



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.

January

The clubhouse WILL be open as follows.

Hours are:

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

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

Coming In January

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 *****

Good morning, quilters,

I'm sending this out with the fervent hope that it will indeed be a happy new year for all of us. In a normal year, we would elect new officers at the January evening meeting, go through a planning and handover period and they would take office April 1. Our budget for the 2021-2022 year would be presented and voted on at the April day meeting.

Due to the dislocation and special conditions that apply this year, our present Board and its committees have agreed to stay in place until we get to some stable point in the future. If things have come back closer to normal - say with schools and businesses open, the incidence of Covid much reduced, and vaccinations proceeding - then we can make the decision to hold the annual business meeting and plan a year's budget the best we can. This could happen in April, or later if that's the way it works out.

The whole arrangement will be flexible as circumstances develop. If any of the Board or committee chairs wish to change before that indefinite point in time, please let me know and we will endeavor to find another volunteer. I think the amount of activity we have managed to sustain this year is nothing short of heroic.

For me personally, the quilt guild is an island of sanity, where I can stay in touch with friends, do good in my community, and still be a little creative. I think it is important that we hang onto enough activity so that when things do get back closer to normality, there will be a guild to return to.

As always, phone, e-mail, or bend my ear personally with any thoughts or comments you may have,

Happy quilting to all of you,

Susan



Our deepest condolences to Ann Blohm who lost her mother last month, and her father-in-law just prior to that.

Blotto Corner

Blotto for November-February 2021



Don't forget to pick up the kit for the *Spinning Around* Blotto block for November-February 2021. Have fun making a Spinning Around 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

29 quilts on display this month! Many thanks to all who had a part in creating them.



Community Quilts for our Four-footed Friends!

I want to show everyone who has donated fabric & batting for the dog and cat beds and the cat bowls I have made and will be delivering this month. There are 139 dog and cat beds, and 10 cat bowls.

I want to thank Maryann Lepic and Gail Staples for collecting fabrics and batting for me. And all the ladies who have donated batting and fabrics for the animals. I love the Minkie and Fleece and the animals do too. But, I also use polyester, drapery fabric, and denim when they are available.

I have never gotten any complaints from the animals, even if the batting is a little more or less in places!

Shirley Auchincloss



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.

“Instead of worrying about what you cannot control, shift your energy to what you can create.” – Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

2020 has been a turbulent year full of worry, frustration, and hope. Were you able to shift your energy and create art? Does your artwork tell a story of the way you, your family, or community has struggled with or overcome this year's obstacles? Whatever you've created, the City of Sierra Vista Arts & Humanities Commission invites you to submit your art of 2020.

Email photos (JPEG/PNG) or links to videos (YouTube/Vimeo) of your visual art (paintings, drawing, sculptures, etc.) and/or performing art (poetry, theatre, song, dance, etc.) created in and inspired by 2020 to ArtsandHumanitiesCom@SierraVistaAZ.gov.

The exhibit is open to area residents of all ages. Submissions are due by January 31, 2021.

From the City web page

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

Kay (Kathryn) W	Jan 3
Shirley A	Jan 6
Mickey W	Jan 6
Jean K	Jan 17
Jeannine G	Jan 19
Caroline F	Jan 20
Joan B	Jan 27
Dot R	Jan 27
Wilma Kay K	Jan 28
Jill H	Jan 29
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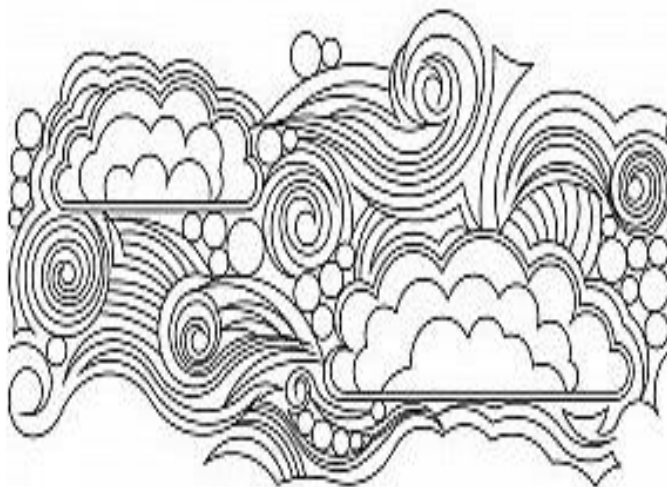
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Quilts of Valor and Vietnam Vets

Quilts of Valor and Vietnam Vets are eager to have any patriotic quilts we can make. 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.

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Sierra Vista, AZ

2021 Opportunity Quilt

Hey, Hummingbirds!



We are still planning as much as possible to adapt to existing and potential upcoming conditions. Even though we're not having a show this year, we are still selling tickets for the Raffle Quilt.

It appears that there are still some of you who were members last year who have not renewed your membership for this year. We are still doing a lot of things- Community Quilts is busier than ever, and there is 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 in, and hearing any news. There are always new members to meet and new projects to work on.

A photo of this year's Raffle Quilt is 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 it will be raffled off. Now here's the good news: WITH FEWER TICKETS BEING SOLD, EACH TICKET HAS A BETTER CHANCE TO WIN! Stop by any time Wednesday or Thursday mornings to pick up your packet 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 December 2020

December Distribution

Boutique	5
Cochise Foster	20
Cochise Oncology	1
Dialysis	1
Stocking Stuffer	3
Personal Individuals	2
Mary's Mission (new)	7
SW Cancer	1
Vietnam Veterans Amer	3

Total **43**

The Guild has received monetary donations from an employee and a patient at the SW Cancer Care Center to be used for supplies. They are so thankful for the quilts

Janet Wilcox
Community Quilts

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