



The Hummer

The Newsletter of the Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild

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April 2026

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

The Clubhouse

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

Workshop on April 22

Meetings on April 21 at 9:00 and 6:00

President's Message

Spring has sprung...but wait it was over 90 in the middle of March! This might be the year to make a "temperature quilt"! Lots of orange, red and yellow. Seriously, this surprising warm weather means we need to be sure to stay hydrated.

Another hurdle to tackle is the price of gas. You may want to consider some carpools when fabric shopping out of the area. You may also want to 'shop local' at the upcoming Sewing room fabric sale. Saturday April 18th.

And did you realize our April meeting (April 21st) is our annual membership meeting and will be the time to approve the 2026-27 budget and slate of officers. Be there or be an HST.

I would also like to extend condolences to our members who have suffered the loss of dear loved ones this past month. It is such a comfort to know we are surrounded by loving friends.

-Georgia

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HSQG Challenge 2026 USA - 250

To celebrate the semi quincentennial (try to say that 3 times fast!), the Challenge for 2026 is in honor of America's 250th birthday. Any technique – pieced, applique, paper pieced, English paper pieced, machine embroidery, etc. Any embellishment (or none). It does not have to be all red, white and blue. Use your imagination to celebrate our birthday.

100" perimeter maximum, can be smaller, can be a unique shape. If it is a unique shape, measure it at the tallest point and the widest point to figure perimeter. Hint: cut a large paper, poster board, or use a quilting mat to make sure it doesn't exceed the allowed size. Lay it out like on a design board.

3 layers – pieced top, batting, back – quilted by yourself. You must totally complete the quilt on your own. (exception quilters 12 and under)

Email JoAnn at svquilt1983@gmail.com by July 15 to enter a quilt. Send your name and name of quilt to JoAnn by October 15. Challenge display is November meeting.

BLOTTO

February – April 2026



Woven Ribbons

This BLOTTO can make a quilt look like "woven ribbons". Since the drawing for this block is this month, April 2026, please be sure to finish any kit you have and bring back to the guild before the April meeting.

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

Empty Large Thread Cones

Thanks to all who brought their empty cones to me for my friend. She's done with her project & doesn't need them anymore.

-Wendy H

You, too, can be a Life Member of HSQG!

If you are 85+ years old (or will be this coming membership year), please let us know so we can honor you as a Life Member in the guild.

Life Members are honored for their contribution to the guild and are given dues-free membership.

Contact the Membership Chair or any of the Guild Officers.

Fabulous Fabric Sale

The Boutique is having another fabulous fabric sale on Saturday April 18 from 9 am - 2 pm. There will be mostly garment fabric, but also some quilting fabric, as well as notions. Garment fabric will be \$2 per yard, quilting cotton will be \$4 per yard.

We will need a few helpers to set up on Thursday afternoon as well as assisting on the day of the sale. A signup sheet will be posted at the guild.

NOTES ON COMING PROGRAMS

	<u>Program</u>	<u>Workshop</u>
April	Karen Fisher: Her Houston special exhibit	Fancy Borders
May	Lisa Ellis talk on her quilt journey,	Cathedral Windows
June	Cheryl Wenstand	Bags, purses, etc. "Take Stand"
	Note: Students will need a pattern we will sell them early. Lori will bring over a bunch of patterns for us when she joins Arlene to help her sell stuff.	

SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE!

Our semi-annual Open House for new members will be April 28 from 10:00 to 1:00 and from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. It will be at Susan R's house, and the address will be posted at the clubhouse and is available online in our directory. Maps are available or GPS works fine.

All new members will receive an invitation, but it is not limited to them. If you have not been to my house or have not seen my flowers and quilts, you are invited. Or, if you just want to come and talk about quilts, you're invited. There will be some nibbles, door prizes and lots of "quilty" talk.

No need to RSVP. Just come!

COMMUNITY QUILTS 2025-2026**Quilts donated**

American Legion Fundraiser	1
Boutique	11
Copper Queen Infusion Ctr	10
Cochise County Foster Care	38
Cochise Oncology	47
Cochise Serving Vets	2
Dialysis Center	34
Echoing Ranch Fundraiser	1
Forgach House	58
Fresenius Dialysis	30
Hoops House	6
Kerrville, TX Flood victims	10
Kiwanis fundraiser	1
Lori's Place	23
NICP	25
Peaches Pantry fundraiser	2
Private individuals	9
Project Linus	180
Quilts of Valor	9
Relay for Life fundraiser	1
SW Cancer Ctr	63
Team Pickleball fundraiser	1
Warrior Healing Center	20
WIC Program	35
Year End Totals as of March 31, 2026	617

Salvation Army and St Vincent de Paul received fabric and supplies
 Donations of afghans made by a Guild member to DCS
 Peaches Pantry – SVPS received food donations from Guild members
 Donation of fabric-scrap animal beds made by a member to Animal shelter
 Repurposed duffle bags with quilt pocket donated to various organizations
 Raffle quilt fundraiser for NC flood victims

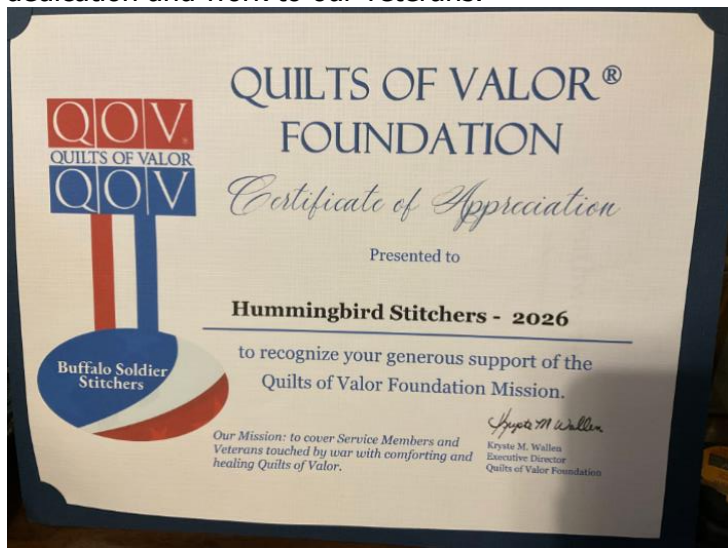
Donations for March, 2026

Boutique	1
Cochise Foster Care	8
Forgach	8
Fresenius	8
Kiwanis fundraiser	1
Lori's Place	8
Project Linus	3
SW Cancer Ctr	8
Cochise Oncology	8
Totals	53

43 duffle bags total to Forgach, Cochise Foster Care, and Lori's Place

15 sets of pillowcases to Forgach, donated by a member

The Guild received a Certificate of Appreciation from Quilt of Valor, thanking us for the dedication and work to our veterans.



The Guild donates to non-profit organizations such as the Forgach House, dialysis centers, oncology centers, WIC, foster care, Project Linus, etc. A full listing may be found on the board at Guild and the EOY Community Quilts Report in this newsletter. This report for March ends the 2025-2026 donations reporting. The Guild has once again shown dedication to sharing comfort and encouragement to individuals experiencing a life crisis. Thanks to all our members! If you hear of someone who needs a quilt, please let me know.

Janet W
Community Quilts

HSQG Quarterly Business Meeting
20 Jan 2026 AM (PM)

The meeting was called to order at 9:00AM (6:08) by VP Debi G.

VP – President is ill, so chaired by VP – Debi G.

- Please turn in opportunity quilt blocks to Debi by Feb 19,
- Blue Moon, March 26, will be a Patriotic theme with some tops being Quilts of Valor. Come and either sew, iron, or cut as we work together to make these tops.
- There are instructions for the Placemat sew as you go.
- If you took the Collage Class, there is a tip sheet available.

Secretary - Previous minutes - motion to accept the Oct 2025 Minutes without reading by Bert; (Katie) seconded by Nancy B. (Susan); approved

Treasurer's Report – Income to date - \$15,144; Expenses to date - \$10,576. Motion to accept by Bert (Katie), 2nd by Susan (**Sally**)

- More interest was made than budgeted for.
- The boutique continues to generate great sales. Thanks, everyone.

Nominating Committee – Let them know if you would like to be on a committee or a board volunteer.

Ways and Means - Katie will continue but would like a couple people who like to assist. This would make a committee of 3.

Community Outreach - 509 Quilts were donated to community members so far.

Education – On Feb 19 there will be a 4 square Stack n Whack free class. There is a sign-up sheet so we know about how many people will attend. Come and join.

BLOTTO – Winners of the block are Eula and Joy D. Participate in the new BLOTTO and perhaps win in April.

Boutique – There will be a sale the last Sat (9 am– 2pm) of non-quilting fabric at \$2/yd, and zippers, buttons, panels, etc.

Quilt Show – coming Feb 28 – March 1.

- This Thursday is the deadline for Entry forms.
- Please sign up for the jobs needed, some are sitting jobs along with the standing jobs with 2 hr increments.
- Remember to bring cookies for the volunteers and vendors at the quilt show.
- The intake for ALL quilts, judging AND showing, will be **Feb 25, 9-11am, at the Ethel Berger Center.**
- Set up for the Quilt Show at Buena High School will be Friday, Feb 27. Do NOT show up before 4pm so we do not interfere with the end of the school day.
- We do pay for the room and security.
- There are plenty of bookmarks, please take and use them to get the information out.
- Advertisements – bring someone.

- Yard signs – place in your yard or at major intersections. Remember to ONLY put out the week before the show, as there are no dates.
- Talk about vendors as there will be jewelry, sewing stuff, hats, etc. and Gunnies BBQ from 10:30 - ?
- Intern needed as Virginia is “retiring.” Who would like to be involved with the quilt show?
- Mayor McCaa will be there to choose the Mayor’s Award.
- Cool Fm will be there.
- More quilt entries are needed to have our 200+ quilts.

Upcoming Programs – Bert gave a Thank you for those who came to the Holiday party in December and made it a success.

- The collage class went well with 17 students.
- Jan - Annaliese with scraps
- Feb – Arlene with gentle curve piecing and artistic borders.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05AM (7:00 PM)

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna O
HSQG Secretary

From the Quilt Show –

Opportunity Quilt - The opportunity quilt winner was Linda Labenz from the Phoenix area.

Saturday Win-A-Quilt

Cynthia Zimbelmon won the Ladies Faces quilt



Tomara Wilson won the dragon quilt



Sunday Win-A-Quilt

Maggie Klien won the Southwest squares design



Marilyn Hendricks won the Southwest plate design



Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild Membership

April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027

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
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Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

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

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Membership Number	
Check Number/Cash	
Amount Received	
Date Received	

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

Name: _____

Phone Number(s): _____