



Amherst Quilters Guild



NEWSLETTER

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July 2014

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| Quilts For The Troops | Betty Zebrowski |
| Raffle Quilt 2014 | Lynne Nothum |
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Upcoming Program News – Roxanne Golde and Susan Teetsel

July

Christmas in July is occurring at our next meeting. We are having demo night. If you have a favorite pattern you would like to share, email the information to Roxy Golde (golde7@verizon.net). If the pattern has a copyright, send the link where it can be found. Roxy will make up a list to hand out at the meeting.

August

We have Renee McKenzie, an Occupational Therapist, speaking to us about adaptations we can do to make sewing more comfortable, and provide us with tips that will improve posture and ease stress as we quilt.

If anyone has something in particular you would like to learn about, please contact us so we can try to get a program organized.



Amherst Quilters Guild -minutes

6/19/14

Mary Ann opened the meeting. She asked for volunteers to sign up to work Germanfest this weekend from 12-6pm

Reports:

Seminar: Mary Ellen: Bonnie Hunter classes are sold out. Please sign up for our local teachers. We are looking for donations of pocket folders, no prongs needed for the seminar. Also, leftover jelly roll strips to make favors. Please bring the above to the next two meetings.

Quilt Challenge: Lynn announced and explained the next quilt challenge. These will be due at the birthday dinner in March.

Community Service: Betty thanked us for more than 235 quilts for the troops. She is looking for a new place to donate as Christie is getting a new job. One more shipment this month. The group showed their lady bug quilts.

Hospitality: there are a few spaces left, please fill in empty spaces. Thank you.

Consortium: Jackie saw the challenge quilts this month. Pam Pandolphi and Jean Nicholson have quilts in this traveling show.

PM Quilters: next Thursday at Jackie's house. 7pm

Block Lotto: Red and white or blue and white this month.

New officers needed: *Jackie, Lori and Natalie will be the nominating Committee.* We will need a president and a treasurer next term.

Program: July - demo night

August: Occupational Therapist; proper positioning for sewing etc.

Sewing quilts for courage that day 1-5pm. Dinner included.

Books from Faye Leslie were made available for anyone that wanted one.

Respectfully submitted. Jane Browne secretary

Earl Grey Shortbread Cookie

2 cups flour

2 tbsp. Earl Grey tea leaves (about 5 tea bags)

½ tsp. salt

½ cup confectioners' sugar

2 sticks of softened butter

Combine flour, tea leaves and salt in food processor. Add sugar and butter. Pulse until dough comes together. Turn out onto floured board and pat into disc. Wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate for 30 minutes. Roll out to ¼" thick and cut into squares.

Bake at 350 for 15-16 minutes. Remove immediately to wire rack to cool.

NOTE: I placed my dough on a sheet of plastic wrap and rolled it into a log. Tightly wrapped and refrigerated it for 30 minutes. Then I sliced the log into ¼" slices.

July 2014 Seminar Update

Mary Ellen Cannon

We recently reached a milestone in our seminar history. We have sold out the classes for our national teacher, Bonnie Hunter. As far as we can tell in checking past records of seminar, this is a first! We thank our national teacher chair, Kit Willey, for lining up such a great choice. We are looking forward to meeting this very popular national teacher. We've gotten inquiries from all over, asking about taking Bonnie's classes. Just about half of the registrants are non-members, from Canada and nearby states.

Our next challenge is to fill up some of the seats in our local teacher classes. Please check out the class descriptions, with their accompanying photos and supply lists at our guild web page (www.amqg.org). The only local class currently full is the basket class. Surely you'll find a class or two that you'd enjoy. Pick a day, and get a friend or two to join you for some quilting fun.

A few years ago we asked for donations of pocket folders to use for the materials we give to each seminar attendee. We are just about to the end of those folders. Please help us again by generously donating a few pocket folders for our seminar use. We need the school folders 2 pockets-the center prongs are not necessary. Any day now, truly, the back to school sales will begin. You'll be able to pick up those folders REALLY cheap. We will be collecting them at each guild meeting. Thank you in advance!

For our seminar favors we need donations of jelly roll strips (2 ½ inches by 40-42 inches). If you've recently made a project using a jelly roll, you may have a few left over strips. We certainly could use strips you've cut yourself as well. We need a set of five coordinating strips to make up a kit for a very cute, quick project. Can't tell you much more about it, because it will spoil the surprise. Again, thanks for your donations.

It's That Time Again

If you were at the guild meeting in June you heard our president, MaryAnn Krafft, say that it's time to start thinking about officers for the next term which starts in January. The officers who will be completing their terms are our President, MaryAnn and our treasurer, Renee Stockwell. Those are the two offices which need to be filled. The nominating committee would like to try something new this election. Instead of the nominating committee deciding who to call, we'd like to know who you'd like to see in those two offices. So, here's the idea...at our next two guild meetings (July and August) there will be a ballot box for your nominees. IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE PERSON WITH THE MOST NOMINATIONS WILL BE ELECTED TO THAT OFFICE. All it means is that you will tell us who you'd like us to contact about running. You may nominate any member. You may nominate as many people as you wish. You can even nominate yourself. (There's nothing wrong with that. Who do you think Mayor Brown, Andrew Cuomo or Mr. Obama voted for?) After the August meeting the nominating committee will contact the members you've nominated and discuss their willingness to run. Who knows, we might even get more than one person who says, "Yes" and we could actually have an election.

Please give some thought to whom you'd like to be our president and treasurer for the next two years. The committee is counting on you,

The Nominating Committee

Lori Racle

Natalie Masker

Jackie Groszkowski



Sunshine and Shadows

Roxanne Golde's father passed away on May 15. Please keep Roxanne and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Dorothy Roberts son, Richard lost his battle with cancer on June 3. Please keep Dorothy and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Jane Browne is the proud new grandmother of Eleena Quinn born April 30. Maybe a future quilter?

Janis Frentzel's son, Mike is now a nurse and is working at Roswell. Congratulation!

Karen Goddard's son, Kevin made the dean's list at Nazareth College for both the fall and winter semesters. Congratulations!

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Noell Porter-Goettel, who lost her mother very unexpectedly.

Quilts for Courage

Sylvia Siegel

Quilts for Courage are an ongoing program where members make quilts for children at Children's Hospital Hematology/Oncology Department and the pediatric floor and clinic at Roswell Park. On August 21, we will meet in the main room at the museum to work on quilts for the kids. Bring a sewing machine, fabric, rotary cutter, mat and extension cord to work on the Turning Square Quilt or any quilt of your choice. The guild will supply irons and has fabric available if you would rather use that. You can come just to cut fabric and iron sewn pieces if you like. We will begin working at 1 p.m. and continue until 5 p.m. when we will have dinner for those who worked during the afternoon. Submarine sandwiches will be available. If your last name begins with A-M- bring dessert and N-Z bring a salad or main dish. You also need to bring your own drink, plates, and eating utensils.

The Turning Squares Quilt pattern is enclosed in this month's newsletter as a separate page. There is also a link for the pattern on Moda's web site. It looks very easy and should be quick to cut and piece. If you have any questions, please call Sylvia Siegel (652-7602).

Community Service

See attached sheet for July's Block instructions.

Quilt Challenge

Lynne Nothum

2015 Paint Chip Churn Dash Challenge: You will use the colors in your paint chip to create something using the Churn Dash pattern. Since I cannot put paint chips in the newsletter easily, you will need to come to a meeting to pick up your information sheet and paint chip. Items will be due at our March 2015 meeting.

For those members who have not yet picked up your tickets to sell for the raffle quilt, they have been mailed to you. Please return sold tickets and money by September 1. There is an information sheet in your envelope, along with a photo and the tickets.

We need some volunteers to sell raffle quilt tickets at the Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village Americana Days, July 12th - 13th. Please contact Theresa Utz and let her know when you are available. We will also be selling them at the Scottish Festival on August 16th, and will need some volunteers for that also.



AQG Webmaster – Don Dee

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

E-Mail Tree/Communications/ Newsletter/Membership – Karen Goddard

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, please send an email to Karen Goddard with your request to: AQGNewsletter@yahoo.com.

Articles to be included in the **August 2014** newsletter must be sent to AQGNewsletter@yahoo.com by ***no later than Monday, July 28th***, 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.

July 2014 Calendar of Events

- July 2 No Board meeting due to the Holiday
- July 16 Historic Homes Meeting, Tea Room 10am
- July 17 AQQ Monthly Meeting 7pm
- July 23 Community Service 10am- 1pm
- July 28 August newsletter deadline
- July 31 PM Quilters at the home of Jackie G.
- August 6 Board meeting at 6:30 at Friendly's Ice Cream (in front of Russel's Steak House)