



The Hummer

The Newsletter of the Hummingbird Stickers Quilt Guild

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September 2011

Guild meetings are held at Apache Middle School located at 3305 E. Fry Blvd., Sierra Vista unless otherwise noted.

September Calendar

- 9/1 First deposit due for October Retreat
- 9/5 **HOLIDAY—NO MEETING**
- 9/7 9:30am Garage Sale
- 9/10 9:00am UFO Workshop
- 9/12 6pm Program Meeting - Cactus Quilts (Nancy/David Landon)
- 9/14 8am Board of Directors Meeting
- 9/14 ***** Quilting Bee
- 9/21 ***** Community Quilts
- 9/28 ***** Quilting Bee
- 9/30-10/2 Art in the Park Booth (see below)

*****Since we are renting our meeting room in 4-hour increments, you are welcome to come from 8am to noon on non-program Wednesdays.

Garage Sale - September 7

Our annual garage sale is on September 7. Gather those sewing/quilting 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. There will also be a "Guild Table" for donated items. Come see what other members have for sale. Only members can sell, but invite your friends to come see what we have and buy!!!

Art in the Park - Please Volunteer!

Volunteers are needed to help sell raffle tickets at the Art in the Park on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (September 30 - October 2). Please contact Clara Billock or Candy Jennings to volunteer!

A Message From Our President

The kids are trudging off to school past my window again this week. The weather hasn't changed yet, but it feels like the beginning of a new school year anyway. Somehow, the long, lazy days of summer never quite materialized for me this year - you know, the ones that involve a hammock, a grippingly unrealistic book, something tall and cold to drink. Seems like we were all too busy to slow down this year.

We did, however, make a tremendous effort to get ourselves moved into our new space and functional again; we have delivered quilts to the first half of the families who lost homes in the Monument Fire; and we have some terrific activities planned for the rest of this year.

For me, the best moment of quilting is when I see it all come together in my head; second best moment is when I put the last stitch in it. And then that itch gets me --- what will I make next? Which of the ideas in my notebook, which of the fabrics in my stash, should I play with now? Who has a graduation, wedding, or new baby that needs a quilt? Do I have time to work on a new technique?

So here's the Labor Day breather -- finishing up summer's projects and deciding what to work on next. I'm off to play with my stash today!

Susan Ritter

Welcome New Member

Sandra Matsuura



Workshop - September 10

There will be a UFO workshop on Saturday, September 10, from 9-3:30. Lunch is included. Cost is \$20 at Apache Middle School. Bring your sewing machine and whatever you want to work on. You may call, e-mail me, or see me at a meeting, and I will add your name to the list. I hope you can attend as we need a minimum of 20 people to hold this workshop

Penny Lupo
Workshop Chairperson



Retreat News

- ▣ Thanks to Shirley Auchincloss for organizing and coordinating the August retreat. Pictures taken at the retreat (thanks, Jill Wallace) will be available on the website soon.
- ▣ The next retreat at the Huachuca Oaks Christian Camp is October 7-10, 2011. The cost is \$125 for members and \$150 for non-members as of April 1, 2011. It will be a UFO retreat and a deposit is due 1 September. The final payment is due October 1. Please contact Shirley Auchincloss for information.

Brown Canyon

The Brown Canyon Open House is October 15 from 10am to 2pm. Maryann Lopic and Wendy Seals will be demonstrating handquilting and selling raffle tickets. If you would like to help Maryann and Wendy, please contact them.

Wishing You a Speedy Recovery

Pauline Granstrom
Pat Wettack

Condolences

We regret to inform you that Charlotte McGhee, a former member from years ago, has passed away.

Quilts for Monument Fire Victims

On August 14, we gave out 27 quilts to the Monument Fire families who lost their homes. Photos of these quilts (thanks, Linda Erickson and Susan Ritter) are now available on the HSQG website. The Real Wishes volunteers have given out a few more, and we have 16 quilts waiting at their offices. We still need 10 more quilts, in case we are able to locate all the fire victims.

I have to tell you how much the quilts were appreciated. People reached out to touch the quilts as they tried to choose a color. When they found one they liked, in every case, the person hugged the quilt; and thanked us. Some tears were shed. So again, we see what we all know - - - - -
Quilts = Comfort.



Clara Billock presents Yuki Pais with a quilt made by HSQG members. Yuki lost her home in the Monument Fire.

**Labor Day is September 5 -
No Meeting**

A Message from the Challenge Committee - - “Celebrate Arizona’s Centennial”

- Reminder: If you plan on having a challenge quilt at the November 7 and 9 meetings; the title of the quilt, a short write-up (no more than 75 words), and the length and width measurement of your quilt are due to Jill Holsonback by October 15. Quilts that do not meet these rules cannot be considered for the Viewers Choice Award or a prize.
- Please read your November newsletter for information on times, etc. for bringing your quilts to the November 7 and 9 meetings.

September Birthdays

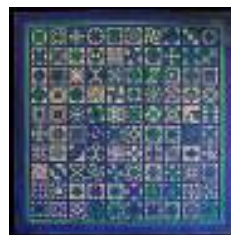
9/1	Gail Lund
9/1	Sue McKinney
9/2	Janet Murphy
9/3	Elizabeth Polhans
9/4	Karen Horton
9/5	Carolyn Dearing
9/9	Christie Kroger
9/17	Pam Knight
9/17	Penny Lupo
9/22	Doris Wells
9/23	Olga Fannin
9/24	Marilyn Lawson
9/26	Ann Hanson
9/27	Nora Eaken
9/27	Sandy Varley
9/28	Clara Billock

August Raffle Winners

Jane Bourne
Shirley Gleave

Raffle Quilt 2012

Raffle tickets are now available for members to pickup. Each member is asked to sell as many tickets as possible as this is a major fund-raiser for HSQG. Please see Clara Billock’s article on page 5.



Upcoming HSQG Calendar

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| 10/1 | Final deposit due for October Retreat |
| 10/3 | Night Meeting Community Quilts |
| 10/5 | Quarterly Business Meeting/Board of Directors Meeting/BLOTTO Due |
| 10/7-10 | Retreat* |
| 10/12 | Quilting Bee |
| 10/15 | Brown Canyon Booth |
| 10/15 | Challenge Quilt Write-up due to Jill Holsonback |
| 10/19 | Community Quilts |
| 10/26 | Quilting Bee |
| 11/2 | Quilting Bee |
| 11/7 | Challenge Quilts |
| 11/9 | Challenge Quilts |
| 11/9 | Taste of Home Booth |
| 11/16 | Community Quilts |
| 11/19 | Workshop—Sandy Varley—An Easy Way to Paper Piece |
| 11/23 | Quilting Bee |
| 11/30 | Blue Moon |
| 12/5 | Holiday Party |
| 12/7 | Holiday Party |
| <u>2012</u> | |
| 1/4 | Program Meeting - Kay Crandall (Certified Judy Niemeyer Instructor) |
| 1/14 | Workshop - Kay Crandall |
| 4/20-23 | Retreat* |
| 8/22-26 | Retreat* |
- *Huachuca Oaks Christian Camp

Upcoming Classes

Karen Horton will be teaching the following classes at the Squirrels Nest:

- ▣ Kaleidoscope Ricky Tims Simplified
Saturday, September 17, 10-3
Cost: \$30
- ▣ Swirling Leaves
Saturday, September 24, 10-3
Cost \$30

Board of Directors Meeting

The following items were discussed at the August 3 Board of Directors meeting:

- ▣ How to best raise more funds for HSQG
- ▣ Community Quilt sewing at a Monday night meeting
- ▣ Workshop/Retreat fees - break even on fees
- ▣ Quilts for Fire Victims
- ▣ Upcoming Programs

Dates for Your Information

- 9/24-9/25 Quilters Hall of Fame Weekend
Prescott, AZ
(www.arizonaquiltershalloffame.org)
- 9/29-10/1 Rusty Barn Festival, Tucson
(www.rustybarn.com)

Plastic Grocery Bags Are Needed

Plastic grocery bags are needed by the local Meals on Wheels Program in order to be able to package the meals for all their clients. Each client gets 3 separate bags per week with their food and there are over 200 clients. That means, on average, 600 bags per week! They have always depended on donations for these bags, and since I am one of their volunteers I am helping. So, if you have extra plastic grocery or shopping bags, I can collect them at Guild and use them for the program. Thank you to everyone who has already given me their recycled plastic grocery bags, and thank you in advance for any you can donate.

Lynne Bie

Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild

Minutes

July 11, 2011

The Quarterly Business Meeting was called to order by Susan Ritter at 6:05 pm.

Shirley Gray made a correction in last meeting's minutes, changing 10:40 pm to 10:40 am. Candy Jennings made a motion to accept the minutes as amended; Sue Lee, seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Wendy Seals presented 1st Qtr report, from 1 April-30 Jun 2011. The detailed report was published in the August 2011 newsletter. (INCOME \$3,575.00; EXPENSES \$2,592.00: CHECKING \$6,856.00: SAVINGS \$8,620.00. Penny Lupo moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; Nora Eakin seconded. Motion carried.

No Old Business.

New Business

Quilts for Yuki Pais. All members are requested to sign Yuki's quilt; please use marker that doesn't bleed.

60 families were displaced in the Monument fire; the guild would like to provide them a quilt. Looking for a list of displaced families; need to preserve confidentiality. Sent word to other quilt clubs: Tucson, Double Adobe.

The following has already been purchased at the Desert Patch:

4 bolts of backing fabric at 50% discount

2 bolts of fabric donated

Books donated

Jane Bourne moved to accept this purchase retroactively; Jane Davis seconded; motion carried.

Other ideas for families/individuals affected by Monument fire:

Diane Cratsenberg will contact planning department to try to get a list of affected families/individuals

A card will be submitted for verification.

Sue Lee moved to adjourn; Candy Jennings seconded; motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Blackburn, Acting Secretary

How to Maximize Your Raffle Ticket Sales!!!

I never, never ask someone if they want to buy a raffle ticket. Set yourself up for success. Instead say I have raffle tickets for this lovely quilt. They are 6 for \$5, 12 for \$10 or 24 for \$20. This is our big fundraiser for our quilt guild. How many tickets would you like? Many times they buy \$20.00 worth. If it is someone I know really well I will tease them and ask if they want a hundred same as last year. Believe it or not that has worked for me. If someone says but I only have a dollar on me I will first say we accept checks but I do take their \$1.00 if that is all I am going to get.

I am challenging all of you to sell more tickets than me this year. I know Roberta Watson and Linda Yauchzy have already taken me up on the challenge. A package of 24 raffle tickets only requires you to sell \$5.00 worth to 4 friends not counting what you want to buy for yourself. We ordered 5000 raffle tickets and Candy would love to order more.

Clara Billock
Quilt Show Co-Chair

August Community Quilts

In addition to the quilts given to Monument Fire victims, one quilt was given to the Children's Crisis Center to be auctioned for their annual fundraiser.

Congratulations

Diane Pitchford and Judy Taylor have received their NQA Judging Certification after 5 years of work. They were our judges the first 2 years our shows were judged. Our shows helped them achieve the required experience. They now join the other 76 NQA Certified Judges.

Sue Lee

Nametags

We have many new members. **Please wear your nametag to Guild meetings.** If you need a new nametag, please contact me. Thank you.

Shirley Gray
Membership Chair

Thank You

Guild member, Debbie Griffin, and the family of cancer patient, Lynn Eck, would like to thank the Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild for the quilt they provided to Lynn.

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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Websites of the Month

- ▣ Diane Cratsenburg shared this website that has free YOUTUBE videos about free motion quilting and spray basting a design wall: <http://www.patsythompsondesigns.com/free-video/>
- ▣ Lena Tsuruda, from The Quilt Basket, spoke at our August program meeting and recommended these websites: www.schmetzneedles.com and www.berninausa.com