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### Upcoming Program News – Loretta Cadwallader

# April 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting

We are opening up this guild meeting and the April 20<sup>th</sup> workshop and it will be free to members and guests. We are encouraging you to bring guests to our meeting as well as the Saturday workshop. This is a great way to introduce others to our guild. They may want to join when they see how much fun we have.

One of our members, Rosellen Ring-Easton, will be presenting a trunk show. She is a very accomplished quilter, designing many of her own quilts and finishing her projects by quilting them on her domestic machine.

The challenge at our March meeting was so nice. We ask that everyone save them for our quilt show next year. What a nice display that will make!

# April 20<sup>th,</sup> Saturday, 9 am – 12 pm – Workshop

Rosellen Ring-Easton will lead a workshop at the BNHV, from 9 am to noon. Participants are encouraged to share any of their favorite tips

# May 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Dennis Foster will present our program on May 16. His kitemaking venture uses many quilt piecing techniques. This will be a very interesting evening.



General Meeting Minutes/March 21, 2013 – Kathy Tomasulo (on behalf of Secretary Kelly Miller)

President, Mary Ann Krafft called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm. Members enjoyed a birthday dinner by Joseph's Catering. Mary Ann provided interesting trivia facts from 1975; the year AMQG began.

There were a total of 18 entries in the challenge. Thank you to all who participated. Prizes were awarded to the following people submitted the winning entries:

1st PlacePatricia Ohtake2nd PlaceDiana Brock3rd PlacePaula Foerder

The membership will be asked to vote on the Quilt Show theme for the 2014 Quilt Show at the April general meeting.

Betty Zebrowski asked that members take a print out of a lamb picture, color it and jot down a note and send to Merriejann Miller for Easter. She is now back home and would appreciate the notes.

Betty Zebrowski announced the block lottery for April. Blocks should be red, white, and blue and the completed blocks will be used for Quilts for the Troops. For March, four basket blocks and 34 pinwheel blocks were submitted. Kim Guido won the block lottery.

Community service will be held in the Steffan building on March 28 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Natalie Masker provided an update on the Consortium. Loretta Cadwallader and Natalie attended the Consortium meeting on March 20th. The next meeting is scheduled for June 19th and will be held at the Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village. Our guild in partnership with the Kenmore guild will sponsor the meeting. We will need to staff registration and provide QCNYS.org.

The challenge has been postponed until January 2014. A \$1,000 grand prize will be awarded to the winning entry. The theme is anything New York State. Please refer to the website for official rules. Linda Hunter has passports for \$5. If you receive seven stamps, you will be entered in a drawing for a prize.

A total of 1,200 cuddle quilts were donated to the New York State Troopers and the Consortium received a plaque in recognition of the donation. The next project will begin in September and the recipients will be veteran hospitals and nursing homes across the state. The project will include wheelchair quilts size 48"x48" or 36"x40", walker bags or wheelchair bags. Patterns will be forthcoming.

Rosellen will do a trunk show at the April 18th general meeting. Following the meeting on Saturday, April 20 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm, she will lead a **FREE** class called "Bits and Pieces" to include quilting information and tips. We welcome all members and guests to attend.

PM Quilter's next meeting is changed to April 4 and will be held at Bette Strom's house.

Mary Ellen provided an update on Seminar. All local teachers have been secured. There will be 3 classes led by local teachers per day in addition to a daily class led by this year's national teacher, Pat Sloan. Brochures will be distributed at the April meeting. For those that are not in attendance, brochures will be mailed on April 19th. Mary Ellen is updating the guild liaison list that was created a couple of years ago. If anyone is interested in becoming a liaison, please contact her. Lebro's will be catering Seminar lunches this year. Please consider supporting them.

Steve the "scissors guy" will be at the April meeting if you are in need of sharpening services. More information will be sent out via the email tree.

The evening ended with show and share.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Tomasulo (on behalf of Secretary Kelly Miller)

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### Sunshine and Shadows – Kathy Tomasulo

- Donna Woodruff's mother passed away in mid March.
- Merriejann Miller has returned home to continue her rehabilitation.
- Sue McNess has moved to a new condo.



### Community Service Meetings – Joyce Morris

The committee meets from 10 am to 1 pm the fourth Wednesday of each month. For more information, contact Joyce Morris. Her contact information is in the Member roster on our guild website. All are invited to join in the activities. Bring your sewing machine and supplies. The committee has cutting boards and cutters. Various size rulers are helpful. New ideas are always welcome!

• Next meeting – April 24th

### PM Quilters 2013 Schedule – Joyce Morris

PM Quilters is a group of friendly quilters who gather each month in the home of one of the members. Any Guild member is welcome. For those that are planning to attend will need to contact the hostess so that the seating arrangement can be made.

All members are invited, but if we get much bigger, we'll have to hire a hall! We have a great time during our meeting of learning and friendships. Then the hostess serves tea and coffee with goodies. What more could you want? Just be sure to call first!

Please note that the contact information for each of the members below is in our Member Roster on our guild website.

- April 4 Bette Strom
- May 23 Betty Zebrowski
- June 27 Joyce Morris
- July 25 Jackie Groszkowski
- August 21 Sue Kogler, Cottage by Lake Ontario
- September 26 Joanne Castiglia

## April Seminar Update by Mary Ellen Cannon

Seminar plans for 2013 are well under way. The dates are set-September 18-21, our national teacher is contracted–Pat Sloan, the caterer is hired–Lebro's, and our local teachers are lined up. Members will be getting their brochures at the April guild meeting or in the mail shortly thereafter. We are continuing Norma Jean's policy that in the years of a guild quilt show seminar brochures go out in March and in non-quilt show years in April. Registration for members will begin the evening of the guild meeting, and for non-members about 2 weeks later on May 6.

Jan and I are doing our best to keep a lid on growing expenses. You'll notice if you've been a long time member that we only have one national teacher this year. The expenses for national teachers are always the largest chunk of our budget. Let's see if we can sell out every seat in Pat Sloan's classes. Visit her website, <u>www.patsloan.com</u>, to see all of the things she is involved in. This year we are lowering the cost for taking a local teacher class back to 2011 prices in the hopes that we can increase our enrollment in those classes. We had to cancel two local classes last year, due to lack of interest. Marija has again put together a wonderful cadre´of local teachers for us, some familiar names and some new ones. We will have 3 local teachers each day, so there will still be 4 classes to choose from for each day of seminar.

The best way for us to keep the price we need to charge you, the attendees, under control is to put a quilter in every seat at seminar. We need your help to do that. Please mention our seminar whenever you are with quilters and crafters. You never know who may want to attend, who has never heard of seminar before. I am always amazed when I teach my quilting classes that there are many quilters in Western New York who do not know about our guild or our seminar. We have postcards and bookmarks we can give you to hand out far and wide.

As another part of our publicity efforts we need members to volunteer to be liaisons between our guild and other area guilds and shops. I am not going to assume that if you were a liaison in the past, that you automatically want to continue in that position. If you are a member of another guild or crafting group, or you have a favorite shop (just one?!!) that you frequent, please volunteer to be the go-between carrying our information to them and letting us all know the news from them. Please contact me via the information in our guild roster, or at one of our meetings.

As always, if you have any questions, suggestions, or comments please contact me or my co-chair Jan Reilly.

## Hospitality Update – April Refreshments

Thank you to the following members who will be bringing refreshments for our guild meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup>:

- Jackie Groszkowski
- Betty Zebrowski
- Susan Teetsel
- Dorothy Roberts
- Karen Goddard

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### Wooden Hand Quilting Frames – MaryAnn Krafft

The Guild has two wooden hand quilting frames that are just taking up storage room. If you know of someone who could use either one or both of these items, please let MaryAnn Krafft know. FREE to a good home. Maybe someone has contact with the Amish quilters?

### Quilt Consortium – Natalie Masker

Quilt Consortium is holding its June meeting, Wednesday June 19th, here in Amherst. Kenmore is cosponsoring. We will need help, so please check out your schedule. There will be more information at our next meeting. Also the Consortium is postponing the due date for NYS quilt challenge. It will be due next January 2014. Please go to website: qcnys.org for more information. There is a cash award.

### **Upcoming Events of Interest**

<u>The Clarence Log Cabin Quilters</u> - are hosting the "Cabin Fever 10" Quilt Show Friday, April 19th, and Saturday, April 20th, 2013 from 10 am to 5 pm, and Sunday, April 21st, 2013 from 11am to 4pm. It will be at the Clarence Town Park Clubhouse, 10405 Main Street, Clarence, NY.

<u>The Twin City Quilters Guild</u> – are hosting the "Kaleidoscope of Quilts" Quilt Show Saturday, May 4th, 2013 from 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday, May 5th, 2013 from 10 am to 4 pm. It will be at the Wheatfield Community Center, 2800 Church Street, North Tonawanda, NY.

### Westfield Methodist Church - Carol Bish -

National Teacher, Linda Pool will be visiting us for our May meeting. Linda Pool will present a trunk show and lecture Thursday, May 16, 2013 at the Westfield Methodist Church in Westfield. The workshops she will present are Counted Creations on Friday May 17, 2013 from 9 am- 3:30 pm and Saturday, May 18, 2013 will be A Heart in Bloom and Roman Stripe by Machine from 9 am - 3:30 pm. The workshops will be held at First Baptist Church, 19 Union Street, Westfield, NY. Class fee is \$40 for one, or \$75 for both classes. For more information contact: Carol Bish, bishjc@yahoo.com or (716) 753-2041. Linda Pool's website is, http://www.lindaslace.com

### Genesee Valley Quilt Club 2013 Show - May 31 - June 2, 2013

Magical Threads - Inspired Stitches - The largest quilt show in New York State, RIT Campus in Rochester, NY. . Over 600 quilts, 50+ vendors, Project Iron Quilter, Vendor Shop Hop, Special Exhibits, Quilt Appraisals (prior registration), Workshops, Lectures and Demonstrations, free parking. Group Rate Discount - preregistration required. Additional information at www.GeneseeQuiltFest.com

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### AMQG Webmaster – Don Dee

If you have any updates or changes are needed to our Amherst Guild website please send them directly to Don Dee at: webmaster@amqg.org.

### E-Mail Tree/Communications/ Newsletter/Membership - Colleen Dee

If you have any problems with receipt of our e-mail messages, change your e-mail provider, or no longer wish to receive a hard copy of the newsletter, or want to submit a recipe for the website, please send an email to Colleen Dee with your request to: amherstguild@roadrunner.com.

Articles to be included in the <u>May 2013</u> newsletter must be sent to Colleen, at amherstguild@roadrunner.com by *no later than <u>Monday, April 22nd</u>*, to be included in the newsletter, space permitting.

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

### April 2013 Calendar of Events

- April 1 Deadline for Online mailing of newsletter to e-mail tree
- April 3 Board meeting, 6 pm [Location at Tim Horton's/Transit Road, in front of Russ's Steak House
- April 4 PM Quilters at the home of contact information in Member Roster
- April18 Monthly Guild Meeting, 7 pm
- April 22 Deadline for articles for May newsletter articles
- April 24 Community Service 10 am 1 pm

# Happy Easter!

