



The Hummer

The Newsletter of the Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild

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October 2011

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

October Calendar

9/30-10/1&2	Art in the Park Booth
10/1	Final deposit due for October Retreat
10/3 5:00pm	<u>Night Sewing Work Meeting**</u>
10/5 8:00am	Board of Directors Meeting
10/5 9:30am	Quarterly Business Meeting/ BLOTTO Due (see page 5)
10/7-10	Retreat* (see page 3)
10/12 *****	Quilting Bee/Kitchen Boutique Work Day
10/15	Brown Canyon Booth
10/15	Challenge Quilt Write-up due to Jill Holsonback (see page 3)
10/19 *****	Community Quilts
10/22	High Desert Crafters Booth (see page 2)
10/26 *****	Quilting Bee/Kitchen Boutique Work Day

*Huachuca Oaks Christian Camp

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

****Monday, October 3:** As requested, the Monday evening meeting does not have a formal presentation. Instead, it is an open sewing work meeting. Bring a sewing machine, if you like, and any personal tools you might need. Bring your project or work on a guild project (Blue Moon, community quilts, boutique projects, etc.). Come and go anytime between 5-9pm. Enjoy!

A Message From Our President



I've been looking at the new fabrics out in time for fall and winter projects; aren't we lucky to have so much beautiful stuff to work with? Alas, I don't think I can stuff much more into my stash closet without it pulling a Fibber McGee on me. (Now, that's showing my age, isn't it?) Not to mention the prices creeping upward....

Ah, now here's a challenge for us – After we've finished that special quilt for which we bought six coordinated fabrics, what do we do with all the practice blocks, leftover strips, and scraps? I have friends (and you know who you are!) who roll it all up in the sack it came in and put it back in their stash. What are we planning – a miniature quilt someday? Maybe there IS enough for a beautiful little project, but now they're just PIGS (Project In Grocery Sack). Think of all that gorgeous fabric, yearning to be free, and in a quilt. It's still beautiful, just small.

Here's my challenge for fall – go ahead, finish all the UFOs I can. But dig out all those little bits and do something interesting with scraps. Make jelly rolls, scrap blocks, trim into small squares, sew four-patches, whatever. Do it like our grandmothers did it – waste not, want not!

I'm off to recycle scraps into quilts!

Susan Ritter

Welcome New Members

Cheri Ham
Evelyn Jensen
Ruith Lewis

Please Help

HSQG needs to sell as many raffle tickets/boutique items as possible this year. We would like four volunteers to work three-hour shifts and at least one to help set-up on the dates/locations shown below:

- ▣ October 22 (8:30am-2pm): High Desert Craft Show at the Windemere.
- ▣ November 10 and 12 (10am-3pm): Farmers Market.

Tell your friends and family to stop by our booth. Please contact Maryann Lepic to volunteer.



November 19 Workshop

“Spinning Stars” taught by Sandy Varley. This is more of a method (process) of doing paper piecing. The fabric is cut into strips so the pieces all come out the same size. Sandy will have the quilt at the program meetings.



Time: 9am-3:30pm
 Location: Apache Middle School
 Price: \$30 (not including lunch)

A lunch menu will be available from which you can order lunch if you would like to do so. If we do not get a minimum of 20 participants, the workshop will be canceled.

Penny Lupo
 Workshop Chair

Quilts for Monument Fire Victims

Congratulations, quilters!

Give yourselves a pat on the back, and a big hug! We've done it – finished and delivered enough quilts for each of the Monument Fire families who lost a home to have a new quilt. **We had special help from the team at Quilters Desert Patch** who contributed fabric and discounted wide backing, so be sure to thank them when you are next in the shop. **We also had 5 finished quilts and 5 tops from the Quail Valley Quilt Guild in Green Valley**, and a special contribution of fabric and tops from **Donna Viitanen and her friends in Ruidoso, New Mexico**. Most of our members contributed to this effort and I can tell you the quilts were deeply appreciated. We were even mentioned in a Letter to the Editor in the local newspaper.

I was there myself when the first half of the quilts were given away. We had all the quilts laid out so they could choose. It happened the same way every, single time – first, they ran a hand over the quilt looking at colors and pattern. Then when they had chosen the one they wanted, each person hugged their quilt. On a hot, humid day in August, every person walked around hugging their quilt. About half the families chose a quilt that day; the rest of the quilts are at the Real Wishes Foundation office ready to be claimed. Photos of all the quilts are on the guild website. THANKS A BUNCH!

Susan Ritter



Wishing You a Speedy Recovery

Kathy Baker
 Caroline Frank
 Candy Jennings

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.

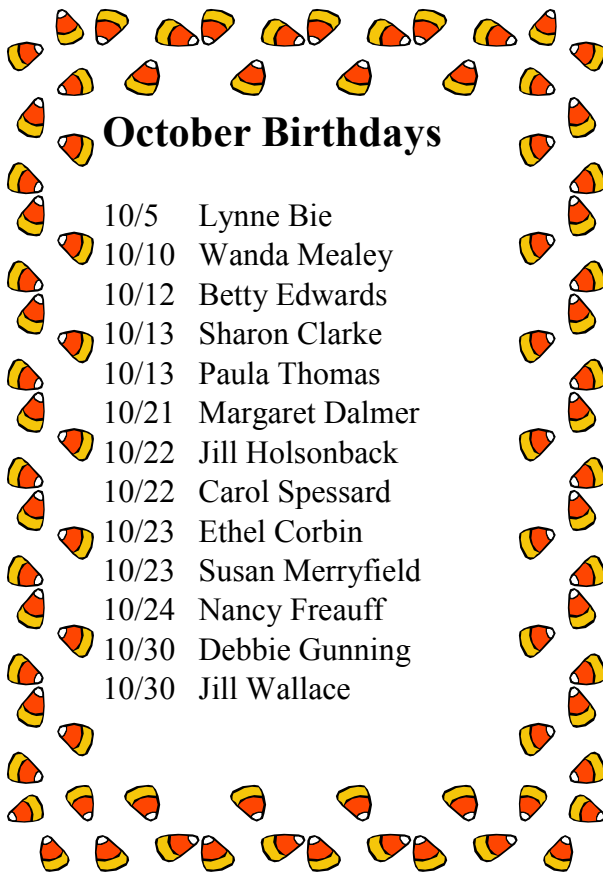


Retreat News

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 the final payment is due October 1. Spaces are still available. Please contact Shirley Auchincloss for information.

Garage Sale

Thanks to everyone who participated to make the September garage sale successful. In addition to the personal sales, the HSQG boutique made \$159. Additional pictures can be seen on our website.



October Birthdays

10/5 Lynne Bie
 10/10 Wanda Mealey
 10/12 Betty Edwards
 10/13 Sharon Clarke
 10/13 Paula Thomas
 10/21 Margaret Dalmer
 10/22 Jill Holsonback
 10/22 Carol Spessard
 10/23 Ethel Corbin
 10/23 Susan Merryfield
 10/24 Nancy Freauff
 10/30 Debbie Gunning
 10/30 Jill Wallace

Upcoming HSQG Calendar

11/2 Quilting Bee
 11/7 Challenge Quilts
 11/8 Taste of Home Booth
 11/9 Challenge Quilts
 11/10 Farmers Market Booth
 11/12 Farmers Market Booth
 11/16 Community Quilts
 11/19 Workshop—Sandy Varley (Spinning Stars - a paper piecing method)
 11/23 **NO MEETING**
 11/30 Blue Moon
 12/5 Holiday Party
 12/7 Holiday Party
 12/14 Quilting Bee
 12/21 **NO MEETING**
 12/28 Quilting Bee



“Quilts! A Centennial Heritage” February 25 & 26, 2012

- ▣ Contracts for member vendors at the quilt show will be available starting in October. Tables are \$15 each. Spaces are limited and will be reserved upon payment. First come, first served. Contact Karen Horton (alternately, Lynne Bie or Clara Billock).
- ▣ Vintage Quilts & Vintage Hot Pads Wanted!! It’s time to start lining up for the vintage section of our quilt show. We will have a display of vintage hot pads this year. Please see what you can find hiding in the bottom of the cedar chest, linen drawer, or check the antique stores for that perfect old novelty hot pad that is crocheted or made in some special novelty shape. They should be 1960s or older. Have fun searching and don’t forget to look for that vintage quilt to display. When you find that treasure, please contact Joyce Larson.



- ▣ The 2012 quilt show entry form, entry rules form, and the definitions form are now available on the HSQG website and printed forms will be available at meetings. The categories for the 2012 quilt show are as follows:

Judged:

Small (167 inch or less perimeter)

1. Appliqued
2. Pieced
3. Mixed Techniques

Medium (168-279 inch perimeter)

4. Appliqued
5. Pieced
6. Mixed Techniques

Large (280 inch or more perimeter)

7. Appliqued
8. Pieced
9. Mixed Techniques

10. Art

11. Miniature (perimeter under 97 inches)

12. Other (see category definition #6)

13. Machine Embroidery

14. Apparel

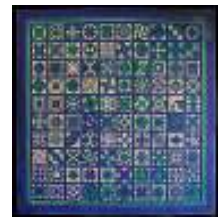
Not Judged

15. Display Only (any size, technique)

16. Vintage

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.



Website of the Month

Do you crochet? Check out the beautiful pictures of crocheted coral:

<http://www.crochetcoralreef.org/about/index.php>

facebookName:
Hummingbird
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Thanks to Paula Thomas, we now have a facebook page. Please check it out and select "Like" to get weekly updates.

www.facebook.com/Hummingbirdquiltguild



Special Thank You

A very special thank you to Dick Dolan. He has spent many hours working on our new meeting room. Not only did he help manage the move to our new space, but he has put up design walls, rehabbed shelves, laid electric cords on floors, and installed clocks.

Dates for Your Information

- 11/3-11/6 Intl Quilt Festival Houston
(www.quilts.com)
- 11/11-11/12 Fiber Arts Festival, Silver City, NM
(scfiberartsfestival@gmail.com)
- 11/11-11/13 Rim Country Quilt Roundup
(rimcountryquiltroundup.com)

2012

- 1/19-22 Road to California
(www.road2ca.com)
- 1/20-1/22 Quilt Fiesta, Tucson
(www.tucsonquiltersguild.com)
- 1/26-2/22 Tombstone Quilt Show

July BLOTTO Reminder

The July BLOTTO is due at the October Business Meeting, October 5.



**October is Breast Cancer
Awareness Month**

Board of Directors Meeting

The following items were discussed at the September 14 and the September 21 Board of Directors meetings:

- ▣ Where and when we will be selling raffle tickets/boutique items
- ▣ Facebook
- ▣ Election of Officers in January
- ▣ Workshop and Retreat Fees

Congratulations, Peggy!

Peggy Kenny won 2nd place at the Cochise County Fair for her Delectable Mountains quilt. Congratulations!



Condolences

Our sincere condolences to Mary Kay Holcomb on the death of her mother-in-law.



Yuki Pais receiving quilt made and autographed by HSQG members.



Cutting Measurements for Diagonal Block and Triangles



Finished Block Size	Unfinished Block Size	Finished Diagonal Measurement	Size to cut square for 2 setting triangles*	Size to cut square for 4 corner triangles**
3	3 1/2	4 1/4	5 1/2	3
4	4 1/2	5 5/8	6 7/8	3 3/4
5	5 1/2	7 1/8	8 3/8	4 1/2
6	6 1/2	8 1/2	9 3/4	5 1/8
7	7 1/2	9 7/8	11 1/8	5 7/8
8	8 1/2	11 3/8	12 5/8	6 5/8
9	9 1/2	13 1/3	14	7 1/4
10	10 1/2	14 1/8	15 3/4	8
11	11 1/2	15 1/2	16 3/4	8 5/8
12	12 1/2	17	18 1/4	9 3/8
13	13 1/2	18 3/8	19 5/8	10 1/8

*** Formula for square of 2 triangles:**

- Finished block size x 1.41 or
- Finished Diagonal measurement plus 1.25"

**** Formula for square of 4 triangles**

- divide Finished Diagonal Measurement by 2 and add .875".

Lost Keys

Have you misplaced your keys. Two sets of unidentified keys are at the Squirrel's Nest. Call them and identify to claim your keys.



Why Quilts Matter

The Kentucky Quilt Project, Inc. has created a nine-part documentary series — “Why Quilts Matter: History, Art and Politics.” Upon questioning our local PBS station, Arizona Public Media, they responded saying that this series is not currently scheduled but it will be when they launch their new Ready-TV channel which will replace the Create channel. For information about this series/ DVD go to: www.whyquiltsmatter.org.

September Community Quilts

In addition to the quilts provided to Fire Victim Families, the following quilts were delivered in September:

Hacienda Rehab 8
 Forgach 12
 Life Care 8

Total 28

Janet Wilcox

Meals on Wheels

Dear Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild,

On behalf of all the staff and nutrition volunteers "Thank you" for your kind donation of the plastic grocery bags. We use these to put the prepackaged frozen meals in when delivering the meals to the participants in their homes. This may seem like such a small thing however, these bags are a necessity for us. We use approximately 500-600 bags each week. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Leisa Cotten
 CCS Nutrition Program Director

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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