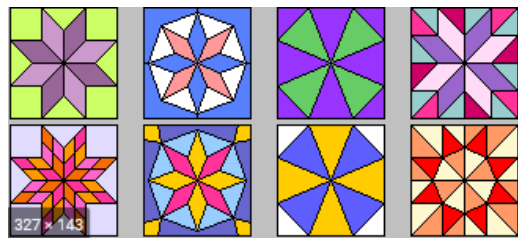
**Blotto News**

October- January 2023 Blotto



The winners for the current Blotto, the Spool Block, will be drawn at the morning meeting on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure your blocks have been turned in before that meeting. If you have questions contact Debi G. or Nancy B. This is the last Blotto for Debi G. and Nancy B. Starting with the January Blotto, Desiree C. and Donna O. have volunteered to do Blotto.

The new Blotto will be introduced and available at the January meetings!!!



**Introduction to Barn Quilt Trail (see p.3):**

In 2021, the Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild began a collaboration with the City of Sierra Vista to promote the redeveloping West End, Sierra Vista's oldest and most historic part of town. With support of City Council, the Guild began developing a "barn quilt" trail, featuring painted quilt patterns on wood or aluminum, which are mounted on buildings. Traditional placement is, of course, on barns in agricultural areas. Placing them on commercial buildings in Sierra Vista's evolving West End brings these colorful, artistic blocks close together to create a (mostly) walkable trail.

The Guild continues to expand placement of these "barn quilt" blocks, both as a way to promote the local community and to promote interest in quilting and fiber arts. The Guild holds an annual quilt show each March, and as a group, creates and donates quilts to organizations around the county. The Guild has made and distributed over 4,200 quilts since 2009.

Learn more about the Guild at [HummingbirdQuiltGuild.com](http://HummingbirdQuiltGuild.com).

**Donations for December, 2022**

Boutique	5
SW Cancer	8
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13</b>

Janet W  
Community Quilts

Thank you to Shelly Cobb from northern Phoenix, who donated 27 quilt tops to us. She'd been chatting with a former member, Joann V who lives up there now. Pictures of the tops are on FB. We'll work them thru our regular quilting queue. If you got a new long arm for Christmas and want to practice, come on by! We can fix you up!

**Membership Alert!**

The photo taking session at the August meeting was a great success! 49 members got their pictures taken for the HSQG Membership Photo Directory, which means that 75% of the members have a photo in the directory. This is a huge help to new members (like me) who are working to put names and faces together. Look for the Photo Directory on the HSQG website shortly!

We'll be scheduling another photo session in the fall so those of you who do not have a photo in the directory (or those who want to update their photo) will have another opportunity for John H to snap a portrait. As a bonus, John is sending members a copy of the photo he took, for personal use!

Thanks to John and Melanie for helping with this effort!

Mary R

## Barn Quilt Trail

### 1. Cyr Center Park, 111 W. Cyr Center

Cyr Center Park is home to a dozen barn quilt squares including Card Trick, creating the image of layered cards; Square on Square, a traditional block also called the Economy Quilt Block; Shooting Star, a pattern that utilizes 45-degree angles; Snails Trails, blending 45- and 90-degree angles to create a charming curve; Maple Leaf; and Kansas Troubles, dating from the 1850s, when tensions between the North and South drew the would-be state into the national feud leading up to the Civil War. You'll also see Old Gray Goose, a block dating back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century, also called Devil's Claws and Double Z. The Road to California block, commemorating the difficult pioneer trek West; Americana Flag, a red, white, and blue patriotic block; Arizona Star, pieced with half-square triangles; Amish Star, a 9-patch with colorful inset triangles; and Four Corners Variation, bursting with color.

### 2. Private Residence, 27 NW Kayetan Drive

The Heavenly Star square, also known as "snow crystals," adorns this private residence.

### 3. Columbian Hall, 156 NW Kayetan Drive

Five blocks are displayed at Columbian Hall, including Arizona Star, one of the vintage State of the Union blocks; Fifty-four Forty or Fight, named for the 1840s tussle over the border between what was then Oregon Territory and British-controlled Western Canada; Garden of Eden, a turn-of-the-twentieth-century Amish block; Goose Tracks, with a playful position of parallelograms to create the splayed goose print; and Mosaic, a 19<sup>th</sup> Century forerunner to Grandmother's Flower Garden and the American fascination of the Crazy Quilt.

### 4. St. Andrew Church, 800 Taylor Drive

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church showcases two squares, the Friendship Star, popularized during the westward expansion as pioneers made new homes far from friends and family in the East, and the Star of Bethlehem, one of the oldest traditional quilt patterns.

### 5. Carmichael Elementary School, 701 N Carmichael Avenue

Hummingbird Stitchers Guild members worked with Carmichael Elementary School to give students a short lesson about the art, math, and social studies aspects of quilting. Following the lessons, members and students developed this Ohio Star block, placed outside the school.

### 6. Private residence, 66 DePalma Street

A square representing the sunburst and copper star on the State of Arizona flag is displayed at this private residence.

### 7. Move City Church, 200 North Avenue

Move City Church selected a cross block in red, white, and blue.

### 8. Hoppin' Grapes, 409 W Fry Boulevard

See how color impacts design with the two Ohio Star blocks styled with opposite colors on each block at this location. You'll also find Around the Square, Clay's Star, and a Hummingbird block, giving a nod to Sierra Vista's nickname of "Hummingbird Capital of the United States."

### 9. Landmark Café, 400 W Fry Boulevard

Landmark Café is home to six blocks. The central flower of the Saguaro block is encircled with sharp triangles and tricky angles. You'll also find two styles of Churn Dash, a block popular with homesteaders; Springfield, a diamond-and-square pattern in green and blue; Disappearing 9-patch, so named for the construction method of the block; and a variation on the Strip Block square.

### 10. Julie & Sammy's Ice Cream, 268 W Fry Boulevard

Here, the Turnstyle block in pink and green is a cheery welcome to Sierra Vista's hometown ice cream shop.

### 11. Angry German, 355 W Wilcox Drive

Bright, contrasting colors make the New Album block stand out at Angry German, an independent restaurant and bakery. You'll also see an Ohio Star block with a pops of green that offset the center square.

### 12. Sierra Vista Herald, 102 S Fab Avenue

Another nod to Sierra Vista's favorite bird, the Sierra Vista Herald's Hummingbird block is accented with pinwheel blocks on the corners, small flowers full of nectar for this colorful mascot.

### 13. Sew Easy, 100 S Second Street

What else would you find at Sew Easy besides a Spool block?! The pink and blue spools feature a colorful "thread" between the spool ends.

### 14. We Frame It, 590 E Fry Boulevard

Interlocking Squares and Pinwheel Maze blocks can be found at We Frame It. With bold lines, these two blocks give an interesting, and color twist, to strip piecing.

### 15. Monty's Motors, 601 E Fry Boulevard

A Disappearing 9-patch block is displayed here. The combination of colors, cuts, and rearrangement of the basic 9-patch creates a stunning dimensional effect.

### 16. Fry Pioneer Cemetery, 112 N 7<sup>th</sup> Street

Fry Pioneer Cemetery, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is home to five large blocks that represent Sierra Vista's history. Kansas Troubles, a sawtooth pattern in prairie sunflower yellow, along with an Arizona Star block in bright yellow and blue. Those, along with Texas Star, Mexican Star, and Carpenter's Star blocks, celebrate the diversity of Arizona's earliest settlers. The Carpenter's Star, said to be one of the fifteen "escape" patterns used in the Underground Railroad, signaled that slaves should pack provisions for travel.

### 17. Petit's Auto Care, 500 E Bartow Drive

On the Road Again, a block shown at this location, is a modern block with roads and one of today's SUVs.

### 18. Bella Vista Elementary School, 801 N Lenzner Avenue

An in-school learning experience for the students at Bella Vista Elementary School resulted in a bright yellow and green Ohio Star block. Quilt Guild members explained real-life application for geometry, along with art and social studies, to help students design this block.

### 19. Private residence, 3498 Little Hill Lane

Find three blocks above the garage door at this private residence, including a Shooting Star, Friendship, and Lone Star block.

### 20. Private residence, 1830 Mission Viejo Drive

The Pinwheel block displayed at this private residence is a fancy version of the oft-seen Pinwheel pattern. This block pieces 8 triangles for each of the 12 points on this colorful pattern on a black background. Another Hummingbird block is also displayed here.

### 21. Private residence, 1830 E Ojibwa Street

Too pretty to pass up, the Pinwheel block seen in stop 20 is also on display here. A private residence, the block is a challenge to any quilter, or simply beauty to behold.

# JANUARY

## Birthdays

Kay (Kathryn) W	Jan 3
Shirley A	Jan 6
Mickey W	Jan 6
Jean K	Jan 17
Shari W	Jan 18
Jeannine G	Jan 19
Caroline F	Jan 20
Jerri "Lea" N	Jan 21
Joan B	Jan 27
Beth K	Jan 27
Dot R	Jan 27
Jill H	Jan 29

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### Editor's Note:

I am, unfortunately, unable to work with a **.pdf** 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.

## Community Quilts



### Barn Quilt Block Trail

Three new quilt trail blocks have been completed. One blue/black/white for Carmichael Elementary, one green/gold/white for Bella Vista Elementary, one private that is an Arizona flag. Village Meadows Elementary School will be next with a turquoise/gray/white block. JoAnn V is working on a set of supplemental instructional materials for the schools.



### Henry Hauser Museum Boutique Display

The Boutique has changed its arrangement with the Museum Gift Shop. Marta Messner from the Gift Shop will browse our Boutique inventory and purchase directly from the Boutique. As items sell she will return and choose items to replenish her stock. The Gift Shop encourages local artists and this should continue to increase Guild visibility.

### BARN QUILT BLOCKS FROM THE PAINT-A-THON

#### Barn Block Request

Do you have a Barn Quilt Block on display at your house? This means a block that is visible from the street without intruding on your home.

If you have such a block, please send your name and address to Susan R so that we can keep a spreadsheet of where they are. Thanks!

### ...And Regarding the Barn Quilt Effort

As you may know the Guild is working with the City in initiating a barn block quilt trail. We are supporting this and several barn quilt blocks are already displayed along Fry Blvd in the West End. The City gave the Guild seed money to buy paints and supplies but barn blocks are not restricted to the area.

We have been approved to provide each elementary school a block in their school colors and Carmichael Elementary is the first one. In conjunction with that the principal is hoping for a tie-in classroom unit "hook" with students in art/social studies/math:

Discussion of colors and design **(Art)**

Make their own quilt block using an 8" template on paper **(Art)**

History of quilts **(Social Studies)**

How to measure angles, components and patterns **(Math)**

It's really a wide-open area. I will be meeting with the Carmichael art para professional to do some brainstorming on how to most effectively introduce these concepts. I am assuming there is an art person at the other schools and will work my way around when the Carmichael block is completed and mounted. The principal already has selected a spot on the building and is proposing a small ceremony of some sort for the mounting.

Thanks,  
Janet W

### **Good News, Hummers!**

We have a volunteer to take over as Quilt Mom starting immediately. Desiree' C is taken over this job immediately.

We do **still** have an opening as a volunteer to keep track of raffle tickets for the opportunity quilt. This is not difficult but does require you to make sure there is a supply of raffle tickets available for each event where we sell them. They get checked against the log and money passed to our Treasurer, Wendy S. Please see Virginia M, Georgia M, or any Board member if you could take this over.

And a small reminder, our rent pays for the use of the building, utilities, and our storage. Cleaning is NOT included. The Thursday sewing Hummers do all the setup and take down for our meetings, as well as vacuuming and taking home the trash. Any help is deeply appreciated.

### **QUILT SHOW NEWS!**

I hope everyone has selected their quilts for the 2023 Show, March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at Buena High School. Deadline for entry form is Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> (or any time before give to Georgia M.) Each form must include a 4x6" photo, if the colors in the photo are not clear, please write a description on the back.

Quilts will be received March 1, from 9-11 am at Ethel Berger Center. Remember this year we will expect them all to be folded correctly (a folding diagram is at the Guild). Please be sure your quilt is free of hair and odors that could be transferred to other quilts.

Signup sheets are at the Guild, this is a big event, we need everyone to participate to make it happen.

I hope everyone had a great holiday!

Melanie H. Quilt Show Chair

#### **2022 QUILT SHOW DATES:**

**Jan 19<sup>th</sup>: Entry Forms Due (or give to Georgia M any time before)**

**March 1<sup>st</sup>: Intake all Quilts at Ethel Berger Center 9-11am**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>: Judging at Ethel Berger Center**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>: Set Up at Buena High School 4pm – 9pm**

**March 4<sup>th</sup>: Show OPEN 9am- 5pm**

**March 5<sup>th</sup>: Show OPEN 10-3pm, Pick Up Quilts 4pm**

### Challenge quilt results

1st: Deb Guilmette



2nd: Virginia McCabe



3rd: Neva Chun



**American Legion Post #73**

**American Legion Auxiliary Unit #73**

We donated 19 quilts to them. They are the unit that also works with the VA Home that's affiliated with the hospital.

Part of the fun of quilting is the social bits – getting to know other quilters and their work. We had that chance October 11 at Susan R's house. Coffee, cookies, some quilts to view, door prizes and lots of conversation. If you missed it, or if you'd just like to see everyone again, there will be another one scheduled after the holidays.

And you don't have to wait that long! The Hummingbird Stitchers Holiday Party will be held early in December (see article on Page 3)

Or come any Wednesday or Thursday. Spend any amount of time, work on your own or a Guild project; there are many things you can do. Guaranteed -- the best way to get to know people is to work together.

Message on **Change of meeting and program days for the guild:**

Beginning May, 2022, Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild meetings will be held on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. and at 6:00 p.m.** Workshops will be scheduled for the **3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday.**

Watch the following video to see some of our barn quilt blocks, about halfway through:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=XgjkFxV1GeI>

## PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

### PROGRAMS

Tues, 17 Jan 2023 Morning & Evening—Susie Weaver will give our program this month on: "Fine Tuning Your Quilts".

Tues, 21 Feb 2023 – Morning & Evening – Michelle Watts will be giving us a lecture and more information will be updated soon.

Tues, 21 Mar 2023 – TBD

Tues, 18 Apr 2023 - TBD

### WORKSHOPS

Wed, 18 Jan 2023 – Susie Weaver will give a workshop on "Binding and Blocking". A nicely done binding is the perfect finish to any quilt project, but the binding process can be intimidating if you don't know the basics. Join Susie and learn some pointers that will help you bind your quilts with nice straight edges and perfectly mitered corners. She will also demonstrate when and why blocking is such an important part of the finishing process. The cost is \$25.00 and will start at 9:00am.

Wed, 22 Feb 2023 – Michelle Watts will be back! The design is "Creative Chaos"! The class cost is \$40.00 and will start at 9:00 am and end around 2:00 pm. Through some very simple exercises you will learn to draw your own design, or you can choose one of Michelle's abstracts. She will also have a butterfly pattern available for \$9.00. No sewing machine is needed as you will have a block ready to take home to stitch. The Supply List and additional information are at the Guild. If you can't get down to the guild, email me, Patti H, and I will send it to you.

Wed, 22 Mar 2023 – TBD

Wed, 19 Apr 2023 -TBD



### GOING FAST!

Need another good quality T-shirt? Purple and turquoise colors available are flattering to most of us. At the rock bottom price of \$5.00 you are getting excellent value. These are good quality purple or turquoise cotton shirts with the Guild hummingbird logo on the front. They wear well. Most sizes still available. Come check them out and look for your size any time the clubhouse is open.





**Application for Members to Vend**  
 Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild  
 2023 Show March 4 and 5

Tables are \$15 each with a limit of 2 tables per member selling at the quilt show. 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. This form must be completed and payment made by February 15, 2023. Only 10 tables available. First come, first served. Please make checks payable to HSQG.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

HSQG# \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to pay for 1 2 tables. (Please circle one) 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 cashing. 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 9:00am Sunday.

"I agree to the terms and conditions of the Hummingbird Stitchers Application for Members to Vend."

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Member Vendor Table Applications now available.** 10 tables available. First come, first served. Reserve yours with application and check. Karen H



## Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild Membership

**April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023**

*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](http://www.hummingbirdquiltguild.com))

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Check Number/Cash	
Amount Received	
Date Recorded	

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number(s) \_\_\_\_\_