



AMHERST  
QUILTERS GUILD

STITCHING OUR PAST TO OUR FUTURE

[amherstquiltersguild.org](http://amherstquiltersguild.org)

## Upcoming Programs

**Feb 20** - The Quilt Til You Wilt Group will unveil the Raffle Quilt. They will discuss their group and the challenges they had in choosing a pattern, the colors, etc.

Members will be introduced to paper piecing and will have a chance to try their hand at making a small heart.

If you attempted the Mystery Quilt, bring it for Show and Share.

**March 19<sup>th</sup>** - Birthday Party reminder! Our Guild birthday party will be held at 6:00. The cost to members is \$5, payable to Kim Guido, by the 1<sup>st</sup> of March. Back by popular demand, is a yummy soup and salad dinner, provided by Panera. Water, coffee, tea, rolls and butter, and, of course, birthday cake, will also be provided. Please join us for our celebration dinner. Also, please bring a cup or glass for your beverages, and a bowl for soup (If you would like to bring an adult beverage, like wine, for your table, feel free!) See you in March.

Linda Hunter will give a brief history of the guild.

We will give BIG THANK YOUS to members who have volunteered the past year.

We are asking members to bring a quilt to the party. In keeping with the Birthday Theme, bring the oldest quilt you have that means something to you. It can be one you made or one you purchased / were gifted.

Bring a quilt that tells a story or that has a history.

## Minutes of the January Meeting

Submitted by Mary Carroll

The meeting opened with Jackie Groszkowski welcoming all members and guests to our meeting at 10 am at the BNHV.

Jan Farrell moved to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as published. Sue Teetsel seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

The program committee announced their plans for the upcoming meetings. The Quilt-til-You-Wilt group will present the raffle quilt at the

February meeting and will give us a story about the design and construction of the quilt. We will also have an unveiling of the mystery quilts (tops and/or completed quilts) made by the members. During March we will celebrate our anniversary with a soup and salad dinner complete with cake. Each member needs to sign up for the event and pay \$5. Kim Guido is taking the reservations and has a March 1 deadline. She is recommending that each member bring their own soup bowl and coffee cup.

Betty Lerner, membership chair, is working on a master membership sheet. Most members are renewing their membership during January. The dues for the year are \$35 or \$30 for senior citizens payable to the museum.

MaryAnn Krafft is holding a meeting after the guild meeting for all committee chairs working on the upcoming quilt show. Kim Guido is requesting donations for the Premier Raffle. Forms are available for items to be sold in the boutique during the show. Members will receive the full sale price.

The Community Service committee will meet next Wednesday morning. New members are encouraged and welcome to join the group in making charity quilts. A new block of the month pattern and kits are available. Loretta Cadwallader is requesting members to sign up to work during the upcoming quilt show. We will also need trifold handouts about our guild to encourage membership.

After Show and Share, Rachel Ravago and Linda Hunter presented an interesting program on some of the quilts which have been donated to the museum but are not on display. The bicentennial quilt made during the early years of the guild was featured.

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

Still looking for volunteers to do demos—what quilting thing did you get for Christmas that you could show us or demo? New book? new ruler? new gadget? How would you feel about a theme night—like gadget night—everybody bring your favorite gadget and tell us what it's good for.

The early bird demos will be in a new location going forward. The tea room is no longer available to us due to 2 additional museum groups needing meeting space on guild night. Our early bird demos will be in the smaller "half" of the main room. The dividing door will be closed to give us cozier guild meetings, and to create another meeting space.

February: Mary Ellen Cannon will show her best trick for getting nice miters when binding any corner of your projects, including odd ball corners like 75 or 130 degrees

March: no demo because of quilt show meetings

April: no demo because of quilt show preview party

May: Betty Lerner will demo images made from natural objects that can be incorporated into your quilts.

## **20/20 Visions of Quilting** by MaryAnn Krafft

<https://www.amherstquiltersguild.org/events/>

The Quilt Show is almost here! This year, as we did in 2018, we will be holding a **Premier Raffle**, in place of the auction we previously held. We are asking for donations from all of our members. Wall hangings, throws, baby quilts, bags and purses, table runners, place mats, etc., all are welcome donations. Please look through your completed items, or your UFOs, and consider contributing to our raffle. All items will be collected by Kim Guido, and can be handed in at the February or March meeting, or at Take-in on April 17-18. All proceeds from the raffle go directly to the Guild.

**Quilt Show Registrations** are now available at our website. Print out both registration pages. I will accept registrations any time from now until March 31. You may hand them to me, mail them or drop them off at my house. if you're not sure you'll have a quilt finished in time, register it. There's no problem if it doesn't get finished just don't bring it to the drop off. If you do get it finished and you didn't register it, you'll be out of luck. We had 276 quilts at our last show. Since then we have fewer members so we'll all have to work extra hard to match or beat that number. I'm waiting for the first registration. - Jackie G.

### **Boutique paperwork and instructions**

Only members can sell, hand made or sewn items!

No items that compete with the vendors or the guild sale items like books or the fabric pool, complete kits are ok.

Please bring a business size envelope with your name and the inventory sheets filled out with your name and expected price.

Please print out or pick up ( if you don't have a printer) the sheets at the February or March meeting. Fill out one tag for every item you want to sell, attach it to your item so it can be removed and kept for the accounting.

Please leave sufficient boxes for pick up at the end of the show with your name in bold letters. If you need props or hangers, please bring your own.

We will cover the tables with linens to hide the boxes. by Annette

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

Judy Farnham's husband has died. Judy and Marvin ran the former Pine Grove quilt shop in Lockport. Marvin C. Farnham

April 17, 1938 - January 6, 2020. Obit was in the Lockport Union-Sun & Journal

### **Aid to Australia** - by Theresa Utz

Wollongong Modern Quilt Guild from Australia would like to call-out to anyone who would like to help in making quilts for the families affected by wildfires.

If you would like to help, please make a tree block of a **generous** 12.5 inch square using a low volume / white or pale grey background. There is no restriction to one type of tree block. We would love our quilts to be beautiful and diverse just like our wonderful communities. Feel free to use your own ideas and colors. Once completed please bring them to the February meeting and we can ship them in one bundle.

The finished quilts will be distributed to the families who have lost everything.

### **Mystery Quilt**

I hope you've been working hard on your Mystery Quilt. The "Grand Unveiling" will be at our February meeting. You may bring your finished quilt or just the top if it isn't quilted yet. This project was Natalie's idea. Let's show her how well we did.

### **QCNYS** - by Pam Pandolfi

**LITTLE QUILTS:** -These are completed quilts that are donated 10"x10" with whatever design you want to put on them. Anyone can make a Little Quilt and donate it. These donated quilts will be displayed at the QCNYS Show in September and are for sale for \$10. The proceeds from these quilts fund the scholarship program. In 2019, there were 11 people who received scholarships of \$100 each,

### **2020 VISION Call for Entry – QCNYS Traveling Exhibit**

**2020 Vision** – Participants are asked to respond to this title in whatever direction their thoughts take them... Will your entry be sight related? explore eye glass fashions? offer a macro view of some item? will you offer a view of

the future? expand on a random thought or explore the existential? What is your vision? Here are the details -

<https://www.qcnys.org/challenge/index.htm>

## Community Service

### Four Piece Rail Fence

Fabric: Four (4) floral or light (pastel) fabrics

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

Sew: The four strips together

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.

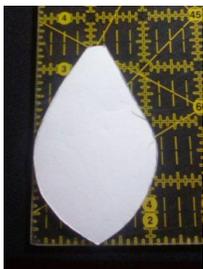
### Flower Block

Background fabric: White. White on white is fine, no color please. Cut: 9" x 9"

Petals- 6 needed- This time we'd like all the flower petals from the same fabric. (Much easier than searching for six coordinating fabrics.)

Applique: Center the petals on the white fabric. Applique anyway you desire. Don't worry about the center of the flower, it's going to have a yoyo in the middle.

**Note:** This project is for Terrace View Manor (formerly the Erie County home.) Since we're all busy getting ready for the quilt show the blocks aren't due until our May meeting. (Turning them in sooner is fine too.)



## Upcoming Events

February 20 will be the opening reception of the 20/20 Vision: Women Artists in WNY at the Castalani Art Museum of Niagara University from 5-7pm. Susan Marie Borden and Annette Meyers-Grunow have been accepted into the show.

<http://www.castalaniartmuseum.org/exhibits/2020-vision-women-artists-in-wn>

Lancaster Quilt Show at the Doubletree Willow Valley Resort in Lancaster, PA on March 25-28. <https://www.thelancasterquiltshow.com/>

Wait 'til you see the incredible things the QCNYS Board has planned for 2020! QCNYS Business2Business is hosting a New York State Quilters Market on **September 17<sup>th</sup>** at the RIT Inn & Conference Center.

**Sept 17–20** will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Quilters Retreat at RIT Inn & Conference Center. AND – we will also be offering classes with national teacher, Gyleen X. Fitzgerald and more! You will want to save those dates. More detailed information will be available very, very soon. Watch for it!

## February Calendar of Events

- Feb 3 - Mon - Board meeting - 10am at Wegmans on Alberta Dr
- Feb 5 - Wed - Quilt-Til-U-Wilt - 10am - 2pm
- Feb 6 - Thurs - Tea Room Quilters – 10am in the Tea Room
- Feb 7 - Fri - Historic Homes - 10am in the Tea Room
- Feb 12 - Wed - Quilt-Til-U-Wilt - 10am - 2pm
- Feb 14 - Fri - Papercrafting at 1-3:30pm in the Tea Room
- Feb 19 - Wed - Quilt-Til-U-Wilt - 10am - 2pm
- Feb 20 - Thurs - **meeting at 7pm**
- Feb 26 - Wed - Community Service 10am-1pm in Steffen
- Feb 27 - Thur - Tea Room Quilters – 10am in the Tea Room

## Officers

**President** - Natalie Masker

**First Vice President** - Rebecca Ribis

**Second Vice President** - Betty Lerner

**Secretary** - Mary Carroll

**Treasurer** - Sharon Militello & Joanne Castiglia

## Committee Chairs

**Accuquilt** - Mary Ellen Cannon and Lori Racle

**Block of the Month** - Jackie Groszkowski

**Blog** - Mary Ellen Cannon  
**Challenge Quilts** -  
**Community Service** - Jackie Groszkowski  
**Country Store Liaison** - Mary Ellen Cannon  
**Facebook** - Sylvia Siegel  
**Guild Bucks** - Betty Lerner  
**Historic Homes** - Theresa Utz  
**Library** - Jean Miller  
**Museum Events** - Theresa Utz  
**Nominating** -  
**NYS Consortium** - Pam Pandolfi  
**Program** - Rebecca Ribis & Committee  
**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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