



AMHERST  
QUILTERS GUILD

STITCHING OUR PAST TO OUR FUTURE

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## Upcoming Programs by Sue Kogler

This month our guest will be Peter Grace. He works for Syracuse Engineers and is a docent for walk tours for Preservation Buffalo Niagara. He will talk about Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

Lori will be collecting reservations for the December dinner. It is a sit down dinner and therefore you must make a reservation by the last meeting in November. The menu is chef salad, chicken Francaise with lemon sauce, twice baked potato casserole, green beans, dessert and coffee/tea. The cost to each of us is \$15. She will take cash or check (made out to the guild).

## Minutes of the September 20 Meeting

Submitted by Mary Carroll

The meeting opened with Susan Kogler introducing Dolores Sapienza and her daughter Anne Marie who presented a fascinating program on designer hats from the 1920's to the current trends. Starting with hats from the 1920's our models (guild members) wore designer hats from each decade. Hats were not popular in the 1970's but returned during the 1980's and 1990's (red hats). Currently hats are popular at royal functions and at the Kentucky Derby. Quilt patterns for hats are available for members to make a block on a neutral background and embellish it. These blocks will be assembled and sold at the next premier auction.

Jan Farrell moved to have the minutes from the previous meeting stand as written. Kim Guido seconded the motion.

The drawing was held for the 2018 Amherst Quilters Guild raffle quilt. Helen Slominski was the lucky winner. The Wednesday morning quilt group (Quilt til you wilt) have offered to design, assemble and quilt the 2020 raffle quilt.

The program committee has arranged for a sit down dinner for the December holiday party which will be on Dec. 13 with dinner being served at 6:30 pm. Each member who wishes to attend must make a reservation by paying Lori Racle \$15 by November 30. The entre will be Chicken Francoise. Entertainment will be provided by a quartet from the Sweet Adelines. A suggestion was made for an optional Secret Santa gift exchange (\$10 - \$15 price range).

The program for the October meeting will be a talk on architecture in

Buffalo and Niagara Falls and during November the program will be on detecting scams.

The guild has 95 members with 43 members in attendance at the current meeting.

Theresa Utz, on behalf of the Historic Homes committee, thanked everyone for their contribution of yo-yo's. They need more light-colored yo-yo's and will be meeting on Oct. 5 to work on the quilt.

Betty Zebrowski thanked everyone for their contribution of blocks for Community Service projects. Currently they need members to make ditty bags and to donate items to fill these bags. Suggested items to donate are: individually wrapped toothbrushes, Kleenex, toothpaste and other personal care items.

The card making class is continuing on the second Friday of the month. The October class will include seasonal crafts.

The next Early Bird program will feature Sharon Militello demonstrating stenciling on fabric.

The Education committee reminded everyone of Alice Donaldson's workshop which will be on Sept. 21.

The only Sunshine and Shadows for the month is good news – Jan Farrell has a new great-granddaughter.

Loretta Cadwallader reported that the nominating committee has a candidate for the Second VP position and has someone to become co-treasurer. JoAnn Castiglia will continue as a co-treasurer and do the bookkeeping. The committee is working to find a president. We should consider amending the bylaws to allow officers to succeed themselves and to be on the board for more than five years.

The Guild is decorating the interior of the church on the Museum's grounds for the Museum's Halloween trick or treating event on Oct. 19 and 20. Our theme is Christmas in October. We need four volunteers to give out treats on each day. Costumes are available or you can bring your own.

Lynne Nothum is initiating a new challenge – create your own landscape quilt. The deadline is June 2019. She had several impressive landscape quilts on display to inspire members to participate.

The meeting ended with Show and Share.

### **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. 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. It's scheduled for

October 19 and 20. Help will also be needed those two nights giving out our treats.

We will be decorating on Wednesday, Oct 17 at 10am. Hope you'll be able to help.

### **SOMETHING NEW** - by Jackie Groszkowski

After a great deal of work done by Judi Stern (Clarence Guild) a new website is up and running. It's a bit like the Quilters Consortium of New York State, but the members are all Western New York guilds. The purpose is to keep guild members apprised of the happenings in other guilds. It will include shows, classes speakers, anything that might be of interest to other guilds.

Our representative to this group is Cindy Hubacher. If you have any questions about the group please contact her.

The website is [www.wnyquiltguilds.com](http://www.wnyquiltguilds.com)

Please give it a try. (If you have trouble advancing from the Home Page click on the little lines in the upper right hand corner. That will take you to the main menu....I speak from experience.)

### **Early Bird Specials** by Mary Ellen Cannon

Sharon Militello will demonstrate stenciling on fabric.

### **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 **Oct 12** class, please contact either Lori Racle or Mary Ellen Cannon.

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

Jan Farrell has a new GREAT-granddaughter.

### **2019 Landscape Challenge** - by Lynne Nothum

Design any landscape: country, city, buildings, trees, flowers, mountains, lakes & rivers etc. It can be very simple or rather complex; modern or traditional in style. Use your imagination or check out a book in our library for inspiration. You could also base your design on a photograph.

Size: minimum of 48" total circumference and a maximum of 144".

Make a quilt, pillow or tablerunner or placemat, tote bag or purse or vest. It must be a completely finished item, not just an unquilted top.

Due Date: June 2019 meeting

### **Upcoming Quilt Shows**

**Experience FiberArt**, Julie Brandon, - "It's All Relative" **October 6 - October 20**. Fri & Sat 12-4PM Wilder Building, Ground Floor, 1 East Main St., Rochester, NY 14614

" This Is Home" **October 5 - December 7**, Rochester Contemporary Art Center, UpStairs Gallery, 137 East Ave, Rochester, NY 14604. Open during regular gallery hours.

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/>

### **Historic Homes** by Theresa Utz,

Historic Homes will meet on Friday, October 5th, in the Tea room beginning at 10:00am. We have enough yo yo's to begin working on reproducing the quilt in the Museum collection, but please keep making them, we will use them for demo projects or for ornaments for our Guild Christmas tree.

Thanks so much to all who have responded so Enthusiastically to this project.

### **Quilts for the Troops** by Betty Zebrowski

Our next delivery for the Troops will be at the beginning of December. Please get your quilts to me by the November meeting. Thank you, Quilting Angels!

### **Hospitality** by Cindy Hubacher

Kathy Tomasulo,  
Sharon Militello and  
Ricki Por will be bringing treats for the October meeting

### **Community Service** - Jackie Groszkowski & Betty Zebrowski

#### **Ditty Bag**

We'd like the finished bags to be approximately 12"x14" so if you cut them 13"x15" that should work. (Big enough to fit a coloring book although they won't all be used for children.)

Any cheerful fabric will be fine. (We will be giving these bags in December so holiday fabric would be nice.) Ditty Bags are sneaker bags just a bit smaller.

- Cut fabric approx. 30" x 15" ( a bit larger is okay)
- Fold in half and stitch each side.
- Make a casing at the top - Fold under about ¼" and press. Fold about 1" and press again. Stitch near the fold to make casing.
- Open a few stitches in one side seam or make a button hole.
- Insert a ribbon or cording through the casing. You're done.

The Community Service committee wishes to thank everyone who has saved and donated toiletries throughout the year. We will be filling the bags at our November meeting on Wednesday, Nov 21 from 10:00-until we're finished in the Steffen Building. We could use help. Also if you have any cardboard boxes that can hold about 15 ditty bags we can certainly use them. Either bring them to our October or November guild meeting or to the Community Service meeting on Nov. 21.

While we have a great deal of soap, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, we are very short on some supplies. If you'd like to help we are in need of  
Toothpaste

Toothbrushes  
Small packs of tissues  
Deodorant  
Dental floss

(The dollar store is a great place to purchase these items without spending a fortune.) If you have anything you'd like to contribute please bring it to the November guild meeting. As always the committee thanks you for all your help.

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"

## October Calendar of Events

- Oct 1 - Monday - Board meeting 10am at Wegmans on Alberta
- Oct 4 - Thursday - Tea Room Quilters – 9:30am
- Oct 5 - Historic Homes at 10am in the Tea Room
- Oct 11 - Thursday - Tea Room Quilters – 9:30am
- Oct 12 - Friday - Sewing Kit #2 at 10-12:30pm
- Oct 12 - Friday - Papercrafting at 1-3:30pm
- Oct 17 - Wed - Halloween decorating at 10am
- Oct 18 - Thurs - Stenciling on fabric demo at 6:15
- **Oct 18** - Thurs - meeting at **7pm**
- Oct 19&20 - BNHV Trick-or-Treat
- Oct 24 - Wed - PillowCase day 10am-1pm
- Oct 25 - 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](mailto:aqgnewsletter@yahoo.com)

Articles to be included in the **November 2018** newsletter can be sent to [aqgnewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:aqgnewsletter@yahoo.com) by no later than **Monday, Oct 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.

## Officers

**President** - Jackie Groszkowski

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

**Second Vice President** - Cindy Hubacher

**Secretary** - Mary Carroll

**Treasurer** - Joanne Castiglia

## Committee Chairs

**Accuquilt** - Mary Ellen Cannon and Lori Racle

**Block Lotto** - Betty Zebrowski

**Blog** - Mary Ellen Cannon

**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** - Loretta Cadwallader, Patricia Ohtake, Sharon Militello

**NYS Consortium** - Sue Kogler

**PM Quilters** - Joyce Morris

**Program** - Sue Kogler & Lori Racle

**Property** - MaryAnn Krafft

**Publishing Editor** - MaryAnn Krafft

**Quilt Show 2020** -

**Quilting Bee** - Joann O'Brien

**Quilts For Courage** - Sylvia Siegel

**Quilts For The Troops** - Betty Zebrowski

**Raffle Quilt 2018** - Natalie Masker

**Sunshine & Shadows** - Kathy Tomasulo

**Website** - Marie Buchanan



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