



The Hummer

The Newsletter of the Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild

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September 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:

Regular Wednesday Hours: 8:30-11:30 – except for September 16

Regular Thursday Hours: 8:30-2:00

September 15 – Program meetings at 9:00 am and 6:00 pm.

September 16 - there is a workshop in the clubhouse.

President's Message

Ants! With all of the rains they are often displaced from their nests and forced to relocate. They march steadily along carrying supplies to new homes. That's what the guild looks like these days. Supplies are being sorted and packed in preparation for our moving day, October 7th.

To support this endeavor and lighten the load, our fearless boutique leaders Martha and Janelle have held one successful summer sale and will have another on October 3rd and 4th! Be sure to check the dates and get some great deals!

Also, circle the date for our October meeting! It will be an 'open house' to show off our new home at the Village Meadows school!

And yet, through all this activity, just like the relentless ants, quilts are still being made in support of our community. What amazing 'ants' you all are.

-Georgia

Our sympathy to Merrie H whose husband has passed away.

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WE ARE MOVING

If you've not heard, the current Guild location (Rothery Center) has been sold to the city and is being demolished, so we are moving!

The new location is:

Village Meadows Elementary School
905 S El Camino Real
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

and our moving date is October 7! There is a map to the new location on Page 13 of this newsletter.

Please join us for our Open House held during our monthly meeting in October.

GENTLE REMINDER! If you have not renewed your membership in the Guild, now is the time.

The yearly membership is only \$35, for which you get the fun of sewing fellowship during the open hours, resources to learn to quilt and make charity quilts, take classes, attend monthly meetings and the camaraderie of fellow quilters!

If you have already renewed, thanks! If not, the membership application is included in the monthly newsletter (Page 9). Please confirm that your address and contact information is correct.

You can mail the completed Membership Application and payment to the address on the form or bring both to the Guild any Wednesday or Thursday. We'll be happy to see you!

Thanks!

Mary R

Membership Chair

50th Anniversary Celebration Committee Information

Thank you to all who have signed up to be on the committee. With the upcoming guild move, the first meeting will be after we get settled. I am looking at Wed., 28th of Oct, at noon at the new meeting place, Town & Country school. Let me know if that does not work for any of you. We still have room on the committee, if you would like to join us. Sign up at the guild or contact me, Debi G, 520-227-0381.

Challenge 2026

U.S.A. 250

Please send an email to JoAnn V svquilt1983@gmail.com by October 1 stating your name, the name of your quilt and the size of your quilt.

Tuesday, November 17 is the date of the reveal at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. meetings. Quilts are due on or before November 1. When you bring your quilt in, please put it in JoAnn's hands, not in a cupboard. We don't want anything to get lost in the move. I'll take it home with me to keep it safe.



September Birthdays

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

HSQG Contacts

Board of Directors (BOD) Elected

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<i>Ways & Means</i>	Katie A	katwood3064@gmail.com

EDUCATION

Join Peggy K and JoAnn V for a class on **Wednesday, November 18, 8:30-2:30**. We'll share several techniques to turn a sweatshirt into a quilted jacket. Supplies: a sweatshirt 2 sizes bigger than you usually wear, because the quilting and construction techniques make it smaller. Prewash and dry on hot to preshrink. Your quilt fabric can be a charm pack, jelly roll, scraps, or orphan blocks. If you choose a dark sweatshirt, it is best to choose dark fabrics. For lighter, brighter fabrics, choose a lighter color sweatshirt. Hobby Lobby has several colors on the back wall. Watch for a sale and save! Please sign up at the guild. No charge for the class.

Future workshops are in the planning – dates to be determined after the move:

1. Embrilliance software with Vicky K. Intro to using computer software to enhance your machine embroidery. If you don't have Embrilliance, you are welcome to join us and "watch over someone's shoulder" to see if you want to purchase it. No charge
2. A repeat of the class how to make a badge holder. See Mary R. for a kit and pattern. Cost \$5. You will need a little fabric of your own. No charge for workshop just for the supply kit.
3. Cute pincushions. Samples will be available soon.

BLOTTO

June – October 2026

Magic Simplex Star



This Magic Simplex Star BLOTTO creates more stars as blocks are joined together. It is a relatively easy block made up of 4 identical "mini" blocks. We will learn how to make 8 HST at a time. If you have any questions, reach out or come to the guild any Wednesday 8:30 – 11:30 or Thursday 8:30 -1:30 to get assistance.

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

Community Quilts news August, 2026

Quilts donated to others

C.A.S.A.	10
Cochise Oncology	12
Dialysis	8
Lori's Place	8
Project Linus	6
Quilt of Valor	2
Spokane, WA fire victims	10
SW Cancer Ctr	8
Total	64

At the beginning of the month a Spokane, WA quilt guild posted a plea on Facebook for quilts and other items for the devastated wildfire areas in Washington. The Guild responded and sent 10 quilts of various sizes for the communities affected by fire damage. The picture below is our donation getting ready to go.

This month's donations bring up our total for the year to 276, as of August 25. Pats on the back to all for their generosity in donating time to quilt for the Guild. Big shout out to our members organizing the stash and making coordinated project bags! Members can pick a project from the shelf and know all the makings are inside just waiting to be sewn together.

Please NO donations of fabric and notions in the next month.

We are organizing for the Guild move to new rooms at Village Meadows Elementary School. Exciting!

Remember, if you hear of anyone or organization needing comfort pass along the information to me. Try to include a contact person or phone number for follow up.

Janet Wilcox
Community Quilts





HSQG Password *Will Change* on July 31, 2026

The username and password to our Members' Only page will change on July 31, 2026. Access to information shared in the Members' Only tab of our guild website is a perk of membership. The new username and password will be emailed to all current 2026-2027 members prior to the change. If you did not get the new information and are a current 2026/2027 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.



SEWING ROOM SALE BIG THANK YOU

Thanks to all the many helping hands for a very successful sewing room sale on August 21-22. We sold \$3500 over the 2 days, in 6 hours! That is almost \$600 per hour, ladies! There were so many people helping this time, from set-up, sale days, and break-down. It really helped make it feel like a real community event. Everyone who helped got a \$10 gift certificate to spend on our goodies on sale. If you missed your certificate, please see Martha or Janelle.

Keep in mind we will have one more sale before the big move, on Oct 3-4. We will need helping hands once again.

Also, we will still have fashion fabric left over at the end of all this. If you know of any charitable organizations that would like some, please let us know.

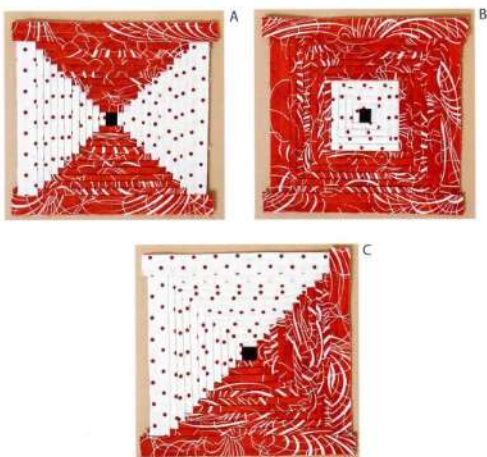
PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

Programs

- 15 Sept Doris Wells will present her body of work as a trunk show.
 20 Oct We will be in a new location so there will be an open house to orient members to their new Guild building.
 17 Nov Guild Challenge voting
 DEC will be the Holiday party, more to follow.

Workshops

16 Sept- 9 am- 12am Folded log cabin block. I have my sampler posted in the Guild. The workshop will focus on completing one block with two fabrics and a center focal fabric. Many different layouts are possible as with any log cabin quilt block. The book by Sara Kaufman has great examples. The center block can be small or a larger fussy cut square. The blocks should be no larger than 7 X 7.

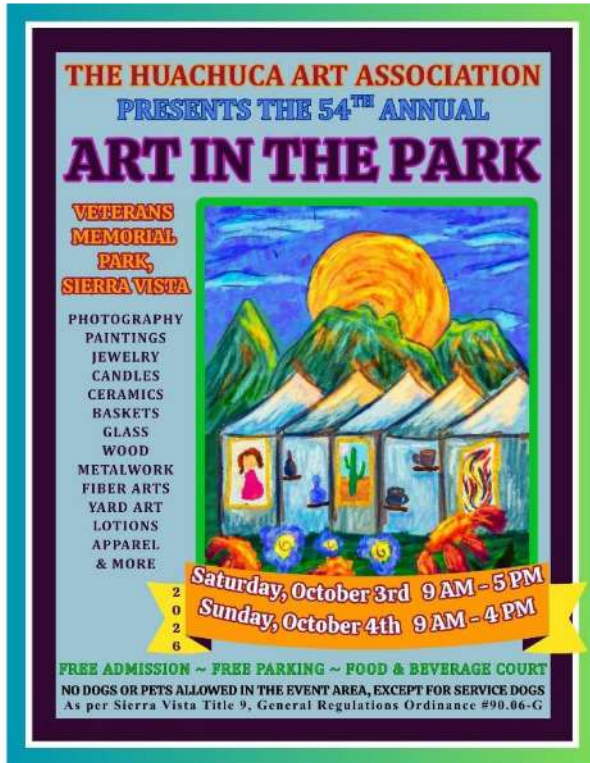


2027 Opportunity Quilt News!

Please pick up tickets along with a picture to show friends how beautiful our quilt is this year! Be sure to take extras especially if you are traveling this summer! They are on the table by the door along with a sign out sheet. If you have any questions, please give me a call at (909) 215-6918 or you can email me - Katie A



Art in the Park October 3rd & 4th



Art in the Park is coming up fast. The sign-up sheet is on the table by the back door. If you can help, that would be so awesome!! We will be in the Vendor section again this year. When I have more details about location, I will let everyone know. If you have questions, you can contact me at (909) 215-6918 or email me at katwood3064@gmail.com. Thanks for your help! Katie A.

2026 QUILT SHOW INFO

Hopefully, everyone is getting excited for the 2027 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.

MEMBER VENDORS

Our 2027 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. There are 10 spots available. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Application form for Member Vendors is on Page 13 of the newsletter.

Wendy Hirsch 520-609-4097



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
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): _____

For HSQG Use Only
Entry ID: _____

Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Show Entry 2027

Entry form due by Thursday January 21, 2027. 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 21, 2027.

2027 HSQG Quilt Show Entry Rules and Definitions

RULES:

1. **Deadline for submission of entry forms is January 21, 2027. No late entries accepted. Completed entry forms must include photo and hang tag statement and be received by January 21. Be cautious of the deadline if mailing.**
2. You must have a current HSQG membership to enter.
3. The entry must have been made by the guild member in whole or part.
4. You may enter only one quilt *per judged category*. Judged quilt entries must not have been judged in any other HSQG show.
5. You may enter multiple quilts for *Display* (not judged.) Entries will be accepted on a space-available basis.
6. The Show and Design Chairs reserve the right to limit the number of quilts per person if necessary.
7. 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.
8. An entry will be rejected if it is not clean and free of smoke odors and pet hair.
9. All quilts must have a 4-inch hanging sleeve sewn to the back of the quilt. Small quilts can use a 2 inch sleeve.
10. 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.
11. **All entries** must be brought to the **Ethel Berger Center, 2950 E. Tacoma, on March 3, 2027, from 9:00 - 11:00 am**. The Committee will be responsible for getting all quilts to Buena High School on Friday.
12. All entries must be picked up on **Sunday March 7, from 3:45 – 4:30 pm** with the receipt you are given at check-in.
13. The show chairs may re-categorize any entry to comply with the definitions.
14. All quilts purchased at the show will pay the Guild a 10% handling fee as per the bylaws.
15. 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.
16. **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

Application for Members to Vend

Hummingbird Stitchers Quilt Guild
2027 March 6 & 7

Tables are \$25 each with a limit of one 6' 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, 2027.

There are 10 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: _____

Address: _____

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 cashing. 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 \$ _____

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 14, 2026 – NEW LOCATION

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Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

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