



AMHERST  
QUILTERS GUILD

STITCHING OUR PAST TO OUR FUTURE

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## Upcoming Programs

**November 21** is our BIG fabric sale. Tell everyone you know. The sale will be held in Steffen at 7 pm. We accept real hard cash (not quilt bucks) or checks payable to the guild. Invite friends, members of other guilds, people in any of your quilt classes or sewing groups, any quilters or sewers you know. Everyone is invited.

At the November meeting, we will be taking reservations for the December Holiday dinner. The cost is \$25. and we will take cash or check payable to the guild. You must have your reservation to us before December 3rd.

**December 19** meeting, will be a dinner at Sean Patrick's restaurant on Millersport Highway. Dinner will be served at 6:30. Cocktails may be purchased by you before the meal.

Dinner includes soup and salad, green beans, parsley-buttered potatoes, rolls and butter, ice cream with topping, and coffee or tea. You need to choose your entree (at the time you make the reservation)

choose: chicken piccata  
roast pork loin  
grilled salmon

**Jan.16** Rachel will be discussing quilts owned by the museum. Meeting at **10am**.

## Minutes of the October Meeting

Submitted by Mary Carroll

Susan Kogler opened the meeting in the Prohibition Room with a report on the health of Natalie Masker, our president. Susan introduced Jackie Groszkowski who will fill in as president until Natalie is able to return.

Lori Racle introduced Peter Grace, who presented "The Rest of the Story." Mr. Grace continued with a description and slide show of architectural wonders in downtown Buffalo.

After a break, Jackie opened the business meeting with Cindy Hubacher making a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as published. Lori seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Cindy Hubacher requested volunteers to come to the November meeting early (3 pm) to sort the donated fabric for the fabric sale. Jackie and Lori will be the cashiers for the sale which will raise funds for the education fund. The donated yardage must be measured and labels must

be attached with safety pins.

The December 19 meeting will be a sit-down dinner at Sean Patrick's at 6:30pm. The price will be \$25 per person. We have a minimum quota of 35 people with a reservation deadline of Dec.3<sup>rd</sup>.

Jackie presented the slate of officers to be elected for the 2020–2022 term. The Vice Presidents for Programs will be: Rebecca Ribis, Linda Hunter, Kim Guido and Pam Pandolfi. The current Vice President for Membership opening is for one year.

The Community Service committee will be stuffing ditty bags which will be given to the residents of Cornerstone Manor in December. We have supplies for the contents of the bags but need ditty bags. Additional bags will be given to the children in Cornerstone Manor. Since these bags will contain coloring books the bags should be 9 x 12 inches. Directions for making the bags will be sent out via email.

Theresa Utz reported that Historic Homes will continue to work on their yo-yo quilt. A new quilt will not be started until the new director of the museum chooses a design.

The January 16 meeting will be a day time meeting and will be held in the Ball Room at **10am**. The museum staff will display their quilts and this meeting will be open to the public.

The museum will send notices directly to the guild members for payment of dues for the next year.

Mary Ann Krafft has filled all of the committee chair positions for the 2020 quilt show.

Betty Zebrowski will be taking donated quilts to the Air Force base during the last week in November. She would like to receive a few more quilts.

### **Early Bird Special** by MaryEllen Cannon

Reminder that we are on a 2 month hiatus due to the fabric sale and off site holiday party. Jackie G. will be demo-ing in January—how to layer your quilt using pool noodles. In February Mary Ellen will show a trick for getting nice mitered bindings on any unusual quilt corner—120 degree or 135 degrees no problem!

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

Louise Metz a long-time AQQ member passed away on October 1.

### **Sunshine & Shadow** - by Linda Hunter

Natalie Masker, our beloved president, has been going through an amazing number of health issues since September 13th. She has Endocarditis, which is "vegetation on her heart valves". Two valves are involved. She has had a systemic blood infection, which is now under control with strong antibiotics. This infection has led to small strokes, which have not shown visible injury. She still has some bleeding in her brain, but it is not considered life threatening. The infection has also created problems with her eyesight, "floaters" which should dissipate over time. She has been experiencing headaches throughout this illness. On 10/30 or 10/31 the plan is for her to undergo open heart surgery to replace the heart valves involved. There will be continued hospitalization and more rehab after this. Please keep her in your prayers. She would love to receive cards. Please send them to her home address. Her husband can bring them to her, wherever she is.

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

Last chance to add a quilt for 2019 delivery. Please bring your finished quilt to the November meeting. Thank you!!

### **Community Service** by Jackie Groszkowski

At the beginning of October, 16 quilts and three pillowcases were delivered to Terrace View Manor (formerly called the Erie County Home). The cheerful colors and designs will surely brighten the residents' rooms.

### **Block of the Month - Ditty Bags** - by Jackie Groszkowski

The Ditty Bags do NOT have to be a specific size. These directions are simply suggestions.

Any cheerful fabric will be fine. We'll be giving them at the beginning of December so if you have any holiday fabric that you don't really want that would be perfect.

Ditty Bags are sneaker bags just a bit smaller.

Cut fabric approx. 12" x 28"

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.

Insert a ribbon or cording through the casing. You're done.  
If you'd rather make a small button hole to feed the cording through the casing that's fine.

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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 Wed, **Nov. 27 from 10am-1pm** 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 November guild meeting or to the Community Service meeting on Nov. 27

While we have a great deal of soap, shampoo, conditioner and body lotion, we are very short on some supplies. If you'd like to help we are in need of Toothpaste, combs, small packs of tissues, Deodorant, Dental floss, Razors, mouth wash, socks. (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.  
Jackie G.

## Upcoming Events

Quilts at the Kenan - Nov 1-3 <http://www.kenanquiltersguild.org/biennial-quilt-show.html>

Mark your calendars - The Amherst Quilters will be holding a fabric sale on **November 21 at 7pm**. Yardage will be selling for the low-low price of ONLY \$3 per yard and fat quarters for \$1. This is a great way to build up your stash. Bring a tote bag or two and plenty of cash (they will also take checks). See you at the Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village (formerly called the Amherst Museum) at 3755 Tonawanda Creek Rd, Amherst, NY. Please share this news with all your quilting friends.

## November Calendar of Events

- Nov 1 - Fri - Historic Homes - 10am in the Tea Room
- Nov 4 - Mon - Board meeting - **10am at Wegmans** on Alberta Dr
- Nov 6 - Wed - Quilt-Til-U-Wilt - 10am - 2pm in Large Steffen
- Nov 7 - Thurs - Tea Room Quilters – 10am in the Tea Room
- Nov 8 - Fri - Papercrafting at 1-3:30pm in the Tea Room
- Nov 13 - Wed - Quilt-Til-U-Wilt - 10am - 2pm in small Steffen

- Nov 14 - Thur - Tea Room Quilters – 10am in the Tea Room
- Nov 20 - Wed - Quilt-Til-U-Wilt - 10am - 2pm in Large Steffen
- Nov 21 - Thurs - **fabric sale at 7pm in Steffen**
- Nov 27 - Wed - Community Service from 10am-1pm in Steffen

## 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** - Jackie Groszkowski

**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** -

**NYS Consortium** - Pam Pandolfi

**Program** - Sue Kogler & Lori Racle

**Property** - MaryAnn Krafft

**Publishing Editor** - MaryAnn Krafft

**Quilt Show 2020** - MaryAnn Krafft & Lori Racle

**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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