



# The Hummer

The Newsletter of the Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild

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February 2016

Guild meetings are held at Rothery Education Center located at 3305 E. Fry Blvd., Sierra Vista unless otherwise noted.

## February Calendar

- 2/1 Monday, 6 pm Program: Art of Quilting with Sandy Waters (see page 10)
- 2/3 Wednesday 9 am Program: Art of Quilting with Sandy Waters (see page 10); Blotto Due (see page 6) **Quilt show entry forms and hangtag narratives due**
- 2/4 Thursday, Open Sewing 8:30 am-4 pm at the clubhouse (see pg 4)
- 2/10 Wednesday, 9 am Quilting Bee
- 2/11 Thursday, Open Sewing 8:30 am-4 pm at the clubhouse (see page 4)
- 2/16 Tuesday, 9 am Board of Directors' Mtg, Country House
- 2/17 Wednesday, 9 am Community Quilts
- 2/18 Thursday, Open Sewing , 8:30 am-4 p m a t the clubhouse (see page 4)
- 2/24 Wednesday, 9 am Quilting Bee
- 2/25 Thursday, Open Sewing , 8:30 am-4 p m a t the clubhouse (see page 4)
- 2/29 Blue Moon Monday, 6 pm

## March Preview Calendar

- 3/2 Wednesday, 9 am Quilting Bee
- 3/2 Wednesday, 9:30 -11am Judged quilts check in at Life in Christ Church
- 3/3 Thursday, quilts judged. Time TBA
- 3/4 Friday, Quilt Show Setup; turn in display quilts 4-5 pm at Buena HS
- 3/5 Saturday, 9 am-5 pm HSQG Quilt Show

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



**IMPORTANT: you are almost out of time to give Sue Lee your quilt entry forms (deadline is February 3). If we're going to have a successful show this year, she needs those forms. Remember, she only needs a picture of the top – if it isn't finished yet, that's okay!!!**

My time as President is drawing to a close. In fact, this is the next to last message I'll be writing. I have been looking over the past messages and realize they are often a request for action/participation of some sort. I realize that our Guild membership is like every other organization's membership – a few people do most of the work. I guess that's okay, or at least it will be until those "few" people who are doing all the work get tired of it. So, I'd like to take the time to thank a couple of those "few" who do so much of what it takes to keep this guild going.

- The first person I want to thank is Susan Ritter. Susan is a past president, works tirelessly for the quilt show (and drags her husband into it also), and is *always* available to do whatever job I ask of her. Susan volunteers for more duties than I can count. You'll see her helping her sister with the community quilts, helping organize the sewing bees and has volunteered to be the "facility manager" for the new Thursday sewing bees. Susan helps in the stash area, helps with donations, etc., etc., etc. Even "retired" from the presidency, this guild would have a hard time operating without her.

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**President's Message continued**

- The second person I want to thank is Maryann Lepic. She is always in the boutique area (doing whatever it is she does). She opens the meeting rooms for those who like to arrive early and closes the majority of the time, she is always at the various venues around town selling boutique items (and organizing everything ahead of time), and she has volunteered to become the quilt show chair in 2017. Maryann is another person who does more than any of us realizes and we would have a hard time operating without her.

I'd like to mention some others too: Gail Staples, Doreen Dolan, Nancy Banz, Eileen Ahearn, Sandy Varley, Coni Tiefel, Dorthy Goulding, Debi Guilmette, Karen Horton, Linda Erickson, Starr Seesler (publisher of this wonderful newsletter), and Janet Wilcox.

There are more people to mention, but I will save them for next month. Be sure to thank these folks for all their hard work the next time you see them!

*Candy*

\*\*\*\*\***Jan 4 and 6 Quarterly Business Meeting**\*\*\*\*\*

Called to order at 6 PM by President Candy Jennings

- There was a brief discussion of the new slate of officers. A motion was made and seconded to accept the entire slate as it was presented.
- Slate of Officers
- President Diane Williams
- Future President Deb Scott
- Secretary Carol Spessard
- Treasurer Wendy Seals
- Member-at-Large Ellen Pluta• (day)
- Member-at-Large Ruth Akins• (Night)
- Wendy Seals, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report. Motion was made and seconded to accept the report.
- Announcements were made concerning future programs, events, and some needs for various committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Submitted by Diane Williams, Secretary



\*\*\*\*\***Flowers in My Garden**\*\*\*\*\*

A picture of Lois Bloom's quilt "Flowers in My Garden" appears in the Sew to Speak column of the January/February 2016 edition of QUILTMAKER magazine. Her quilt won first place in the small pieced category at the HSQG 2015 quilt show. She used a pattern from QUILTMAKER magazine.



2/1 Sonja Matthews  
 2/4 Nancy Slater  
 2/5 Shirley Fogle  
 2/6 Donna Blackburn  
 2/9 Janice Stewart  
 2/10 Starr Seesler  
 2/10 Debi Guilmette  
 2/12 Lisa Marra  
 2/14 Neva Chun  
 2/15 Shirley Gray  
 2/17 Patt Kerr  
 2/18 Deb Scott  
 2/19 Julia Jones  
 2/20 Virginia Fleming  
 2/21 Naz Mazuli  
 2/22 Connie Worden  
 2/23 Kathy Doescher  
 2/25 Lee Brewer  
 2/25 Susan Ritter  
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 2/27 Eva Snell  
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\*\*\*\*\*Welcome New Member\*\*\*\*\*

**Gail Kamrowski**

**Marge Carrithers**

**Cindy Wetzel**

Please feel free to submit articles, suggestions, patterns, or want ads to buy or sell anything quilt related. We do not promise publication of all submitted items. We will, however, endeavor to publish all items that are applicable to the Guild's charter within a reasonable time frame. All items must be written in an e-mail or on paper. The editor cannot take responsibility for verbal requests. Request deadline is the 20th of the month. Please send all contributions to the Newsletter Editor.

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\*\*\*\*\*Community Outreach Projects\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*Beads of Courage \*\*\*\*\*

Pat Jones reports that 117 Beads of Courage bags have been completed for January thanks to Shirley A. Linda says she is on steroids she is sewing so fast and so much. We will turn in 100 bags for February. We are keeping a "stash" of bags so we can turn in 100 every month. There are a ready supply of bags to assemble! If interested, this is the official website: [www.beadsofcourage.org](http://www.beadsofcourage.org). Thank you to all who helped out, especially the three Shirleys: Auchincloss, Fogle, and Gray! Plenty of kits are available in a big tub on the back wall. Loved getting all the embroidered bags as well.

**Quilt donations for December**

There were a total of 19 quilts distributed during January.

You are Loved Project	8
Cancer	6
Dialysis	5

Total	19
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Also 12 yards of flannel were given to a sewer to make stuffed frogs for the Fire Department to hand out to fire victims. Since this is a new project, guild members will have to wait a bit for more information from Maryann Lepic who is meeting with the sewer soon. Maybe a short presentation...????

**New Day to Quilt/New Clubhouse Hours**

Do you want to sew with friends? Get more things finished? Have fun seeing other people's quilts?

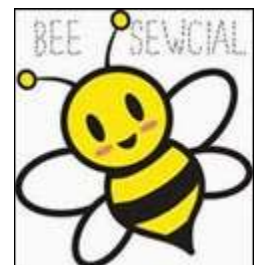
You're invited to come any Thursday to the Guild clubhouse 8:30-4:00 to sew. We have plenty of room, large design walls, large tables and the Accuquilt cutter. If you're already in a quilting bee, call me to check availability. If you're not already in a quilting bee, but would like to be, let me know – there are other people interested. We have lots of room!

I've sewed with quilting bees for more than three years and I can tell you what I've gotten from it – time to sew without the distractions at home (cleaning, cooking, dog, husband, you name it!.) Also, I've had the fun of quilting with friends, sharing creative suggestions about each other's quilts, and actually finishing some large quilts.

February dates are Thursday February 4, 11, 18 and 25. Time is 8:30 to about 4:00 or any time during those hours. Mark your calendar now!

Contact: Susan Ritter 458-9534, or email at [swilcox3@mindspring.com](mailto:swilcox3@mindspring.com)

**Guild volunteers who keep the storage lockers tidy are seeking a donated step ladder, please. If anyone can provide one, it would be much appreciated.**



\*\*\*\*February\*\*\*\*\*



Feb 14 St. Valentines' Day



Feb 15 Presidents' Day

Margot Joy 803-6894, at [margotj@aol.com](mailto:margotj@aol.com) is looking for assistance from the guild in making a quilt from ties in 12 inch to 14 inch squares. She will pay for any ties provided. See Maryann Lepic for more information also.

### Upcoming Workshops 2016

**April 5, 2016:** Tuesday, 10AM-2PM: Beginning Landscape by Barbara Janson. Location: In our Guild classroom. Learn quick and easy techniques as you create a small landscape quilt of scenic Arizona from one of Barb's original compositions. This class is perfect for the novice or experienced quilter to begin the journey into landscape quilting! Each student can pick from one of three different Arizona landscapes especially designed for beginners: a ranch, a desert scene or the Rim country. Barbara also provides each student with a color photo and a pattern. Each student finishes the day feeling comfortable and confident enough to finish the project at home. Most students will have enough time to fuse half of the small landscape. Some even start stitching. Class cost \$40 per student; min 6; max 12 students. Check out her website at: <http://www.impressionsincloth.com/>.

**April 6, 2016:** Wednesday, 1-3PM: Thread Play Made Simple by Barbara Janson. Learn to create dimensional plants and animals with thread... just thread. Embellish your fiber art with Texture. See how easy it is to make trees, flowers, leaves and even cactus with a few basic free-motion techniques. A must-have class for landscape quilters. Hands-on instruction for each student. Thread play class is a technique class, there is no "finished project", just learning and gaining new free-motion skills. Class cost \$40 per student; min 6; max 12 students. Check out her website at: <http://www.impressionsincloth.com/>. Location: In our guild classroom.

\*\*\*\*\*New\*\*\*\*\*

**May 3, 2016: Tuesday:** *Spice Up Your Borders* with Karen Fisher. Go beyond the basic "strip of fabric" borders. Learn how to make her "Tucks with no Measuring or Marking" and her "Skinny Piecing." Make the borders of your quilt as rich and vibrant as the center. Check out her website at: <http://www.karenfisherartquilts.com/workshops/>

All classes must be paid in advance,

If interested, contact Eileen at 520-642-6674 or [straycatz2@vtc.net](mailto:straycatz2@vtc.net)

**HSQG Financial Report****For the Period Ending December 31, 2015****Income**

Interest	\$	8.00
Donation		216.00
Membership		2,538.00
Newsletter Ads		8.00
Nametag Fines		20.00
Quilt Show/Boutique		6,333.00
T-shirts/Bags		184.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,307.00</b>

**Expense**

Administrative	\$	736.00
Insurance		1,187.00
Blotto		157.00
Challenge		82.00
Community Outreach		900.00
Education/Library		-
Programs		2,851.00
Membership		146.00
Meeting Space		3,255.00
Newsletter/Web		629.00
Storage		470.00
Workshops		1,216.00
Capital Expenses		1,804.00
Quilt Documentation		237.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,670.00</b>

**Cash On Hand** **\$ 26,196.00****\*\*\*\*\*Hospital Quilt\*\*\*\*\***

On Jan 7 Janet Wilcox and Susan Ritter replaced the quilt that had been on display with the one here. The prior one will be donated to Tucson Quilt for a Cause.

\*\*\*\*\*January AZ Quilters Hall of Fame “Featured Quilter”, Susan Ritter\*\*\*\*\*

Here is an extract of the “Featured Quilter” article about our very own Susan Ritter from the January Arizona Quilters Hall of Fame, Inc. Newsletter:

“I came from generations of quilters, but didn't have time to quilt until after I retired. When I was a child I went with my grandmother now and again on Saturday morning when she quilted for charity. If I was very quiet under the quilt, sometimes I learned some "life lessons." My mother took up quilting when she retired and for some years, we quilted together, shopped for fabric and traded ideas. I learned on the fly, from magazines, and, of course, from my mistakes!

“I first fell in love with a pattern much too difficult for a beginner - ten years later I'm just getting around to trying it again. I discovered paper piecing early on and found that my quilts looked much better than my true piecing skills. I tried appliqué, but found I should have learned needle-turn when my hands were much younger.

“I joined the Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild in Sierra Vista, AZ, and started watching how other quilters did things. Working on community quilts with our group gave me practice on dozens of quilts and gradually I learned better piecing skills. Still a beginner with quilting, though, I'm working on it. I'm still very active in my Guild and enjoy all my quilting friends.”

For more of this article and some pictures of Susan's quilts, go to [www: arizonaquiltershalloffame.org](http://www.arizonaquiltershalloffame.org)

\*\*\*\*\*Publicity Volunteers Needed\*\*\*\*\*

Looking for one or two members to volunteer to do publicity for the 2017 Quilt Show. It would be easier if two members work together. The job involves advertising our show in pamphlets, magazines, websites, quilt stores, newspapers and anywhere they will let you! At least one person would need to be comfortable with email and the computer. Please see me for more information on the position! Patti Hopkins.

\*\*\*\*\*Blotto Due Feb 3\*\*\*\*\*



\*\*\*\*Taking care of our own\*\*\*\*

Continued warmest wishes to Nancy Whaley who is recovering from a broken ankle.

Our sincerest condolences to our member Betsy Whitesell and family on the loss of their brother, George.

Fondest wishes for Gail Staples who is recuperating from knee replacement.

Our sympathy and condolences to the family of our member, Maxine Bean, who passed away in January.

Wishing Irene Violette a speedy recovery from back surgery.

\*\*\*\*\*New Feature\*\*\*\*\*New Feature\*\*\*\*\*Starting in February Newsletter\*\*\*\*\*

With more space available due to a page 12 and a booklet format, there will be space devoted to favorite recipes submitted by our members. So enjoy! This month is Carol Spessard's Swedish Rye Bread recipe (which was a runaway favorite at the evening holiday party). Next month Diane Williams' Bean Soup recipe will be featured. Together, bread and soup make the perfect tummy warming combination for chilly Arizona evenings! So quilters write up your family's favorite and email the editor. Recipes will be on website in the members only area.

### Carol Spessard's Swedish Rye Bread (Limpa)

2 pkg. active dry yeast

1 ½ cups warm water

1/3 cup packed brown sugar

1/3 cup molasses

1 Tbsp salt

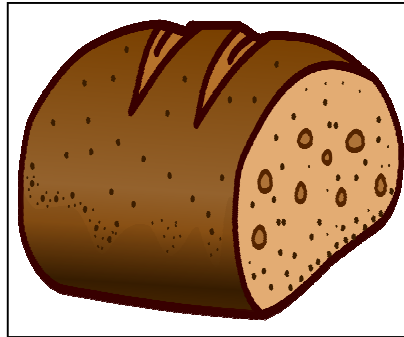
1 Tbsp fennel seed, crushed

1 Tbsp finely shredded orange peel

2 Tbsp vegetable oil

2 ½ cups rye flour

2 ¼ to 2 ¾ cups unbleached flour



Dissolve yeast in warm water in a large bowl. Stir in brown sugar, molasses, salt, fennel seed, orange peel, oil, and rye flour. Beat until smooth. Stir in enough unbleached flour to make a soft dough. Turn dough onto a lightly floured surface. Cover; let rest 10-15 minutes. Knead until smooth and elastic, about 5 minutes (will have to work in the rest of the flour). Place dough in a greased bowl; turn greased side up. Cover; let rise in a warm, sunny place until double in size, about 1 hour. Punch down dough; divide into halves. Shape each half into a rounded, slightly flat loaf. Place loaves in opposite corners of a greased cookie sheet. Cover; let rise until double, about 1 hour. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Bake loaves about 40-50 minutes. Cool on wire racks.

Notes:

- ◆Hodgson Mill Rye Flour is available at Fry's in the flour section.
- ◆Fennel seed is available at the Food Co-op.
- ◆I use 4 tsp. yeast for high altitude baking.
- ◆I put the bread in a sunny window seat to rise.
- ◆With my oven, the time for baking is 30 minutes, middle rack.
- ◆Loaves will be small and dense.



\*\*\*\*\*Barn Quilts Workshop\*\*\*\*\*



Some real beauties here!



Eileen Ahearn and Susan Ritter



Debi Guilmette's design



Here are Jane Bourne's designs actually mounted..not on a barn but on sheds on her property! That's thinking outside the box, Lady!



**Painted Barn Quilt Blocks:** In Jan we had a great time during our workshop painting 2' X 2' barn (aka: quilt shed) quilts. Check out pictures of our creations on our website under the events tab at: <http://www.hummingbirdquiltguild.com/>

\*\*\*\*\*Additional Upcoming 2016 Program Information \*\*\*\*\*

**February: 1 & 3 Feb 2016:** The Art of Quilting by Sandy Waters: Sandy's presentation and trunk show will talk to the quilter, address quilting decisions and touch on considerations when starting a quilting business. Check out her website at: <http://www.ineedlefabric.com/>

**March 7 & 9, 2016:** Confirmed- Diane Pitchford, NQA Certified Judge of our 2016 Quilt Show, will provide an overview of her observations about quilts entered into our quilt show, both judged and non judged, and know firsthand the strengths and weaknesses of our quilting. Plus given her participation in various quilt shows she will also offer general insights about our show and maybe even share best practices of other quilt shows/events.

**April 4, 2016:** Barbara Janson presents: Landscape Lecture and Trunk Show. Learn step-by-step how to translate a scenic photo into a landscape quilt. Begin to "think like a painter" as Barb shares how to choose a natural palette and develop depth in a landscape quilt by using the seven-step value scale. This program will last 1.5 hrs. Check out her website at: <http://www.impressionsincloth.com/> . Patterns will be available for sale.

**April 6, 2016:** Barbara Janson presents Under African Skies: The influence of African-American History and Culture on the American Art Form of Quilting. History and inspiration merge as Barb shares the influence of African design on American quilting, and techniques to embrace African motifs and palettes in your own work. This program will last 1.5 hrs. Check out her website at: <http://www.impressionsincloth.com/> . Patterns will be available for sale.

\*\*\*\*\*New\*\*\*\*\*

**May 2 & 4, 2016:** *Karen Fisher, Author of Easy Grid Quilts (April 2013 program). Chronological Tour and trunk show of her quilting life. The tour includes several of her award-winning quilts from baby quilts made for her granddaughter and continue through her most recent ribbon recipients in the Tucson and Arizona Quilters Guild quilt shows. The second program will be the "Aesthetics of Quilting" uses her background in Art and Art History, plus her own quilts, to talk about how we quilters make choices about their own quilts to find your own voice as an art quilters. Check out her website at: <http://www.karenfisherartquilts.com/workshops/>*

**The quilt room tour is scheduled for Jul 6.**

***We have three volunteers but there is still room for one or two more rooms. Want to volunteer to guide us through your quilting room !!***

**Feb 3, 2016:** We will also enjoy two short presentations:

- 1- Marianne Reiber from the SV Fire Department will talk to us about recognizing the symptoms of a stroke; and
- 2- Vicki Schroeder of the Valley Quilters Guild will tell us about their 1st Biennial Splendor in the Desert Quilt Academy (19 Mar 16).

## **"Quilts of the Huachucas"**

### **March 5th and 6th**

**QUILT SHOW ENTRY FORMS due February 3rd!** Have you turned in your entry form? Entry forms can be given to Sue Lee at the guild meeting. All forms are available on the website.

**PHOTOS:** If you do not have the technology to take a picture of your quilt, Jane Bourne will be available to take pictures and print them at the February 1st & 3rd guild meetings.

**REMINDER:** 2016 HSQG Quilt Show Entry Rules and Definitions - **Rule #8: An entry WILL BE REJECTED if it is not clean and free of smoke odors and pet hair.** Be sure to pre-check your quilt with a lint roller or masking tape prior to bringing your quilt to check-in and make sure that it does not have ANY smoke odors

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!** Signup sheets are available for all the jobs that need to be done for the quilt show. *Please help.* It takes all members to put on a quilt show.

**SPREAD THE WORD** - Please help spread the word for the quilt show by leaving brochures or bookmarks when you are out and about. The bookmarks and brochures are available at the quilt guild.

**HSQG** members with nametags may enter the quilt show free. Spouses that help at the show may also enter free.

**SHOW CDs:** Shirley Fogle will be taking pre-orders for the Quilt Show CDs. The cost is \$10 and must be paid at the time of the order. The hang tag information will be included in the CD along with the photos of the quilts. The pre-ordered CDs will be available for pickup at the show after 2:30 on Sunday. Additional CDs can be ordered after the show through Shirley at the same cost of \$10.

**COOKIES NEEDED:** Cookie donations are needed as a special treat for the groups helping on Friday evening with setup and for our commercial vendors. These cookies are always greatly appreciated by these groups. If you can help, please bring the cookies to Buena High School Friday afternoon between 3:30 and 5 o'clock.

**LUNCH POLICY FOR QUILT SHOW:** We purchase lunch sandwiches each year for the commercial vendors at our show. Sandwiches left over will be available in the break room. Please allow members who have worked all day, or at least multiple shifts, first chance at these leftover sandwiches. It is **NOT** our intention to provide lunch for all members working the show.

#### **FOOD VENDORS:**

- Big Woodies - Many of us enjoyed the great food available from Big Woodies at our prior shows. We are happy to have them back for the 2016 show.
  
- The Buena High School Snack Bar will be open both days.

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