



AMHERST
QUILTERS GUILD

STITCHING OUR PAST TO OUR FUTURE

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Upcoming Programs

February - Annual Guild Bucks Auction

March - Catered Birthday Dinner. Also note the meeting date will be changed to **March 23rd - the 4th Thursday at 6:45**. Please give your \$10 to Joann Castiglia.

Oven Roasted Chicken
Eggplant Parmigiana
Boiled Parsley and Butter Potatoes
Italian Mixed Vegetables
Chef Salad
Rolls and Butter
Coffee and Tea
Birthday Cake

Also the 4-star challenge quilts are going to be judged. Prizes will be awarded. Natalie will explain the Round Robin project.

April - demo night

Minutes of the January 19 Meeting

Submitted by Natalie Masker

Called to order at 7pm by Jackie. 35 members present.

- Reports: No treasurers report due to Joanne Castiglia's illness.
- Cindy Hubacher was collecting \$10 for Mar. birthday party. You can pay in Feb. or mail \$10 check payable AQG to Joanne.
- Feb. 16 is Guild Buck Auction. Set up will be Wed. Feb. 15, 1pm – 3:30.

March meeting is one week delayed, Mar. 23. There will be a pillowcase making session from 1 – 5 sponsored by Community Service. Then the

birthday dinner. Kits will be available or you can bring your own fabric. Our goal is 25 pillowcases. More details in Feb. April is demo day.

- We will be having a Round Robin. We will give rules and start organizing after Mar. dinner. Participation is voluntary.
- BNHV is having a Maple Days Festival Mar. 25- 26. The guild is invited to be a vendor. Items should be similar to boutique items. 15 % goes to guild. Cindy Hubacher is chairing. Please contact her.
- Starting at Feb. meeting there will be 15 min. Early Bird Special demos. in tea room at 6:15. Each mo. will be different. Schedule will be in newsletter.
- We need a chair for 2018 Quilt Show. MaryAnn Krafft will assist. Please think about volunteering. We need to begin plans.
- Quilting at History Museum is complete.
- Can will be out at each meeting for members to put in suggestions, comments, complaints, ideas, etc.
- Discussion of fund-raising ideas. All suggestions welcome.
- Some members voiced concerns about BNHV changing dates of our meetings. To be discussed with BNHV.
- Sign up for meeting hospitality snacks. See Cindy Hubacher.

Presentation of By-Law Revisions- presented by Linda Hunter/Theresa Utz

- Constitution- change to revision- **voting by paid members present.** Motion by Lori Racle, seconded by Cathy Cretian. Passed.
- By-Laws-Change to revision: **Each elected office is allowed one vote.** Motion by Theresa Utz, seconded by Joyce Morris. Passed.
- Natalie Masker moved that we accept revised By-Laws as amended by membership. Seconded by Lori Racle. Passed.

Show and Share

It's Time to Renew by Jackie Groszkowski

It is not too late to renew your guild membership. The cost is \$30.00 for everyone. Please make checks payable to **Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village (BNHV)**.

Quilt Show 2018 by MaryAnn Krafft

It's time to start thinking about a name for our next quilt show. Maybe we could tie it into the Town of Amherst 200th birthday. If you have a

suggestion you can send me an email at ma.krafft@yahoo.com or give it to me at the Feb meeting. We will be voting on a title at the March dinner.

PILLOW CASE DAY

On Thursday, March 23 we will be having a pillow case sew-in. It will begin at 1:00 and go until 5:00. You can bring your own fabric or use the kits we've prepared. FYI this will take place prior to our guild birthday dinner. Yes, our meeting day is being changed that month. Hope to see you there.

Community Service by Betty Zebrowski

Super Easy Hourglass is the February Block-Lotto block. These quilts will be made for the residents of Terrace View Manor. I liked the look of the individual hourglass, so I've added the sashing. Since these blocks are 16" unfinished, you will receive 10 Q-bucks per block.

<http://www.amherstquiltersguild.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Hourglass-block.pdf>

Annual Guild Bucks Auction

Set-up will be in Main Room on Wednesday, February 15 from 1pm – 3:30 pm. Natalie needs at least 10 helpers to get auction ready. She also needs runners for Thursday evening's auction. Please contact her: nataliepm@aol.com asap. We cannot hold these events without help.

A big thank you to all who have contributed your unloved items. If you still have items to be donated, they can still be brought in to Historic Homes, Wed. Feb. 1, 10 -1. Natalie will also be in tea room Feb. 5 and 12 from 10 – 11:30. They can also be brought in on set-up day, Feb 15. Guild Bucks will be available.

Early Bird Specials

Beginning in February we will be starting a fun new program for all of our members and guests which will be called "Early Bird Specials". On our regular meeting night at **6:15** in the tea room there will be a free demo hosted by one of our members. It will be a short (15-20 minute) presentation on a topic the volunteer host would like to share. The demos will be **free** with no registration or reservation required and everyone is

welcome to attend. If there is interest, follow up classes will be arranged. Come join us and please let us know if you would be interested in presenting a demo, or if there is a topic, technique, project, pattern ...that you would like to see presented. Below is the schedule of presenters we have scheduled so far.

Feb	Binding with your Backing	MaryEllen Cannon
Mar	Rug Hooking with Yarn or Wool	Cindy Hubacher
Apr	Quilt Scrap Books	Joanne Castiglia
May	Sashiko Embroidery	Lori Racle
June	methods for Flying Geese	Natalie Masker
July	traditional binding	Linda Hunter
Aug	paper piecing	Joyce Morris

Book report by JoAnn Castiglia

Fat Quarter Style by various authors published by Fat Quarter Shops 2014

While putting some supplies away in our storage cabinet, I came across a book in the library that caught my eye. The cover was so bright and attractive, that I had to open it. I'm so pleased and happy that I did

It starts with some basic instructions for new quilters. What's so great is that the illustrations and the photos are fabulous. There is a great section on binding your quilt.

There are 12 quilt patterns using fat quarters. There is something for the beginner and quilters of all skill levels. The instructions are well written and the illustrations are clear and simple. And the photos are scrumptious. They also give fabric requirements for crib, lap, twin and queen size quilts for each pattern. How often I found a pattern I liked, yet it was for a queen size quilt when I really wanted something smaller!

This is a book I would buy for my own personal library.
Find the book in our library marked JO-PR-UE-FA

Sunshine & Shadow - by Kathy Tomasulo

Too many shadows and not enough sunshine.

Jan Farrell's husband, Pat, passed away on Sunday night, January 15. Jan has been a member of our guild for some time and is also president of the Kenmore Quilters Guild.

Linda Hunter's sister-in-law Jean Marie, who lived in Philadelphia, died on December 28. She was only 70 and it was not expected.

Joanne Castiglia's brother-in-law Salvatore passed away on January 15.

Dianne Veneski passed away on January 23. She was a long-time member of the Amherst Quilters Guild.

Bette Strom has moved into assisted living. She could use a ride to the meetings. Her address is: Elderwood Village at Williamsville, 5721 Main St. Williamsville, NY 14221

4-Star Anniversary Challenge by Lynne Nothum

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!!!

Upcoming Quilt Shows

Lancaster, PA Quilt Show - March 29-April 1, 2017

Wed-Fri 9am-6pm / Sat 9am-4pm

40 Vendors

Antique Quilt Exhibit

Free \$1,200 Gift Basket Raffle

The Lancaster Quilt Show is entering it's 27th year at The Continental Inn.

Best of all, Admission and Parking is **free!**

<http://www.lancasterquiltweek.com/>

River Lea Quilters' Guild presents: Waves of Change
April 1 & April 2. 10am-5pm at the Gratwick Fire Hall, 110 Ward Rd.
North Tonawanda, NY 14120
Cost: \$5.00 per person or \$4.00 with a non-perishable Food donation for
the WNY Food Bank and \$3.00 for the NYS Quilt Passport Holders.
A portion of the proceeds to benefit Friends of the Night People, Buffalo,
NY and Stone's Buddies.

Clarence Log Cabin Quilters presents Cabin Fever 12. Friday (10am-
5pm), Saturday (10am-5pm), and Sunday (11am-4pm), April 21, 22 and
23 at the Clarence Town Park . Admission \$5

February 2017 | Calendar of Events

- Feb 1 - Wednesday - Historic Homes – 10am in the Tea Room
- Feb 2 - Thursday - Tea Room Quilters – 9:30am in the Tea Room
- Feb 7 - Tuesday - Board meeting 6:30 at Wegmans
- Feb 9 - Thursday - Tea Room Quilters – 9:30am in the Tea Room
- Feb 15 - Wednesday - auction set-up 1pm-3:30pm
- **Feb 16** - Thursday 6:15-6:30 - Binding with your Backing in the Tea Room with MaryEllen
- **Feb 16** - Thursday 7pm - Auction
- Feb 22 - Wednesday - Community Service 10am-1pm In Steffen
- Feb 23- 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 **March 2017** newsletter can be sent to newsletters@amherstquiltersguild.org by no later than **Sunday, Feb 26**, to be included in the newsletter, space permitting.

We welcome inquiries about AQQ 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.

Officers

President - Jackie Groszkowski
First Vice President - Noell Porter-Goettel and Jennet Freatman
Second Vice President - Cindy Hubacher and Laurie Thomas
Secretary - Natalie Masker
Treasurer - Joanne Castiglia

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 - Cindy Hubacher
Historic Homes - Theresa Utz
Library - Jean Miller
Museum Events - Theresa Utz
Nominating - Joanne Castiglia
NYS Consortium - Sue Kogler
PM Quilters - Joyce Morris
Program - Noelle Porter-Goettel and Jennet Freatman
Property - MaryAnn Krafft
Publishing Editor - MaryAnn Krafft
Quilt Show 2018 - MaryAnn Krafft + ?????
Quilting Bee - Joann O'Brien
Quilts For Courage - Sylvia Siegel
Quilts For The Troops - Betty Zebrowski
Raffle Quilt 2018 -Marija Vujcic
Seminar 2.0 - Mary Ellen Cannon and Jan Reilly
Sunshine & Shadows - Kathy Tomasulo
Website - Marie Buchanan



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