



# AMHERST QUILTERS GUILD

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## March 2016

### Upcoming Program News – March

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.

Campabellos is supplying. vegetable lasagna and baked chicken. The sides are salad, Italian vegetable mix and boiled potatoes. There will also be rolls, and birthday cake for dessert.

Note the earlier meeting time - 6:45 pm

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. There will be prizes!!!

**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.

## Minutes - February 18, 2016

Submitted by Natalie Masker.

Robi called meeting to order at 7 pm.

### General Announcements

- When sending e-mails to guild members, please sign your name.
- Historical Society Quilt Exhibit and Program going well. Volunteers are needed for Fri. Mar.4, Thurs. Mar.31 (2 people), and Sat. May 7 (2 people). Bring some quilting to work on. Quilt blocks will be put together and put on frame sometime in mid to late March. Contact Robi to sign up.
- Food Bank donations will now be collected at March. party starting 2017

### Quilt Show

- Lori Racle needs volunteers to sign up NOW to work different dates, times and jobs for quilt show, especially for set-up on Monday & Tuesday, April 18-19th.. Still some sit down jobs available. Everyone in guild is expected to sign up for some job during show. No guild bucks if you do not pre-sign up. You must sign in and sign out at Volunteer Table at back door to get your Bucks. Take -in of quilts is on Fri. and Sat. Apr.15-16th. Contact Lori NOW.
- Registration is due by Mar. 17. No late ones accepted. Forms on web site. No limit to number of quilts. Mail to Jackie G. Make sure you have enough postage on envelope.
- Fabric Pool- any scraps over 2 1/2" square. Bring in during take -in hours.
- Mini Auction is 1 pm on Saturday. Bring in mini quilts to Mar. meeting for Theresa Utz. No larger than 96" perimeter. This is a fund raiser where the guild keeps all the money. Donations needed. Natalie is

auctioneer. Please invite friends and family to attend.

- Challenge minis are due at the March meeting. Members will vote for winners. These minis may be donated for the auction.
- Filled baskets needed for basket raffle. We get all money from this fund raiser. They can have any theme: wine, food, tea, coffee, gardening, toys, quilting, beauty. Individual new items also accepted to help fill baskets. Renee will have plastic wrap to cover the baskets.
- Quilt Raffle- everyone will get 4 books to sell. Sell to friends, co-workers, family. The winner will be drawn in September.
- Sewing Machine Raffle. Marie's Sewing Center donated a full size Janome for the raffle during the show.

**Upcoming Program** - John Kubiniac, Rochester quilter and author, will give lecture for June meeting and teach workshops on Fri. and Sat.- (2 half day classes each day.) See website for details. Members only sign up until Quilt Show and then open to public.

**Seminar** - March. Learn hand quilting with Mickey Wittliff and Joanne OBrian. May - Intro to Electric Quilt.

**Consortium** - passports on sale for \$5. AQG is 2nd show listed. Discounts for many near-by shows.

**Community Service** - Donated 60 ditty bags for Cornerstone Manor.

## Quilt Show: April 22-24

The registrations for the Quilt Show are coming in very slowly. So far we have 59 quilts from 11 people. We need at least 4 times that amount to have a fairly good show. More would be great.

If you're not sure you'll finish a quilt in time for the show - register it. Hopefully it will be done. If it isn't there's no problem. **ONLY QUILTS THAT HAVE BEEN REGISTERED CAN BE IN THE SHOW!** The absolute deadline for registration is **Thursday, March 17**, the day of our March meeting.

If you mail your entry to me and it has your legible email address I will send you a quick note to let you know I've received it. Come on ladies, let's get our machines humming and make this the best show ever. Forms can be found at <http://www.AmherstQuiltersGuild.org/events/>. Jackie Groszkowski, Quilt Show Registrar

Annette will be accepting fabrics for the **scrap pool**. Please save your scraps (minimum 2 1/2" square).

Is it time to downsize your book collection? Consider donating them to the **Quilt Show Book Sale**. This is something new, similar to the swimming pool.

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.

Cookies are needed to feed the hungry masses at the Quilt Show **Preview party** on Thursday, April 21st. If you would like to help please contact Judy Niemira at 636-0934. or gardenurse1@verizon.net.

### **Challenge Quilts / Mini Auction:**

I hope you are all working diligently on your challenge piece and/or your mini auction items for our upcoming April quilt show. Remember, the proceeds from this and the rest of the quilt show events must carry us through the next two years to support all of our programs and other expenses.

Note: If you are making a challenge quilt and do not wish to enter it into the mini auction, remember, the choice is yours. But we hope you will do so anyway.

The rules remain the same as in the past: no more than 96" overall; it can be any shape, for instance, pillow, purse, hat, table runner, wall hanging, or whatever else you come up with. All items must be turned in at the March meeting, or by April 1st at the latest. I cannot guarantee being able to process the paperwork or setting up the display if these deadlines are not observed. We want this to be an awesome mini auction and the best one to date, but cannot do it without your cooperation.

An Application form is attached, make as many copies as you need, and forms will also be available at the March meeting.

Thank you.

Theresa Utz, Mini Quilt Auction Chair

## **Committee Updates**

### **Community Service - Ditty Bags**

On February 1, a truck from the City Mission pulled up to my garage and loaded our donation of 60 Ditty Bags. They were distributed on Valentine's Day to women living at Cornerstone Manor, the women's shelter associated with The City Mission.

We'll be doing this again next year so make sure you save the shampoo, conditioner and hand lotion the hotels provide when you're traveling. We can always use tooth brushes, toothpaste, dental floss, deodorant, tissues, razors, etc. We will happily accept them any time.

As always, thank you for your support of our Community Service projects.  
Jackie Groszkowski, Community Service

## **Quilt Buck Exchange**

We had a bit of a problem when it came time for payment at our Quilt Buck Auction in January. Quilt Bucks come only in the following denominations: one Buck (white) five Bucks (pink) ten Bucks (yellow) twenty-five Bucks (green) fifty Bucks (and there's very few of them floating around) (orange or red)

Committee Chairs PLEASE do not use white Bucks and write another amount on it. See me for the proper domination. Members, if you have several small denomination's that you'd like to trade in for a larger denomination see me at the table at any meeting. I'll happily exchange them for you.

Jackie Groszkowski

## **Saturday Seminar Series**

by Mary Ellen Cannon

By the time you read this, we will have had our first Saturday Seminar Series class. I'm hoping that those who attended had fun, and learned some new things about our guild's Accuquilt machine. They now can help you, if you are interested in using this great die cutter to speed up and simplify your quilt cutting. Our March 19 class is approaching and those of you who've been wanting to learn the traditional technique of hand quilting have a great opportunity to learn from some skilled members of our guild. Mickey Wittliff and Joanne O'Brien will be starting you off well on your journey to become as accomplished as they are. Join them on March 19 from 9 am until noon. The registration form and supply list for their class are posted at our guild web page. Invite some friends to join you too; nonmembers are always welcome at our classes for a slightly higher registration fee. The deadline for our receipt of your paid registration is March 9th—don't lose out on this great chance by waiting too long to mail your registration.

Our upcoming classes that have been scheduled so far are listed below. Feel free to suggest topics to us. If you can come up with a group of five students, we'll do our best to schedule a class for you! If you just have an idea for a class, let us know that too. Perhaps we'll be able to find the group of 5 for you via our guild's network.

Upcoming Saturday Seminar Series classes:

March 19 - Intro. to Hand Quilting 9:00 to noon

April - \*\*no seminar class due to our quilt show\*\*

May 21 - Intro to EQ pt 1 I 9:00 to noon -

Intro to EQ pt 2 I 12:30 to 3:30

June 17-18 - National Teacher John Kubinieć

July 23 - Tentative: Intro to Applique

August - \*\*no seminar class due to museum program World Highland Games\*\*

Sept 17 - Stenciling on Fabric - still planning

Oct 29 - TBA

Nov 19 TBA

Dec 17 TBA

## **Featured Seminar - John Kubinieć – National Quilting Instructor and Author**

The Amherst Quilters Guild is pleased to announce John Kubinieć will be joining us for two days of Seminars and a special presentation at our June membership meeting. John Kubinieć is a resident of Rochester, NY and has many accomplishments to his credit to date. John was a runner-up in the 2010 McCall's Design Start Competition, being one of the eight finalists out of a field of 174. His quilt patterns have appeared in McCall's Quilting, McCall's Quick Quilts, The Fat Quarterly and Fons & Porter Easy Quilts. An accomplished designer, Mr. Kubinieć has created patterns for Windham Fabrics, Marcus Fabrics and RJR Fabrics. John was one of the panelists at the American Folk Art Museum's program Quiltmakers: Real Men Quilt in June of 2011 and his HQ Story was chosen to be part of Handi Quilter's 2012 Ad Campaign. He was profiled in the Summer 2012 issue of Les Nouvelles - Patchwork et Création Textile, the journal of the French Patchwork Association. John is one of the 2015 Aurifil Designers and a BERNINA Ambassador serving as a tester in the development of the BERNINA Q24 and Q20 Longarms.

John is an accomplished author releasing a book of his own quilting designs published by C&T Publications in 2016. John's niece Carole is a member of our Guild. We are honored to have Mr. Kubinieć join us for a two-day seminar. We hope you can join us! More information including

registration forms, class descriptions and supply lists are posted on our Web site: [amherstquilterguild.org](http://amherstquilterguild.org)

### **Schedule of Events:**

Thursday June 16th - Lecture at our monthly meeting -  
"Yes, Men Do Quilt"

Friday June 17th, 9am-Noon - Class –  
Walking Foot Magic/Straight Line Quilting

Friday, June 17th, 1pm-4pm - Class –  
Blest Be the Quilts that are Bound

Saturday, June 18th, 9am-Noon - Class –  
A New Spin on Drunkard's Path

Saturday. June 18th – 1-4pm - Class - Dish It Up /Dresden Plates

Members may sign up now, Member fee is \$28 per class.

## **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: [newsletters@amherstquiltersguild.org](mailto:newsletters@amherstquiltersguild.org).

Articles to be included in the April 2016 newsletter must be sent to [newsletters@amherstquiltersguild.org](mailto:newsletters@amherstquiltersguild.org) by no later than Monday, March 28, 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.

## **March 2016 | Calendar of Events**

- March 3 - Thursday - Tea Room Quilters - 9:30am in the Tea Room
- March 10 - Thursday - Tea Room Quilters - 9:30am in the Tea Room
- March 16 - Wednesday - Historic Homes, 10 am in the tea room
- March 17 - Thursday - Board meeting – 6 pm

- March 17 - Thursday - AQG monthly meeting at 6:45 pm – Birthday dinner
- March 19 - Saturday - Learn hand quilting with Mickey Wittliff and Joanne OBrian
- March 23 - Wednesday - Community Service, 10 am in Steffen
- March 24 - Thursday - Tea Room Quilters – 9:3am in the Tea Room
- April 5 - Tuesday Board meeting 6:30

## Officers

**President** - Robi Witulski

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## Committee Chairs

**Accuquilt** - Mary Ellen Cannon and Lori Racle

**Block Lotto** - Jackie Groszkowski

**Blog** - Mary Ellen Cannon and Marija Vujcic

**Challenge Quilts** - Lynne Nothum

**Community Service** - Betty Zebrowski

**Country Store Liaison** - Mary Ellen Cannon

**Guild Bucks** - Jackie Groszkowski

**Library** - Jean Miller

**Museum Events** - Theresa Utz

**Nominating** - Jackie Groszkowski

**NYS Consortium** - Jackie Groszkowski and Sue Kogler

**PM Quilters** - Joyce Morris

**Program** - Noelle Porter-Goettel and Jennet Freatman

**Property** - MaryAnn Krafft

**Quilt Show 2016** - MaryAnn Krafft

**Quilting Bee** - Joann O'Brien

**Quilts For Courage** - Sylvia Siegel

**Quilts For The Troops** - Betty Zebrowski

**Raffle Quilt 2016** - Marija Vujcic

**Seminar 2.0** - Mary Ellen Cannon and Jan Reilly

**Sunshine & Shadows** - Kathy Tomasulo

**Website** - Marie Buchanan





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