



AMHERST  
QUILTERS GUILD

STITCHING OUR PAST TO OUR FUTURE

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## Upcoming Programs

For the **April** meeting we will have three demo stations:

Jennet will be showing "How to Begin English Paper Piecing." She will walk you through the basics so you can get started making your own hand pieced quilt. She will talk a little bit about needles, thread, and templates and she will also show you how to combine pieces.

Linda Hunter will demonstrate a technique to make "Easy & Accurate Four Patches."

Natalie Masker will be sharing her "Tips for Small Quilts" including ways to improve your accuracy when working with small pieces.

For the **May** meeting we will have a lecture and trunk show by member Annette Meyer-Grunow entitled "A Quilting Journey."

## Coloring Your Quilts

The **June** meeting will feature a lecture by Denise LaMarca from Auntie's Attic Quilt Shop entitled "Color: Looking at Your Quilts with an Artist's Eye."

She will also have items from her shop available for purchase.

And we are pleased to announce that she will follow up her lecture with a class on Saturday June 17th. Sign up forms will be available on the Web site or at the April and May meetings.

### "Color: Looking at Your Quilts with an Artist's Eye" Class

Supply list: No need to buy anything or bring a sewing machine!

Come with a notebook and pen ready to discuss color. Bring any "color tools" IF you already have them including color wheels, Ruby beholders (value finders) or Color Theory

books. Also bring any fabrics you have that you're not sure what color they are or what they work well with.

Class minimum of 6, by June 3rd, class maximum of 15.

Price: \$36 members/\$42 for non-members

## **Minutes of the March 23 Meeting**

Submitted by Natalie Masker

Early Bird Special was Cindy Hubacher doing a demo of rug hooking with wool.

Birthday dinner began at 6:45. Fat quarters were given out as favors.

Motion to accept Feb. minutes in newsletter, made and passed.

### Committee Reports:

Membership- as of Feb. we have 81 paid members

Program- April meeting will have demos,

May meeting will be talk by Annette Meyer-Grunow

Community Service- there were 12 members sewing pillowcases, and other members brought more to meeting for a total of 60.

There were 49 blocks brought in for Tim, made from flannel or homespun. More are needed for a large throw. See last month's newsletter for pattern for friendship star. There were quilt tops and backing available for members to take home to quilt. 50 guild bucks will be given for completed quilts brought to April meeting.

Discussion on earning quilt bucks for next auction- join a committee, make blocks, complete tops, work on quilt show, volunteer at events, etc.

Voted for birthday challenge quilt- tie for 1<sup>st</sup>, Linda Hunter and Cindy Hubacher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jackie G.

Voted for Quilt Show name, "Galaxy of Quilts" winner

Historic Homes Wed. April 5. Return redwork blocks if you took any. Also raffle quilt blocks are due.

Show and Share

Those interested stayed for Round Robin sign up and rules. So far, we have 3 groups of 5 members.

## **Quilt Show 2018** by MaryAnn Krafft

Our next quilt show will be entitled "Galaxy of Quilts" to be held April 20-22, 2018. A big thank you to Sue Kogler for volunteering to be co-chair. There are still plenty of committees that need a chairman. This is a great way to earn those precious quilt bucks!

## **2017 Roster Update**

Loretta Cadwallader 716-912-1923.

## **4-Star Anniversary Challenge winners:**

1st place tie - Linda Hunter  
Cindy Hubacher  
2nd place - Jackie Groszkowski

Thanks to each of you who entered your very creative quilts!

## **PILLOW CASE SEW-IN**

On Thursday, March 23 nine of our members met in the Ballroom to make pillowcases for Roswell Park's pediatric unit and for the residents of Terrace View Manor. Our goal was to make 25 cases. Some of the ladies brought completed cases with them and stayed to work on more. At the end of the afternoon we had 55 completed pillowcases. At the guild meeting that evening other members took kits we had prepared to work on at home. Our final count should be about 70 pillowcases, far surpassing our goal. A great big THANK YOU to all who participated. We couldn't do it without you.

## **A Big Thank You**

We received a thank you note from Susan Cervi at Cornerstone Manor thanking us for the ditty bags we donated for Valentine's Day. She said the residents really appreciated them especially the children who received their own bags containing coloring books and crayons. We'll have to remember that for the next time. So, thank you for saving all those toiletries that you get when you travel and all the other supplies you donate. We accept donations at any time, so keep them coming.

## **Early Bird Specials** by MaryEllen Cannon

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.

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

## **Sunshine & Shadow** - by Kathy Tomasulo

Nothing to report

## **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

**Twin City Quilters** presents "Express Yourself Quilt Show" to be held at the Wheatfield Community Center, 2790 Church St, in Wheatfield on Saturday, May 20 (9am-5pm) and Sunday May 21 (10am-4pm). Admission \$6.

**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.

## April 2017 | Calendar of Events

- Apr 4 - Tuesday - Board meeting 6:30 at Wegmans
- Apr 5 - Wednesday - Historic Homes – 10am in the Tea Room
- Apr 6 - Thursday - Tea Room Quilters – 9:30am in the Tea Room
- Apr 13 - Thursday - Tea Room Quilters – 9:30am in the Tea Room
- **Apr 20** - Thursday 6:15-6:30 - Quilting Scrapbook
- **Apr 20** - meeting 7 pm
- Apr 26 - Wednesday - Community Service 10am-1pm In Steffen
- Apr 27- 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](mailto:newsletters@amherstquiltersguild.org).

Articles to be included in the **May 2017** newsletter can be sent to [newsletters@amherstquiltersguild.org](mailto:newsletters@amherstquiltersguild.org) by no later than **Fri, Apr 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.

## 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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