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QUILTERS GUILD

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Upcoming Programs

****Note that the December meeting has been moved to Thursday, December 14th and will start at 6:45pm.**

This will be a dinner catered by Campobello's. Joann C. will need to know if you are coming **by December 1st**. If you haven't paid yet - call Joanne NOW to register. The cost per member is ONLY \$10.

Paper plates and plastic utensils will be provided, though you are also welcome to bring your own place setting if you'd like.

The menu is:

Roasted Chicken
Eggplant Parmigiana
Mashed Potatoes
Macaroni & Cheese
Mixed Vegetables
Rolls & Butter
Cookies & Fruit
Coffee & Tea

*******We have an easy, no-sew craft project planned for after dinner. Please bring a pair of craft scissors. We are hoping everyone will make at least one for themselves and then some extra to include in the ditty bags for February.

For **January** we are pleased to announce that Alice Donaldson will be our speaker. We have had several requests for her to present her beautiful projects, which include miniature piecing, hand embroidery, wool applique, and beading embellishments. Alice currently teaches Wool Club, Ornament Club, and the "Let's Keep Stitching" hand embroidery classes at Patchwork Garden. She was also the featured quilter at the Clarence Log Cabin Quilters' Quilt Show in 2017.

The **February** meeting will include our annual Guild Bucks Auction.

Minutes of the November 16 Meeting

Submitted by Natalie Masker

5:45- set up for Fabric Sale

6:15 Quilt Show meeting for chairmen- Will be every meeting month until the show.

7 PM- began fabric sale

Break for refreshments

8 pm - show and share and round robin reveal.

Business Meeting.

Jan Farrell made motion to accept Oct. minutes as printed in newsletter.

Seconded by Kim Guido.

Committee Reports:

Program- Noelle- Holiday Dinner on Dec 14 at 6:45. Make sure \$10 cost is sent to JoAnn Castiglia by Dec. 1.

Jan.- Alice Donaldson

Feb.- Guild Buck Auction. We are expanding donations to include home dec and household items, fiction books as well as usual craft and sewing items, quilting notions and books and patterns and kits. Bring donations to Dec. and Jan. meetings.

Membership- 94 paid members. 2018 Dues are now being collected.. \$30 Senior 65+, All others \$35. Need sign up for hospitality for 2018.

Name Taggers

Treasurer- Contact JoAnn for exact amounts. All outstanding receipts should be turned in for payment by Dec. meeting. Fabric Sale made \$1224.75. Thanks to all for their donations.

Historic Homes- not meeting until Jan.

Guild Elections- 1st VP Lori Racle and Sue Kogler. Secretary- Mary Carroll. Natalie Masker as Secretary cast vote for each office. Voice vote to second. Elected. New board members are invited to Dec. 6, board meeting.

Community Service- Next month we will be collecting ditty bags. and toiletry notions. Guild bucks will be given. We are also making ditty bags for children and are accepting coloring books, crayons, travel games, pencils, card games, etc. Quilt tops and backing were given out to volunteers for quilting. Next meeting on Nov. 29 ,10 am. We will decorate Guild Xmas tree at BNHV at that time before working on quilt tops in Steffan.

Committee year end reports due by Jan. meeting. \$50 guild bucks for report.

Quilt Show meeting -

Join us on December 14 at 6:15 for a quilt show meeting. We will be looking for status updates for several committees. All are encouraged to attend

Annual Guild Bucks Auction by Natalie Masker

The Guild Buck auction will take place at our February meeting. Items for the auction will be accepted at the Dec. and Jan. meetings. The scope of donations has been expanded to include home decorations, household items, novels, along with usual quilting and craft items, including fabric, kits, patterns, notions, knitting, all crafting items, books, (no quilt magazines). Guild bucks given for all donations.

Meeting Cancellation

In the event of bad weather on a meeting night please turn to Channel 2 for meeting cancellation information. Obviously if you hear that the museum (Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village) is closed our meeting will be cancelled. This is the only station that will announce guild closing information

End of the Year Reports

End of the year reports are due by the end of January. They don't have to be long. A few sentences telling what you have done will be fine. If you're not sure if I'm expecting one from you check the end of the newsletter with the list of all committee chairs. If your name is there I'd like a report from you. You will receive 50 Quilt Bucks for submitting it, and maybe a bit more if your report is quite detailed.

Papercrafting Fun -

Enjoy the fun of making your own cards, containers, tags, ornaments, seasonal decorations and more while in the company of other like minded crafters. All crafters are welcome!

In each class you will make a minimum of 4 items to take home, and 1 item to be donated to one of the quilt guild service committees.

Kit Fee: \$15 for all museum members (non-members will also pay the museum entrance fee). All needed supplies will be provided in the kits.

Payment by cash or check due at the start of each class,

Register by the first Friday of the month to guarantee a kit will be prepared for you. Register at the quilt guild meeting preceding the class or by contacting MaryEllen Cannon or Lori Racle, or by calling the museum at 716-689-1440.

2nd Friday of each month at the museum from 12:30pm-3:30pm. (Dec 8).

Community Service by Betty Zebrowski .

We have much to be happy about! Thank you to all our Quilting Angels that participated in Community Service this year!

There will be no Community Service meeting in December.

The buck a block for the month of December is **Ditty Bags [5 bucks each or 25 bucks for 4!]**

The ditty bags do not have to be a specific size; however, 24" x 12" is a good size of fabric. You may also make a size that holds a coloring book for children. Ditty Bags are sneaker bags only smaller. Please do NOT use holiday fabric.

Cut fabric approx. 24" x 12" OR LARGER

Fold in half and stitch each side.

Make a casing at the top. Fold under about 1/4" and press. Fold about 1" and press again. Stitch near the fold to make casing.

Open a few stitches at one side. Insert a ribbon or cording through casing. Fasten. You're done!

January's block --Please bring toiletries for the ditty bags--delivery to shelters in February.

Friendship Blocks Quilt was presented to Tim Lewis at the Community Service Meeting in November. He was very surprised and thankful!



Sunshine & Shadow - by Kathy Tomasulo

Nancy Zieman (of Sewing with Nancy) passed away at her home in Beaver Dam after a long battle with cancer.

December Calendar of Events

- Dec 5 - Tuesday - Board meeting 7pm at Natalie's house
- Dec 7 - Thursday - Tea Room Quilters – 9:30am in the Tea Room
- Dec 8 - Friday - Papercrafting at 12:30-3:30pm
- Dec 14 - Quilt Show meeting at 6:15
- **Dec 14** - dinner meeting at **6:45pm**

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 **January 2018** newsletter can be sent to newsletters@amherstquiltersguild.org by no later than **Thur, Dec 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 - Betty Zebrowski

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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