



# 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.*

## August

At this time the school board has not closed our site. The clubhouse WILL be open as follows. Hours are:

**REGULAR WEDNESDAY HOURS  
AGAIN! Hurray! 8:30-11:30**

**Regular Thursday hours again: 8:30-2:30**

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

## Coming In September

Watch the website and look for the September 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.



## Condolences

Our sincere condolences to Clara Pimple on the loss of her husband, Leo.

Our sincere condolences to the family of member Elise Woltersdorf who passed away this week.

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

I'm writing this on a rainy Thursday afternoon with a new puppy sleeping on my feet and hoping it would rain some more. I'm also wishing that Thursday quilt days lasted longer. I had so much fun today, looking at a lot of new quilts and tops people had just finished. Some of them I saw on cell phone; some were in person. I was layering a quilt top of my own because I don't have a table large enough at my house. I came home with a whole lot better attitude than I had yesterday. I traveled in June (met no one ill, but went through a number of airports) and then spent the first half of July in self-quarantine when I got home. Now, the new puppy does his best to keep me laughing, but there's just an awful load of bad news out there right now; I need something on the other side to balance it out. Sometimes I feel like there isn't much I can do about all the problems in the world, but I SURE CAN QUILT!! It's fun, creative, social, and produces something useful – what more can you ask? I had a wonderful time on Facebook looking at all the quilts posted by friends: the 10 quilts in 10 days challenge. I think I'd like to keep seeing quilt photos. How about all our members or the 140+ people who read our Guild FB page posting a photo of a quilt they've made?. It could be recent or older, a quilt that meant something to you. You don't have to have 10 photos, anything will be fun. Some guilds have a President's Challenge each year – well, here's one from me.

We are scheduling our August meeting to be completely virtual. See program notes following. I don't think we'll be able to do Show and Tell this way, so please post a photo of what you are working on at home.

Hoping to see you all soon,

Susan

## September Sewing Room Sale

The date for the Sewing Room Sale is set for Friday, September 4, from 830am – noon.

Two (2) volunteers for the guild items are needed: one to be cashier and one to bag the items sold.

If you need a table, please call Kay Warthan @ 520-224-5285 or email her at [nmeawthan@yahoo.com](mailto:nmeawthan@yahoo.com). You will be responsible for cashing out and bagging your own items when they are sold. The cost for a table is \$10.00 and should go to Wendy Seals or to the cashier on the day of the sale.

Social distancing requirements (6 feet apart) will be addressed and masks will be required.

## Blotto Corner



The drawing for the current blotto (block shown here) will be Thursday, August 6th. The deadline to turn in completed blocks is Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Blotto for August - November!!!



***Pinwheel Focus*** is the new Blotto block. It is a great pattern for half square triangles. The kits for this Blotto will be available at the guild starting Wednesday, August 5th. The drawing for the blocks will be Wednesday, November 4th, 2020.

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

Good News just received!

Dr. Chun – really our landlord the School District – has just confirmed that we the Quilt Guild have the use of our two rooms for another year at the same current rent (\$300/month). Our quilt show is on the School District event calendar for the first week in March 2021. Of course, the schedule is flexible and may need to be adjusted to respond further to the Covid-19 precautions. Our Show Chairs, Melanie Harris and Marge Carrithers are working on plans for the Show and being very cautious about spending money too far ahead of time.

One other item of note: While we had only partial use of our clubhouse and were not able to hold meetings, our rent was reduced by half for three months. The Board of Directors decided this would be a good time to have the carpet cleaned. We still saved money!

## **PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS**

**Due to the ongoing health crisis, we are only tentatively projecting future events. As of today, the live August program meetings are canceled.**

Aug 3 @ 6pm and Aug 5 @ 9am: Swan Amity will present “Contextualized Quilting” via Zoom. Swan is a well-known designer and quilter, doing fabulous work on her domestic machine. Her workshop, August 4 & 5 from 1 – 3 pm is “Quilting with Intention.” The cost is \$30 per person and is conducted via Zoom. A supply list and sample are posted on the website. Improve your skills at designing quilting motifs for your individual quilt. There is an optional training session to learn how to use Zoom Aug 1. The links for the presentations are below. Any questions give me a call: Nas @ 520-732-9136 or email [nmazuji@gmail.com](mailto:nmazuji@gmail.com). If you are interested in the Workshop, contact me and I will send the links when I get them.

**August 3 meeting:** Swan Amity Studios LLC is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.  
Topic: Contextualized Quilting Lecture Time: 6pm (Arizona)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89993496041?pwd=MjJ2L0dLTDZBZTlzQ0pnN1liNDB4dz09>

Meeting ID: 899 9349 6041 Passcode: svhb

**August 5 Meeting** Swan Amity Studios LLC is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.  
Topic: Contextualized Quilting Lecture Time: 9am (Arizona)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84154815056?pwd=WU93d3REZmFzUzVXZGIZVEY0SEZ1dz09>

Meeting ID: 841 5481 5056 Passcode: svhb

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**August 1 Optional Zoom Training Meeting**

Time: 1pm (Arizona)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87097705117?pwd=cU1McFN3czFibkZJQytOR2l3a0pDUT09>

Meeting ID: 870 9770 5117

Passcode: svhb





## Birthdays

Laura K	Aug 1
Sue Ann V	Aug 1
Kathy B	Aug 10
Candy J	Aug 13
Georgia M	Aug 13
Laura K	Aug 14
Dinah P	Aug 14
Wendy S	Aug 16
Sylvia G	Aug 19
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## Donations and Quilt Sales report for July 2020

Quilts given out for July:

Oncology	7
SW Cancer	7
Cochise Foster Care	20

**Totals 34**

112 masks distributed

### **Impressive facts:**

148 quilts completed by our members since beginning of year (April 1, 2020)

3,645 face masks made and distributed to date

The display quilt has been changed out at the hospital, even though only the staff will be viewing it. Beautiful greens. Pic on top of following page.

We have a new organization for donated quilts and they need twin size, guy-colors. Please check your stash or choose from guild fabrics. Thanks!

Janet Wilcox  
Community Quilts Chair



### 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.

Note on fabric availability: LOTS of Southwest Cowboy fabric still available on tables at Guild. There is a post on Facebook with more information. You can make any size quilt, table topper, place mats; or a bag. Whatever your fancy.

### Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild Sierra Vista, AZ 2021 Opportunity Quilt



Arizona Trails  
108" x 108"

Tickets are now available at the Guild on for members to pick up and begin selling!

## 2020 Challenge—Embellish It!

### Reminder: Keep working on your Challenge Quilt!

#### 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.

**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.**

## 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 who 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.

**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