



The Hummer

The Newsletter of the Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild

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

January 2026

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

January

The clubhouse will be open as follows **except as shown below:**

Regular Wednesday Hours:
8:30-11:30

Regular Thursday Hours :
8:30-2:00

Not Open on New Years Day.
January 1

Workshop on January 21

Merrie Haynes just notified me that we have lost a long time member. Marilyn Creathbaum passed away on Thursday, 4 Dec. Marilyn was 89. She will be missed.

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 do craft shows, I know most of you do produce crafts of some sort or other. Consider getting a table this year & share your draft with those attending the show. Think of the money you could earn to buy more fabric!!

Apply soon 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

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR ONE AND ALL!

It's hard to believe 2026 is here! We have so many exciting things happening this next quarter. Be sure to check our Facebook site for upcoming events and lots of interesting news, and our Website for other great information

Be sure to check out the programs bulletin board, the newsletter and Facebook for the great programs coming your way.

We are sad to say we have lost another wonderful member, Marilyn Creathbaum.

To all who attended the Holiday party, thanks for your support in all the fun and food.

Now's the time to decide which quilts you plan to enter into this year's quilt show. Remember, entries must be in by January 21st, your quilt doesn't have to be completed until check-in. Just be sure to have a picture that shows the basic quilt.

Now is also the time to decide which board seat or committee you would like to serve on. Elections are at the April annual meeting. Our nominating committee this year is Jackie I., and Maggie A. We love the ideas, new energy and new faces! Try it, you'll like it!

Thanks for all you do!

-Georgia

HUGE FABRIC SALE on Jan 16-17 from 9 to 1 at the guild. We were gifted thousands of yards (no kidding) of **NON quilting fabric**. \$2 per yard. All sorts of knits and dress making fabric.

January

Birthdays



Kay (Kathryn) W	Jan 3
Shirley A	Jan 6
Mickey W	Jan 6
Sidney D	Jan 8
Robin B	Jan 17
Jean K	Jan 17
Jeannine G	Jan 19
Joan B	Jan 27
Dot R	Jan 27
Jill H	Jan 29
Nancy T	Jan 29



HSQG Contacts

Board of Directors (BOD) Elected

President	Georgia M	gannmastin@yahoo.com
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EDUCATION CORNER

Adding a Sleeve: Every quilt in the quilt show must have a sleeve. Join Wendy on Thursday, January 8 at noon-2 for a demo and help. Come learn or refresh your memory.

All 2025 Challenge quilts are wanted for the quilt show. We made a picture of each one and attached it to an entry to make it easier. You can pick up the prepared entry at the guild and finish filling it out. They all looked so wonderful in November. We want to show them off in February/March!

4-patch Stack & Whack class on Thursday, February 19, noon -3:00 ish.

Martha will show us how to make a fun stack & whack that starts with a 4-patch block. No fee but sign up on the chalkboard so she'll know how many to expect. See Martha for supply list and info.

2026 QUILT SHOW INFO

When you're ready to turn in your entry forms, you can drop them off at the guild or mail them. If you mail them in, make sure they're received by **Jan 22**, PO Box 1326, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636-1326.

Maggie Allen is collecting them. If she's not at the guild, ask that they be put in the yellow envelope that is inside the beige cabinet in the meeting room.

Sign-up sheets are out at the Guild. There are many opportunities to help out at the show. There are many jobs and we depend on everyone to help out. This show cannot happen without your quilts and your help.

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.

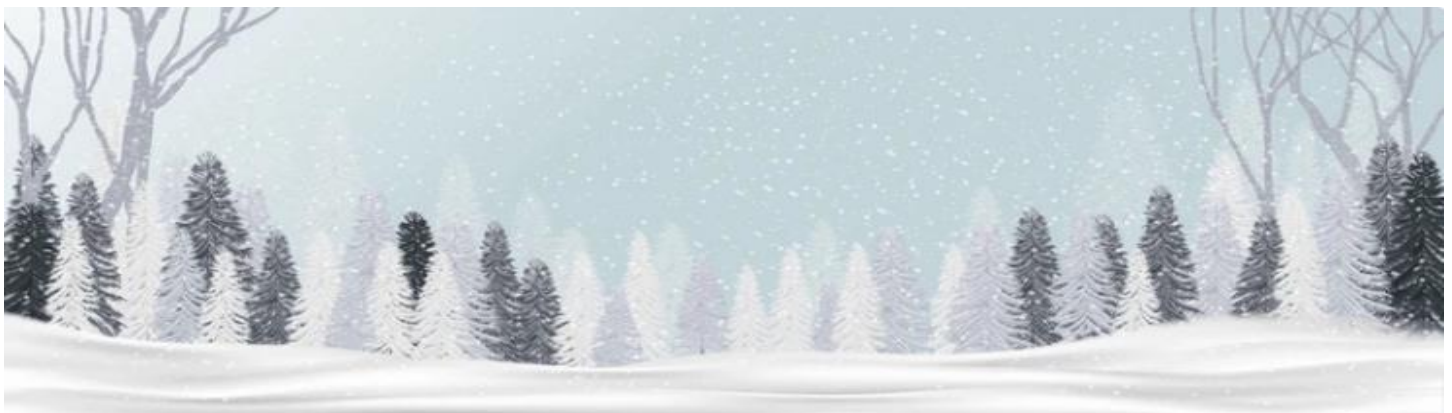
NO PINS

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:

WE ARE RECRUITING A QUILT SHOW CHAIR FOR 2027. It is the perfect time to get involved with the upcoming show. Please let me know if you have any questions on what is involved. Call me, Virginia M.

Virginia McCabe, Kelly Reimer, Sherry Hurt



PROGRAMS

Our October speaker, Ruth Ann Berry, was featured on The Quilt Show with Alex Anderson and Ricky Timms.

Collage class in on January 10 at 9 am with Barbara Blackmon-Gussak. The supply list is on the next page, page 5.

Also in January we have Elizabeth DeMoo (Annalise) at our regular monthly meeting. She is going to give us ideas for using up scraps with a workshop on Wednesday. Supply list will be provided. See pictures below.

February brings us Arlene who will be teaching gentle curves and some creative binding techniques.

March will be Lori and Sheryl. They will be teaching us new ways to use panels



BLOTTO

Winter Rolling Stone



This new BLOTTO 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.

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

Basic Collage Supply List - Hummingbird

Class Title: Collage Basics, Hummingbird

Instructor: Barbara Blackmon-Gussak

Phone: 315-415-5806

Email: barbbg2@gmail.com

Pattern or Book Required: Pattern and Instructions included with class

Students Will Need:

X Basic Sewing Kit - including pins, pencil, eraser, fine tip marker

X Mini or wand Iron & Ironing Surface

X Fabric Scissors – 6" Karen K. Buckley (serrated) – recommended

Additional Supplies Needed for Class:

Fabric - select fabrics of all colors and values appropriate for your project. My piece is done in greens, blues and pinks. However, you may choose any color combination you wish! The more variety of fabrics the better! Cut your fabric pieces approx. 4.5" x 6".

(Fabric bundles are available at www.CollageQuilter.com, these bundles include various values and include colors that are warm and cool) If purchasing fabric, 1/8th yd per color choice is sufficient.

Double-Sided Fusible Web - Lite Steam A Seam 2 – SAS. Please prepare a good assortment of your fabrics before class so that you can maximize class time working on your project. Not all fabric will need to be ready for use, but at least enough to begin the project.

**Not all fusible web products work with this Parchment Pressing Method.*

Parchment Paper - (Baking paper) NOT freezer paper!

Light Box – optional, very helpful for darker color objects like a Raven

1/4- inch Foam Core Board - covered in felt (this is your work surface). Sold at local craft stores or online, should be about 20" square (optional)

Preparation Before Class:

*Place a piece of your parchment paper over the pattern and trace the pattern onto the parchment paper. This will be your template to adhere your fabric to.

*Make sure that you have a good assortment of *fabric values* (light, medium, dark) for each color being used in your piece. Ex, if you have green fabric that you'll be using in your project, collect dark, medium-dark, medium, medium-light and light green fabrics. Have your fabric pieces prepared with Lite Steam A Seam 2, per package instructions.



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