



AMHERST
QUILTERS GUILD

STITCHING OUR PAST TO OUR FUTURE

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Upcoming Programs by Sue Kogler

This month we will be making quilts for courage. Come, bring your machine, and help make quilt tops. If you can not bring a machine, I'm sure there will be jobs to do...ironing, cutting. We will be at the museum from 1 to 4:30. A suggestion for a pattern was sent out to you earlier or you can assemble a top from some pre-made blocks.

At the evening meeting, we will have Karen Davis, from the Attorney General's office. She will enlighten us on scams, many that we are already aware of and a few we did not know about. She makes the presentation interesting as well as informative.

Minutes of the July 19 Meeting

Submitted by Mary Carroll

President Jackie Groszkowski opened the meeting by relating a request from the NYS Consortium for entries into their quilt contest with the theme "Still crazy after all these years." Specific instructions will follow. The deadline will be sometime in March 2019.

Susan Kogler introduced our speaker, Pam Pandolfi who gave us an insight into her background and journey into art quilts. She shared with us her ideas and techniques into producing beautiful art and portrait quilts using raw edge technique, paint and thread work.

After a break and Show and Share, clip boards were passed around for members to sign up to demonstrate quilting at both the Scottish Festival in August and the Harvest Festival in September. We will be in the School House.

Jackie announce the following quilt shows:

- Autumn Inspirations in Schenectady on Sept. 29 – 30
- Stitches in Time at the Alexander Fireman's Recreation Hall on Oct. 19 – 20
- Harvest of Quilts, Morningstar Guild, Erie County Fair Grounds, Oct. 26 -27

The August meeting will feature a representative from the district attorney's office giving a presentation on scams.

Community Service will meet next Wednesday to prepare pillowcase kits which will be assembled in October. These pillowcases will be donated to

the Lions Club who will distribute them to needy children. We need more volunteers to demonstrate a technique during our "Early Bird Specials." Please contact Mary Ellen Cannon with your ideas. The Education Committee is sponsoring Alice Donaldson who will teach an embroidered sewing kit workshop in two sessions on Sept. 21 and Oct. 12. The cost is only \$5. We are open to suggestions for the next raffle quilt. Natalie is suggesting that we modify an early Kim Diehl pattern to make it bed size. It has both pieced and appliqued blocks. Kathy Tomasulo gave the Sunshine and Shadows report: Pat McDonald's broken pelvis is healing. She also had a house fire and lost her front porch. Betty Zebrowski's wrist is healing. Patricia Ohtake's mom passed away.

Raffle Quilt -

We will be drawing the winning ticket in September. Ticket stubs and money can be turned in to Natalie at any meeting.

Our Next Raffle Quilt - by Jackie Groszkowski

I know that we have not raffled off our current raffle quilt, but we want to get started on the next quilt so we have plenty of time to get it ready. There are no guide lines for the quilt other than it be a pattern that many guild members can work on. Having both piecing and applique would be nice but definitely is not necessary. If you have an idea please bring it to our August meeting. A picture or sample will be fine. We will probably vote on our next project at the August (or September) meeting. It depends on the response.

Sewing Kit Class - by Natalie Masker

We will be having a two part class taught by Alice Donaldson. We will be making a small sewing kit. In the first session we will learn how to do hand embroidery. In the second session you will assemble the kit using your sewing machine.

Cost to members is only \$5 plus the book Stitches from the Garden by Kathy Schmitz. Sign up and pay at the August meeting or call Natalie at 688-9006.

#1. Friday. Sept 21 10-12:30

#2 Friday. Oct 12, 10-12:30

Early Bird Specials by Mary Ellen Cannon

Would you like to have more of our talented members share with us via the continuation of the Early Bird Demos before each of our monthly guild meetings? We need volunteers willing to share a 15-20 minute demo on any quilting topic of their choice. Without volunteers we can't continue this popular program. What could you talk about if you're willing to share with us? A new ruler or template that you've tried out, even if the project isn't finished yet! We all know how that goes. How about a new book or pattern...Photos from a recent show or quilting trip. Reviews of new threads, needles, or other gadgets and tools...Worthwhile sites on the internet that you visit frequently...a non-quilting craft which uses fabric for 3D items such as flowers, containers, garden accessories...sewing activities for children that could be shared with grand kids and others when they spend time with you...

As of today as I'm writing this, we do not have a volunteer presenter for our August meeting; how about you?! Other months are available too so step right up, ladies! My contact information is in our roster, or look for me at our monthly meetings. We don't have to look for outside experts to find a wealth of talent and information— you have lots to share! If no one steps up, we'll go without a demo this month. Jane Browne is lined up for September, Sharon Militello for October, and Sue Kogler for November. I'll ask MaryAnn to include a notice in the update prior to this month's meeting so you'll know whether to come early or not.

Papercrafting Classes by Mary Ellen Cannon and Lori Racle

We are continuing our paper crafting fun in our monthly class. Projects have included lots of cards for all occasions, including many fancy folds, table favors for holidays and parties, and 3D projects. All projects are completed before you leave class—no UFO's! We meet on the second Friday of each month from 1:00 - 3:30 in the tea room of the museum. The kit fee for each class is \$15 (Non BNHV members are welcome, but will also pay the admission fee to the BNHV), with all supplies and necessary tools provided. Envelopes are included as needed. You do not need to bring any supplies of your own to class. When you sign up you are not making a long term commitment. Each class is stand alone, and you can participate or not each month depending on your interest and your personal schedule. Newcomers are always welcome. Try one class and see if you like it. We'd love to have you join us. If you would like to join us for the August 10 class, please contact either Lori Racle or Mary Ellen Cannon no later than Friday August 3 so we will have your kit ready for

you. Our contact information is in our guild roster and at the password protected section of our guild website

Sunshine & Shadow - by Kathy Tomasulo

Patricia Ohtake's mother passed away.

Pat MacDonald had a house fire that took out her front porch. She is still recovering from her fractured pelvis.

Betty Zebrowski fell off a ladder and broke her right wrist. She is home recovering from surgery.

Quilts for Courage

Will be held on the fourth **Thursday, August 23** (note the date change to the fourth Thursday) from 1-4:30pm. Join us for an afternoon of stitching and socializing. This is a great pattern for scraps or a charm pack.

Here is the suggested pattern - <http://www.amherstquiltersguild.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Quilts-for-Courage-2018.pdf>

If you would prefer, we have several sets of blocks that need to be assembled for tops. We need sewers and also people to cut and iron. Please bring your machine if you can. We will be serving dinner, but please bring your own drinks. Remember, the museum is air-conditioned!!

Upcoming Quilt Shows

2018 Quilt Show presented by QUILT Schenectady on September 29 (10am-5pm) & Sunday, Sept 30 (10am-4pm) at the Proctors GE Theatre, 432 State St, Schenectady, NY. \$7

Stitches in Time by the Museum Quilt Guild of Batavia at the Alexander Fireman's Hall, 10708 Alexander Rd (rte 98), October 19 and Saturday, October 20 (10am-5pm) \$5

Harvest of Quilts by Morningstar Quilters at the Grange Building at the Erie County Fair Grounds. Oct 26 (10am-6pm) and Saturday, October 27 (10am-4pm). \$5

QCNYS - Call for Entires

Still Crazy After All These Years - Explore and celebrate the diversity of crazy quilting. Here are the details - <http://qcnys.org/challenge/>

Historic Homes by Theresa Utz,

Historic Homes will resume meeting on the first Friday in September, Sept. 7th, in the Tea Room beginning at 10 am. We will be working to assemble the yo yo quilt, or at least give it a go. All are welcome. Keep working on the yo yo's, we still need over 500! 10 quilt bucks for every 10 yo-yo's made.

Community Service - by Betty Zebrowski

Since we will be working on QUILTS FOR COURAGE in August, we will not have a buck a block due in August. The September block pattern will be available at the August meeting.

Community Service will meeting August 29 in Stefen. 10am-1pm. Please join us.

On a personal note... thank you to all who sent me a card, a call or a prayer. It's appreciated so much!

On Wednesday, **October 24**, we will be meeting to make pillowcases for a charity. Kits will be available. You only need machine and sewing notions. If you wish to use your own fabrics, you will need three coordinating fabrics the width of fabric. - 27", 9", and 3"

August Calendar of Events

- Aug 2 - Thursday - Tea Room Quilters – 9:30am
- Aug 6 - Monday - Board meeting 10am at Wegmans on Alberta
- Aug 9- Thursday - Tea Room Quilters – 9:30am
- Aug 10 - Friday - Papercrafting at 1-3:30pm
- **Aug 23 Thurs - Quilts for Courage 1-4:30**
- **Aug 23** - Thurs - meeting at **7pm**
- Aug 29 - Wed - Community Service 10am-1pm
- Aug 30 - Thursday - Tea Room Quilters – 9:30am

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 **September 2018** newsletter can be sent to aqgnewsletter@yahoo.com by no later than **Wednesday, Aug 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.

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