



The Hummer

The Newsletter of the Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild

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P.O. Box 1326, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636-1326

September, 2025

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

September

The clubhouse will be open as follows:

Regular Wednesday Hours:
8:30-11:30

Regular Thursday Hours :
8:30-2:00

Monthly Meetings:

September 16 at 9:00 a.m.
and 6:00 p.m.

WANTED:

Wanted: One or two volunteers for the Program Committee.

Must have a way to communicate with the rest of us, including access to the internet, a computer and printer. Wonderful opportunities to meet our speakers already committed and to browse through the latest styles of quilters in our region. Rewards are non-existent in money, but infinite in quilts and quilters of all kinds.

Questions: Contact Sally T or Susan R. All queries answered.

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

Do you label your quilts? I am guilty of not labeling my quilts. I do for the quilt show but sadly not for most others and I realize I'm missing out on a fun and creative part of my quilts.

I have decided I need to include just three facts so that the quilt will retain some legacy. WHO made it, WHEN it was made and WHY it was created. BUT, now is the time to have some fun with your labels. WHO? "Sassy grandma Sue", or "your awesome mom." WHEN? "On a cold winter's night" or "during the heat wave in '92" (hot flashes excluded). A real date would be a good idea. And WHY? "because you're getting old" or "I had a lot of fabric to use", or just "because I love you"! Whatever motivates you to memorialize your works of art is the idea. So have fun and label your beautiful work. And did you know, you can tuck small scraps of the quilt fabric behind your label in case at some later date, after much love and washing, a repair may be needed? Special thanks again to our super program chairs, Susan R. and Sally T. They have programs lined up for many months ahead and are now looking for a trainee-team to take over for them next year. Please consider this position as it is fun and rewarding and a real benefit to our guild.

-Georgia

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Member Vendors

Our 2026 quilt show will be here before you know it. Time to start thinking about having a table to display & sell your crafts. Even if you don't regularly, or ever do craft shows I know most of you do produce crafts of some sort or other. Consider getting a table this year & share your craft with those attending the show. Think of the money you could earn to buy more fabric!!! Apply early to make sure you get a spot. We are limited to 18 member vendor spaces. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Wendy Hirsch 520-609-4097

HSQG Password Changed in August 2025

The username and password to our Members Only page changed in August 2025. Access to information shared in the Members' Only tab of our guild website is a perk of membership. The new username and password were emailed to all current 2025 members. If you did not get the new information and are a current 2025/2026 guild member contact us at hsqg@hummingbirdquiltguild.com. If you are not a current member, send in/drop off your renewed membership form ([available on the website](#) or newsletter) ASAP.



OPPORTUNITY QUILT FOR 2026

If you are planning on traveling, don't forget to grab a couple envelopes of tickets to take with you! Make sure to sign out your ticket numbers on the roster and take a picture with the quilt name, ticket prices and details with you so you can show off this year's beautiful quilt! Grab a couple bookmarks too!

Because this quilt has such vibrant colors, we are including two custom pillow shams! Also, we received the Appraisal for this quilt, \$2,950! Make sure to let your friends and family know!
-Thanks, Katie A.



BLOTTO - Pineapple Summer

July – October 2025

This new BLOTTO makes us think of summer. The kits are available at the guild. Read the directions. These HST are made one at a time. The drawing for this block will be in October.

If you have any questions you can reach out to: Donna O (520-220-8851 or d_j_otto@yahoo.com).

PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

September Program

Due to medical issues, our September speaker has switched her program to Spring 2026. A speaker from Spring has traded places with her: Raymond Steves from the 3 dudes Quilters.

3 Dudes has published dozens of patterns, many of them simple patterns with elegant designs. Further information is available on their website:

www.3dudesquiltingdesigns.com
<https://www.facebook.com/3dudesquilting>

BOUTIQUE MONTHLY NEWS

It's time for the annual Sewing Room Sale on October 4th from 9-3. Please come and purchase any of your sewing notions, holiday fabrics, quilts, home décor as well as lots of miscellaneous stuff. We will also have member-vendors offering their unique items for sale.

We will not be having a sale after the September meeting on the 16th so that we can prepare for the Sewing Room Sale on October 4th.

The sale after the monthly meeting on October 21st will feature Fall/Christmas fabric and kits as well as Christmas presents already made up for you to purchase.

The November sale after the monthly meeting on the 18th will feature gifts and anything Christmas.

Of special interest, we have inherited several pieces of faux leather and suede in different colors. These can be purchased at any time for a really good price. And remember jelly rolls are always 1/2 off.

EDUCATION

September 18, Thursday, noon-??

There will be demo on how to finish the wall hanging using the facing method or envelope turn method. Please note this is how the challenge 2025 quilt must be finished, so you can come and learn how.

Donations for the month of August

American Legion Fundraiser	1
Boutique	1
Cochise Oncology	10
Forgach	7
Project Linus	23
Quilt of Valor	1
WIC	18
Total	61

Additional quilting supplies given to the Hopitutuqaiki Hopi school: 6 bins of fabric and quilting supplies, 2 partial rolls of batting and 2 sewing machines.

Repurposed duffle bags given to the WIC program (has a beautiful big quilt block sewn over the original vendor logo)



ART IN THE PARK

October will be here before you know it. We will be selling tickets for our beautiful Opportunity Quilt at "Art in the Park". The sign up sheet is on the table by the door at the guild. Love to have your help! Remember, we will be in the Vendor section. Details to follow! Have a safe Labor Day Holiday!

Katie A.

Some of you may know that Marilyn C is in a rehab hospital in Gilbert. She would like to hear from you. She has her cell phone with her, the same number listed in our directory. Best time to call is after dinner, about 6:00 p.m. If you wish to send a note or card, ask Merrie H or Susan R.

September Birthdays

Sue M	Sept 1
Janet M	Sept 2
Sherry H	Sept 3
Elizabeth P	Sept 3
Mary R	Sept 3
Kelly K	Sept 6
Pamela D	Sept 12
Cindy W	Sept 17
Nancy F	Sept 18
Martha V	Sept 21
Doris W	Sept 22
Olga F	Sept 23
Kary M	Sept 23
Ann H	Sept 26
Lisa M	Sept 27
Clara P	Sept 28
Eileen A	Sept 30

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Attention all Collage lovers!

And anyone who missed the class or just wants to learn, or practice. Our speaker in February, Barbara Blackman- Guzak (who, by the way, got excellent ratings from those who took her class) has designed a hummingbird pattern, just for us. She is on the road again, but will be in Arizona in January. We have reserved a class on Saturday, January 10. Class maximum is 12, so decide soon and sign up.



August 9, 2025

To the Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild,

I am so thankful for the huge number of quilts you have donated to my chapter of Project Linus over the past few months. The quilts are so colorful and bright, sure to please all of the children who receive them.

I am appreciative of the time and effort that you pour into these quilts. I also know it isn't cheap to purchase the materials needed so to see so many come to us is just amazing.

*A simple thank you seems totally inadequate but it is said with heartfelt sincerity!
Sending all of you a huge Linus Hug!*

Rene Lassise, Coordinator
Project Linus Tucson Chapter



Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild Membership

April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

Returning members: Please list your name and only the information that has changed

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Birthday (Month/Day Only) _____

Land Line Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Email Address: _____

Check All That Apply

- New Membership ☐
- Renewal ☐
- Adult Membership \$35 ☐
- Junior Membership \$17.50 ☐
- Joining to enter Quilt Show ☐

I understand that the primary goal of the Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild is to promote interest in and an 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's projects, shows and programs I will share my time and talents as generously as I can for the betterment of the Guild.

I give consent for photos of myself and my property to be used in print media, on the Guild website, and on quilt show CDs for promoting Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild and its activities.

Signed: _____

Please make check payable to HSQG and mail to:

Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild
P.O. Box 1326
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

Or deliver to the Membership Chair or Treasurer at a HSQG Meeting

For Guild Use Only	
Membership Number	
Check Number/Cash	
Amount Received	
Date Received	

In case of an Emergency, Please Contact: (this information is voluntary)

Name: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Application for Members to Vend

Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild

2026 Feb. 28 & March 1

Tables are \$15 each with a limit of 1 table per member selling at the quilt show. Only items that are handmade by guild members and are not sold through commercial venues are eligible to be sold in the member vendor area. This form must be completed and payment made by February 14, 2026.

There are 17 tables available. First come, first served. Please make checks payable to HSQG.

Drop off completed applications with payment at the guild or mail to:

Wendy Hirsch 1113 E Lena Way, Huachuca City, AZ 85616

Name: _____ HSQG# _____ Ad-
dress: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode _____
Phone _____ Email: _____

Need electricity yes/no

Terms and conditions for members to vend:

1. Only items that are handmade by guild members and are not sold through commercial venues are eligible to be sold in the member vendor area.
2. All tables must be manned during the hours of the quilt show. Your presence at the tables maintains security and increases your sales. Please feel free to arrange a schedule with family and friends.
3. Tables must be kept neat and presentable at all times. Please keep a pathway around your table to minimize the risks of potential accidents.
4. Backdrops and tablecloths are your responsibility.
5. All vendors are required to do their own cashiering. Please keep appropriate cash on hand to make your own change.
6. You will be personally responsible for calculating sales tax and acquiring the appropriate business license. Inquire at the City Hall.
7. Vendors may arrive not earlier than 8:00am Saturday and Sunday. "I agree to the terms and conditions of the Hummingbird Stitchers Application for Members to Vend."

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Check # _____ Cash \$ _____

For HSQG Use Only
Entry ID: _____

Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Show Entry 2026

Entry form due by Thursday January 22, 2026. No late entries accepted.

Name of quilt maker: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Mobile: _____

Name of quilt: _____

Size: Width _____ Length _____ Perimeter (W+W+L+L) _____ inches

Name pattern or design source _____ Is this a kit? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Who quilted this quilt? _____

Hand quilted _____ Machine quilted, computer assisted _____ Machine quilted, free motion _____

Is this quilt for sale? NO _____ YES, list sales price _____ (a 10% handling fee will be paid to the Guild)

If this quilt should be hung with other quilts such as the current challenge or a class, please name _____

Please check the appropriate statement:

☐ My quilt will not be judged. (**Please skip to section B.**)

☐ My quilt will be judged

A

****Judged Quilts Only****

CATEGORY SIZES: Small – perimeter less than 168"

Medium – perimeter 168"-279"

Large – perimeter 280" or greater

Circle one category number in Section A. (Please refer to Show Entry and Category Definitions handout)

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|---|--|
| 1. <i>Small Applique</i> | |
| 2. <i>Medium and Large Applique</i> | 9. <i>Medium and Large Mixed Technique</i> |
| 3. <i>Small Pieced</i> | 10. <i>Hand Quilted</i> |
| 4. <i>Medium Pieced, Computer Assisted Quilting</i> | 11. <i>Non-traditional</i> |
| 5. <i>Medium Pieced, Free Motion Quilting</i> | 12. <i>Machine Embroidery</i> |
| 6. <i>Large Pieced, Computer Assisted Quilting</i> | 13. <i>Modern</i> |
| 7. <i>Large Pieced, Free Motion</i> | 14. <i>Group</i> |
| 8. <i>Small Mixed Technique</i> | 15. <i>Other</i> |

B

All Quilts

Please attach COLOR photo, 3X5 to 4X6 only. **Trim photo to this size.**

Write your name, quilt name, width, and length on back of photo.

Attach a SHORT (140 words or less) hang tag statement describing your inspiration for this quilt.

Information about your process or techniques is appreciated by the viewers.

I wish to enter the above item and agree to the rules as stated. I understand HSQG will take all reasonable precautions to protect my quilt but cannot be responsible for loss or damage during judging and the quilt show. Insuring the quilt is my responsibility. HSQG has my permission to photograph this quilt and use the photos to promote the guild including website display.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____ (Students)

Turn in entry forms to Maggie Allen at any meeting or mail to HSQG PO Box 1326, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636-1326.

All forms must arrive by the due date, January 22, 2026.

Remember to attach COLOR photo, 3X5 to 4X6 only.

(You can trim photo to either size)

Write your name, quilt name, width, and length on back of photo.

Attach a SHORT (140 words or less) hang tag statement describing your inspiration for this quilt. Information about your process or techniques is appreciated by the viewers.

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2026 HSQG Quilt Show Entry Rules and Definitions

RULES:

Deadline for submission of entry forms is January 22, 2026. No late entries accepted. Completed entry forms must include photo and hang tag statement and be received by January 22. Be cautious of the deadline if mailing.

You must have a current HSQG membership to enter.

The entry must have been made by the guild member in whole or part.

You may enter only one quilt *per judged category*. Judged quilt entries must not have been judged in any other HSQG show.

You may enter multiple quilts for *Display* (not judged.) Entries will be accepted on a space-available basis.

The Show and Design Chairs reserve the right to limit the number of quilts per person if necessary.

A color photo must be submitted with your entry form; 3 x 5 to 4 x 6 only, cut to this size. Write your name, quilt name, width and length on the back of the photo. The Design Committee will assign hanging space using your photo.

An entry will be rejected if it is not clean and free of smoke odors and pet hair.

All quilts must have a 4-inch hanging sleeve sewn to the back of the quilt. Small quilts can use a 2 inch sleeve.

Quilts must have a label with quilter's name and quilt name, sewn on. If the quilt is being judged, the quilter's name must be covered with fabric secured by basting.

All entries must be brought to the **Ethel Berger Center, 2950 E. Tacoma**, on **February 25, 2026**, from 9:00 - 11:00 am. The Committee will be responsible for getting all quilts to Buena High School on Friday.

All entries must be picked up on **Sunday March 1**, from 3:45 – 4:30 pm with the receipt you are given at check-in.

The show chairs may re-categorize any entry to comply with the definitions.

All quilts purchased at the show will pay the Guild a 10% handling fee as per the bylaws.

Entry forms must be turned in to Maggie Allen at any meeting or mailed to the guild at HSQG PO Box 1326, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636-1326.

Please don't submit an entry unless you are sure it will be ready for the show!

CATEGORY DEFINITIONS:

Appliqued: A quilt that is more than 50% appliqued.

Pieced: A quilt that is more than 50% pieced.

Mixed Techniques: A quilt that contains more than one technique in **equal amounts**.

Hand Quilted: Quilts of all sizes and techniques that are hand quilted. (You may also enter hand quilted items in other categories.)

Non-traditional: A quilt created as a work of art, reflecting innovative construction techniques, subject matter and/or materials and using no commercial patterns.

Machine Embroidery: A quilt that is more than 50% machine embroidered, all sizes.

Modern: Any techniques may be used but quilts in this category must feature at least one of the following criteria: 1) a significant amount of negative space, 2) dense graphic quilting, 3) the majority of fabrics used should read as solid.

Group: A quilt made by three or more people.

Other: Techniques not listed such as yo-yo, cathedral window, whole cloth and apparel.

CATEGORY SIZES: **Small** – perimeter less than 168". **Medium** – perimeter 168"-279". **Large** – perimeter 280" or greater

2026 Awards:***Awarded by the judge:***

First, Second, Third and Honorable Mention ribbons as earned for each category

Exemplary Hand Quilting, Exemplary Computer Assisted Machine Quilting, Exemplary Free Motion Machine Quilting

Exemplary Piecing

Best Modern Quilt, Best Use of Color, Best of Show, Judge's Choice

Awarded based on the quilt show attendee votes: Viewer's Choice Ribbons***Awarded by the Cochise County Sheriff's Assist Team:*** SAT Award***Awarded by the Quilt Show Chair:*** HSQG Heart Award***Awarded by Sierra Vista Mayor:*** Mayor's Award