



The Hummer

The Newsletter of the Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild

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November, 2025

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

November

The clubhouse will be open as follows:

Regular Wednesday Hours:
8:30-11:30

Regular Thursday Hours :
8:30-2:00

Monthly Meetings:

**November 18 at 9:00 a.m.
and 6:00 p.m.**

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

Thankful, thankful, thankful!

I am so thankful for all of the members of the HSQG! For those who step up and volunteer for leadership roles and those who co-pilot with them; for those who work so hard in the 'back room', organizing and sorting and sewing and keeping the quilts going through the system; for those who participate in classes and events; for those who support us with dues and raffles and just the joy of being together...I am so thankful! I hope to see many of you at this year's challenge meeting and especially at the Holiday party!

For now, thanks again for all you do and the loving members you are. Here's to the start of this wonderful season of family, friends and joy.

-Georgia

ART IN THE PARK WAS A SUCCESS!

I want to thank everyone who helped to make this year a huge success! We made \$535.00, much better than the previous two years! Thanks again!

-Katie A.

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Quilt Show at Mountain View Gardens

Wednesday November 5th 10AM to 2PM

Featuring quilts from Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild

Quilts and boutique items will be for sale and other local vendors will also have craft items for sale.

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

Hi fellow Quilters!

The Holidays are fast approaching. Tickets make great gifts to add to Christmas Cards. Be sure to pick up an envelope or two at the Guild. Maybe add a couple bookmarks too! We have plenty...

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.



BLOTO - Winter Rolling Stone

This new BLOTO makes us think of winter. The kits are available at the guild. Read the directions and measure each step for accuracy. The drawing for this block will be January 2026.

There were 3 winners who each received 12 pineapple blocks: Donna O, Patricia B, Debi G. Congratulations to each! If you have any questions you can reach out to: Donna O (520-220-8851 or d_j_otto@yahoo.com).

EDUCATION

Thursday, Nov. 20, noonish - 2:30-ish

We will make "logs," "planks," not sure what to call them from 2 1/2" fabric strips and 1 1/4" batting strips. They are constructed much the same as jelly roll rugs. Our projects will be a trivet and/or placemat, but you will see other projects which could be made using the same method — totes, purses, pillows. You will need 2 1/2" fabric strips and 1 1/4" batting strips. The Boutique has lots at very reasonable prices. You will also need a 90/14 or jeans needle. Sample placemat is hanging on the chalkboard. You may sign up on the chalkboard at the guild. No charge.

-JoAnn V.

Coming soon to a clubhouse near you

What to expect in 2026:

Programs on How to Use your Scraps, Collage quilting a hummingbird, the creativity process and how to get started, what to do with those pesky panels, a trunk show by a master quilter and much more.

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

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

November

Birthdays

Alex, L	Nov 5
Jane, W	Nov 6
Sandra , D	Nov 7
Carole, B	Nov 12
Nancy, B	Nov 13
Jean, M	Nov 15
Fran, H	Nov 22
Marrietta, O	Nov 24

Things We Know -

To improve your quilting, focus on accuracy by ensuring fabrics are pressed flat before cutting and that you maintain a consistent -inch seam allowance. Key tips include using a sharp rotary blade and good rulers for precise cutting, pressing seams correctly by moving the iron up and down instead of swishing, and properly basting your quilt layers to prevent shifting during the quilting process.

HSQG Contacts

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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.

Fall Open House: Tuesday, November 11

Save the date, all you new members and not-quite-so-new members. You will shortly receive an invitation to the Fall Open House. Held twice a year at Susan R's house, it is a chance to get questions answered, meet other members, and, hopefully, see some flowers. I have been renovating the yard, fighting off gophers and planting things. How, you ask, could I do all this with my cane attached and a full knee brace? Well, I have a new knee and a list of exercises and I'm making progress.

There will be nibbles, door prizes, quilts to look at and whatever else occurs to us.

Tuesday, November 11 at 10:00 – 1:00
And 5:00 – 7:00p.m.
No need to RSVP, just come!
Maps and directions in the clubhouse

Note to drivers: The Veterans' day parade overlaps our time frame; check their route on the city website. Probably better to come around the Bypass to 7th.

You do not need to be a brand-new member. Anyone is welcome: meet new quilters, have some fun and see quilts.

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QUILT SHOW

with The Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild

Wednesday, November 5th

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Join us as the Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild showcases their beautiful quilts throughout our community for everyone to enjoy. With a collection of stunning quilts available for sale, goods from other local vendors, and light refreshments, this is one crafty event not to miss!

**For more information,
please call:**

520-459-1898

Mountain View Gardens | 3477 Rodeo Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

Independent Living | seniorlivinginstyle.com/mountain-view-gardens





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