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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.

November

The clubhouse WILL be open as follows.

Hours are:

**Regular Wednesday Hours:
8:30-11:30**

**Regular Thursday Hours :
(except Thanksgiving Day, see p. 6)
8:30-11:30**

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 November

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.



Condolences

Our deep condolences to Jane Bourne on the loss of her mother-in-law, who passed away just nine days short of her 100th birthday

***** President's Message *****

Your Hummingbird Stitches Board of Directors has been hoping up to the last minute that we could still pull off a quilt show in March 2021. But after long and thoughtful discussions and checking a number of ways to do it, we have concluded that we must cancel this year's show.

School Board policy at this time indicates that until the students have returned to campus 100%, they cannot allow the public to come on campus. The medical data is not encouraging at this time and they could even cancel us the day before the show. Add to that the extra effort and helpers to set up and take down the show while still practicing social distancing and we would be unable to do it in the time the school can allow us.

Deciding to cancel now allows us all to relax, breathe and finish those show quilts without rushing to make this year's deadline. We have made only a few financial commitments at this point. We will, however, still draw a ticket for this year's raffle quilt on Sunday, March 7. Maybe a small celebration in open air?

Uncertainty is the most difficult thing for most of us to deal with. Today as I write, our certain, confirmed schedule only goes out two months. Look for news about the November Challenge Quilt meetings on p. 3 and about our Holiday parties in December, also on p. 3. We promise to keep you informed as soon as possible; please check the Guild website and Facebook pages frequently. We are still in the clubhouse on Wednesday and Thursday mornings; if you can't stop by, consider posting on Facebook.

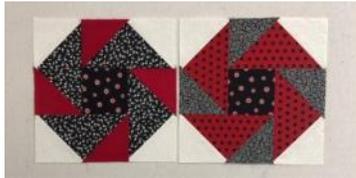
Happy quilting
Susan

Blotto Corner



The drawing for the ***Pinwheel Focus*** Blotto blocks will be Wednesday, November 4th. 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 November – February 2021



Spinning Around is the new Blotto block for November – February 2021. Have fun making a spinning block with flying geese. The kits for this Blotto will be available at the guild starting Monday, November 2nd. The drawing for the blocks will be Wednesday, February 3, 2021.

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

Community Quilts



PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

Nov is our challenge month. All entries should be in on 2 Nov.; turn in will be from 5:30pm to 5:45pm pm. There will be a meeting from 6 to 7 pm. There will be show and tell, viewing community quilts, then Voting on the challenge quilts. Photos will be posted to the website. Members can Vote via email to Jill Holsonback, holsonback@cox.net after viewing the photos on the HSQG's website. The vote via email will be open until Wed morning. The Wed meeting will start at 0900, voting in person will continue until 1000 am. Winners will be announced at 1030 am.

Dec's meeting and Holiday party will be announced next month. You will probably need to bring *your own meal and modified gift exchange*.

Next year programs will be announced in Dec. when we have better information from the school on any restrictions.

Holiday Parties

Regarding the Holiday parties: We are tentatively planning to hold the annual Holiday parties on Wednesday, 2 Dec at 10 a.m. and Monday, 7 Dec at 6 p.m. At this time, we are asking attendees to bring their own meal, snack or dessert. There will not be a pot luck. The guild will provide coffee and water. If you attend, please bring a half yard of good quality **cotton** quilting fabric in a simple, plain bag for the fabric exchange. Please do not add extras (candy, containers, etc.) to the bag!

We are planning a game with prizes, and there will be door prizes. If you would like to bring a show and tell, please do. But only bring one! Or share a special holiday memory. We are staying to the strict social rules: wear a mask and don't congregate closely. We look forward to seeing you!!

If the parties have to be cancelled, a guild-wide email will be sent and it will be put on our Facebook site.

November Challenge News

Challenge Participants:

Please bring or make arrangements for your quilt to be at the Guild on Monday November 2 from 5:30pm to 5:45pm.

Voting Members:

Voting will be in person from 6:00pm to 7:00pm on Monday November 2 and 9:am to 10:am on Wednesday November 4. Please wear a mask and social distancing will be required.

On-line voting will be available on the HSQG website. On-line voting will end at noon on Wednesday November 4. Please follow the instructions on the website for voting.



Birthdays

Julie F	Nov 1
Jane W	Nov 6
Sandra D	Nov 7
Sandy K	Nov 7
Carole B	Nov 12
Betty F	Nov 12
Becky L	Nov 12
Nancy B	Nov 13
Beth H	Nov 13
Nena R	Nov 14
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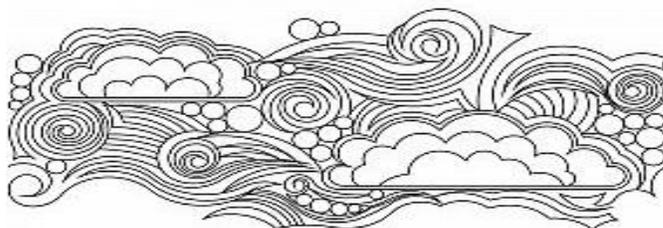
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Pricing our HSQG Quilts

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.

We've rearranged the Boutique rack at the front of the workroom for earlier "Grab & Go". The top shelf has items that can be quilted on a home machine: table runners, placemats, small quilts. Middle to rows will have the same type of Create/Finish kits. The bottom row has Piece Backing quilt kits; usually only requiring a couple of seams but all need to be at least 4 inches wider all around the top. Return any kit to Stash/Boutique for the next step. Quilt projects are still on the bookshelf in the meeting room & are organized from the top to the bottom shelf depending on the stage of Create/Assemble/Bind.

Many thanks for all your help. It sure shows in the number of items produced each month!

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 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 October 2020

October Donations

Boutique	1
CASA Hospice	1
Chantal's House (new)	11
Heidi's House	2
Quilts of Valor	4
SW Cancer Care	9
Warrior Healing Ctr	11
Vietnam Vets	<u>1</u>
Total	40

Another great month! If you know someone in need, pass the info along to me.

Janet Wilcox
Community quilts Chair

Special Note for Guild meetings:

Yes, we are planning an actual physical meeting for November. 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.

Get Ready for Thanksgiving with Quilters

The Guild clubhouse will be OPEN on Wednesday, November 25 the usual times from 8:30am to 11:30am. Give yourself a break from the rush or just celebrate the holiday early with quilting friends.

The clubhouse will be CLOSED on Thanksgiving Day. I'm giving my personal thanks that 2020 is almost over and that we still have quilting to do.

Susan

There are two great ways to painlessly donate to the Guild: the Fry's grocery store "give back" program and Smile Amazon. They donate a small percentage of each purchase you make to the Guild. The Fry's program does not interfere with your gas points. It's easy to sign up online – even I could do it!

Wendy