



AMHERST  
QUILTERS GUILD

STITCHING OUR PAST TO OUR FUTURE

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## Upcoming Programs by Sue Kogler

At the September meeting we will have a special guest. It is Dolores Sapienza. She is a founding member of the Amherst Museum and has served as trustee on the board of directors. Dolores was instrumental in getting the building that we meet in. The big room is dedicated to her. However, her presentation will be hats!

Dolores has hats from all over the world spanning all decades. And lest I forget, Dolores is Theresa Utz's sister.

## Minutes of the August 23 Meeting

Submitted by Mary Carroll

President Jackie Groszkowski called the meeting to order at 7 pm. A motion was made by Lori Racle to approve the minutes from the previous meeting and seconded by Mary Ellen Cannon.

The program committee, Lori Racle and Susan Kogler announced the following schedule: In September, Dolores Sapienza will speak about hats and we will receive patterns for making hat blocks; the October meeting will feature a talk on Buffalo architecture; the talk on scams will be in November and December is the holiday party. The January meeting will be at 10am on the third Thursday. This is an experimental time change to foster attendance at the monthly meetings.

JoAnn Castilgia, the treasurer, reported on the balance in our treasury. The money paid to the Museum from the admission fees at our recent quilt show was less than anticipated. The board is suggesting a donation to the Museum to help cover the cost of our exclusive use of the Museum for ten days (set-up time and show). Lori Racle moved, seconded by Theresa Utz to donate \$1,000 to the Museum. The motion passed. JoAnn reminded everyone that our bylaws state that the purpose of the Guild is to cultivate the art of quilting and further the craft by presenting related educational programs and events. A lengthy discussion followed on the use of additional surplus funds. The suggestions include: workshop with a national speaker, scholarship program, increased donation to the Museum and establishing outreach programs to bring in new members.

A discussion was held on things the guild could do to recruit new members. The outreach ideas include making "quilting kits" to introduce

young people to quilting and more community involvement to educate people in the art of quilting. We will also add a topic titled "New Ideas" to our monthly agenda.

The Historic Homes committee will meet on the first Friday in September at 10 am to work on the yo-yo quilt and on the shirt blocks.

The Community Service committee will meet on Aug. 29 from 10 am to 1 pm. The pattern for the fish block is being distributed.

The paper crafting group will meet on the second Friday of September to start projects for the fall holidays. There is a \$15 kit fee for each session.

More volunteers are needed to do Early Bird demos.

So far eight people have signed up for Alice Donaldson's workshops which will be held on Sept. 21 and Oct. 12.

A mini-affle is being held this month and next to raise funds for Community Service.

The Sunshine and Shadows reported that Kim Guido's brother-in-law passed away and Loretta Cadawallader has a new great grandbaby.

The nominating committee is searching for candidates for the positions of treasurer and president.

A clip board is being circulated for volunteers to sign up to demonstrate quilting during the Harvest Festival at the Museum on Sept. 15.

The 2018 raffle quilt currently has made a profit of \$500 - \$600. A discussion followed on future quilt raffles as to whether the profit justifies the effort of making a quilt and selling the chances. A vote will be taken at a later date.

The curator at the Museum is requesting members of the guild to volunteer to decorate a house for Halloween. The interior is decorated in a fairy tale or nursery rhyme theme and the people in the house handing out the treats will be in costume. The event is being held Oct. 19 & 20. A clip board is being circulated for volunteers to sign up.

The meeting concluded with the members' Show and Share which included quilts made during the day for our Quilts for Charity day.

## **Raffle Quilt -**

We will be drawing the winning ticket in September. Last chance to turn in your Ticket stubs and money to Natalie,

## **Unbelievable -** by Jackie Groszkowski

I was approached by a member of the Quilt 'til you Wilt Group asking if they could do our next raffle quilt. Yes, they volunteered! I'm sure you know the answer I gave. So, the rest of us can rest easy. They will be in charge. The design, colors and size are up to them. I know that whatever they choose will be wonderful. I've

seen several quilts that they have done and they are fantastic. All I can say is, "Thank you girls"!

### **Trick-or-Treat** - by Jackie Groszkowski

At our August guild meeting it was decided that we would "man" a house in the Village for their annual Halloween Trick or Treat weekend. At a meeting on Thursday, we decided that the theme for the house would be Christmas in October. If you have Halloween decorations that you won't be using please keep us in mind. We'll probably be asking to borrow them. If you've never attended this activity and have young children (ages 3-12) please consider coming this year. It's a fantastically safe and fun time for the kids. We will be needing help decorating the house, probably the week before it takes place. It's scheduled for October 19 and 20. Help will also be needed those two nights giving out our treats. Hope you'll be able to help.

### **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

Jane Browne will demonstrate Applique Sticks. They are a relatively new technique for doing applique. They are especially nice for doing really nice points. I will be bringing my small quilt that was in the quilt show. It won first place in small quilt applique. It shows what the sticks are able to allow a person accomplish.

Sharon Militello is scheduled for October.

## **Papercrafting Classes** by Mary Ellen Cannon and Lori Racle

The kit fee for each class is \$15 with all supplies and necessary tools provided. 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 **September 14** class, please contact either Lori Racle or Mary Ellen Cannon no later than Friday Sept 7 so we will have your kit ready for you. Our contact information is in our guild roster.

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

Kim Guido's brother-in-law passed away  
Loretta Cadwallader has a new GREAT grandbaby.

## **Upcoming Quilt Shows**

Happy Scrappers presents Timeless Treasures on Sept 23-23 at the Union City Elementary School. Sat 10-5, Sun noon-4pm. \$3.

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

Genesee Valley Quiltfest at RIT on May 31-June 2.

Lancaster Quilt Week is March 27-30  
<https://www.lancasterquiltweek.com/>

## **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

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"

## **September Calendar of Events**

- Sept 6 - Thursday - Tea Room Quilters – 9:30am
- Sept 7 - Historic Homes at 10am in the Tea Room
- Sept 10 - Monday - Board meeting 11am at the White Linen Tea Shop
- Sept 13 - Thursday - Tea Room Quilters – 9:30am
- Sept 14 - Friday - Papercrafting at 1-3:30pm
- Sept 20 - Thurs - Applique sticks demo at 6:15
- **Sept 20** - Thurs - meeting at **7pm**
- Sept 26 - Wed - Community Service 10am-1pm
- Sept 27 - Thursday - Tea Room Quilters – 9:30am

## **Publications** - MaryAnn Krafft

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Articles to be included in the **October 2018** newsletter can be sent to [aqgnewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:aqgnewsletter@yahoo.com) by no later than **Saturday, Sept 29**, 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.

## Officers

**President** - Jackie Groszkowski  
**First Vice President** - Sue Kogler and Lori Racle  
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