



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.

October

The clubhouse WILL be open as follows.

Hours are:

**REGULAR WEDNESDAY HOURS
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 October

Watch the website and keep looking for the latest news and updates! 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 *****

It was a dark and stormy night...

Don't all good stories start like that? Or maybe with the warning: don't try this at home? This one started innocently enough with a request from a niece. She wanted to know if I could make their wedding quilt "bigger." They had bought a new bed, king- sized and very tall. No, it couldn't be a whole new quilt; she loved the one with all the names and dates on it. To be honest, I said I'd try. I'd never seen it done, but it became that "double dog dare" I couldn't refuse.

When I got the quilt back, I was really surprised to see how much I'd learned in the last ten years! I quickly trimmed off the original ugly corded edge; now I was committed.

Where to start? Everywhere I looked was another problem. How to add on to a closed and bordered design like this? How to deal with the fabric problem? The quilt had been washed – how to make the new part match?

Well, I certainly didn't want to use 1" squares and the hundreds of appliqued leaves of the original. So I started doodling. I ended up using a 2" square and a very simplified Irish chain; it's reminiscent of the original but not a copy. Plus I could make it faster. Luckily, I had many scraps of the original fabrics.

Vivian Lemoine not only quilted the new pieces; she tracked down the original quilting motif and used it. I washed the additions to match original and used two joining borders to get it together. Now I had new problems. After washing, the sides didn't quite match up. Never did figure out my math error, but I made little filler sections for the corners, using the Guild's die cutter. Quilted, washed and pieced them in. Finally, I had a top. But it was huge and hard to handle (132" x 110").

The joins had to have batting, so Syldina could quilt them. Lots of hand sewing to get the back seams finished. Trimmed and squared at the clubhouse; only 500" of binding to go. Got the best photo we could, spread out at the Guild clubhouse. My sister helped me get the thing packed and shipped. Now I'm waiting to hear whether Kim likes it and whether it fits OK, looks good on the bed, whatever... (Picture on p. 2 top)

Our quilts go out into the world to bind us together, to bring comfort and joy where they can. It's our faith that the important parts of life still go on.

Susan





Blotto Corner

Blotto for August - November!!!



Pinwheel Focus is the current Blotto block. This is a great pattern for half square triangles. Kits are still available for this block and can be picked up at the guild on Wednesday or Thursday mornings. The drawing for the blocks will be Wednesday, November **4th, 2020**.

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

Community Quilts

Patriotic quilts for distribution this month to Quilts of Valor, Vietnam Veterans & Casa Hospice. Thank you for your support!



Just checking out some of the items made from our SW fabrics...quilts, placemats, wall hangings. There is still a table of fabrics left!



PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

The Hummingbird Stitcher's Quilt Guild will have a great presenter for Oct. This could be the start of a new addiction! details below.

Patti Pearce Quilting presentation on quilting with Vintage Linens is 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 for the workshop 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 rmazuji@gmail.com or see me at the Guild. Please make any checks out to HSQG.



- 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

Nov: Challenge quilts
Dec: Holiday party

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 by October 15 with your name, name of the quilt, size of the quilt and a list of embellishment techniques used on your quilt.



Cheryl M	Oct 5
Wanda M	Oct 10
Jill W	Oct 10
Twala W	Oct 12
Sylvia G	Oct 19
Catherine H	Oct 19
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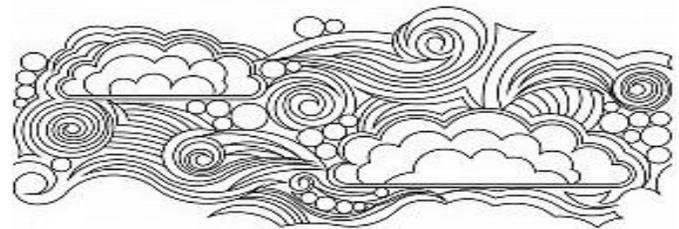
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Pricing our HSQG Quilts

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 the 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.

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.

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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 September 2020

September was another high month for distributions:

Boutique	1
CASA	1
SW Cancer Ctr	8
Cochise Foster Care	20
Private individuals (illness, wildfires)	<u>14</u>

Totals 44

Thanks to all!

If you have family affected by the west coast wildfires and needing a quilt please let me know

Janet Wilcox
Community Quilts Chair

A big thank you to the receptionist at Southwest Cancer Care. When we delivered quilts yesterday to the Center she gave us a monetary donation to buy batting and thanked us again on behalf of their clients

Janet

Special Note for Guild meetings:

Yes, we are planning an actual physical meeting for October. We will be practicing social distancing and wearing masks. If you or someone in your household doesn't feel well, please stay home and rest. We have no idea how many people are interested in this meeting and want to come. Our estimate is that about 20-25 people can be seated in our room six feet apart. If more people than that attend or if you don't feel comfortable in a group yet, please stay home.

Quilt Show News

Plans continue for the Hummingbird Stitchers 2021 Quilt Show!

So please everyone save the dates, March 6 & 7, 2021. With so much uncertainty about holding events and with other shows being cancelled, we must consider that our show may have to be cancelled as well. A firm decision will be made by December 1st whether to have a show or not.

Until then keep working on your show quilts!

Melanie Harris, Marge Carrithers and Virginia McCabe, Quilt Show Chairs

Member Vendors for Quilt Show.

Since quilt show 2021 is not a sure thing at this time, I will be taking names for a waiting list for tables. Since we probably will have just **10 tables** (at \$15 each) please send me your request as soon as possible, first come first served or reserved as the case may be... I will take money only when we ascertain that the show is a go. At that time, I will send off application forms.

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