



# The Hummer

The Newsletter of the Hummingbird Stickers 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.*

## September

The clubhouse WILL be open as follows.

Hours are:

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

**Regular Thursday hours : 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 October 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*

Nancy Wigmore passed away July 26. Condolences to her daughters, Kathy and Darlene, and her granddaughter Devon.

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

Today I quilted with a hummingbird! I had moved my work next to my sliding glass doors to see the white-on-white thread I was stitching and a hummingbird flew right up to the screen and hovered. The quilt is green and white, not the color you'd expect to attract the bird's attention. But he (or she) hovered there for a few minutes. He flew off to sit at the feeder for a few moments, but then he came back to check on me. When I finished that 8-foot seam, I took a break with a cup of coffee outside. And there he (or she) was again – bathing in the small flowerbed fountain.

Hummingbirds (birds and quilters both) seem to be my connection to real life in the midst of all the strangeness and inconvenience of the Covid-19 restrictions. A quilter from another state e-mailed today for temporary help in our town. We had a request for a quilt for a baby already facing a cancer diagnosis. And I delivered quilts to a family who lost everything in a house fire this week. We Hummingbird Stickers sure do keep busy!

My own mental and emotional balance gets straightened out each week when I drop by the clubhouse for some community work, some show and tell, some visiting. I get my mental battery re-charged for another week. Don't know what I'd do without you, guys!

Some interesting notes inside this month. The September Sale is almost here. Lots of stuff to browse through. Remember, your UFO could become someone else's UFO! And you could go home with a fresh, new project to work on!

And don't forget our Challenge quilts are due in November – still time to finish your entry (See note from Jill inside). I happen to know there are two quilts already completed, and maybe more. Should be a great show!

Happy quilting,

Susan

## September Sewing Room Sale

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

Tables are still available. If you can use one, call Kay Warthan at 520-224-5285.

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

### Blotto Corner

There were four winners for the August Blotto drawing!!! Congratulations to Julie Fishback, Doris Wells, Nancy Falconer and Nas Mazuji.

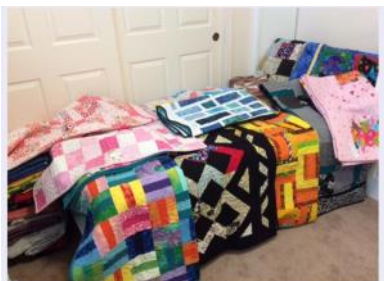
Blotto for August - November!!!



***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

These are some of the community quilts turned in this month. Thanks to our busy ladies!



### **PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS**

1. No programs this month due to sewing room sale 4 Sept @ 830am – 1200pm.

2. Ruth Sharp's Thread Painting, 12 Sept @ 9am to 3pm. Ruth is a fiber artist who will share her thread painting techniques with us. Price is \$50.00 per person. We need to know if you want to use Ruth's kit of the Redwoods (photo) or use your own and the make of your sewing machine. Please let me know by Sept 5 if you plan to attend, at 520-732-9136 or [nmazuji@gmail.com](mailto:nmazuji@gmail.com) or see me at the guild. Masks will be required, and workstations will be setup 6 ft apart.



3. Patti Pearce Quilting presentation on quilting with Vintage Linens, Monday, Oct 5 @ 6pm and Wed, Oct 7 @ 9am. Her workshop on 6 Oct, Tuesday @ 9am to 1200pm, will be a table runner using either your own vintage linen and coordinating fabrics or you can buy one of her items for sale. The Price is \$30 per person and there are two patterns to choose from, Little Margie's Table Runner or Kitchen Towel Table Runner. Patti will have vintage linens for sale during the presentations and workshop. Masks will be required, seats and workstations will be placed 6 ft apart. If you are interested in the workshop please contact me at 520-732-9136 or [nmazuji@gmail.com](mailto:nmazuji@gmail.com) or see me at the Guild.



To make **Little Margie's Tablerunner** as shown on the pattern cover you will need:

- Vintage tablecloth or large print fabric large enough to fussy cut a 14 1/2" square
- Red print fabric for star – 1/4 yard
- Blue print fabric for star – 1/4 yard
- Green print fabric for pinwheels – 1/4 yard
- Solid light yellow fabric for pinwheels – 1/4 yard
- Red/white dots fabric for checkerboard – 2 1/2" x 42" strip
- White fabric for checkerboard and star background – 1/2 yard
- Solid blue fabric for tablecloth border and binding – 1/2 yard
- Finished size is 16" x 40" – sufficient backing fabric for your preferred method of quilting



To make **Kitchen Towel Tablerunner** as shown on the pattern cover you will need:

- A vintage kitchen towel with a design on each end. For this pattern, the designs are cut into 2 – 10" x 12 1/2" rectangles. If your dish towel designs are a different size you can adjust the width of the inner and outer borders. Be sure to increase your yellow and blue fabric requirements below.
- Red print fabric – 1 fat quarter or 1/4 yard
- Yellow solid fabric – 1/2 yard
- Dark blue fabric (solid or print) – 1/3 yard



## Birthdays

Janet M	Sept 2
Vicky S	Sept 2
Sherry H	Sept 3
Elizabeth P	Sept 3
Karen H	Sept 4
Carolyn D	Sept 5
Christie K	Sept 9
Sandy M	Sept 10
Nancy F	Sept 18
Georganne W	Sept 18
Martha V	Sept 21
Doris W	Sept 22
Olga F	Sept 23
Ruth Ann S	Sept 24
Jacqueline J	Sept 25
Ann H	Sept 26
Nora E	Sept 27
Clara P	Sept 28
Eileen A	Sept 30

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## 2020 Challenge - Embellish It!

### Reminders:

1. Don't forget to work on your Challenge Quilt. Time is running out!
2. Email Jill at [holsonback@cox.net](mailto:holsonback@cox.net) by October 15 with your name, name of the quilt, size of the quilt and a list of embellishment techniques used on your quilt.

### Quilts of Valor and Vietnam Vets

Quilts of Valor and Vietnam Vets are eager to have any patriotic quilts we can make. Packets of fabric are available at the Guild on Wednesday and Thursday morning. We will run them through the Guild inventory for labeling and statistics. Normal size, especially for Quilts of Valor, would be 60" X 80", but not smaller than 55" X 65" or larger than 72" X 90". Presentation pillowcases are requested for each quilt. Contact for Quilts of Valor is Kary Miller and for Vietnam Vets is Clara Pimple. This is an ongoing effort, so there are no deadlines.

### 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.

### 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)!!!

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 top, place mats; or a bag. Whatever your fancy.

### Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild Sierra Vista, AZ



2021 Opportunity Quilt

Hey, Hummingbirds out there!

I know it's been a slow year for the Guild – but we're planning as many things as we can adapt to existing conditions. I'm looking forward to the Challenge program in November – it's like having our own mini-show, just for ourselves. I know at least two people have finished their entries. There's still time to get yours made and entered.

And now that I think about it – how come some of you who were members last year have not renewed your membership for this year? We are still doing a lot of things – community quilts is busier than ever, There's quite a lot of show and tell going on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Those days are a lot of fun seeing friends, picking projects up and turning them back in and hearing any news. There are always new members to meet and new projects to work on.

A few of you who have been out to the Ritter Ranch Retreats may have seen this year's opportunity quilt. A photo is also posted on Facebook for you to share if you like. Since so many events have been cancelled this year, we don't have as many opportunities to sell tickets as previously. But we'll still raise some money for this lovely quilt. And here's the really good news: WITH FEWER TICKETS BEING SOLD, EACH TICKET HAS A BETTER CHANCE TO WIN! Get it? Stop by any time Wednesday and Thursday mornings to pick up your packets of tickets or turn some in. And, if you're feeling generous, you can let a few friends in on the deal, too!

### Donations and Quilt Sales report for August 2020

Hoops House (new)	12
Mt View fire residents	20
SW Cancer Ctr	12
Dialysis	6
Vietnam Veterans	3
Fresenius	6
WIC (6 centers in Cochise Cty)	<u>36</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>95</b>

#### Masks:

1046 child and adult masks given to the elementary schools

Thank you for the quick donations of larger quilts for young men in Hoops House.. As with any of the transition homes, male & female residents graduate from the program & move out on their own taking their quilt with them. There will always be a need to replenish the supply. If your quilt hasn't quite been finished, not to worry.

Janet Wilcox  
Community Quilts Chair

#### Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild Period April 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020

##### Income

Interest	9.00
Donation	471.00
Membership	3,213.00
Quilt Show 2021	115.00
Boutique	<u>603.00</u>
	4,411.00

Hi Quilters, Pretend this is a marvelously decorated cardboard. If you have any questions, please e-mail or call me. Wendy Seals

##### Expense

Administrative	98.00
Blotto	39.00
Community	
Outreach	949.00
Meeting Space	1,315.00
Newsletter/Web	130.00
Quilt Show 2020	2,550.00
Quilt Show 2021	380.00
Storage	<u>480.00</u>
	5,941.00



Our President, Susan Ritter, presented Dr. Duane Chun a music-themed quilt in appreciation for his help over the years. For those of you who are not familiar with his behind-the-scenes work, Dr. Chun is with the School Community Service and, thus, our landlord. Recently he cut our clubhouse rent in half for the three months we could not work inside. We spent a little of that savings on carpet cleaning. Those of you with sensitive allergies should feel better about using the clubhouse. Thank you, Dr. Chun!



### Pricing our HSQG Quilts

Pricing our quilts is often very difficult: we want to sell a few, but it's hard to price them for what they're really worth. A committee was asked to work on this: Stash Manager and Boutique chair, plus our professional appraiser. What's amazing about this is that we have enough quilts to sell a few, and also that their quality is so high! We wanted to make it reasonable and fair to all.

Last February Joyce L, Kay W & Gail S sat down to develop a guide for pricing Guild quilts for sale at the show. In July Gail fleshed it out into a spreadsheet detailing costs of quilting, batting, backing, binding & complexity of the top design & fabrics. We used info from our own volunteer longarmers as well as online sources like Quilt for a Cause. If you compare our prices to one of those "What does a quilt cost to make?" you will see a vastly lower charge; but we feel it's a fair price considering all the donated time & materials. Boutique & stash area have copies of the chart available for pricing of quilts at Guild.

The Board reviewed and approved the process at the August BOD meeting. If you have questions, please ask any Board member.

## 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