



AMHERST
QUILTERS GUILD

STITCHING OUR PAST TO OUR FUTURE

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Upcoming Programs

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. It's time to show off your creativity!!! Winners will be chosen by popular vote.

Natalie will explain the Round Robin project.

April - demo night

Linda Hunter - "Easy & Accurate Four Patches"

Natalie Masker - "Tips for Small Quilts"

Jennet Freatman - "English Paper Piecing: How to Begin"

May -We will have a lecture and trunk show by member Annette Meyer-Grunow entitled "A Quilting Journey."

Minutes of the February 16 Meeting

Submitted by Natalie Masker

Called to order at 7pm by Jackie G.

No treasurer's report.

- Quilt show needs suggestions for name. Let MaryAnn know.

- Mary Ann Krafft is Co-chair.
- Historic Homes- reproducing Pan –Am redwork quilt to be used by Village for teaching purposes. They meet the first Wed. of the month 10 -1. They are tracing redwork designs and have blocks for members to embroider, along with thread.
- The guild will vendor at the Maple Fest, Mar. 25. Cindy Hubacher has volunteered to chair. The procedure is same as Boutique, 15% to guild, 85% to maker. Items are same sort as in Boutique, under \$20 sells best. You can bring items to Mar. meeting. She needs volunteers to help staff.
- Community Service is holding a pillowcase making day from 1 – 5 before Mar. meeting. They will have kits available. Please bring your machines. There will be a demo in tea room at 6:15. Dinner will be our birthday party at 6:45. After dinner we will discuss round robin rules and have groups form.
- Marija brought block kits for raffle quilt.
- Guild Bucks Auction went from 7:30 to 9. There were a lot of nice lots. We had 42 members participate. We broke for cookie break.
- Contact JoAnn Castiglia if you haven't paid for dinner and you wish to go.

Quilt Show 2018 by MaryAnn Krafft

We will be voting on a name for the 2018 Quilt Show at the March dinner. It's still not too late to submit your suggestion.

4-Star Anniversary Challenge by Lynne Nothum

Due date: **March dinner meeting!**

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.

Use your own creativity and imagination!!!

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.

Maple Festival

The guild will vendor at the BNHV Maple Festival on Mar. 25. Cindy Hubacher has volunteered to chair. The procedure is same as Boutique, 15% to guild, 85% to maker. Items are same sort as in Boutique, under \$20 sells best. You can bring items to March meeting. She needs volunteers to help staff..

Community Service by Betty Zebrowski

Friendship Star* Block Lotto [9 1/2 " unfinished] A man's best friend quilt...homespun & flannels. Choose any of these for the star. [scrappy, if you choose]

For background-- cream solids/ or unbleached muslin.

For star: one 3 1/2 x 3 1/2" center; two 4 x 4" for points

Background: four 3 1/2 x 3 1/2" corners; two 4 x 4" for points

For points: Match right sides together of star & background point fabrics. Mark the diagonal. Sew scant 1/4 " seam down both sides of line; cut on line. Press open. Square to 3 1/2". Make four half square triangle blocks.

Piece into a star shape. Press! You're done! Thank you, Quilting Angels!

Receive one buck /block. Questions to Betty Z. 876-4106

Early Bird Specials by MaryEllen Cannon

Last month we started a fun new program for all of our members and guests which is 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; 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.

I am looking for a member who would be comfortable and willing to host a demo on navigating our guild's website—how to get into the members only section, opening the documents of our addresses, inventory, library etc. Please contact me if that is something you would do for us.

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

Library update by Natalie Masker

Does your next project include triangles? Want to make them perfect? The answer is TRIANGULATIONS.

In our library, we have a Triangulations CD . It runs on PC or Mac. You can print paper piecing foundations for half-square triangles from ½ " to 7½" in 1/8" increments and quarter square triangles from ¾" to 7½" in 1/8" increments. It uses regular 8½" x 11" paper. No squaring up. Print as many sheets as you need. Depending on size of finished half- square triangle, you will get many units of same two fabrics very easily, no marking.

Sunshine & Shadow - by Kathy Tomasulo

Barb Perry, owner of Aurora Sewing Center died suddenly on February 21.

Sue Kogler's mother Louah McAvoy of Barker, NY, entered into rest on Sunday, February 26..

Upcoming Quilt Shows

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

Genesee Valley QuiltFest - June 2-4 at the RIT Gordon Field House, Friday 9-5, Saturday 9-5, Sunday 10-4. Admission \$10, \$20 for weekend pass, seniors \$8.

March 2017 | Calendar of Events

- Mar 1 - Wednesday - Historic Homes – 10am in the Tea Room
- Mar 2 - Thursday - Tea Room Quilters – 9:30am in the Tea Room
- Mar 7 - Tuesday - Board meeting 6:30 at Wegmans
- Mar 9 - Thursday - Tea Room Quilters – 9:30am in the Tea Room
- Mar 16 - Thursday - Tea Room Quilters – 9:30am in the Tea Room
- **Mar 23** - Thursday 1pm-5pm - pillowcase sew-in
- **Mar 23** - Thursday 6:15-6:30 - Rug Hooking with Yarn or Wool
- **Mar 23** - Birthday dinner meeting **6:45 pm**
- Mar 29 - Wednesday - Community Service 10am-1pm In Steffen
- Mar 30- 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 **April 2017** newsletter can be sent to newsletters@amherstquiltersguild.org by no later than **Wed, Mar 29**, 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.

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 + Sue Kogler

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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