



# 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.*

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

What a month it's been! Anyone else feel the whiplash from the pace of change? Figuring out to stay in quarantine and still do all the chores of daily life – wow!

Somehow my idea of quarantine was that I would finally have time to sit and quilt, time to finish UFOs, time to think up new designs and practice that free-motion quilting that still eludes me. It certainly hasn't worked out like that.

On the other hand, the Hummingbird Stitches have responded heroically to the requests for help to make face masks. First of all, for the front-line health workers and first responders, now for the at-risk people all around us, our friends, neighbors, and family. We have made and given away literally hundreds of masks this month. (See note from Janet Wilcox, Page 3)

And, although we aren't able to meet and work together, we are managing to keep the pipeline of community quilts moving slowly. It sure isn't as much fun without seeing all of you. But at least we have the internet, with e-mail, Facebook, and all the rest.

We are considering what to do about a quilt show next year; thank you for all your input via Facebook and e-mail. We will be moving very cautiously to plan for this. We are on the School District's proposed schedule, but have committed no money yet.

What to do now? Well, fellow quilters, we have lots of fabric, interfacing, and elastic available at the clubhouse. Come and get more supplies if you need them.

A brief note about our quilt shops: With most of them closed, shopping is much more difficult, but the shop owners are going to all lengths to keep us supplied. Things may change quickly, but as of now Sew-Easy and Jo-Ann's are both open in a limited way. Also the Tucson shops have special arrangements for ordering and pick-up supplies and repairs. Please check each shop's website and call ahead.

I have been following a couple of blogs for some years now, but there are more sites out there than ever. I can recommend two interesting sites in particular, one for browsing/shopping, the other for trunk shows and more "eye candy."

For the browsing/experience check out the Tucson Quilt & Craft Show (formerly the "Rusty Barn") website. Their vendors have set up a virtual rusty barn experience for you. They are still tentatively scheduled for Tucson in November 2020, but have had to cancel many shows.

The other website experience you may not have seen is a virtual trunk show on Facebook. You can find it from the Guild's Facebook page; scroll down to look for a posting from Swan Sheridan April 1, 2020. There are links to most of the ten quilters showing their work. I love trunk shows and hearing about how and why quilters create quilts. All my quilt knowledge and skills come from you guys – thanks!

-Susan



## Birthdays

Constance L T	May 6
Mary T	May 13
JoAnn V	May 17
Lucy Ellen B	May 18
Linda Sue H	May 24
Marilyn C	May 25
Gail W	May 28

### NEWSLETTER CHANGE!!

Our new newsletter editor, Elizabeth Polhans, will begin with the June edition. Please send your entries to:

[ecr1950@yahoo.com](mailto:ecr1950@yahoo.com)

Every time you send your information early, it helps the editor get the newsletter out on time, complete, and accurate.

Our sympathy to Gail Kambrowski's whose mother-in-law passed away.

Best Wishes to Connie Worden who is recovering from surgery.

Best Wishes to Wendy's sister, Heather McCormack who is recovering from Covid-19

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At this time the school board has not closed our site. The clubhouse WILL be open on a limited basis for pick-up and drop-off of projects.

Temporary hours are:

Wednesday from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Thursday from 8:30-11:30 a.m.



## PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

May meetings and workshop are canceled.

June—Swan Sheridan—is tentative.

July 13, a Monday, is the tour of Ritter Ranch for our sewing room tour. More info to follow when things get back to normal. Thanks

## Donation Report for April 2020

### Masks

High Risk Personal	201
Canyon Vista Hospital	79
Ft Huachuca Post clinic	170
Home Health	56
Ft Huachuca	26
Sierra Vista Fire Dept	56
Life Care, Valor Hospice, Sierra Vista Fire Dept, Ft Huachuca First Responders, Oasis Dental	106
Lori's Place	20
Enliven Infusion	40
Bayada Home Health	200
Family Health Center	11
Life Care	45
Copper Queen Hospital	200
Dr. Patel	14
SVPD	12
Bayada	42

### Quilts

DaVita Dialysis	6
Fresenius Dialysis	6
SW Cancer	6
Private Individuals	7
Vietnam Veterans America	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>

**1278**



### Blotto Corner

The Blotto drawing for May has been moved to Wednesday, August 5th. For those with unfinished kits, please complete your block and submit for the drawing which will be held in August. The new Blotto will be presented at the Monday and Wednesday meetings in August and the kits will be available at both meetings.

If you have any questions call: Debi 227-0381

or Nancy 508-9044

### Quilt Show Ribbon Committee

We are seeking a few embroiderers who would like to make the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention centers for our rosettes. Sharing the load is good and if you start now, a few can be done at a time, instead of one big rush. We will supply the thread and fabric.

We also need someone to paper-piece the specialty ribbons. We supply the fabrics and patterns.

Contact Maryann Lopic, [thelepics@gmail.com](mailto:thelepics@gmail.com), for more information.

### IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

It's that time of year again. Time to renew your membership. This year the membership dues are \$35. You can drop off the dues at the clubhouse on Wednesday or Thursday mornings 8:30 to 11:30. Or you can send a check and membership form to Mail: HSQG, P.O. Box 1326 Sierra Vista, AZ 85635.

Please check the information we have about you on the members-only roster (e.g. phone number, email address, birthday, picture). If any information is incorrect or missing, please send that information to the membership chair at [Ann.Walker@live.com](mailto:Ann.Walker@live.com).

You can see that information at the [hummingbirdStitchersQuiltGuild.com](http://hummingbirdStitchersQuiltGuild.com), members-only section. If you forgot the username and password, call Ann Walker at 520-236-9959 or email her at [Ann.Walker@live.com](mailto:Ann.Walker@live.com). Remember a new username and password will be available for signing in after May 15, 2020.

### Community News

Sierra Vista: the local free VITA tax assistance program (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) is still operating Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5:15 to 6:30 PM and Saturday from 9 AM - Noon, until July 15. The program is located at the AZ at Work office in the Cochise College Downtown Campus (corner of Wilcox and El Camino Real). For more information contact Chuck at 520.490.4844 or Don at 520.255.3458.

Please spread the word. They help with federal and state returns.



## Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild Membership

**April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021**

*Returning members: Please list your name and  
Only the information that has changed.*

Last name \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birthday (month/day only) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Land line phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone number \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail address \_\_\_\_\_

**Check all that apply:**

- New Membership
- Renewal
- Adult Membership \$35
- Junior Membership \$17.50
- I am joining primarily to enter  
a quilt in the Guild quilt show.

I understand that the primary goal of the Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild is to promote interest in and appreciation of quilting and fiber arts and to contribute quilts to the community. To achieve this goal, the Guild has quilt shows, various yearly projects, and monthly programs. By being a member of this Guild I will uphold this goal and pledge my cooperation by working on the Guild's projects, shows and programs. I will share my time and talents as generously as I can for the betterment of the Guild.

I give consent for photos of myself and my property to be used in print media, on the Guild website, and on quilt show CDs for promoting Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild and its activities.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make check payable to HSQG and mail to:**

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Or deliver to the Membership Chair or Treasurer at a HSQG Meeting  
 (www.hummingbirdquiltguild.com)

For Guild Use only	
Membership Number	
Check Number/Cash	
Amount Received	
Date Recorded	

In case of an Emergency, Please Contact (this information is voluntary)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

## 2020 Challenge—Embellish It!

### 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.

Please sign up for the Challenge by emailing Jill at [holsonback@cox.net](mailto:holsonback@cox.net). The deadline is June 1.

**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.**