



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

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:

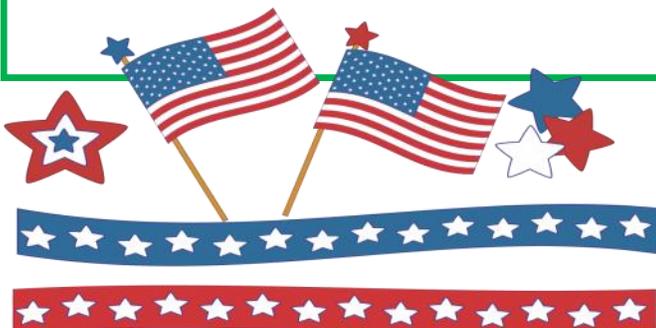
Wednesday from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

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

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 August

Watch the website and look for the August 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 *****

We're back in the clubhouse – hip, hip, hooray! Well, at least we are back for workdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Yes, we can all create quilts at home, BUT. . . There are many more things we can do as a group. I can't believe how much I missed those weekly workdays! They punctuate my schedule with two days swapping ideas, admiring others' work, getting help when needed, advice on anything. Plus we get to use the big layout tables and all our other equipment.

It is impressive just how much work we are managing to finish – over 3500 masks made and donated – and the quilts! In spite of everything, the flow of community quilts to those who need them continues. I've seen some beautiful quilt photos shared on personal Facebook pages. And don't miss checking the Guild's Facebook page. We logged in 34 more new community quilts this month.

Summer really is here. It's hot enough in the afternoons that even I feel like staying indoors. So instead of working with my flowers, I can finish some UFOs. I started at the top and I'm slowly working my way back down to the cutting table. At last, I'm making progress on a UFO that's been on my list for five years. Yes, that's FIVE years. My sewing room is like quilt archaeology – you are exploring for things buried for years. Timelines made of stash accumulations – am I the only one? Wish me luck as I deep dive in my closet.

See you soon,

Susan

PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

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

July 13 from 10am to 2pm: Sewing room tour at Ritter Ranch, 6720 Calle de La Mango, Hereford, AZ. Please follow social distancing and mask rules.

August 3 @ 6pm and August 5 @ 9am: Swan Amity will present "Contextualized Quilting." Swan is a well-known designer and quilter, doing fabulous work on her domestic machine. Her workshop, August 4 from 9am to 3pm is "Quilting with Intention." A supply list and sample will be available next week. Improve your skills at designing quilting motifs for your individual quilt. Swan will have video options available if the pandemic does not wind down.

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 condolences to Nora Eaken on the loss of her husband, Ed.

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

Linda K. F	July 1
Deborah V	July 2
Brian B	July 4
Chari P	July 6
Kathleen A	July 7
Rebecca R	July 7
Vivian L	July 8
Yuki P	July 12
Patricia B	July 14
Merrie H	July 19
Gail S	July 21
Audrey M	July 24
Sheila R	July 24
Joyce L	July 26
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Donations and Quilt Sales report for June 2020

Total 14 quilts given away (8 to Jenifer House).

We have sold 5 quilts this month.

There were 82 masks distributed for June.

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, 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 started 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.

Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild
Sierra Vista, AZ
2021 Opportunity Quilt



Arizona Trails
108" x 108"

Tickets will be available at the Guild on Wednesday, July 1st for members to pick up and begin selling!

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. The deadline is now **July 15**.

IMPORTANT: For all entries please email Jill at 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.

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:

MEMORIAL TABLE: Position Filled - Thank you Patty Holley!

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.

John Harris has completed 2 new sandwich board signs to be used near the entrances at the school. Each will say "Quilt Show" with a big arrow, and a pretty quilt block.

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.

Eileen will update the quilt show page

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