



Amherst Quilters Guild



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Upcoming Program News –

February - Trunk show

Looking for inspiration? Natalie Masker will be showing us her abundance of quilts. She is an accomplished quilter with over 30 years experience.

March is our annual birthday dinner. Where else can you get a dinner for only \$10? Please mail your forms to Marie along with \$10 by March 1st or turn them in at the February meeting. Note the earlier meeting time - 6:45.

Remember that little brown bag with one stray quilt block you received back in September? It's time to dig it out and complete your challenge quilt. Here are the rules once again –

1. You must use the stray block
2. You may leave it whole or cut it up
3. Add your own fabric to complete a top not exceeding 100" perimeter.
4. You can embellish
5. Put a label on the back with your name. Pin the photo of original block on the front.
6. Bring it to the March dinner meeting. We will vote on a winner.

Quilt Bucks Auction

By Natalie Masker

Thank you to everyone who came to the Guild Bucks Auction. We had 36 bidders who bought all 70+ bundles. Prices ranged from \$5 - \$600. We had antique quilts, blocks, rulers and mats, fabrics, many notions and threads, patterns, books, kits, yarn, scrapbooking materials, cross stitch patterns and kits, etc.

Thank you to all that donated and those who came to help set up. Special thanks to Noelle, MaryAnn, Renee, Jan F., and Mickey who all worked during the auction.

The way to earn bucks for next year's auction is to volunteer your time for committee's such as: seminar, quilt show, historic homes, community service; donate items for basket raffle, door prizes, bucks auction, mini quilt auction; make monthly blocks for community service; donate batts or fabric (esp. 2 yds.+ pieces for backing) for community service; work at quilt show, auction, other guild events; volunteer for museum events where we are asked to demonstrate. As you can see, there are many ways to earn guild bucks.

AQG – minutes - Jan 21, 2016

Submitted by Natalie Masker

Meeting was called to order by Robi at 7 pm. Any meeting cancelations will be announced on WGRZ.

Our **March birthday party** payment of \$10 is due to Marie Buchanan by Mar. 1. Forms are in newsletter. You can mail form and payment or pay at Feb. meeting.

Sue McNess announced there will be a bus trip to Shipshewana for show, lectures, play, etc. June 21-24th. Please contact her for costs and details.

Sue Kogler is selling Quilt Consortium Passports for 2016 Quilt Shows throughout NYS. There are

coupons for show discounts and specials for different quilt shops in NYS. Cost is \$5. They will be available at Feb. meeting.

Jackie collected ditty bags for Jan monthly Community Service Projects. New pattern for Feb. will be in newsletter.

Name taggers were given guild bucks.

Seminar 2016 partial schedule was announced. Classes will be held monthly on Saturdays after Guild meeting. Most are half days in the morning, cost \$18 for guild members. Feb. 27 is 1st class on using Accu-quilt machine for appliqué. Contact Mary Ellen Cannon for details.

Renee Stockwell is looking for donations of filled baskets for Quilt Show Basket Raffle. She asked individuals, small quilt groups, anyone who has business contacts, to donate filled baskets. There will be many empty baskets available at Feb. meeting for people to use to make filled baskets. Themes can be sewing, food, wine, floral, children, books, toys, bath items, tea/coffee, lottery tickets, etc. Filled baskets due at the March Meeting. She will also take new item donations and put together baskets.

Natalie reminded everyone Challenge quilts are due at March meeting and will be judged then. Theresa Utz announced that mini quilts for auction on Sat. of quilt show are due then too. Limit of 100" perimeter.

Lori Racle is looking for volunteers for Quilt Show. Contact her to sign up for days and jobs.

Community Service is selling raffle tickets for Geisha Girl wall hanging/lap quilt. Drawing at the March birthday dinner. Blocks donated by Elaine Conway, assembled by Natalie Masker, quilted and bound by Loretta Cadwallader.

Registration of quilts for show is now open. Unlimited numbers of quilts allowed. Forms are on website (please make your own copies), or available from Mary Ann Krafft.

Sunshine and Shadows

No news to report

Quilt Show – April 22-24

It's not too early to fill out and submit your entry forms and **identification labels**. You will need to fill out one form per item and give them to Jackie G by Thursday, March 17. Forms can be found at <http://www.AmherstQuiltersGuild.org/events/>.

Last minute ladies! You have till March 1st to send Sally Ginsberg any patrons you want to put in the Quilt Show **program**. It is a great way to acknowledge an anniversary, wedding, graduation or just to say Thank You to someone. It is only \$5, see the attached form. Also if you know anyone who would like to put an ad in, it is only \$16.50 for a business card size ad.

Annette will be accepting fabrics for the **scrap pool**. Please save your scraps (minimum 2 ½" square). Thanks

Do you have a pattern, technique, or gadget you would like to **demonstrate** at our Quilt Show? If so, please contact Karen Goddard. Her contact info can be found in the roster.

I know you are busy finishing your quilts for display, as well as items for the boutique, but we are also in need of minis for the **Saturday Auction**. Same rules as last show: No more than 96" in diameter, can be any medium, ie. pieced, applique, hand or machine quilted, pillows, hats, scarves, table runners, free form, anything as long as it fits into the parameters. Please bring these items to the March meeting, or give to Theresa Utz by April 1st.

If you have a **basket** or two just taking up space in your attic, this is your chance to declutter. We are also accepting any donations to help fill the baskets (Items should be new)

If you were one of the bidders at our annual auction who received some books that aren't your style, consider donating them to the **Quilt Show Book Sale**. This is something new, similar to the swimming pool.

Community Service

Community Service has another quilt raffle. Tickets are \$1 each or a book of 6 for only \$5. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Guild birthday dinner on March 17.



Quilts for the Troops

Twenty quilts were delivered to the Niagara Falls Air Base in December.

Captain Brian Haun and Holly Curcione, volunteer chairperson, were delighted to receive them and most grateful, too! Thank you to all our **Quilting Angels**! [The next delivery will be after our June meeting]



Bus Trip

Sue McNess is once again organizing a bus trip to the Shipshewana Quilt Festival and surrounding Amish countryside. Highlights include a lecture by Edyta Sitar, Blue Gate Dinner Theater, and Amish Family Style dinner and quilting experience. Leaving Tuesday, June 21 and returning Friday, June 24. Prices range from \$579 to \$899.

Saturday Seminar Series Begins

by Mary Ellen Cannon

The annual seminar hosted by the Amherst Quilters' Guild has been a long standing (over 40 years) tradition that is treasured by our membership. Our seminar committee has been working long and hard to revise its procedures to let it evolve into a style that can continue for many more years, with the wants and concerns of our members shaping the format that we have adopted. We will be evaluating this new format as we go along, shaping it continually to fit 21st century styles of quilting, and the busy schedules of our members, both veteran and new. We are will be scheduling classes on the Saturdays that follow our guild meetings unless the teacher or the museum has a conflict that particular day. Some will be half day classes, some full days. A concern raised by members was that members who are working or have other daytime commitments are unable to attend classes held during the day on weekdays,. Since we want to use the museum build for our classes to eliminate having to rent space elsewhere, we are trying to schedule our activities during times that the museum is open. Starting in February 2016 the museum will be open on Saturdays. Evenings are not available. We also have to work around any space rentals the museum has.

We are now ready to introduce the "Saturday Seminar Series". So far we have scheduled a class on piecing tricks combined with an orientation to the use of our guild's Accuquilt machine, and a 1 or 2 part class on using the quilting software EQ. We have "in the negotiation stages" an introduction to hand

quilting class, and a basket making class. Also nearly firm but with a few details left to iron out are a class on stenciling on fabric, and an overview/introduction to a variety of hand and machine appliqué techniques. We were disappointed in the small number of surveys from our members (only 10 were returned) in which we tried to find out from you what topics for classes would be of interest. If you have ideas for class topics or good teachers, please feel free to send them to me, or my co-chair Jan Reilly or any member of the seminar committee. The committee is designing this seminar for our members. Non-members are welcome as always, but they are not whom we are aiming to please.

The forms you need for registering for the classes are available at our guild's webpage

www.amherstquiltersguild.org. Find Events in the top menu bar, and then select Saturday Seminar Series. All information about this seminar series will be posted there. You can begin to register now. One new piece of information about which we are going to hold firm—classes with lower than a 5 student enrollment will be cancelled. The cut off date for each of these cancellations will be approximately 10 days before the class so the teacher and any enrolled students can be notified. All of that information is on each enrollment form. Please do not wait until the last minute to enroll.

We hope you will find classes that interest you and that our scheduling will enable you to join us for fun and friendship. Keep checking back to the web page for further developments. If you are unable to access the forms at the web page, please contact myself or Jan Reilly. We will be glad to help.

Website Notes — Marie Buchanan

I hope you have had an opportunity to view the new website. It is user friendly and has many new options we can expand and add to as needs occur. Including future registration online and a pay option.

I would like to ask all committee chairs to please send **dates, times, place of meetings and topics** to me for the calendar. It shows others how busy our

guild is and what activities we sponsor. This will hopefully encourage others to join us.

Please note the addition of "**Saturday Seminar Series**" under **EVENTS** menu. You will find the classes currently open for registration and the necessary information to enroll. Please take advantage of this opportunity so we can keep this series and the tradition into the next 40 plus years!

Dates are on the calendar for upcoming seminars and will be posted for registration and supply lists as soon as they are confirmed.

We are still missing a few Quilt Show Programs in our history section you will see the quilts without the program attached. If you hover over the photo it will give you the date of the quilt.

Web questions received:

1. To access items from the pull down menu's just hover the pointer over the heading- do not click. Scroll down and *click on the topic* you want.

2. The calendar is a Business Calendar, **Monday through Sunday**. It is a part of our business format

Website. Check the day headings until your eyes become accustomed.

Publications - MaryAnn Krafft

If you have any problems with receipt of our e-mail messages, or change your e-mail provider, please send an email to MaryAnn Krafft with your request to: AQGNewsletter@yahoo.com.

Articles to be included in the **March 2016** newsletter must be sent to AQGNewsletter@yahoo.com by ***no later than Thursday, February 25th***, to be included in the newsletter, space permitting.

We welcome inquiries about AQG membership and encourage our members to bring your family and friends as a guest to one of our monthly guild meetings, **held the third Thursday each month, at 7 PM** at the Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village, located at 3755 Tonawanda Creek Road, Amherst, NY 14228.

February 2016 Calendar of Events

- Feb 2 Tuesday Board meeting 6:30
- Feb 4 Thursday Tea Room Quilters- 9:30 am in the Tea Room
- Feb 11 Thursday Tea Room Quilters – 9:30 am in the Tea Room
- Feb 17 Wednesday Historic Homes, 10 am in the tea room
- Feb 18 Thursday AQG monthly meeting at 7 pm – trunk show
- Feb 24 Wednesday Community Service, 10 am in Steffan
- Feb 25 Thursday Tea Room Quilters – 9:30 in the Tea Room
- Feb 27 Saturday Seminar – 9am – noon - Accu-quilt machine for appliqué
- March 1 Tuesday Board meeting 6:30