



AMHERST
QUILTERS GUILD

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Upcoming Programs

For September:

Linda Hunter will be presenting a lecture on "Helpful Hints for Award Winning Quilts."

Also John Kubinieć will be bringing copies of his book "A New Spin on Drunkard's Path" for those who want to purchase a copy and have him sign it.

For October:

Lisa Corretore is scheduled for a lecture and trunk show on "Creative Ideas for Rag Quilting." She is also going to follow this up with a Saturday Seminar class on 10/29.

For November:

Mary Ellen Cannon is busy working on a "make and take" project.

Christmas Ornaments

The Village has requested that each of the guilds make ornaments to trim a Christmas tree. They can be any size or shape. The only stipulation is that they're made of fabric. Several members have found designs that are both adorable and simple to make. Rebecca Ribis has volunteered to chair this activity. Her phone and email address are in the 2016 directory and are also on the "Members Only" page on the web site. If you have any patterns or would like a pattern please contact her. Since the trees will be decorated in early November the ornaments are due at the October meeting.. Anyone who donates an ornament will receive 25 Quilt Bucks per ornament. Our annual auction will be here before you know it. This is a

great way to increase your buying power.

Guild Documents Revisions by Mary Ellen Cannon

At our July and August guild meetings our interim president, Jackie, asked for volunteers for a committee to update our guild's governing documents. Our constitution and bylaws had not been updated or revised since approximately 2008. Much has changed for our guild in that time period, but we have most been affected by the changes at the BNHV from Town of Amherst sponsorship to becoming an independent entity, and the increasing presence of electronic media.

Our group (JoAnn Castiglia, Linda Hunter, Mary Ellen Cannon, Marie Buchanan, Theresa Utz, and Laurie Thomas) has met twice and has had some spirited, fruitful discussions as we work our way through the documents. All of our revisions will be presented to the membership for a voted approval before anything officially changes.

If you have any questions, comments, ideas , or suggestions please contact Constitution and By Laws Revision Committee Chair JoAnn Castiglia at 639-1232 or at jcast7@yahoo.com

Minutes of the August 11 Meeting

Submitted by Natalie Masker

Treasurers Report: Marie gave us the balance. A motion was made by MaryEllen Cannon, 2nd Jan Farrell. Move to modify last month's motion: Monthly summaries of financial reports to be posted on members only section of website (amherstquiltersguild.org) with specifics available at meetings upon request.

MOTION PASSED

Anyone needing help with website : navigation, printing, etc. contact Marie B. Please send her any news, articles, pix for inclusion on website.

Program Report: Noell Sept. is lecture by Linda Hunter on "Helpful Hints for Award Winning Quilts" Drawing for Raffle quilt. Oct. -Rag Quilting- adapting other patterns. Lisa from Patchwork Garden. Noell offered to hold a free 8 week

yoga class for relaxation exercises for guild members if there is enough interest. Motion made by Linda Hunter to accept offer if interest is there. Details to be worked out.

Community Service: Betty Z. - 21 members came Thurs. afternoon to work on "Quilts for Courage". No community service Aug. 24 will resume Sept 21. Thank you read from Terrace View nursing home for quilts and walker bags. Quilts will be taken to Air Force Base end of Aug.

Nominating Committee: Joanne C. - Need suggestions or volunteers for President, 2nd VP (membership), Treasurer

By-Law Committee Beginning process of reviewing and revising by-laws to update them.

Raffle Quilt: will be in Bigalow House during Scottish Festival for ticket sales. If you are working, you can bring in your own tickets and money. Otherwise they MUST be in at Sept. meeting.

Seminar: MaryEllen C. - There will be a meeting at 6 pm before regular meeting to discuss upcoming classes and future. Nov.- Stencilling on Fabric Oct. 29 - Basket Class- 12 people- 6 hour class.

BNHV has asked all guilds to each decorate a tree for Xmas. They will provide trees. We will give out some patterns as suggestions at Sept. meeting. Ornaments (using cloth, wool, felt, etc.) are due at Oct. meeting as trees will be decorated early Nov. Guild bucks given for each donated ornament.

Challenge Quilt: Lynn N. - Due Mar. 17 for our 42th birthday. Get rules from Lynn at meeting.

History Museum: last round of quilts on exhibit.

Kenmore Quilt Show: Sept. 30 – Oct.1, St. Bartholomew, Eggert near Sheridan

Still need chair for 2018 Raffle Quilt

Sunshine & Shadow -

Ruth Ann Monaco, mother, grandmother, artist and friend has gone home to her Creator. A celebration of her life and legacy was held at Kenilworth UCC on Saturday, August 13th.

Her son found her "asleep" in bed. She was the lady with the pink hair. Unfortunately she was a member for a short time so I don't think many of us got to know her very well.

Community Service - submitted by Betty Zebrowski

Our **Quilts for Courage** sewing day was so much fun and productive too! We had 17 quilters very busy making Sylvia's 'Floating Squares' pattern. They made up quickly. We will have the pattern at the community service table at the Sept. meeting if you would still like to make one. Thank you to all who attended.

24 **Quilts for the Troops** were taken to the NF Air Reserve Station on August 24th. Holly Curcione, of FFSA, sincerely thanks all the quilters who made quilts for this donation! She said our thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated by the servicemen's families. Our next donation will be in December.

Hope to see you at our Community Service meeting September 21th from 10 am to 1pm in Steffen.

Thank you to all our **Quilting Angels!**

4-Star Anniversary by Lynne Nothum

Amherst Quilters Guild Challenge 2017
Create a project celebrating 40+ years of the guild.

Include 4 stars using any pattern and technique and you must use at least 1 red fabric. (Red is the color of the 40th anniversary!). For inspiration and ideas check out the books in our library. If you'd like to celebrate the actual

anniversary (42 years), add 2 surprise elements such as buttons or other trims, photos, etc.

The project size should be a minimum of 48" total circumference and a maximum of 144" total circumference. Your project could be a pillow or table runner, or a wall-hanging or baby quilt. It must be a completely finished item, not just a top.

Due date: March 2017 meeting!
Use your own creativity and imagination!!!

Raffle Quilt

Contrary to what it says on our tickets, the winner of this year's raffle quilt will take place on **Thursday, September 15, 2016**. Please make sure that all tickets and money are turned in at the meeting prior to the drawing. Good luck to all!

Our Next Raffle Quilt

Eventhough the winner of our current raffle quilt has yet to be drawn, we are already in the process of choosing the pattern for our next raffle quilt. Anyone who has a suggestion for the next quilt please bring it to the September meeting. Hopefully a decision will be made at that time. We want to get started as soon as possible.

Buffalo History Museum

 submitted by Linda Hunter

The Buffalo History Museum Project has been going very well. So well that the group quilt that we have been working on has been quilted and is being bound. However, the guilds are still needed at the museum to quilt on our own projects as a form of quilt demonstration. Anything you wish to bring to work on is fine. There is a table in place, and there are plenty of plugs if you wish to use your machine. Bring a light for your own use. Our interaction with the museum visitors is popular and very much appreciated. Our dates for the remainder of this entire project are: **Friday, September 2, Thursday, October 5, Saturday, November 5 and Friday, December 2**. The times are always 12 - 4 pm. We are asking all guilds to

volunteer for a day in January 2017. This is the last month the exhibit will be open, and we won't know what the weather will be like. However, we are still hoping to have demonstrators.

On Saturday, September 24 there is a workshop from 10 am - 2 pm. Quilter and budding author Liz Cecchettini will lead a workshop creating a *Blind Man's Fancy Pillow*, a pattern based on one of the quilts in this last rotation of quilts. Several people signed up during the August 17 opening day at the museum, but call 716-873-9644, ext. 320 to reserve your place if interested. Fee is \$60 for members, \$80 for non- members of TBHM.

Since the opening on August 17 was for the last group of quilts to be displayed, it would be a great idea to come and quilt and be able to see this last set of beautiful quilts. Admission is free when you work. Also, keep in mind that on Friday, November 18 I will be giving a talk on some of the quilts in the museum's collection that were not on display. It is a good opportunity to see the storage facility for TBHM. Linda Hunter, hunterlj@roadrunner.com; 716-625-8039.

Saturday Seminars by Mary Ellen Cannon

There will be a meeting at **6:00 on September 15**, before our regular guild meeting to talk about the progress of the Saturday seminar series and its future. All members are welcome to attend.

In October we will be offering two Saturday seminars. Both will be held on **October 29**; this is a week later than usual because the regular Saturday following our guild meeting is booked for the BNHV Trick or Treating festivities. Our two classes should be of interest to many of our members. The Zen Rag Quilt class will be taught by Lisa Corretore. Many of you know Lisa from her classes at Patchwork Garden. Lisa will be presenting the program during our October guild meeting as well. We hope to have the quilt project to show you at our next guild meeting. Our other class will be a Market Basket class, taught by Donna Mileham. A photo of the basket is posted at our web page in the Saturday seminar section. Donna has taught basket making at several of our past seminars. Her classes are always popular and fill up quickly.

The registration forms, and supply lists for both classes are posted at our guild's web page. If you do not have internet access and would like the information we have posted, please feel free to contact me or my co-chair

Jan Reilly. We will gladly mail you the information via snail mail, or answer any other questions you may have. Our contact information is in our guild's register.

Yoga classes by Noell Porter-Goettel

As a follow up to the August meeting discussion:

I met with Sally at Montgomery Park and I am going to be offering 8 weeks of Senior/Gentle Yoga classes there starting in September. These classes are free as the community service part of my yoga training. Continuation after October 30th is open for discussion depending on interest.

For those interested the classes will be:

Sundays **September 11th** - October 30th from 3:00-4:00pm at Montgomery Park Senior Living Community, 6363 Transit Road (near Casey) in the Activity Room (straight through the lobby in the main building). Come a little early to the first class, there will be a waiver to sign (check with your doctor and only do what you are comfortable doing that day).

Option to bring a yoga mat or use a chair.

They have straps available.

If you would like to use a block or two, bring your own. (I've seen them for sale at Target or even Wegmans -- you can also wait until after the first class and see if a block is something that would be beneficial to you.)

Wear comfortable clothing, perhaps dressing in layers.

Maybe bring a small blanket or towel.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Hope to see you there!

Upcoming Events -

Quilting on the Bayfront - **September 15-17** at the Bayfront Convention Center in Erie, PA. For more info, see the website - <http://www.millcreeksew.com/quilting-on-the-bayfront-erie-pa.htm>

Kenmore Quilters Guild triennial quilt show will be held on Friday, **September 30**, from 10am-5pm and on Saturday, **October 1**, from 9am - 4pm at St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church, 2368 Eggert Rd,

Tonawanda, NY.

Walker Valley's Country Quilters will hold their thirteenth biannual quilt show **September 24 and 25**, from 10a.m. until 4p.m. at the Pine Bush High School, 156 State Route 302, Pine Bush, NY. Admission is \$7 per day or \$10 for both days. For more information on the show, visit the guild's web site: www.countryquilters.org

September 2016 | Calendar of Events

- Sept 1 - Thursday - Tea Room Quilters – 9:30am in the Tea Room
- Sept 2 - Friday Quilting at the History Museum 12-4pm
- Sept 6 - Tuesday - Board meeting 6:30
- Sept 8 - Thursday - Tea Room Quilters – 9:30am in the Tea Room
- Sept 15 - Thursday 6pm - Saturday seminar meeting
- **Sept 15** - Thursday 7pm - meeting
- Sept 21 - Wednesday - Community Service, 10 am in Steffen
- Sept 22 - Thursday - Tea Room Quilters – 9:30am in the Tea Room
- Sept 29 - Thursday - Tea Room Quilters – 9:30am in the Tea Room

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.

Articles to be included in the **October 2016** newsletter can be sent to newsletters@amherstquiltersguild.org by no later than **Tuesday, September 27**, 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.

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Property - MaryAnn Krafft

Quilt Show 2018 - ??????????

Quilting Bee - Joann O'Brien

Quilts For Courage - Sylvia Siegel

Quilts For The Troops - Betty Zebrowski

Raffle Quilt 2016 - Cindy Hubacher

Seminar 2.0 - Mary Ellen Cannon and Jan Reilly

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