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The Newsletter of the Hummingbird Stitches Quilt Guild

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October 2026

Guild meetings are held at Village Meadows School 905 El Camino Real, Sierra Vista unless otherwise noted

The Clubhouse

The clubhouse will be open for sewing sessions after our move beginning on Wednesday, October 14 and continuing on as follows:

Regular Wednesday Hours: 8:30-11:30

Regular Thursday Hours: 8:30-2:00

October 20 – Open house in our new location at 9:00 am and 6:00 pm.

Village Meadows Elementary School
905 S El Camino Real

President's Message

We have the keys!

It was a bittersweet moment to say goodbye to our Rothery guild home and has been a busy time making plans and executing them in preparation for our move. October 7th is moving day and our open house will take place at the **October 20th, monthly meeting!**

Be sure to mark your calendars to join us for the quarterly business meeting and a tour of our new home at the Village Meadows school. We are in the first building on the west of the parking lot and you will see our signs.

And now, THANK YOU to all the faithful volunteers who figured out how to re-home all of our 'stuff', into the new spaces! They measured, configured and packed and will be unpacking to create a great place to gather and sew. I don't want to miss naming anyone so I will just say THANK YOU again (you know who you are) for your dedication and hard work! You are the BEST!

Now for a little 'quilt talk'. When was the last time you cleaned your machines? Has your bobbin area become home to fibers and dust? Does your feed dog area look like a welcome mat? If your machine is acting sluggish or maybe even breaking thread, it's time to give it a little love, a dusting and maybe even a little oil. And don't forget to give the needle a refresh. Just like changing your rotary blade, you won't be sorry!

-Georgia

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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.

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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.

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### **Challenge 2026 U.S.A. 250**

Please send an email to JoAnn V [svquilt1983@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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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 11 of the newsletter.
Wendy Hirsch 520-609-4097



October Birthdays

Sylvia, G	Oct 19
Mary Lou, S	Oct 20
Margaret, D	Oct 21
Jill, H	Oct 22
Syldina, B	Oct 24
Virginia, M	Oct 31

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## HSQG Contacts

### **Board of Directors (BOD) Elected**

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### **BOD Nonelected**

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Our Sympathy

To Sandra Dow on the death of her husband

Challenge 2026

U.S.A. 250

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## 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 for members. \$15 for non-members. Please sign up so we know how many to expect.

Embrilliance software with Vicky K. **Thursday, October 22, noon-2:00**. Intro to using computer software to enhance your machine embroidery. You may bring your laptop and Vicky will guide you. 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 for members. \$10 for non members. Please sign up so we know how many to expect.

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

1. 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.
2. Cute pincushions. Samples will be available soon.
3. A cute, easy circle purse.
4. Paperless paper piecing

## 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](mailto:d_j_otto@yahoo.com)).

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Community Quilts news September, 2026

Quilts donated to others

Echoing Hope Ranch	5
Project Linus	17
Total	22

25 pillowcase kits were made and sent to the Phoenix Children's Hospital.

Please **NO** donations of fabric and notions until after we are fully organized in our new location.

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. Thanks for members who keep our quilts coming. They are truly appreciated by recipients

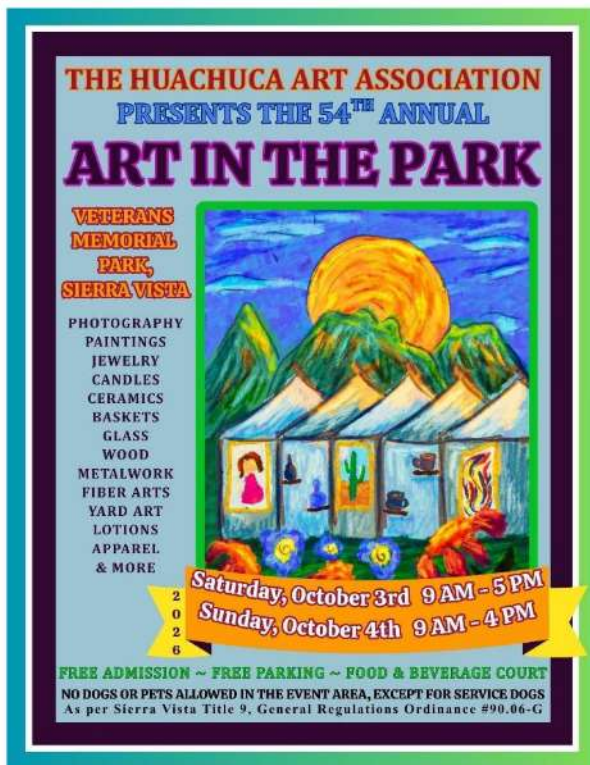
Janet W
Community Quilts

SEWING ROOM SALE BIG THANK YOU

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.

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.

PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

We are continuing our traditions in a new location. Once we have moved in, I will explore the possibility of having presenters via Zoom. If you have any experience with zoom presentations, please let me know. Any suggestions on topics or presenters would be appreciated. Feel free to contact me at the Guild or via texts. Nas M

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.

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

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## HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Tuesday, December 15, 2026  
Time: 10:00 to 1:00

Note: New location of the Guild:  
Village Meadows School  
905 El Camino Real, Sierra Vista.

We will have a short guild meeting. Afterwards, there will be food, socializing, games and fun. There will be Bingo games, door prizes and "Guess the Number of ... in the jar," for a \$25 gift card.

There will be a fabric exchange at the end of the luncheon. Bring one (1) yard of good quality cotton fabric, place it in a plain, brown lunch bag - no gift bags, colored bags or decorated bags. I can provide bags if needed. (Participation is not required).

Bring a dish to share. This year we should be able to have soup, chili, etc., since we will most likely be meeting in the cafeteria which has tile floor for easier clean-up. Coffee, water and other drink will be provided. Plates, napkins, cups and cutlery will also be provided.

For a contest this year I was thinking "jewelry." It can be earrings, necklace, bracelet or ring. A gift card will go to the most outrageous piece and one with the most bling.

See you in December!

Thank you, "Bert" C



## 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

|                   |  |
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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): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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### 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 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 14, 2026 – NEW LOCATION

### HUMMINGBIRD STITCHERS QUILT GUILD

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