



AMHERST
QUILTERS GUILD

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Upcoming Programs

The April 19th meeting is the Quilt Show preview party at 7 o'clock. I hope you have signed up to contribute some work hours for the show. We need everyone's help to make this a success. There are still some jobs that would allow you to sit if standing a long time is a problem. Call Loretta about hours.

Tell everyone you see about the Quilt show. Publicity is welcome.

Minutes of the March 15 Meeting

Submitted by Mary Carroll

Jackie Groszkowski opened the meeting at 7:30 following a delicious anniversary dinner of soup, salad and birthday cake.

The corrected minutes from the February meeting (Deb Tucker's method) were approved by Lori Racle and seconded by Theresa Utz.

Natalie Masker wants members to help sort through the door prizes she has collected for the quilt show. They need to be labeled along with the programs. The scheduled time is 9:30 am on Monday, April 16 at Natalie's home.

The next guild meeting will be on April 19 at 7 pm which will be the preview party for the quilt show.

The financial report was given by Jackie Groszkowski.

We currently have 84 paid members. The Museum has printed a current directory for each member which is being distributed at this meeting. Any corrections should be brought to the attention of Jackie.

The Education Committee is sponsoring a workshop on May 18 on making a Hunter Star table runner using the Deb Tucker method and ruler. Natalie Masker is collecting a \$10 deposit for registration for the class. The balance of the cost for the ruler and pattern is due by the May 17 meeting.

The Historic Homes committee will meet on April 6. An Amish girl has agreed to quilt the completed redwork quilt.

Community Service has a new pattern for members to pick up. The completed blocks are due in May.

Samples from the card making class are on display. The next meeting will be April 13 at 1 pm.

Starting with the May meeting we may continue the popular Early Bird specials in which someone gives a short demo on a technique or project. The series will only continue if members volunteer to do the demonstrations.

Sally Ginsberg has donated a beautiful California queen size raffle quilt which is on display. The tickets for the members to sell are being distributed. Quilt bucks, dollar for dollar, will be given out for selling raffle tickets.

The Sunshine and Shadows report – Annette Meyer-Grunow broke her wrist.

The floor was opened to discussion on the future of the guild's library. The members felt that the librarian should give a reminder at the meeting that the library is open and give directions for checkout methods. Perhaps the librarian could feature several books at each meeting to spark interest in using the library. We should start a library wish list and we could use some of our funds to purchase new books in memory of deceased members. The members can check the inventory of our books on our website. A motion was made by Joyce Morris and seconded Linda Hunter to keep the library.

Kim Guido thanked the members for their generosity in donating items for the Premier Auction which will be held during the quilt show.

A thank you was extended to Lori Racle and Susan Kogler for their work in making the anniversary dinner so great.

The meeting adjourned and was followed by a make and take flower making project.

Upcoming Classes by Natalie Masker

The Deb Tucker Hunters Star Wallhanging class taught by certified teacher Deb Thomas of Rochester on Fri. May 19 is half full.

Members are only paying for pattern and ruler. The guild is paying the teacher fees. A \$10 deposit is needed to hold your space. Checks payable to Deb Thomas. The remainder of the cost will be due by meeting on May 18. Ruler is \$25.50 and pattern is \$11.50 plus tax. Please contact Natalie Masker if you are interested in one of remaining openings.



Raffle Quilt - If you haven't picked up your raffle quilt tickets yet, please do so ASAP. We can begin selling tickets in April 2018 for a drawing in September. Here is a photo of our new queen sized raffle quilt (95 x 105).



Sewing Machine Raffle -

Aurora Sewing Center has graciously donated a Babylock Sofia2 Sewing and Embroidery Machine. It is a compact machine weighing under 14 lbs. in sewing mode and under 17 lbs. with the embroidery unit attached. It has 70 built-in embroidery designs and 168 stitches, a 4" x 4" embroidery field, LCD Touch Screen and a USB slot for transferring designs through your thumb-drive. It has an advanced needle threader, automatic thread-cutter and top-loading bobbin.

Tickets are only \$1 each. Drawing will be held Sunday, April 22.

Quilt Show news -

Drop off days are Friday and Saturday, **April 13 and 14** from 9am til 4pm. We will be accepting :

- your quilts for the show
- scrap fabrics
- books
- magazines - from this century
- boutique items
- raffle basket donations

We will be sorting door prizes and labeling programs at Natalie Masker's house on **Mon. April 16** at 10 am. Help is needed. If you wish you can go from there to BNHV to help hang quilts afterwards. Call or email Natalie if you can come and help.

Quilt handing starts Monday afternoon on **April 16** and continues on Tuesday and Wednesday. Anyone with experience, please come to help.

Linda Hunter will once again be doing appraisals. Let her know if your quilt is on display, she can do a hanging appraisal.

Quilt Show Expenses

If you have expenses that need reimbursement, please let MaryAnn Krafft know. Remember the BNHV gets their share after expenses have been deducted. Please keep the receipt!!

Sunshine & Shadow - by Kathy Tomasulo
Annette Meyer-Grunow broke her wrist.

Community Service - by Betty Zebrowski
Since everyone will need a break after the quilt show....there will be **NO** Community Service in April. Put your feet up - You deserve it!

April Calendar of Events

- Apr 6 - Friday - Historic Homes at 10am in the Tea Room
- Apr 9 - Monday - Board meeting 10am at Wegmans on Alberta
- Apr 12 - Thursday - Tea Room Quilters – 9:30am in the Tea Room
- **Apr 13-14** - Friday & Saturday - take in from 9am til 4pm
- Apr 13 - Friday - Papercrafting at 1-3:30pm
- Apr 16 - Monday afternoon - Quilt hanging
- Apr 17 - Tuesday - more quilt hanging
- Apr 18 - Wednesday - even more quilt hanging (if needed)
- **Apr 19** - Thurs - Preview Party at **7pm**
- **Apr 20 - Friday** - Quilt Show from 10am - 4:30pm
- **Apr 21 - Saturday** - Quilt Show from 10am - 4:30pm
- **Apr 22 - Sunday** - Quilt Show from noon - 4:30pm
- Apr 26 - 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:
aqgnewsletter@yahoo.com

Articles to be included in the **May 2018** newsletter can be sent to aqgnewsletter@yahoo.com by no later than **Wed, Apr 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.

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