



AMHERST  
QUILTERS GUILD

STITCHING OUR PAST TO OUR FUTURE

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## Upcoming Programs

We hope you enjoyed our birthday party and all the hats that Delores shared with us. She is really fun!

At the April meeting we will be sharing. Many of us ponder what to do with a project. When we began it, we loved it but something went wrong. Now it is stashed away (UFO). Bring in your UFOs in any state of completion. We will all give ideas to move it along. Maybe it needs to be turned into table runners, or needs new sashing, a different border, Let's share.

At this meeting you will have a chance to sign up for the May and June classes. May is a Debbie Thomas presentation at the Thursday night meeting with a class the next day. June is Karen Miller from Redbird Quilt Co. She will do a presentation at the Thursday meeting and a class on Free motion machine quilting (on your own machine). Bring a check to the APRIL meeting to sign up for classes.

We will have another Fabric Sale in November to raise more funds for education. Start sorting your fabric. We will sell yardage (please measure and label using safety pins) and fat quarters. We will start collecting in Sept. We need a volunteer to coordinate sale.

## Education News

**May 16** meeting will be a trunk show by Debbie Thomas. The LeMoyne Star class will be on Deb Tucker's Crown Jewels pattern and taught by Debbie Thomas, a certified Deb Tucker teacher will be on Friday May 17, 10 - 3:30. Sign ups begin at March meeting. Class cost is \$30 for members which includes pattern, and if you need the ruler it will be

available from teacher at \$29.25 plus tax.



Finished Quilt Size 38" x 38"

The **June 20** meeting will be an Aurifil lecture won by Lori Racle at Consortium. It is for members only and there will be free handouts. Fri. June 21 Karen Miller, the teacher, will give a free-motion quilting class, 10-3:30. The cost will be \$30. Sign ups for class begins at April meeting.

## Minutes of the February 21 Meeting

Submitted by Mary Carroll

Lori Racle opened the meeting by encouraging the members to go to the tables to get appetizers and desserts to celebrate our anniversary. President Natalie Masker opened the business meeting with Jan Farrell making a motion to accept the minutes from the February meeting as written. Mary Dixon seconded the motion and they were approved. The following committees gave their reports:

- Rebecca Ribis, membership chair, reminded everyone to pay their dues and to verify their address and phone number for the new directory. Each member will be listed under their zip code.
- Susan Kogler announced the program for April which will involve member participation. The members will bring in their UFO's or any project which has them puzzled about design, fabric or color and will receive suggestions from the other members. Each project will be analyzed by many "new eyes".

- The Community Service report was given by Jackie Groszkowski. Betty Zebrowski is doing well. Her husband Paul is still in Intensive Care and is finally able to get out of bed. The memorial service for Bette Mott will be on Saturday at 11:00 at the United Methodist Church in N. Tonawanda. Jackie thanked the members for submitting blocks. During April we will do more kite, flower or rail fence blocks. Betty prepared five kits for members to complete at home. The next Community Service meeting is next Wednesday.
- Historic Homes meets on the first Friday of the month at 10 am. They are making headway on the Yo-Yo quilt and are working on the men's shirt quilt.
- Lynne Northum announced that the challenge quilt is a landscape quilt and is due at the June meeting. The members will vote on their favorite entry.
- Annette Meyer-Grunow gave this evening's Early Bird Special on using octagons in quilting. Next month Susan Kogler will give a presentation on a special disappearing nine patch quilt pattern. We need volunteers for future presentations.
- We need a volunteer to chair the 2020 quilt show.

Natalie announced the following upcoming events: The Lace Guild will hold their annual seminar on June 1 & 2. Reminders will not be sent out but details are on their website.

- The Aurora Sewing Center is holding a class on the Accuquilt.
- The Maple Fest weekend at the museum is on March 30 & 31. A clip board is being circulated for members to sign up to demonstrate quilting and/or to vend their work.
- Signup for the LeMoyne Star workshop on May 17 continues. The cost is \$30 and the workshop is being subsidized by funds set aside for education.
- Signup for the machine quilting workshop in June will begin in April. The cost will also be \$30.

Pam Pandolphi reported on the NYS Quilters Consortium. They are sponsoring a bus trip to Quilt Canada in Ottawa on June 13–15. Updated information will be available on their website. They are seeking quilters to do demos during their best of NYS quilt show in September. Their Wee Little Quilts (10 x 10 inches) project is raising money for their scholarship fund. Each quilt sells for \$10. Passports are available from Pam for \$5. The Still Crazy Quilt challenge is due by June 1.

The quilt bucks auction is being changed and will be held at the July meeting in 2020 so more members can attend. A fabric (yardage and fat quarters) sale will be held this November with the profits going to the education fund.

Only Rebecca Ribis, the membership chair, can print and distribute quilt bucks.

The Vice Presidents and the Secretary positions expire at the end of

this year. The current secretary has volunteered to serve another term. The current bylaws do not allow officers to succeed themselves so Linda Hunter and Jan Farrell will work on an update to the bylaws.

Instead of making round robin quilts, the guild members have an opportunity to make mystery quilts. The members will work individually but all will have the same pattern. Each member participating will pay \$6 for the program. Jackie Groszkowski has volunteered to distribute the patterns each month. The members present decided that we should make lap size quilts using ten or less fabrics over a period of 6 months. The starting date and specific pattern will be decided at a later date.

Susan Kogler introduced Dolores Sapienza, who, along with her niece Liz presented an interesting and entertaining program of her vintage spring hat collection. The hats were worn by striking models from the guild.

## Bylaws update

Linda Hunter has been asked to chair a committee to re-visit our Constitution/By-laws to enable officers to succeed themselves in office. Jan and Kim have graciously offered to be on this committee. If anyone else in the guild would like to join this committee please contact Linda: [hunterlj@roadrunner.com](mailto:hunterlj@roadrunner.com).

## Early Bird Specials - by Mary Ellen Cannon

For April we will have Sue Kogler presenting a demo about the crazy nine patch block.

## Block Lotto by Jackie Groszkowski

### Four Piece Rail Fence

Fabric: Four (4) kids prints or anything bright

Cut: Each of the four fabrics 2 ½" by width of fabric

Sew: The four strips together using a SCANT 1/4"

Press: In one direction

Cut into four (4) 8 ½" x 9" blocks

Note: Since I was making many blocks, I cut my 2 ½" strips into 9" segments before stitching. This way there were many different blocks. Do NOT square up the blocks. Please be careful with 1/4" seam allowances or cut strips 2 5/8". They need to measure 8 1/2".

## **Community Service** by Betty Zebrowski

We are very sad to lose one of our committee's Quilting Angels. Bette Mott has been a very hard working member since she join our guild. She always said, "okay, what do you want me to take home" with a certain smile on her face. Thank you Bette for all the smiles you have given our quilt recipients. Rest in God's peace sweet friend!

Thank you everyone for lots of blocks and quilts turned in in March. And for all those quilt kits taken!

Psst.....Community service will be challenging you in June...more to follow.

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

Our fellow guild member and friend Bette Motte passed away.

Jeanette Rogers had surgery she is home and recovering

Betty Zebrowski's husband is on the mend and he is finally in rehab!  
A personal note: thank you for all the cards and prayers for my Husband.  
xo Betty z

Pam Pandolphi will be teaching two classes at the AQS Quilt Show in Paducah this month. Congrats!

## **MarketPlace** - a place where we can buy & sell our excess items

For Sale- Janome 6600P sewing machine- contact Natalie Masker

## **Quilt Show 2020**

It's only a year away and we need a name for our quilt show .... do you have any ideas?

## **Mystery Quilt**

We are going to do a mystery quilt designed by Debbie Caffrey. It will be a lap size and take about 6 months. Jackie G. will pass out monthly directions. Cost is \$6 for the entire program. Sign up and payment will be in April and first directions handed out in May.

## **Consortium** - by Pam Pandolfi

The QCNYS meeting was Wednesday, May 20 in Waverly, NY hosted by the Endless Mountain Quilt Guild.

1. QCNYS Bus Trip to Canada, Ottawa in June 13-15. They will be stop at various towns to pick up attendees. If anyone is interested please contact me for more information. [http:// https://www.qcnys.org/bus\\_2019.htm](https://www.qcnys.org/bus_2019.htm).

2. Best of New York State Quilt Show will be held on September 20 & 21 hosted by the Grape Country Quilters at Watson Homestead.

- They are looking for volunteers to help during the show
- There is a call for people to do a 15-30 minute Demo

3. Call for Wee Little Quilts: Anyone can make one:  
signed with a 2" sleeve only 10" x 10"

- All proceeds benefit the QCNYS Scholarship Fund
- They will be sold for \$10 each

4. Passports are here! They are only \$5 each. The first shows are:

- April 26-28 by the Elmira Piecemakers
- April 27-28 by the Common Threads Quilters

5. Still Crazy Quilt Challenge - 24" x 24" - Due June 1

For more information, please go to [QCNYS.org](http://www.qcnys.org) or contact me at 716-430-8028.

## **Upcoming Quilt Shows**

Twin Cities Quilters Guild presents Every Quilt has a Story at the Wheatfield Community Center, 2790 Church Street, Wheatfield, NY 14120. **Saturday, April 6** (9am-5pm) & **Sunday April 7** (10am-4pm).

Clarence Log Cabin Quilters presents Cabin Fever at the Clarence Town Park Clubhouse, 10405 Main St, Clarence, NY. **Friday & Saturday April 12-13** (10am-5pm) & **Sunday April 14** (11am-3pm).

Lace Guild is holding its annual seminar June 1 & 2.

## April Calendar of Events

- Apr 1 - Mon - Board meeting - 10:30 at Natalie's House
- Apr 3 - Wed - Quilt-Til-U-Wilt - 10am - 2pm
- Apr 4 - Thurs - Tea Room Quilters – 10am in the Tea Room
- Apr 5 - Fri - Historic Homes at 10am in the Tea Room
- Apr 10 - Wed - Quilt-Til-U-Wilt - 10am - 2pm
- Apr 11 - Thurs - Tea Room Quilters – 10am in the Tea Room
- Apr 12 - Fri - Papercrafting at 1-3:30p
- Apr 17 - Wed - Quilt-Til-U-Wilt - 10am - 2pm
- Apr 18 - Thurs - Sue Kogler demos at 6:15
- **Apr 18** - Thurs - **meeting** at 7pm
- Apr 24 - Wed - Quilt-Til-U-Wilt - 10am - 2pm
- Apr 24 - Wed - Community Service from 10am-1pm in Steffen
- Apr 25 - Thurs - 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:

[ma.krafft@yahoo.com](mailto:ma.krafft@yahoo.com)

Articles to be included in the **May 2019** newsletter can be sent to

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