



The Hummer

The Newsletter of the Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild

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

October, 2025

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

October

The clubhouse will be open as follows:

Regular Wednesday Hours:
8:30-11:30

**** October 22 workshop scheduled**

Regular Thursday Hours :
8:30-2:00

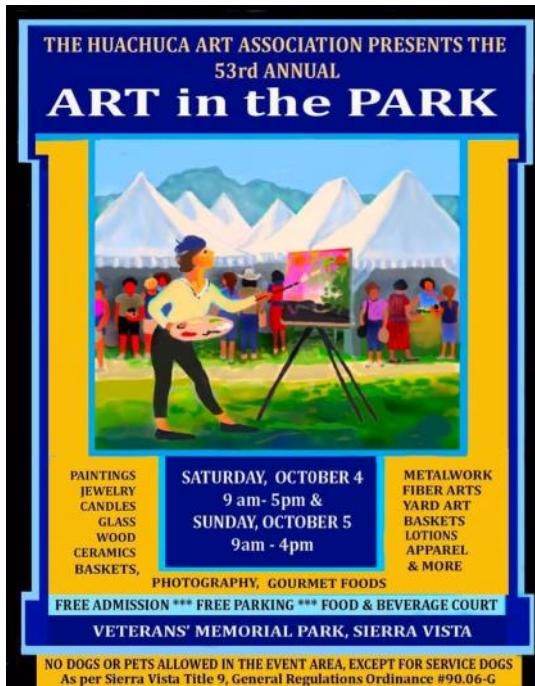
Monthly Meetings:

**October 21 at 9:00 a.m.
and 6:00 p.m.**

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

Well, it looks like the lazy days of Summer are over and the smell of Fall is in the air! We closed out the season with a great trunk show and workshop by Raymond Steves of 3-Dudes quilting and saw some wonderful quilts by our members at the September meeting. And now the busy season is upon us! The holidays are fast approaching and there are projects to be finished, baking and decorating to do. BUT WAIT...there's more. Workshops are forming for natural fabric dyeing as presented by Lori Kovash at the August meeting, coming right up will be our Sewing Room sale on October 4th, a special Quilt show and craft sale at Mountain View Gardens on November 5th, our 2025 Challenge presentation and voting at the November 18th meeting and our annual Holiday party on December 16th. AND if that isn't busy enough....we'll all be working hard to finish our annual Quilt show projects! You can all make a New Year resolution to organize your quilt rooms after the 'season'! So, hydrate often, don't forget to stretch, get plenty of rest and enjoy the chaos of the season!

-Georgia



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Remember

Shirley Fogel's husband Bill has passed away.

Addie is home recovering from a stroke.

Ann W has had knee surgery.

Irene V has had back surgery.

Please join us for our Holiday Luncheon

Tuesday, December 16, 2025
Time: 10:00 to 1:00

We will have a short guild meeting; and afterwards games, socializing and fun. We will have Bingo games, door prizes and "Guess the number of buttons" for a \$25 gift card.

Bring a dish to share, but, please no soups or chili as they spill easily. Coffee, water and hot tea will be provided, as will plates, napkins, cups and cutlery.

Bring one (1) yard of good quality cotton fabric for our fabric exchange. Put the fabric in a plain brown lunch bag. Bags will be provided should one be needed. (Participation is not required).

There will be a contest for the most creative holiday sweater. Please do not wear it as it will be displayed for voting.

**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 book-marks 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 drawing for this block is 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

October

Our speaker is Ruth Ann Berry, the author of four books published by C&T Publishing, "Bargello Quilts in Motion", "Braided Bargello Quilts", "Stunning 3D Quilts", and "3D Illusion Quilts", plus one self-published book, "Simplified 3D Quilts". She designs patterns for fabric companies and major distributors. She owns and operates a small-town quilt shop and online business, the Quilter's Clinic and quiltersclinic.com and travels extensively to exhibit and teach at guilds and festivals.



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

Challenge 2025 — Follow the Yellow Brick Road

Please send the name of your entry to JoAnn svquilt1983@gmail.com by Oct. 15.

Quilts are due in by November 6. You may bring them in earlier if you wish. Please place them in a paper bag or something which "hides" them. This is to keep the voting anonymous. No hanging sleeve required for November display, but you will need one for February quilt show. Please review rules and check your quilt to be sure it meets requirements.

Display and voting is November 18 at regular monthly meetings --- 9 am and 6 pm

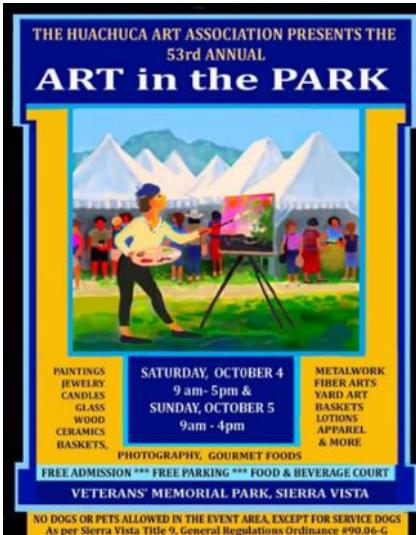
Sewing Room Sale

October 4th from 9 a.m.—3 p.m.

Donations for the month of September

Dialysis	8
Echoing Ranch fundraiser	1
Fresenius	7
Hoops House	6
Project Linus	43
SW Cancer Ctr	7
Warrior Healing Ctr	8
Total	60

The HSQG quilt selected for the 4th Quarter is now on display at the hospital. Thanks again to all our members!



ART IN THE PARK

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.

October Birthdays

Sylvia, G	Oct 19
Margaret, D	Oct 21
Jill, H	Oct 22
Carol, S	Oct 22
Virginia, M	Oct 31

Many thanks for all the quilt tops you are making; just a couple requests as there are no deadlines!

- Take your time & check your seams, especially the underneath to be sure they are all evenly caught.
- Edgestitch if there are lots of seams on the outside edges.
- Backings should be 10" larger than the top.
- Trim off selvages on inner seams. Outside edges are fine as they help the quilter grip better when loading .

HSQG Contacts

Board of Directors (BOD) Elected

President	Georgia M	gannmastin@yahoo.com
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Ways & Means	Katie A	katwood3064@gmail.com

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.

2026 QUILT SHOW INFO

Hopefully, everyone is getting excited for the 2026 Quilt Show. We are looking forward to seeing what you've been working on this year. We always have such a variety of quilts, which makes our show beautiful. We encourage everyone to participate, whether you're a new or seasoned quilter. Everyone started somewhere.

DATES TO REMEMBER

15 & 22 Jan – 9am -11am Quilt Pictures, if you need them.

Location: At the guild

22 Jan – Last day to get your entries turned in.

25 Feb – 9am - 11am Drop off your quilts at Ethel Berger.

27 Feb, 4pm-9pm – Quilt Show Setup at Buena

Reminders: Quilts need sleeves sewn onto quilt back for hanging. See rules.

NO PINS

Quilts need labels with at least your name and quilt name. If quilt is being judged, cover name with fabric that is basted on. The cover will be removed after judging.

Any questions, please call or email:

Virginia McCabe

Kelly Reimer

Sherry Hurt



Hummingbird Stitchers 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	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adult Membership \$35	<input type="checkbox"/>
Junior Membership \$17.50	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joining to enter Quilt Show	<input type="checkbox"/>

I understand that the primary goal of the Hummingbird Stitchers 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 Stitchers Quilt Guild and its activities.

Signed: _____

For Guild Use Only

Membership Number	
Check Number/Cash	
Amount Received	
Date Received	

Please make check payable to HSQG and mail to:

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

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

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 hand-made 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)

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

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