



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.

December

The clubhouse WILL be open as follows.

Hours are:

Regular Wednesday Hours:
8:30-11:30

Regular Thursday Hours :
8:30-11:30

Special Holiday Hours:
Closed Christmas week: Wed, Dec. 23 &
Thu. Dec. 24

Open: Wed, Dec. 30

Closed: Thu. Dec. 31

Coming In December

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.



Get well wishes to Shirley Auchincloss's son Erik who was struck on the Hwy while on DPS patrol.

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

As I write this the week of the holiday, I remember my first Thanksgiving alone in a small apartment 3000 miles from home. I cooked my little bird and walked my dog in the park kicking fallen leaves and feeling sorry for myself. But as I came up the stairs, I could hear the phone ringing – and it was my family! All of them, call after call. The world got brighter. And my friends started making plans for next year – “orphan parties.”

This year I have already begun to get in touch with distant friends, family, and people I haven't seen in a while. I am actually looking forward to those Christmas letters I will get. I am grateful for email and telephones and all the instant communication we have.

One thing I am deeply thankful for is my quilting friends – you all have been a source of strength and inspiration this year. First, everyone jumped in to make more than 3500 emergency masks. Then, our quilters have continued to quilt, and quilt. This month alone, we gave away 60 quilts and our year-to-date total is amazing! (See Community quilt report on p. 6)

The Guild will be selling raffle tickets and Boutique items at the Cochise Crafters Sale at the Mall, Saturday, December 5, 10:00-3:00. Stop by and say hello and pass the word to all your friends.

We also will be having our holiday parties Wednesday morning December 2 at 10:00 a.m. and Monday evening December 7 at 6:00 p.m. Every precaution we can think of will be in place, masks, social distancing, the whole nine yards. But we still want to share our quilts and have some fun. See details on p. 3)

Thanksgiving? Yes!

See you soon,

Susan

Blotto Corner

December Newsletter:

Congratulations to Gail Staples, Marge Carrithers and Nas Mazuji the winners of the November Blotto!!!

Blotto for November – February 2021

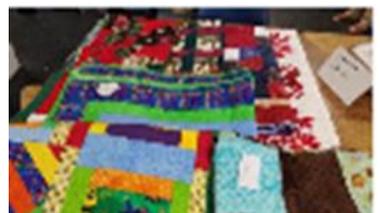
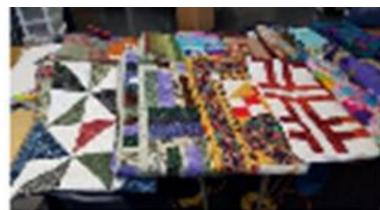
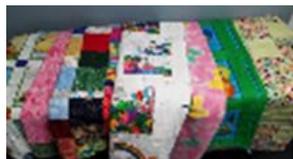


Don't forget to pick up your kit for the *Spinning Around* Blotto block for November – February 2021. Have fun making a spinning block with flying geese. The kits for this Blotto are available at the guild. The drawing for the blocks will be Wednesday, February 3, 2021.

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

Community Quilts

There were 40 community quilts on display at the Guild meetings this week. Such a wonderful variety and sharing of talent. Be sure to check out Janet Wilcox's distribution list to see where they all go.



PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

No programs are planned at the moment until further notice.

Due to the coronavirus spiking in our county and the rest of Arizona, and to the uncertainty of travel and school closings, we are not scheduling any outside program speakers until further notice. We remain open on Wednesday and Thursday mornings for work sessions and drop-off/pick-up. We hope to be able to have our monthly meetings in some form. As soon as we know, notices will be posted on the Guild website, newsletter, Facebook, and e-mail. Thank you for your support.

Holiday Parties

Regarding the Holiday parties: We are planning to hold the annual Holiday parties on Wednesday, 2 Dec at 10 a.m. and Monday, 7 Dec at 6 p.m. 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!

Bingo will be our main game, 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.

Doing Good at the Holidays (and all year round!)

Besides all the quilts we make for the community, there are more ways you can help others this year. See the note about Peach's Pantry in this issue. The thing to remember about Peach's is that even though school is closed, kids are still hungry and the faithful workers at Peach's are there delivering food every week to kids who wouldn't eat otherwise.

Also, as you do your holiday shopping, remember the SmileAmazon option. IF you shop on Amazon and IF you have not already chosen a charity, you may select the Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild as your charity of choice. Google for SmileAmazon and follow the simple steps to choose a charity. Then each time you shop, log into Smile Amazon first – the website looks the same as before, but there will be a little button top left that shows your charity and tells you that they are donating a small percentage of your order.

Fry's Food and Drug Store has similar program. To use it, go to the Fry's website; look at the bottom of the page for the "Community Rewards" button. Follow the easy steps to set up a digital account and choose a charity. This does not conflict with the gas points rewards.



Birthdays

Dorothy G	Dec 5
Lois B	Dec 6
Karen N	Dec 13
Donna V	Dec 14
Ann W	Dec 21
Nancy R	Dec 27
Nancy W	Dec 30

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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.

Hummingbird Stitchers 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 October 2020

These are the donations for November:

Cochise Foster Care	28
Oncology	4
DaVita Dialysis	4
SW Cancer	4
Valor Hospice	2
WIC	<u>18</u>

Totals **60**

YTD (April 1 - November 30, 2020) quilts given out is 339

Another pat on the back for our quilters!

If you know of an organization or person in need please let me know.

Janet Wilcox
Community quilts Chair

RAFFLE TICKETS

Ladies – Raffle tickets are available at the club house with social distancing available! The tickets are in a box with the sign out sheet right next to it. Even though we aren't having a quilt show, the raffle quilt drawing will still happen as planned on Sunday, March 7. Tickets will also be available for pick-up during the Holiday Parties.

The raffle quilt involved a lot of work by many hands and we should be proud of it. This is one of our main fund raisers every year, but because of COVID, we have been unable to sell many tickets. Come by and pick up an envelope of tickets (\$20 worth) (or two) and give them to your family and friends as stocking stuffers. Or buy them for your hairdresser, paper delivery person, etc. Or even buy them for yourself!!

LET'S RAISE SOME MONEY!!

PREFERRED PRODUCTS FOR PEACH'S PANTRY

While any donation helps, the list below includes the items that are the most beneficial to the children.

Individ. Mac & Cheese Cups	Small cans of tuna
Ramen Noodles packages	Small cans of Spam
Indiv. packets of cereal	Indiv. cans of soup
Hot Chocolate packets	Indiv. cans of stew
Indiv. packets of chips	Indiv. packets of crackers
Indiv. packets of oatmeal	Fruit cups
Jello cups	Pudding cups
Juice packets	Nutrition bars
Spaghetti O's or similar canned pasta	Raisin packets
Indiv. cans of vegetables	Small cans of chili