



AMHERST
QUILTERS GUILD

STITCHING OUR PAST TO OUR FUTURE

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Upcoming Programs by Sue Kogler

Last month, we hope you learned a great deal from Karen Davis regarding scams. (Did you run your credit report? <https://www.annualcreditreport.com/index.action>)

Now, this month, we can relax and enjoy a sit-down holiday dinner provided by Golden Parachute at **6:30**. Reservations are complete. There will be musical entertainment by " Why? Why not?". Please take note - Thursday, December 13 - dinner will be served at 6:30, so please come early. Coffee and tea will be provided, but if you would like something a little more adult, please feel free.

If you would like to participate in a gift exchange, please bring a wrapped, anonymous gift with a value of \$10-\$15.

February is our annual Guild Bucks Auction. Please start collecting items for the auction. Clean out your shelves and stash! Any sewing, quilt or craft related items are welcome. Just no magazines! Fabric, yarn, books, notions, unfinished projects and kits, we'll take it all. You can start bringing in items to the Holiday Party and to January morning meeting.

Minutes of the November 15 Meeting

Submitted by Mary Carroll

Susan Kogler opened the meeting by introducing Karen Davis from the Attorney General's office who gave a fascinating presentation on the duties of her agency which is involved in controlling business crime, consumer issues and mediation of consumer complaints. Ms.Davis encouraged all members to check their credit reports. A

packet of information from the Attorney General's office was given to each member in attendance.

After a brief intermission and Show and Share, Joyce Morris made a motion to accept the minutes from the October meeting. The motion was seconded by Betty Mott and passed unanimously.

Lori announced that the paper crafting class for December is at capacity.

We had more Shadows than Sunshine. Sue McNess's sister Betty Strom is not doing well and could use your prayers. Theresa Utz lost a niece. Lori Racle's granddaughter is being married this month.

The deadline for reservations for the guild's holiday dinner in December is Nov. 30. Dinner will be served at 6:30. We will have an optional gift exchange. Those who participate should bring a wrapped gift with a value of \$15.

A lengthy discussion followed on the issue of finding someone to become president of the guild. Natalie Masker volunteered to take over the position provided the board meetings will be at her home. Jackie Groszkowski encouraged everyone to support Natalie.

The secretary submitted the slate of new officers for approval: Natalie Masker as President; Rebecca Ribis as Second Vice President; and Sharon Militello as co-treasurer. The slate was elected unanimously.

Jackie is requesting a member to volunteer to post the guild's activities on the guild's Facebook page.

Early Bird Specials by Mary Ellen Cannon

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 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 **Dec 14** class is at capacity.

Sunshine & Shadow - by Kathy Tomasulo

Sue McNess's sister Betty Strom is not doing well and could use your prayers.

Theresa Utz lost a niece.

Lori Racle's granddaughter was married on Nov 24 at her home.

Historic Homes by Theresa Utz,
Historic Homes will NOT meet in December.

CONSORTIUM

I'm delighted to inform you that Pam Pandolfi has volunteered to represent our guild at the Quilt Consortium of New York State. She is replacing Susan Kogler and Lori Racle. The Consortium meetings are held in various locations around the state four times each year. If anyone is interested in accompanying Pam to a future meeting please contact her.

END OF THE YEAR REPORTS

It's that time of the year again. I'm asking anyone who has chaired a committee to submit a report on that committee's activities this past year. It doesn't have to be lengthy. Several sentences will do. 50 Quilt Bucks will be given to each person who submits a report.

Community Service by Betty Zebrowski

Community Service Committee would like to thank every one who made a block, a ditty bag, walker bag, pillow case, or a little dress; whether you made one or 100, thank you.

Thank you to all the pieces, quilters, kit finishers and binders. Thank you to all who donated items for the ditty bags. Your generosity with your time and talent is greatly appreciated.

If you haven't been active in community service.....there's always next year.

Our donation report will be in next month's newsletter for you to see.

Thank you, Quilting Angels! Happy Holiday Season!

Block of the Month by Betty Zebrowski

'Pecking Order' Block from Missouri Star Quilt Co. **for January 2019**

Quilters...this is the easiest block ever! For every two blocks you make you will receive 5 bucks. For 16 blocks (stitched together) you will receive **50 bucks!** (Pattern handout has wrong amount 25 bucks)

For each block you need.

One 5" x 5" square. White solid or white tone on tone—no color

One 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" square. Medium to dark solid or print

On the reverse side of the small square, draw a line from corner to corner once on diagonal. Or press line.

Place marked square on 5 x 5" square. Sew on the line. You may trim the excess 1/4" away from the sewn seam. Please leave the 5" square in tack.

You're done with one. Why not chain a bunch!
THANK YOU! Questions to Betty Z.



Deliveries, Deliveries - Natalie Masker

70 pillowcases were delivered to Patchwork Garden for Jamestown Lions Club children's Christmas party. Thank you ladies!!

Ditty Bags

On November 28, seven intrepid guild members braved the weather to reach the museum in order to fill our ditty bags. Thanks to a huge donation from the 716 Chapter of NYS Women Inc. which was arranged by Debbie Finnegan we had more supplies than ever before. When we were finished we had 88 bags for women and 40 bags especially for children. That is more than we have ever donated in the past. As usual the bags are being donated to Cornerstone

Manor, the women and children's branch of City Mission. A huge THANK YOU goes out to Debbie and her group and to all the guild members who donated so generously.

Lunch with Girlfriends - by Kathy O'Malley

Elaine's vertigo has never been worse
Kay can't recall where she left her purse
Rhonda's about to replace her knees
Linda's breathing is tinged with a wheeze

Donna's left boob has a troublesome lump
Diane's on her third trip to take a dump
Lorraine's husband can't remember a thing
Nine years a widow, Marge still wears her ring

Marlene is dealing with another UTI
Sally's giving a hearing aid another try
Marie has decided she can't drive at night
Sharon still wears clothes two sizes too tight

They've been through divorces and babies and wakes
They do for each other whatever it takes
They've already buried Marcia and Kate
And truthfully, Lizzie's not looking so great

So whenever they can, they get out to eat
Open bottles of wine and forget their sore feet
There's laughing and crying and letting down guards
And when the bill comes, there's ten credit cards

So here's to the waiters who keep orders straight
And to the places that let lunches run three hours late
And here's to the girlfriends, those near and those far
Here's to the girlfriends, you know who you are!!!

December Calendar of Events

- Dec 3 - Monday - Board meeting 10am at Wegmans on Alberta
- Dec 6 - Thursday - Tea Room Quilters – 9:30am
- Dec 14 - Friday - Papercrafting at 1-3:30pm
- **Dec 13** - Thurs - dinner meeting at **6:30pm**

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 **January 2019** newsletter can be sent to aqgnewsletter@yahoo.com by no later than **Saturday, Dec 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 - Pam Pandolfi

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 2020 - Quilt Til You Wilt Group

Sunshine & Shadows - Kathy Tomasulo

Website - Marie Buchanan



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