



The Hummer

The Newsletter of the Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild

www.hummingbirdquiltguild.com

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March 2011



There is still time to sign up to help at the show. Please contact the following members to volunteer.

Admissions: Peggy Kenny
Boutique: Maryann Lepic
Quilt Check-in and Out: Wendy Seals
Pole Set Up, Take Down and Quilt
Hanging: Sue Lee
Raffle Ticket Sales: Doreen Dolan
White Glove: Laura Keiller

Guild meetings are held at the Sierra Vista Community United Church of Christ unless otherwise noted.

March Calendar

3/2	9:30am	Program Meeting - "Something Old, Something New"
3/4-3/7		Retreat (Huachuca Oaks Camp)
3/7	6pm	Program Meeting - "Something Old, Something New"
3/9	9:30am	Quilting Bee - Dog Bed Demo
3/12		AQG Bus Trip to Mesa
3/16	9:30am	Community Quilts
3/23	9:30am	Quilting Bee
3/30	9:30am	Blue Moon Wednesday (Page 6)

March 2 and March 7 Program Meetings: Several members will share the first quilts they made and then some of their latest quilts.

March 9: Diane Cratsenburg will explain that the way we have been making dog beds to donate to shelters must be revised to meet their needs and to ensure we get the best use out of our resources. New designs and alternate plans to use donated fabric will be discussed.

A Message From Our President

Whew! The last label on the last quilt is sewed on; the last sleeve is whipped together – I'm ready. Now it's time to enjoy the rewards.

It's amazing how good our quilts look when they are properly hung for display. And sometime during the weekend, I'll get to spend time just looking and thinking. I know there will be quilts that give me new ideas to try. There will be quilts that make me think "I love that!" There will be quilts that make me want to sign up for more classes. Somewhere there will be a quilt that says "You could do this."

I didn't finish nearly as many as I wanted to this year, but I managed to enter three. I'll get back the judge's comments and plan how to improve my skills on this year's quilts.

I'll come home tired, happy and full of ideas. Then I'll go into my workroom on a sunny morning; I'll pick through my stash for whatever colors leap out at me; and I'll start another wonderful year ... QUILTING!!

Susan Ritter

Happy 
St. Patrick's Day

Welcome New Members

Jackie Jenkins
Ingrid Kluegel
Wanda Mealey



Sew Many Quilts

- ▣ HSQG members with nametags may enter the quilt show free. Spouses that help set-up/take-down may also enter free when wearing the volunteer badge they will receive when they help out.
- ▣ Sue Hausmann, our featured speaker, will be doing presentations on Saturday, February 26, at 10:30am and 2:30pm.
- ▣ A list of ribbon winners will be posted on the website as soon as they are announced on Saturday, February 26.

Congratulations, Ribbon Winners

- ▣ Lynne Bie won a Second Place ribbon at the Tombstone Quilt Show.
- ▣ Clara Billock won a First Place ribbon at the Tombstone Quilt Show.
- ▣ Nanette Chopin Cook won a ribbon at the Tucson Quilt Fiesta. Her quilt "Baltimore Hearts" won a Third Place ribbon in the Primarily Appliquéd, Hand Quilting division.
- ▣ Shirley Fogle won Best In Show and a First Place for two crocheted projects (vest and hand-bag) at the Marin County Fair in Marin County, CA, plus 7 Honorable Mentions in knitting. At the Sonoma County Fair she won a First, a Second, and two Thirds all in knitting.
- ▣ Pauline Grosch won Best of Show at the Tombstone Quilt Show.



AQG Quilt Show Bus Trip

Our annual bus trip to the show in Mesa is Saturday, March 12th. The subsidized cost is \$25 for guild members payable by cash or check. Non-members will be able to sign up Wednesday, March 2nd for \$40 if there is space left. **All payments are non-refundable.** Contact Susan Lee for information.



For Macy

I am a member vendor in the quilt show. I will be selling pillowcases, etc. with the proceeds to benefit Macy. I want guild members to know that all the pillowcases I am selling I have made myself. All of the pillowcases that the guild has made for Macy have been sent to her. Please keep Macy in your prayers as she isn't doing very good, and they are trying to get a kidney transplant for her. Thank you all for the wonderful pillowcases that you have donated.

Mary Kay Holcomb



March 4-7 Retreat

Place: Huachuca Oaks Christian Camp

Cost: \$125 for members and \$150 for

non-members. We will be making a finish-as-you-go table runner taught by Pat Hoard.

Contact Shirley Auchincloss for information.

Special Notice:

Bylaw amendments will be discussed at both March program meetings. The purpose of these amendments is to create a Board of Directors which will be responsible for setting policy and advance planning. Other changes will be to re-structure the position of Second Vice President and create the standing committee for Hospitality. With nearly 200 members and as many activities as we provide, we need a more representative Board, and we need to be able to plan schedules farther ahead. Copies of the existing Bylaws and proposed Bylaws will be available for review at the March meetings. A copy of the proposed amendments will also be on the website. If you have any questions or comments, and cannot attend either March meeting, please call or e-mail me.

Susan Ritter

It is time to renew your membership. Please remember that once your new membership has been processed the year and your membership number will change to enter the MEMBERS ONLY area of the website.



Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild Membership April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012

Last Name _____ First Name _____

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Do you want to receive your newsletter via E-mail? Yes No E-Mail Address _____

Dates Summer Address To Be Used _____ Birthday (Mo/Day Only) _____

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Check all that apply:

New Membership Renewal

Adult Membership \$15.00 Junior Membership \$7.50

I will primarily attend day meetings I will primarily attend night meetings

I can't often attend meetings, but want to enter a quilt in the quilt show

I understand that the primary goal of the Hummingbird Stitches 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.

Signed _____

For Guild Use Only	
Membership Number	
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Amount Received	
Date Recorded	

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

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Helen Frost will be teaching a class on March 26th and a Drive In Quilt Retreat is scheduled for April 8-10. Call the shop for information.



Workshop—April 9

The Kaleidoscope class to be held Saturday, April 9, is FULL. You may place your name on a waiting list if you wish to take the class. See me at a meeting or email me at pennylupo2468@cox.net and I will add your name. Thanks.

Penny Lupo

Upcoming HSQG Calendar

- 4/4 Program Meeting - Sandy Varley trunk show/Bylaws Amendment Discussion
 - 4/6 Quarterly Bus Meeting/BLOTTO Due/Bylaws Amendment Discussion
 - 4/9 Workshop—Kaleidoscope*
 - 4/13 Quilting Bee
 - 4/20 Community Quilts
 - 4/27 Quilting Bee
 - 5/2 Program Meeting - Hand Appliqué Techniques
 - 5/4 Program Meeting—Hand Appliqué Techniques
 - 5/11 Quilting Bee
 - 5/18 Community Quilts
 - 5/25 Quilting Bee
 - 8/24-28 Retreat*
 - 10/7-10 Retreat*
- *Huachuca Oaks Christian Camp

Home of the Brave

The picture below shows the Home of the Brave quilt that will be given to the family of SPC Christian M. Adams of Sierra Vista. He died in Afghanistan in June 2010. A special thank you to members who made a block for this quilt and to Glenn Gray for doing the quilting.



February Raffle Winners

- Marjorie Burns
- Peggy Kenny
- Shirley Gray
- Lynne Morrow

Dates for Your Information

- 3/5 Double Adobe Quilt Show
- 3/5-6 Sun City Quilters, Oro Valley, AZ
- 3/10-12 AQG Show, Mesa, AZ (azquiltersguild.org)
- 3/18-19 Splendor in the Desert, Green Valley

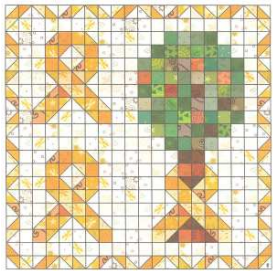
Website News - Members for Hire

A form is now available in the MEMBERS ONLY section of our website listing members who provide services for hire (quilting, machine servicing, etc.). Please contact me if you provide such a service and want to be added to this form.

Shirley Gray, Webmaster

National Quilting Day

The National Quilting Association has officially designated the 3rd Saturday in March as National Quilting Day. The organization issues a free quilt pattern on their website each year. The 2010 pattern "Let's Tie One On FOR THE TROOPS.!" and the 2011 project "Build Your Own Log Cabin" are shown below. Check out other free patterns on their website: www.nqaquilts.org.

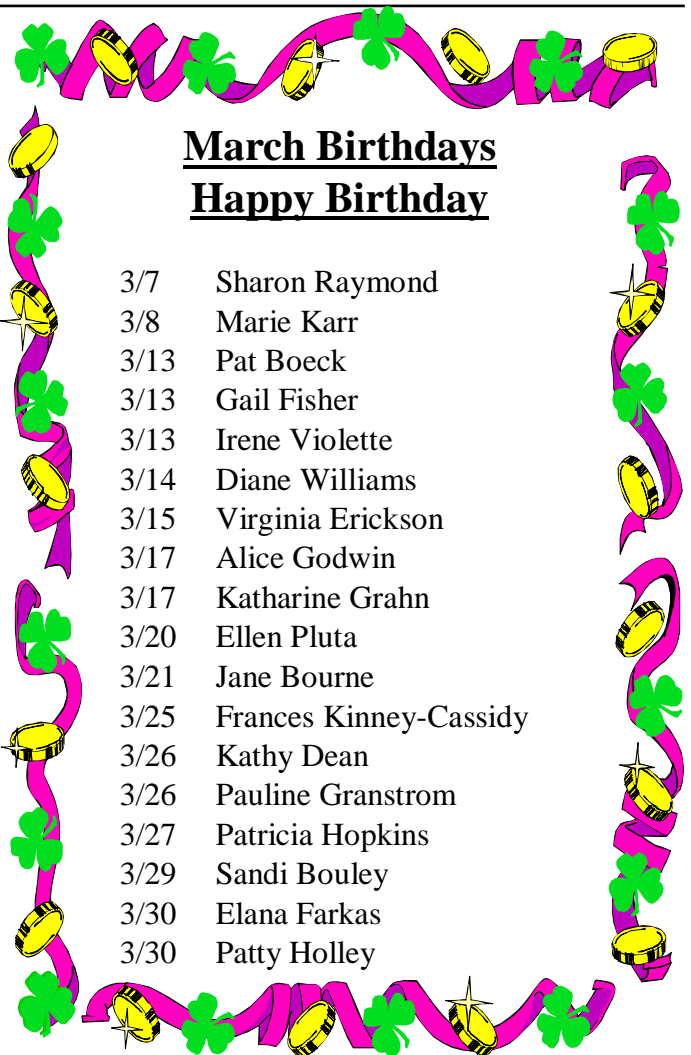


We Wish You Well

Joyce Larson is recovering from surgery.

New Member Profile - Betty Folkner

Betty heard about HSQG from friends, the newspaper, and the 2009 quilt show. She will be attending the morning meeting. Betty began quilting about 10 years ago, but just pieced the tops and tied them. So far, she is self taught and is open to learning new techniques. She has lived in Sierra Vista since 2004 and likes to crochet, knit, cook, garden, and read. She said, "I wish I had been more interested in my younger years when I could have learned so much from my mother-in-law." "She was a wonderful quilter. I love working at the Javalujah coffee shop at Calvary Chapel and cooking lunch for the Salvation Army. I'm Looking forward to making quilts with your help and teaching." Welcome, Betty.



March Birthdays Happy Birthday

3/7	Sharon Raymond
3/8	Marie Karr
3/13	Pat Boeck
3/13	Gail Fisher
3/13	Irene Violette
3/14	Diane Williams
3/15	Virginia Erickson
3/17	Alice Godwin
3/17	Katharine Grahn
3/20	Ellen Pluta
3/21	Jane Bourne
3/25	Frances Kinney-Cassidy
3/26	Kathy Dean
3/26	Pauline Granstrom
3/27	Patricia Hopkins
3/29	Sandi Bouley
3/30	Elana Farkas
3/30	Patty Holley

Blue Moon Wednesday

Join us for Blue Moon Wednesday, March 30.



■ New Member Profile — Sandy Varley ■

“I found out about the guild from a newsletter I picked up at The Squirrel's Nest last fall while we were preparing for our recent move to St. David . I later found out that one of my Utah quilting friends had been stationed at Fort Huachuca some years ago, and spoke highly of the guild. Since I live in St. David and am retired, I'll primarily be attending day meetings.

I've been quilting for more than 30 years, but I would have to say I didn't get very good at it until I joined a quilt group about 15 years ago. Prior to that, I didn't know any other quilters to hang out with, had never taken a class (didn't even know there was such a thing!), and the only quilting-related book was a reproduction of Ruby McKim's book of quilt blocks. It just had blocks--no instruction on how to actually make a quilt. I first learned about quilting after I graduated from college, when I was a VISTA volunteer on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in northeastern Montana. The women there made beautiful Lone Star quilts. I admired them greatly, even had one custom made, but I was too shy to ask them to teach me what they knew.

Favorite quilting technique? Hmmm. I like machine piecing and paper foundation piecing. I love hand applique. I like to hand quilt, but only small things now, because I can piece faster than I quilt, and I'd never have any bedsized quilts if I hand quilted them all. I'm not good at machine quilting, and send anything bedsized out to a longarmer.

I love learning new techniques. Most recently, I took a class in bead embellishing from Mary Stori, a national teacher which I enjoyed a lot.

I just moved to St. David in January. We live in a total solar home on four acres.

Indoor hobbies besides quilting include knitting and reading. I belonged to a book club in Salt Lake and would like to find another one here. My husband and I are real outdoor people, and love camping, hiking, mountain biking, canoeing, and kayaking. We have a small motor home, and love to wander in that. We've been to the Baja peninsula, Colorado, British Columbia, and the Pacific Northwest, including the Oregon coast, as well as all over Utah and Idaho, some of Nevada and California.” Welcome, Sandy



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 second Wednesday of the month. Please send all contributions to the Newsletter Editor.

We do not publish phone numbers for our members in respect for their privacy. If you need to contact a member by phone, please refer to your current Guild roster.

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Website of the Month

- Check out the Road to California winners at www.road2ca.com
- National Quilt Day www.nqaquilts.org (see page 6)

Tip of the Month

After you wash a piece of fabric, put a safety pin in one corner. It is then fast and easy to see if the fabric has been washed.