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QUILTERS GUILD

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## Upcoming Programs by Sue Kogler

This month we will have Karen Davis informing us of scams. There are so many of them out there that I'm sure she will enlighten us on some that we don't know. Karen is from the Attorney General's office and has spoken at other group meetings.

Lori will be collecting reservations for the December 13 Holiday 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 October 18 Meeting

Submitted by Mary Carroll

The meeting opened with Lori Racle introducing Peter Grace, a structural engineer, who gave a fascinating presentation on Buffalo's City Hall as an outstanding example of art deco architecture.

The Show and Share presentation included sewing kits which were made during the recent workshop presented by Alice Donaldson.

A motion was made by Mickey Wittliff, seconded by Lori Racle, to approve the minutes from the September meeting.

Jackie Groszkowski gave out name tags to new members. The membership number stands at 95.

Quilt bucks were given out to members who made ditty bags for Community Service. Fat quarters were given to the names chosen from the name taggers basket. The winning numbers were drawn for the items raffled to supplement the education fund.

The standing committees gave their reports. The program for the November meeting will be a talk on scams given by a representative from the district's attorney's office. The annual holiday party will be a sit down dinner on **Dec. 13 at 6:30 pm**. An optional gift exchange with a value of \$15 will be held. The January meeting will be a morning meeting (pajama party). The Historic Homes committee will meet on Nov. 2 to continue to assemble the yo-yo quilt. They will also be working on the shirt quilt. Mary Ellen reported that the card making group will continue to meet on the second Friday of the month. The Community Service committee will

have the ditty bags filled by Thanksgiving. Oct. 24 will be a service day with members making pillow cases for foster children in Jamestown. The Education Committee is sponsoring Deb Thomas for a return visit in May and a representative from Aurifil will be here for a workshop in June.

The nominating committee has recruited Sharon Militello to serve as co-treasurer with JoAnn Castiglia. Rebecca Ribis will take over as Second Vice President. No one has been recruited to take over as President. The position could be modified so two co-presidents could share the responsibilities.

In Sunshine and Shadows, Annette Meyer-Gronow is recovering from a car accident and prayers are needed for the nephew of Vicki Manning who is having heart surgery.

JoAnn Castiglia gave a treasurer's report.

The members who volunteered to staff the Church for the Museum's Trick or Treat event were reminded to dress warmly. An email will go out when we get a cleanup time.

A discussion was held on the future of the guild's website as the current site is up for renewal. At least two thirds of the members in attendance have visited the website recently. If we go to Facebook instead of maintaining a website we would not be able to download documents and we could not maintain the catalog for the library on line. A motion was made by Theresa Utz, seconded by Joyce Morris to keep the website as it currently exists. The motion passed unanimously.

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

In November we will have Sue Kogler demonstrating a method for a disappearing 9 patch variation. There will be no early bird in December because of the earlier start for the holiday dinner. The demos in the New Year are up in the air because of a lack of volunteers. Please ask members to help out by volunteering. We are a friendly audience and members seem to really enjoy the quick and easy demos.

### **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 **Nov 9** class, please contact either Lori Racle or Mary Ellen Cannon.

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

no news

## **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 table runner 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**

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, November 2nd, in the Tea room beginning at 10:00am.

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

Thank you to all the members who have participated in ditty bags, pillow cases and Quilts for the Troops. If you have anything to bring for these, please bring to the November meeting. We will be giving them all out soon.

## **Hospitality** by Cindy Hubacher

Pat McDonald and Betty Z. will be bringing treats.

## **SNOW CLOSING**

In case of inclement weather please listen to Channel 2 for meeting cancellations. Obviously if the museum is closed any activity we have scheduled will be cancelled. However, if the board feels that traveling to a meeting would be too dangerous (and the museum remains open) we will cancel the meeting. It will be announced only on Channel 2.

### **Deliveries, Deliveries** - Jackie Groszkowski

In the middle of October a delivery of 9 quilts, 7 pillowcases and 3 walker bags was made to Terrace View Manor. We received a lovely thank you note from Michele Samuel the Director of Recreational Activities.

On October 24, 11 of our members got together to work on pillowcases which will be given to needy children at a Christmas party in Jamestown. We completed 34 cases which Natalie Masker delivered to Patchwork Garden. They will send them to Jamestown for the party. If you are still working on pillowcases please bring them to our November meeting. Patchwork Garden will be accepting them until the end of November. A big thank you to all who participated in the pillowcase making event.

### **Community Service** - Jackie Groszkowski

#### **A CHANGE OF PLANS**

At the last guild meeting I announced that we would be filling ditty bags the day before Thanksgiving. After a lot of thought the date is being changed to the following Wednesday, November 28...10:00 until we're finished. We'll still be working in the Steffen building.

On Wednesday, November 21 (the day before Thanksgiving) Community Service will be meeting as usual. If you can make it we will be sorting the supplies that have been donated for the ditty bags before we work on any quilts. (As usual in Steffen at 10:00.) Hope you can make it. We certainly can use the help.

#### **DITTY BAG SUPPLIES**

Last year we started filling a few ditty bags for children. This proved to be very successful and we've decided to continue again this year. Anything that you think is appropriate for a child is fine. We can tag the bags to differentiate those for boys/girls. Here are some suggestions:

coloring books

crayons

colored pencils

pad of construction paper

pencils/sharpener

socks

candy/gum

glue stick

tape

stickers

Obviously we don't expect you to supply all of these items, but just one or two will help a lot. Thanks for your generosity.

## November Calendar of Events

- Nov 1 - Thursday - Tea Room Quilters – 9:30am
- Nov 2 - Friday - Historic Homes at 10am in the Tea Room
- Nov 5 - Monday - Board meeting 10am at Wegmans on Alberta
- Nov 8 - Thursday - Tea Room Quilters – 9:30am
- Nov 9 - Friday - Papercrafting at 1-3:30pm
- **Nov 15** - Thurs - meeting at **7pm**
- Nov 21 - Wed - Community service 10am-1pm
- Nov 28 - Wed - filling the ditty bags 10am- ???
- Nov 29 - 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 **December 2018** newsletter can be sent to

[aqgnewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:aqgnewsletter@yahoo.com) by no later than **Thursday, Nov 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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