



The Hummer

The Newsletter of the Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild

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March 2016

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

March Calendar

- 3/2 Wednesday, 9:30-11 am Quilt check-in for judging at Life in Christ Church (see note on page 2); clubhouse will be open for open sewing
- 3/3 Thursday, 8:30-4 pm Open Sewing
- 3/4 Friday, 4 –5 pm Display Quilts check-in at Buena High School; vendor set up; **bring cookies for volunteers**
- 3/5 Saturday, 9 am –5pm 2016 Quilt Show at Buena High School
- 3/6 Sunday, 10 am-3pm 2016 Quilt Show
- 3/6 Sunday, 3:30-4 pm dismantle show; 3:30 pm pickup quilts
- 3/7 Monday, 6 pm, Prog Mtg: Diane Pitchford (see page 9)
- 3/9 Wednesday, 9 am, Prog Mtg: Diane Pitchford (see page 9)
- 3/10 Thursday, 8:30-4pm Open Sewing
- 3/15 Tuesday, 9 am, Board of Director's Mtg Country House
- 3/16 Wednesday, 9 am, Community Quilts
- 3/17 Thursday, 8:30-4 pm Open Sewing
- 3/23 Wednesday, 9 am, Community Quilts
- 3/30 Wednesday, 9 am, Blue Moon
- 3/31 Thursday, 8:30-4 pm Open Sewing

Sorry—no space for April preview this time

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

This is my last message to you and I must admit, I will be sad to say good-bye. I know I'm not going anywhere, but I'm turning over the reins to Diane and she'll have the honor of using this space the way she'd like. Now is time for my final thanks to you.

•The first person I want to thank this time is Diane Williams. She will be your new president and I'm sure will do a fine job. But, I couldn't have done my job without her. I had plenty of travel time this past year and Diane never complained about stepping up and doing my job for me. Please know I'll do the same for you if needed, Diane.

•The second person I want to thank is Shirley Gray. Shirley keeps our website up and running, helps Ann Walker with membership, keeps the roster and the calendar up-to-date, always knows the by-laws and what I'm doing wrong (!!!), and generally is indispensable to our Guild. Please give her a big hug and "thank you" the next time you see her.

•I'd also like to thank Wendy Seals. Her time as treasurer – and keeping us amused and informed with the *cardboard* – is greatly appreciated. She has rotated jobs when she has tired of the treasurer, but I think in the approximately 10 years I've been a member, Wendy has always had a Board position. Also, Wendy is everywhere at the Quilt Show and even drags her family along. Could we do it without her/them??



See next page, too!

President's Message continued

Some others who deserve mention are: Shirley Auchincloss – she sews **a lot**, Syldina Butler and Wendy Hirsch who quilt so many of our community quilts, Anne Blohm – who as a new member stood up and took the chair of the Ways and Means committee, and so many more that I don't think I can mention them all. We have committees who make our raffle quilts, design and make the sample blottos, who put together Blue Moon kits, who act as hostesses for our holiday parties – all of these are members who go above and beyond to make sure we run smoothly!!

I'm sure I've missed mentioning someone by name, and for that I apologize. But to each and every one of you who participates, thank you, thank you, thank you. We have a great guild and I hope it is around for many, many more years.

Candy

Donation to Spouses' Club

This is the quilt that HSQG is donating to the Fort Huachuca Spouses' Club for scholarship funding.

**PROJECT GRADUATION**

Graduation time is almost here and the Guild will again sponsor a graduation basket. We will use one of our "blue" community quilts for the basket but we need to collect more quilting/sewing related, dorm-appropriate items for the basket (such as hand towels). Wendy will purchase the laundry basket to place the donations in and be responsible for collecting them. Please make sure Wendy has your donation not later than May 1.



Regarding check-in for quilts on Wednesday at Life in Christ Church—please no early check-ins! Thank You!

Volunteers needed to work the quilt show days!

*****Upcoming QDP*****

The next Quilt Documentation Project will be 16 April. Look for the announcement in April newsletter. As in the past Ruth Akins is the go-to-person for information. AND **Volunteers** will be needed, of course!



- 3/2 Wendy Hirsch
- 3/2 Sheila King
- 3/3 Kathleen L'Ecluse
- 3/4 Elke Compton
- 3/9 Ovidia Schaaf
- 3/13 Gail Fisher
- 3/13 Irene Violette
- 3/14 Diane Williams
- 3/20 Ellen Pluta
- 3/21 Jane Bourne
- 3/21 Sharon Smith
- 3/25 Fran Kinney-Cassidy
- 3/26 Kathy Dean
- 3/26 Pauline Granstrom
- 3/27 Patricia Hopkins
- 3/28 Donna Otto
- 3/29 Sandra Bouley
- 3/30 Patty Holley
- 3/31 Beth House

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*****Welcome New Member*****

Emma Thatcher

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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*****Bernina Serger for Sale*****

The guild has a Serger for sale. It does need servicing. It's a steal at \$100. Please see Susan Ritter for more information.

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

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

Pat Jones reports that 100 Beads of Courage bags have been completed for February thanks to Shirley A. Linda says she is on steroids she is sewing so fast and so much. If interested, this is the official website: 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 black counter. We are keeping a "stash" of bags so we can turn in 100 every month. There are a ready supply of bags to assemble!

*******New Shop in Payson*******

From Pat Jones:

"I also want to let everyone that travels know that a new quilt shop is OPENING So many closings so I thought I'd let everyone know. It is in Payson AZ, called the Copper Needle. Looks like its going to be a great shop!"

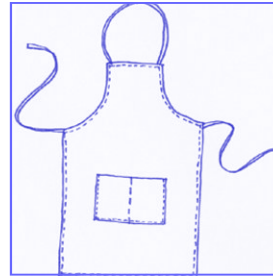
*******Make a Block for Candy*******

**Candy is crazy for Green, Purple and Orange!
Go for it, Ladies!**



Quilt donations

Janet delivered 10 Busy aprons to Valor Hospice in February.



*******February Blotto Winners*******

The February Blotto Winners: Joanne Presher, Candy Jennings, and Diane Williams. Congratulations Ladies!

*******Godspeed Vangie!*******

Our guild is losing Vangie Knowles to Texas. She will be moving March 1. We will miss you. Good Luck to you. Wishing you many happy quilting days ahead.

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

Jeannine Grabaska and her family on the loss of her nephew.

Our sincerest condolences to our member Doreen Dolan for the loss of her son-in-law.

Our sincerest condolences to our President, Candy Jennings, on the loss of her mother-in-law.

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March 17 St. Patrick's Day

March 20 1st Day of Spring

March 27 Easter Sunday

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.

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,

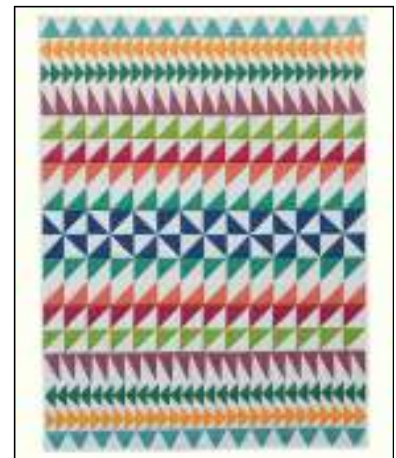
If interested, contact Eileen at 520-642-6674 or straycatz2@vtc.net

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2015-2016 Quilt Donations

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| Cochise Oncology Center | 33 |
| C.A.N.T.E.R, | 1 |
| Cochise County Foster Care | 26 |
| SV Dialysis Center | 43 |
| Forgach House | 24 |
| You Are Loved Project | 78 |
| Valor Hospice | 18 |
| VA Aux Home | 3 |
| Newborn Intensive Care Program | 19 |
| Private Individuals | 10 |
| SVRHC | 24 |
| Quilt for a Cause | 3 |



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*******Publicity Volunteer Needed*******

Looking for a volunteer to do publicity for the 2017 Quilt Show. The job involves advertising our show in pamphlets, magazines, websites, quilt stores, newspapers and anywhere management will let you! This energetic person would need to be comfortable with email and the computer. Please see

*******Photos Needed for Website*******

Would the following members please see Webmaster, Shirley Gray, to have their picture taken for use in the Members Only Area of the website. Putting a name to a face helps so much when you attend guild.

Carrithers, Marge

Dearing, Carolyn

Hawkins, Carol

Kamrowski, Gail

Mapoles, Audrey

Marra, Lisa

Nerenberg, Melissa

Peele, Lou

Stone, Chong

Thatcher, Emma

Warthan, Kay

Wilkins, Sheila

******Quilt Room Tour******

The quilt room tour is scheduled for Jul 6, Weds.

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 !!

**PURCHASE REQUEST AND
AUTHORIZATION FORMS**

As a 501(3)c, we have a duty to ensure that money is accounted for properly. We have been pretty lax (to say the least) about this in the past and we need to change! We have *a request and authorization form* on our web site. Money will ONLY be disbursed if you have one of these forms filled out and signed by the appropriate committee chair or other board member. Once you have done this, attach your receipt for the item(s) you wish to be reimbursed for and give it to the treasurer (Wendy) who will file it with the receipt for the necessary length of time. Thank you for being understanding of this needed change. Wendy will have some forms available, but you should download a form as needed from the web site in advance of your purchase and get approval. This form is on the Website under the Members Only Area.



**I'm a QUILTER
THIS is how I mend Pants**

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QUILT APPRAISALS

Joyce Larson

AQS Certified Quilt Appraiser

Yes, you heard correctly...

I am retiring from appraising

June 1, 2016.

Just to say "Thank You"

Quilt Show Special 3 quilts /\$125

"Update" Appraisal

**\$35 recommended for appraisals
done prior to 2010**

Appointments: 520-266-3617

*****Recipe Corner*****New Feature*****

This month's featured recipe is Diane Williams' Bean Soup. Combined with Carol Spessard's Swedish Bread published last month, this soup is 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. Need a recipe for April!

. Diane's Bean Soup w/ Rutabaga and Bok Choy (8 servings)

1 c. cooked navy beans or garbanzo beans
 3/4 tsp dried crushed sage
 4 c water
 1/4 tsp pepper
 1 veggie bouillon cube
 1 pkg miso soup mix
 clove garlic minced
 2 c thinly sliced Bok Choy
 1 leek thinly sliced
 2 yellow turnips or rutabagas, peeled and cubed
 1 – 14.5 oz can cut tomatoes

Combine beans, water, bouillon, miso soup mix, leek, sage, pepper. Simmer 20 mins. Add rutabaga; simmer 20 mins. Add Bok Choy and tomatoes. Simmer 10 mins. Serve with fresh bread.



Does anybody have a spare ladder to give-away?

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. A 3-or-4-step ladder is needed.

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Upcoming 2016 Program Information

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.

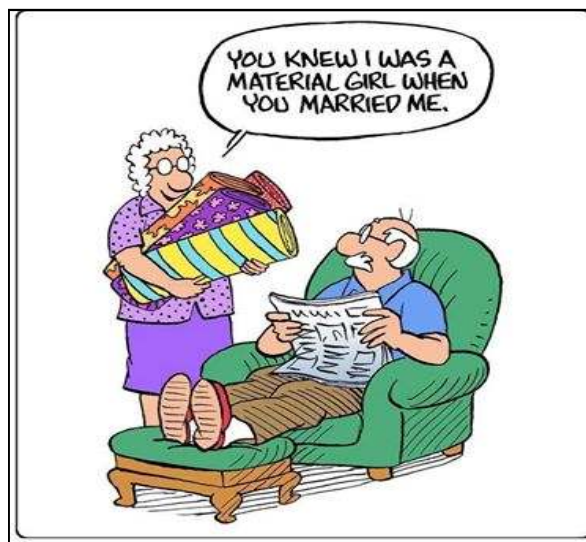
April 4, 2016: Barbara Janson presents: Landscape Lecture and Trunk Show. Learn step-by-step how to translate a scenic photo into a landscape quilt. Begin to “think like a painter” as Barb shares how to choose a natural palette and develop depth in a landscape quilt by using the seven-step value scale. 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.

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 quilts to find your own voice as an art quilters. Check out her website at: <http://www.karenfisherartquilts.com/workshops/>

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Margot Joy 803-6894, at 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.



"Quilts of the Huachucas"

March 5th and 6th

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

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.

Bring Lots of **THESE!**



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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*******Tucson Quilt Fiesta Award*******

HSQG member, Susie Weaver, was the recipient of several awards at this year's Tucson Quilt Fiesta. Congratulations Susie!

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