



# The Hummer

The Newsletter of the Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild

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

## September Calendar

|      |        |   |
|------|--------|---|
| 9/1  | 9:30am | Garage Sale   |
| 9/6  |        | <b><u>NO NIGHT MEETING</u></b>                                |
| 9/8  | 9:00am | BOM-POM   |
| 9/13 | 6:00pm | <b>Reception for Betty Merkel<br/>All Members Are Invited</b> |
| 9/15 | 9:30am | Community Quilts  |
| 9/18 |        | Workshop (see page 2)   |
| 9/22 | 9:30am | Quilting Bee/Strips & Scraps                                  |
| 9/26 |        | Arizona Hall of Fame<br>Induction Luncheon                    |
| 9/29 | 9:30am | Blue Moon Wednesday<br>(see page 2)                           |

**Wednesday, September 1 - Garage Sale:** It is time to go through your sewing room and gather those items you no longer use. Put a price on them and bring them to set up your own Garage Sale table. This is a service provided by the Guild at no cost to sellers. Come see what other members have for sale. Only members can sell, but invite your friends to come buy!!

### **Monday, September 13 - All Members (Day and Night) Are Invited**

The Guild will be honoring Betty Merkel at our evening meeting, Monday September 13, at 6pm. There will be a very brief time at the beginning of the meeting for announcements and members' Show and Tell. The Guild is providing refreshments.

If you cannot make it to the Induction Ceremony in Phoenix, this is the perfect opportunity for you to look at an exhibit of some of her work and give her your congratulations.

## A Message From Our President



Hard to believe, but my scrap bin is empty! I just finished sewing up all those leftovers and pesky little bits, into blocks

for the guild's charity quilts. It felt like our grandmothers' style of quilting, using and re-using every small scrap of fabric and making something useful and beautiful out of it. How lucky we are to have the fabric choices we have now. And how much we owe to those quilters who came before us! I myself have a line of quilting grandmothers and aunts stretching back 6 generations -- plus all the other quilting friends and teachers who have helped me along the way.

This month we honor one of our own, Betty Merkel, who will be inducted into the Arizona Quilters Hall of Fame, with three other women important to quilting in our state. Truly we stand on the shoulders of giants, women who were generous with their time and talents.

I'm starting a new quilt for a baby girl, who, along with the other two children in that generation, may become the seventh generation of quilters in our family. All of them might turn out to be quilters; if not, they will at least grow up with quilts all around them.

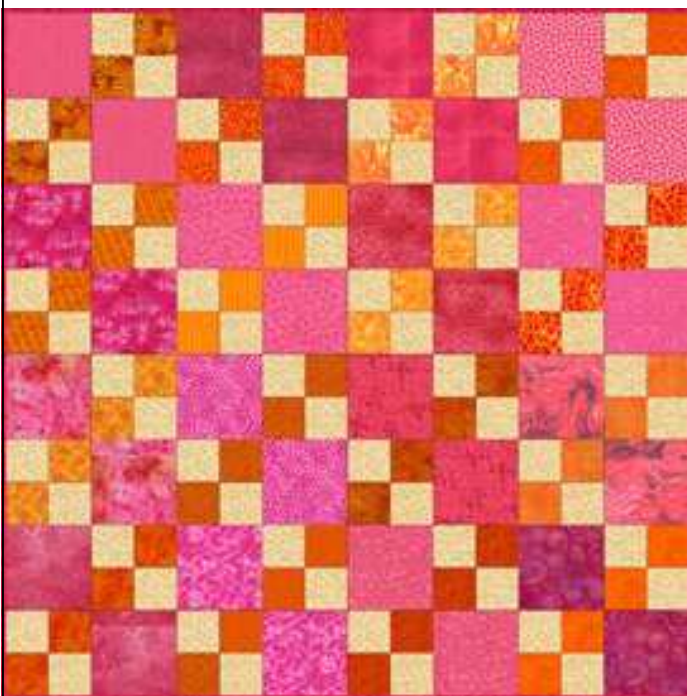
Each of us is in the middle of a long line of quilters, stretching back to the beginnings of this country, and stretching forward into time. We pass along our skills to our children and other beginning quilters, who in turn pass it forward. Imagine – a river of quilts!

Susan Ritter

## Welcome New Member

Not only did Caroll Jones present wonderful programs at our August meetings, but she also joined HSQG. Welcome Caroll.

## September Blue Moon - 9/29



Double 4-Patch



## Pillowcases for Macy

We have sent a total of 86 pillowcases to Macy. Macy has passed out pillowcases and almost all were gone in one week. This was exciting for Macy. The kids loved the pillowcases—they were quite the buzz—and about 10 nurses came to say thank you. Macy's family wants to start a foundation called Cases for Kids and they hope to get other sewing groups to help make pillowcases. Our group has spurred a great idea - thanks to all members who helped.



## Workshops

### September 18 with Arlene Walsh

This workshop will be at Our Lady of the Mountains Church with Arlene Walsh who will share her "Bead Embroidery" techniques with us. A kit will be available for only \$10 and additional supplies will be available at the class. You are welcome to bring your own supplies. The class is from 9am to 3:30pm. Lunch will be provided and the cost is \$15.



### November 6 UFO Workshop

This workshop will be at Huachuca Baptist Camp from 9am to 3pm. The cost is only \$10, including lunch.

Penny Lupo  
Workshop Chair

## August Raffle Winners

Merrie Haynes  
Neva Chun

Donna Blackburn  
Jill Holsonback





## Sew Many Quilts

### ▣ Art in the Park—Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help sell raffle tickets at the Art in the Park on Saturday and Sunday, October 2 and 3. Please contact Doreen Dolan to volunteer.

### ▣ Show Categories

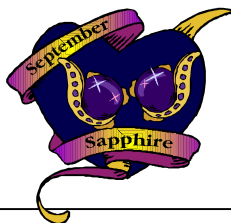
The quilt show entry form will be in the November newsletter but we wanted to let you know the categories earlier so here they are!

#### CATEGORIES:

- Appliqué-small, medium and large
- Pieced-small, medium and large
- Mixed Techniques-small, medium and large
- Art-all sizes
- Miniature-less than 97 inch perimeter and small scale
- Machine Embroidery-all sizes
- Other-to include handwork, photo transfer, all sizes
- Portrait of...Challenge (judged)
- Apparel
- Display only (not judged-any size and technique)
- Vintage (not judged)

Please contact Sue Lee if you have any questions.

▣ **Member Vendors.** Have some handmade sewing-related items you would like to sell? Why not be a Member Vendor at the quilt show in February? Tables are only \$15. Sign up early as we have limited space. When it is gone, it is gone. Contact Karen Horton for more information.



**Please volunteer to help sell raffle tickets at the Art in the Park booth.**

## A Message from the Challenge Committee

Only **2 months** and your challenge quilts are due. **A wonderful prize will be given at the October 6 meeting (winner need not be present).** For a chance to win the prize—Please give, mail, or email to **Jill Holsonback** to be received no later than Tuesday October 5:

1. The name of your quilt (A portrait of...).
2. A short statement (75 words or less) about your quilt. (Your quilt title and statement will be attached to your quilt at the challenge quilt show.)

#### Reminder:

1. Please bring your challenge quilts on November 1 to the church hall between **(5:15 to 5:45pm)** and on November 3 between **(8:45 to 9:15 am)**. We have a quilt show to set up and we need some time to do this.
2. The quilts are due at the Monday, November 1, and Wednesday, November 3, meetings. If you cannot attend both times—please make arrangements for someone else to bring your quilt. Quilts not at both meetings cannot be considered for Viewers Choice Award or a prize.
3. Please put a label on your quilt.



## 2012 Raffle Quilt

The sign-out sheet is ready and many of the blocks will be packaged and ready to sign out by the September 8 and September 13 meetings. We hope that everyone will take a block. Blocks are available for all quilting levels and using various techniques.

A special thank you to Quilter's Desert Patch for supporting this raffle effort.

Clara Billock

## Community Quilts

For the month of August, we distributed the following quilts:

|                         |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| Forgach                 | 6  |
| Cochise Co Foster Care: | 12 |

We also made 34 pillowcases for soldiers.



### September Block of the Month / Project of the Month



JoAnn Vandine will be sharing several ideas for this block at our September 8 and September 13th meetings.

## Happy Birthday September Birthdays

|      |                 |
|------|-----------------|
| 9/1  | Gail Lund       |
| 9/1  | Sue McKinney    |
| 9/2  | Janet Murphy    |
| 9/4  | Karen Horton    |
| 9/5  | Carolyn Dearing |
| 9/9  | Christie Kroger |
| 9/17 | Penny Lupo      |
| 9/23 | Olga Fannin     |
| 9/24 | Marilyn Lawson  |
| 9/26 | Ann Hanson      |
| 9/27 | Nora Eaken      |
| 9/28 | Clara Billock   |



Shirley Auchincloss pieced and quilted this quilt for our donation to the church. We donate a quilt to the church every year as part of our rent. Thanks, Shirley A.

**For Sale:** Retro 1950s/60s Seafoam Green Singer Sewing Machine Model 338 in excellent condition, recently fully serviced. Comes with a lovely cabinet, also in good condition. Well-cared for through the years, needs a loving home. Asking \$100, but will negotiate the price. Contact Brenda Shipman if interested.





## Retreat News

Thanks to Shirley Auchincloss the summer retreat is underway with 17 attendees. They are busy quilting, swimming, eating, and having a good time. JoAnn Vandine gave a lesson in making tiny bags. Additional pictures will be on the website next week.



Mark Your  
Calendar  
Next Retreat  
10/22-24



## Upcoming HSQG Calendar

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| 10/2-3   | Art in the Park  |
| 10/4     | Program Meeting  |
| 10/5     | Quilt Challenge—Title of your quilt and a short write up due |
| 10/6     | Qtrly Business Mtg/BLOTTO                                    |
| 10/13    | BOM-POM  |
| 10/20    | Community Quilts   |
| 10/22-24 | Retreat **   |
| 10/27    | Quilting Bee/Strips and Scraps                               |
| 11/1     | Quilt Challenge  |
| 11/3     | Quilt Challenge  |
| 11/6     | UFO Workshop**   |
| 11/9     | Taste of Home  |
| 11/10    | BOM-POM  |
| 11/17    | Community Quilts   |
| 11/24    | Quilting Bee/Strips and Scraps                               |
| 12/1     | Holiday Party  |
| 12/6     | Holiday Party  |
| 12/8     | BOM-POM  |
| 12/15    | Community Quilts   |
| 12/22    | Quilting Bee/Strips and Scraps                               |
| 12/29    | Blue Moon Wednesday  |

\*\*Huachuca Oaks Baptist Camp

## HSQG Website

A list of area quilt and fabric shops has now been added to the home page of the website.

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.

Guild Webpage: [www.hummingbirdquiltguild.com](http://www.hummingbirdquiltguild.com)

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**Website of the Month**

Have you heard of Ferrett? Check out these two websites:

[www.apqs.com/artists\\_ferret.php](http://www.apqs.com/artists_ferret.php) and [www.ferfab.co.uk](http://www.ferfab.co.uk)