



# 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.*

## June

At this time the school board has not closed our site. The clubhouse WILL be open on a limited basis for pick-up and drop-off of projects.

Temporary hours are:

Wednesday from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

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Please watch the website for updates on meetings and work sessions. As we get more information on what we can do, it will be posted there.

## Coming In July

Watch the website and look for the July newsletter to keep up with the latest news! 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.

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

Wow! Quilters are amazing, aren't they? And the Hummingbird Stitches are right at the top! Check out the report on page 3 from Janet about how many quilts we donated last year and how many we've already made this year. I love working on community quilts myself – I get to try out so many new patterns. You know this is how I learned to quilt. When you're a beginner, you jump in and make everything you see. Then you realize you have no more room in the guest bedroom and everyone you know has one of your quilts already. What do you do? Start making community quilts!

The Guild has been so busy making masks I think we need to take a breather and think and talk about quilts again. How about giving some thought to the embellished quilt you are going to hang in the guild challenge in November? How about posting your quilt blocks on the guild's Facebook page? I've seen a few things posted, but surely the rest of us are doing something, too?

Your Board is working with our landlord, Dr. Chun, to work out a plan for re-opening the clubhouse to our regular hours. We will post any news as soon as we know it. One thing certain to be required is face masks for all of us. Won't it be fun to see everyone again and catch up on all the news?

P.S. A quick note to let you know that this is the first newsletter created by Elizabeth Polhans. Many of you will remember her from her Squirrel's Nest time. She has returned from Las Vegas to her favorite guild – and already volunteered to help. Hurray! So be nice when you see her and send her your news items at Elizabeth Polhans @ [ecr1950@yahoo.com](mailto:ecr1950@yahoo.com).

-Susan Ritter



## **PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS**

**Due to the ongoing health crisis, we are only tentatively projecting future events. As of today, the June meetings and workshop are canceled.**

July will be a tour of the Ritter Ranch (barring any more shutdowns). Information regarding the schedule and carpooling options will be available as the date approaches.

The Programs for August 2 at 6pm and August 4 at 9am will be Swan Sheridan. Her Workshop on August 3 will take place from 9am until 2pm. The topic for both Programs and Workshop will be conceptualized quilting. How we handle a large group meeting will determine the format of the Programs and Workshop.

## **Blotto Corner**



The next Blotto drawing will be Wednesday, August 5th. For those with unfinished kits, please complete your block and return it to the guild. 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.

If you have any questions call:

Debi 227-0381 or Nancy 508-9044



Our sympathy to Pauline Grosch who lost her dear brother in April. He will be missed.

If you've paid your dues, your receipt is available on the library table.

-Wendy.

Anyone who needs a financial report, let me know .

-Wendy.



## Birthdays

Beth D	June 5
Jan B	June 5
Jo G	June 5
Maryann L	June 7
Karen A	June 8
Roberta W	June 8
Peggy K	June 10
Cathy N	June 11
Lois K	June 11
Susie W	June 16
Kathryn T	June 18
Karen Z	June 21
Alice B	June 21
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## Donation report for May 2020

Whetstone fire: 7 quilts

Masks: 1,180 bringing the total of masks made and donated to 3,451 since March (I have the breakdown of how many went where if interested. 31 different places, not counting those made for high risk individuals)

Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild donated 391 quilts to various organizations and individuals in the 2019-2020 year! Go quilters!

We have already made 57 community quilts since April 1 that are ready for distribution. Amazing dedication! Let's pat ourselves on the back and keep going!

As always, please let me know of anyone you think that might need a quilt.

Janet Wilcox

Here are some of the 27 quilts completed in the first three weeks of May. Now remember that we also made thousands of masks in the same time period. Congratulations, Hummers, you've earned more than just a pat on the back! You are AMAZING!



### FREE TABLE

Ladies, the free table is ready to explode. I'm sure folks are cleaning out their sewing rooms while they can't do much else and we realize you may not have been in recently. Please come by and check it out the offerings. The table has expanded to more than one, and things are ready to fall on the floor. We will be having a cleaning day soon (before reopening) and will be donating or tossing anything still on the table (s)!!!

### Members Only Access Password Changing

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 in April, 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 2020. If you forget your password contact our website email and we'll send it to you after we verify your membership.

### **Tasty 2-Step Chicken Bake (Sounds too easy, but it works!!)**

1 1/4 pounds skinless, boneless chicken breast halves

1 can (10 1/2 ounces) Cream of Mushroom Soup

Place the chicken into a 2-quart shallow baking dish. Spread the soup over the chicken. Cover the baking dish.

Bake at 400°F. for 25 minutes or until the chicken is cooked through.

Next, I plan to try Cream of Celery Soup. The chicken was moist and tender and the soup worked like a gravy!!



## QUILT SHOW NEWS

What an awesome show we had last March, and just in time before all our worlds changed because of the virus.

A big thank you to all that volunteered to make our show a success. Without your help and hard work we would not have a Quilt Show. And a thank you again to all that have agreed to be part of the show next year.

We are proceeding with caution in our planning for the 2021 show.

The raffle quilt for the 2021 show is complete, we will begin selling tickets. We will draw for a winner on March 7th even if we are unable to put on our show. We are on the calendar, but haven't received an approval from the School Board for next years show. (March 6 & 7).

So with that said we are looking for a few more volunteers to be Team Leaders:

### WHITE GLOVES:

This person checks over the sign up sheet to see that the 2 hour shifts are covered. They send an email out to those people a few days before the show to remind them of when they are signed up. They bring the schedule of workers and the gloves to the show, and check to see volunteers are there. The Leader takes the gloves home Saturday night and washes them, and brings them back for Sunday.

### VINTAGE QUILTS INTERN:

This person will assist the Leader in check-in and check-out of the Vintage Quilts, as well as hanging and take down.

### RAFFLE TICKETS:

This person hands out tickets to our Guild members, maintains a record of where the tickets are and collects money that is turned over to the treasure. They also provide raffle tickets and the box of supplies when tickets are sold at scheduled events. They keep all the ticket stubs and place them in the raffle drum at the show. They also coordinate volunteers to man the table at the show.

### QUILT MOM:

This person is responsible for transporting (or securing a responsible person) to transport the Raffle Quilt to various locations where the tickets will be sold through out the year before the show. May include bringing a rack for hanging, tickets and cash box, and making sure the quilt is handled carefully.

### MEMORIAL DISPLAY:

Collect obituaries, set up a table at the show to honor those members that have passed away the previous year. This could include a written description of their quilting and Guild history. Display a quilt the family may provide and flowers. Set up and take down the display.

### QUILT SHOW INTERN:

It's a great time to get involved and follow the process of putting together a quilt show. And with Melanie as the 2021 Chair, followed by Marge in 2022, you'll be ready when it's your turn.

Please take a minute to think about what time you have to give - we can't have a show without you.

Melanie Harris & Marge Carrithers

## 2020 Challenge—Embellish It!

### Guidelines:

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

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

All quilts will have at least 4 **different** embellishment techniques on it.

Please sign up for the Challenge by emailing Jill at [holsonback@cox.net](mailto:holsonback@cox.net). The deadline is June 1.

**IMPORTANT:** For all entries please email Jill at [holsonback@cox.net](mailto:holsonback@cox.net) by October 15 with your name, name of your quilt, size of your quilt and a list of embellishment techniques used on your quilt.

On Monday, November 2 please bring your quilt to the guild between 5:30pm to 5:45pm. Voting will take place at both November meetings. Awards will be presented at the November 4 day meeting.

Embellishing a quilt means adding elements, both fabric and non-fabric, to the surface of a quilt. It is a way for quilters to add another layer of texture, dimension and interest to a piece. Ranging from buttons to recycled trash, quilt artists use virtually anything to embellish their quilts.

Quilt embellishments help the quilter tell their story through their art. The right embellishment can add whimsy, honor, beauty or sentimental value to a quilt. A vintage crazy quilt with a locket of a child's hair is quite moving to see, and a Christmas quilt with bells that jingle whenever it moves, really sets a festive mood.

A **small** list of possible quilt embellishments:

Crystals	Buttons
Beads	Ribbons
Yarns and Fibers	Charms
Sequins	Zippers
Sea Shells	Crochet
Bells	Lights
Lace	Pens—Inking
Rubber Stamping	Thread Painting
Folded fabric	Fabric Paints
Colored pencils and crayons	Kanzashi flower
Dimensional flowers, leaves, butterflies, etc.	Embroidery—hand & machine
Trims and Braids—i.e. rickrack	Pipe cleaners
Found objects	

**Etc., etc.**