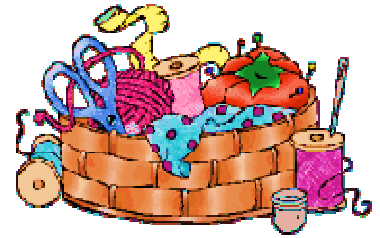




Amherst Quilters Guild



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Upcoming Program News –

January

It is time for our Annual Guild Auction at our January meeting. Remember to bring all the Guild Bucks you've been earning and come for a fun night of bidding. You never know what you will go home with!

We still need items for the auction. Remember, any sewing, quilting, knitting, scrap booking items are welcome, including fabric, notions, kits, patterns, books, thread, blocks, quilts and quilt tops, unfinished projects, needlepoint, cross stitch, embroidery etc. Please NO magazines.

If you have anything to donate, please bring it to the BNHV tearoom on January 7 or 14 between 10 and 11:30 am. They can also be brought in on Wed. Jan 20 between 10 and 11 where we be setting up in main room. Help is still needed for set up. We should be done before 12 if we get enough help. Please let Natalie know if you are able to help.



Food Panty Donations

Karen Goddard is still accepting donations for the Tri Community Food Pantry, non-perishable food (they are in need of canned soup and peanut butter) and toiletries. No clothing donations this year,. This is your chance to earn some additional Quilt Bucks!

AQG – minutes 12/17/15

Perfect attendance awards: Jackie presented awards to MaryEllen, Natalie and Noell. 11 members received an award for missing only one meeting.

Block of the month: please make ditty bags for January.

Community Service: no meeting until January 27. The meetings will return to Wednesdays from 10 am - 1pm

Thank you: a thank you letter was received from the Little Dresses for Mexico program.

Historic Homes: Renee Stockwell has donated a box of completed blocks to make a raffle quilt for the museum. We will accept any kits to make for these raffles as well.

New Website: it is up and running.

Annual Reports: They are due now – (another chance for Quilt Bucks!)

Hospitality Chairman: we need a new chairperson, no treats at meetings until we have one.

Auction in Jan. Bring auction items

Election: The secretary cast one vote to finalize our election. MaryAnn Krafft is our new publications person, Noell Porter-Goettel is vice president, Natalie Masker is secretary.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Browne, secretary

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather on the day of our meeting, cancellation will be announced on WGRZ Channel 2.

Sunshine and Shadows

Ann Neilson has a new great granddaughter born on November 25. Her name is Julia Grace

Raffle Quilt Winner

Congratulations to Theresa Hariharan. She was the lucky winner of our raffle quilt entitled “Lovely Bouquets”.



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/>.

If you would like to place an ad or patron in the quilt show program or know someone who would like to, please contact Sally Ginsberg.

Annette will be accepting fabrics for the scrap pool the days the quilts are submitted for the show. 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.

Ditty Bags

The ditty bags do NOT have to be a specific size. These directions are simply suggestions. Any cheerful fabric will be fine. (We will be giving these bags at Valentine's Day.)

Ditty Bags are sneaker bags just a bit smaller.

Cut fabric approx. 28" x 14"

Fold in half and stitch each side.

Make a casing at the top. Fold under about ¼" and press. I and press again.

Stitch near the fold to make casing.

Open a few stitches in one side seam.

Insert a ribbon or cording through the casing.

You're done.

If you'd rather make a small buttonhole to feed the cording through that would be fine.

Community Service committee wishes to thank everyone who saved and donated toiletries throughout the year. We will be filling the bags at our January meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 27 from 10am-1pm in the Steffan Building. We could use help. Also, if you have any cardboard boxes that can hold about 15 ditty bags, we can certainly use them. Either bring them to our January Guild meeting or to Community Service meeting on Jan. 27.

While we have a great deal of soap, shampoo, conditioner, and body lotion, we are very short on some supplies. If you'd like to help we are in need of

Toothpaste

Toothbrushes

Small packs of tissues

Deodorant

Dental floss

The dollar store is a great place to purchase these items without spending a fortune.) If you have anything you'd like to contribute, please bring it to the January Guild meeting.

As always the committee thanks you for all your help. Jackie G.

AQG Webmaster – Marie Buchanan

I would like to receive any dates and events you would like to be printed to the **Website Calendar for the year 2016**.

It would be nice to include any pertinent events of interest to guild members in and around the WNY area. My information can be found in the guild Directory.

Secondly, if your information is not listed in the guild Directory or incorrect or missing phone numbers etc. Please send it to me so I may include it in the section of our website. This will be password protected!

If you have any updates or changes to our Amherst Quilters Guild website please send them directly to Marie Buchanan.

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 **Februray 2016** newsletter must be sent to AQGNewsletter@yahoo.com by **no later than Wednesday, January 27th**, 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.

January 2016 Calendar of Events

- January 5 Tuesday Board meeting 6:30
- January 7 Thursday Tea Room Quilters- 9:30 am in the Tea Room
- January 14 Thursday Tea Room Quilters – 9:30 in the Tea Room
- January 20 Wednesday Historic Homes, 10 am in the tea room
- January 20 Wednesday Auction set-up - 10am
- January 21 Thursday AQG monthly meeting at 7 pm – Annual Guild Bucks Auction
- January 27 Wednesday Community Service, 10 am in Steffan
- January 28 Thursday Tea Room Quilters – 9:30 in the Tea Room
- February 2 Tuesday Board meeting 6:30