



AMHERST
QUILTERS GUILD

STITCHING OUR PAST TO OUR FUTURE

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Upcoming Programs

February is our Annual Guild Bucks Auction. Bring those quilt bucks to bid high and often. There will be no Show and Share nor refreshments due to time constraints. But it will be fun!

March is the guild's anniversary. Braving the cold March winds, we will be having hot soup from Panera with bread and fruit followed

by cake. The cost is \$5, payable in cash or check (to Amherst Quilt Guild). Reservations are due at February meeting.

Minutes of the January 18 Meeting

Submitted by Mary Carroll

The meeting opened with a beautiful trunk show and teaching presentation by our guest speaker Alice Donaldson. Alice shared her quilted items with us showing both hand and machine quilting on pieced and appliqued pieces using both cotton and wool. Her recent quilts are accented with embroidery, beading and other embellishments.

After a short break and Show and Share, Jackie Groszkowski opened the business meeting. The minutes

from the previous meeting were approved by Lori Racle and seconded by Mary Ann Krafft. A signup sheet is being passed around for volunteers to demonstrate quilting at the museum during the last weekend in March.

Jackie welcomed a new member and the returning members. We have 71 members this year.

Lori Racle reported on the upcoming programs for the meetings. The annual Guild Bucks Auction is in February. Since it is a large auction this year, we will not have snacks nor will we have Show and Share. March is our anniversary month and we will celebrate with a Panera soup and bread dinner. Sue Kogler is taking reservations and collecting the \$5 fee. During May, Annette Meyer-Grunow will present a slide show. In June Cathleen Wiggs will present quilt stories and Pam Pandolfi will present a trunk show.

The plans for the quilt show are in progress. Instead of a live auction we will have a Premier Raffle which is a high value basket raffle. We need donations of handmade items such as purses, throws, place settings, etc. We also need items for the basket raffle such as wine, quilting items, etc.

Lori Racle and Mary Ellen Cannon are continuing the card class on the second Friday of the month. The cost is \$15 and the participants must sign up a week in advance.

The Historic Homes committee has completed the red work top and will meet on Feb. 2 at 10 am to baste the quilt. The group is planning the next quilt.

For next month's auction, we need four runners during the auction and we need volunteers to set up the room on

Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 12:30pm.

We need volunteers for a nominating committee who will recruit three people to serve as president, vice president for membership or as treasurer.

Sheets are available on the table and on our website for registering quilts for the upcoming show. They are due at the March meeting.

Pam Pandolfi is a semi-finalist at AQS Quiltweek in Daytona and in Lancaster, PA. She has been chosen to display her quilt "Papa's Door" along with 216 other contestants.

Congratulations
Pam!!!



Quilt Show meeting -

Join us on February 15 at 6:15 for a quick quilt show meeting. We will be looking for status updates for several committees. (program, awards, & publicity). All are welcomed to attend

Quilt Show

It's time to gather up all those projects you've been working on and submit the registrations for the quilt upcoming quilt show. Forms can be found at <http://www.amherstquiltersguild.org/events/>

The deadline for registration is March 15

Annual Guild Bucks Auction

This is your last chance to clear out any additional items from your sewing room. They can be brought to tea room on:

Thursday. Feb 1 , 10-11:30 ,

Thursday the 8th, same time or on

Wed the 14th during set up from 12:30 - 1:30 .

At the night of the auction there will be a chance to win from \$25 - \$200 extra Guild Bucks.

Joanne is in Florida for the next couple of weeks. If you have any expenses that needs reimbursement, you can email her at jcast7@yahoo.com or call her cell # 716-512-1544 and she will mail you a check.

Membership

If you haven't renewed your membership, please send it to the museum. \$30 for seniors and \$35 for the rest of us.

Community Service by Betty Zebrowski .

Here's a brief review of the projects we donated in 2017!

Quilts for Courage - 8 Quilts were given to Sylvia thru the our Community Service. (This number does not include quilts given to Sylvia directly. Also, some quilts were given to Theresa Utz to give to her neighbor a pediatric nurse).

Quilts for the Troops Our guild donated quilts to the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station - Friends of Family Support Association.

In July; 16 quilts were delivered. In December; 13 quilts were delivered. We had a very special addition to their Christmas party; a 5 Christmas quilt drawing. Our 'I Spy Christmas' quilts were a huge success! The remaining 8 quilts were to be given to families in need during 2018.

One quilt for a Veteran of the Afghan War was given by Noell Porter-Goettel in April.

Terrace View Manor - 7 Pillow cases and 2 quilts were given in April by Jackie G. (This number may not include quilts given to Jackie directly.)

Little Dresses - 123 Little Dresses for *Operation Serve* thru the Lovejoy Church were given to Loretta Cadawaller in November.

Ditty Bags - Our members are including several bags for children as well. The members generously fill the bags, too.

Bucks for Blocks Now a member receives \$5 bucks a block or \$25 bucks for 4 blocks . We received a total of **688!!**

Tim Lewis, head of maintenance at the museum was presented with a quilt made by AQG members in November, 2017. Tim is always there to help the guild; especially when the quilt show draws near. We wanted to show Tim our appreciation for all he does. Tim and his wife were very surprised and grateful when presented with their quilt.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR QUILTING ANGELS!

Goals for 2018... Your chairperson would like to see **ALL ITEMS MADE FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE TO BE**

RECORDED IN OUR BOOK!

**PLEASE TRY TO COMPLY. WE WANT TO RECORD
YOUR GENEROSITY AND COMMUNITY GOODWILL!
THANK YOU!**

Block of Month - by Betty Zebrowski

Exploding Squares This super easy block will



be done in red, white, and blue for the Troops. You will receive \$5 / block or \$25 / 4 blocks!

Fabric / block:

one 3 1/2" red square; one 3 1/2" blue square; one 4 1/4" white square; one 5 1/4" red square; one 6 3/4" blue

square

[all may be solid or tone on tone or print-think patriotic]

Directions:

With right sides together, sew the 3 1/2" red square and the 3 1/2" around the perimeter using a 1/4" seam. **Draw a line diagonally from corner to corner to form an X on the blue square. Carefully cut on the drawn line through the blue square. Gently press open and if necessary, trim to 4 1/4".

Repeat with the 5 1/4" and the 6 3/4" squares until the final square measures 8 3/4". Trim when needed.

**Quick tips: Sew your 1/4" seam on the square you are adding; it will square up your block. When adding the next square, fold on diagonals; press; open in half and snip at crease. It will make clipping much easier after perimeter

sewing. Fold a stack of 3 or 4 at a time. PS...You'll lose the points; so, don't fret it!

Sunshine & Shadow - by Kathy Tomasulo
no news to report

February Calendar of Events

- Feb 2 - Friday - Historic Homes at 10am in the Tea Room
- Feb 5 - Monday - Board meeting 10am at Wegmans on Alberta

- Feb 8 - Thursday - Tea Room Quilters – 9:30am in the Tea Room
- Feb 8 - Friday - Papercrafting at 1-3:30pm
- Feb 15 - Quilt Show meeting at 6:15
- **Feb 15** - Auction meeting at **7pm**
- Feb 21 - Community Service from 10am-1pm in Steffen
- Feb 22 - 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 2018** newsletter can be sent to newsletters@amherstquiltersguild.org by no later than **Mon, Feb 26**, 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 - Sue Kogler and Lori Racle

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Secretary - Mary Carroll

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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 -

Sunshine & Shadows - Kathy Tomasulo

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