



AMHERST
QUILTERS GUILD

STITCHING OUR PAST TO OUR FUTURE

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Upcoming Programs

January's meeting is being held at **10 am**. This is a good opportunity for those of us who do not like driving in the dark. There will be a craft project but all materials will be provided. Just bring yourself and prepare to have fun.

February is our annual Guild Bucks Auction. You can still bring things for the auction to the January meeting. A new year...time to clean out what you no longer use nor want.

Minutes of the December 16 Meeting

Submitted by Mary Carroll

President Jackie Groszkowski opened the meeting by thanking Susan Kogler and Lori Racle for arranging the delicious holiday dinner and entertainment.

JoAnn Castiglia gave a treasurer's report and distributed copies of the proposed 2019 budget for the members to read. Susan Kogler moved to accept the budget which was seconded by Loretta Cadwallader and passed unanimously by the members.

Theresa Utz displayed the completed redwork quilt made by the Historic Homes committee. Nicole, a representative from the museum accepted the quilt which will be part of the BNHV. The yo-yo quilt is almost complete. The next Historic Homes meeting will be on the first Friday in January.

The January meeting will be a daytime meeting commencing at

10:00 am on January 17th. Lori Racle and Mary Ellen Cannon have scheduled a make and take paper craft project. In February we will hold our annual quilt bucks auction. Donations of sewing, quilting and craft items are being accepted.

Members who frequently attend the meetings were rewarded with quilt bucks.

Sylvia Siegal volunteered to upgrade the guild's postings and coordinate future postings on the guild's Facebook page. She will contact Maria for the password.

Linda Hunter presided over the installation of the following officers: Natalie Masker will serve as President; Rebecca Ribis will be the Second Vice President (Membership); and Sharon Militello will serve as Treasurer.

Susan Kogler presented Jackie Groszkowski, the retiring President, with a box of six inch blocks made by the members as a thank you for Jackie's dedicated service to the guild.

The meeting adjourned and the members opened their presents from the Silent Santa gift exchange.

New Officers

Linda Hunter installed our new officers - Natalie Masker as President, Rebecca Ribis as Second Vice President and Sharon Militello as co-Treasurer.

Sylvia has agreed to keep our FaceBook page up-to-date. We are in need of someone to take over the Education program. Two classes are already set for 2019, one in May and 1 in June. Let Natalie know if you are interested,

Annual Guild Bucks Auction

The Guild Buck auction will take place at our February meeting.

Donations are needed at the January meeting. The scope of donations has been expanded to include home decorations, household items, novels, along with usual quilting and craft items, including fabric, kits, patterns, notions, knitting, all crafting items, books, (no quilt magazines).

Donations can be brought in to January daytime meeting or January Community service meeting or Thursday mornings 10-11:30 to Tea Room Quilters. Guild bucks given for donations. Last chance to earn those precious Guild Bucks!

Membership

If you haven't renewed your membership, please send it to the museum. \$30 for seniors and \$35 for the rest of us.

Thank you

As my presidency draws to a close I have to thank everyone for making my term of office so easy. I'm glad to say that the past 2 1/2 years went quite smoothly. I couldn't have done it without your help. Whenever I asked for help someone was always there ready to volunteer. I can honestly say that I enjoyed being your president.

I thank you also for the fabulous quilt blocks that you made for me (and yes, I'm waiting for the "stragglers" to come in just as I've been asked to). I have one suggestion, in the future when you made a block for the out-going president please sign it. Most of mine aren't signed. I wish they were so I'd know who they came from. Again, from the bottom of my heart, thank you all for everything!

Most sincerely,
Jackie

Early Bird Specials - by Mary Ellen Cannon

Hello all. Our early bird specials have been quite popular. We'll not be having one in January because of the time change to a day time meeting. Tentatively we have Sue Kogler doing a crazy 9 patch for the February demo. Following that we need some volunteers to present demos. If you received a new tool or a new book this season how about showing it to the rest of us? Even if you haven't used it yet, we all like to see the new stuff. Maybe someone else in the group will have used it and can offer some thoughts. Come on now - no volunteers = no demos.

Community Service by Betty Zebrowski .

Don't forget to make blocks for January. Get some additional bucks for our annual auction. Here's the pattern:

'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!**

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 intact.

You're done with one. Why not chain a bunch!



Community Service 2018 Report by Betty Zebrowski .

The members of the Amherst Quilters Guild have continued their commitment to the community in 2018 with our usual strong commitment.

Quilts for the Troops - **22** quilts were delivered to the Air Base in Niagara Falls.

Quilts for Courage - There are presently **54** quilts for Sylvia Siegel to deliver in the spring 2019.

Terrace View Manor - **8** quilts were delivered in 2018.

Little Dresses - Theresa Utz made **40** dresses. **50** were donated thru St John's Little Dress Makers to Operation Serve in Mexico.

Pillowcase - **70** pillowcases were given to Patchwork Garden for Jamestown Lion's Club children's Christmas party.

Ditty bags - **yearly total -177**

January 2018 - 49 filled ditty bags were delivered to Cornerstone Manor.

November 2018 - 88 ditty bags for women and 40 for children were delivered to Cornerstone Manor. A special thank you to Debbie Finnegan and the 716 Chapter of WNY Women, Inc for their huge donation.

Buck a block - total of **154** blocks were made.

Thank you to all our Quilting Angels!

Goals for 2019...

Have more members attend our community service meetings for a first time or have first timers make a block, a quilt or any other donation.

Continue to record all our donations in the Community Service book. Please try to comply. We want to record your generosity and community good will.

Sunshine & Shadow - by Kathy Tomasulo

Lori Racle has a new great-granddaughter named Scarlet.

Theresa Utz is the proud great grandmother to Charles born on December 4.

There's Utz's niece, Sarah Griffin, passed away in November.

Loretta Cadwallader's granddaughter received early acceptance to Cornell University in the veterinary medicine program.

January Calendar of Events

- Jan 3 - Thursday - Tea Room Quilters – 10am in the Tea Room
- Jan 4 - Friday - Historic Homes at 10am in the Tea Room
- Jan 7 - Monday - Board meeting - 10:30 at Natalie's Home
- Jan 10 - Thursday - Tea Room Quilters – 10am in the Tea Room
- Jan 11- Friday - Papercrafting at 1-3:30p
- **Jan 17 - Thursday - morning Guild meeting at 10am**

- Jan 23 - Community Service from 10am-1pm in Steffen
- Jan 24 - Thursday - Tea Room Quilters – 10am in the Tea Room
- Jan 31 - Thursday - Tea Room Quilters – 10am in the Tea Room

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 **February 2019** newsletter can be sent to aqgnewsletter@yahoo.com by no later than **Tue, Jan 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 - Natalie Masker

First Vice President - Sue Kogler and Lori Racle

Second Vice President - Rebecca Ribis

Secretary - Mary Carroll

Treasurer - Sharon Militello & 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
Facebook - Sylvia Siegel
Guild Bucks - Rebecca Ribis
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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