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## Upcoming Programs

Thank you all for your understanding and patience as BNHV has been closed. It has certainly not been an easy road: when we made the decision to close in March, we anticipated it lasting only two weeks, and each subsequent lengthening of New York State on Pause brought more restrictions on what we could do. All that being said, we are excited to announce that we plan to reopen to the public on July 18th!

Of course, like every business and organization reopening, there will be a number of new guidelines we all must follow. I will be in touch with each guild separately to discuss individual needs, but some general guidelines are:

- Masks are required for **all** guild members, unless the guild member is medically unable to wear a mask. Such medical exceptions must be detailed to either myself or Carrie before joining the meeting. This is required by law, however this information will be kept strictly confidential.
- Social distancing measures of **six feet** or more will be **strictly** enforced.
- Due to the small size of many of our meeting spaces, most meetings will need to be held in the Ballroom, with a capacity limit of **40 people**. Further details on the capacity limits of each space are listed in the attached document.
- All guild meetings **must** submit a list with each participant's name, email address, and phone number by the end of the meeting. This is required by law.

Due to our limited space, and our already full space use calendar, we are unable to resume guild meetings as they were previously scheduled. In order to facilitate as many guild meetings and special interest groups as possible, as well as to ensure space is available for staff use when needed, each guild may submit **one (1)** meeting/group **every two weeks**. It is up to the guild to determine which group will be requesting space. A guild that submits for more than one group to meet in a two-week period will be asked to modify their request to only one group.

Requests must be submitted to me at least **two weeks** in advance in order to reserve space. Requests made with less than two weeks' notice will be considered for the next period. I will notify each guild as to the day and time available for their group the day after submissions are due, to allow for your guild to have as much advance notice as possible.

All of these guidelines can be found in the attached document. I know this is radically different than how this process used to go, and we apologize for any inconvenience. We are simply excited to be able to welcome you all back to BNHV, and we hope that the promise of being together once again will make these new rules seem a bit less cumbersome. It is my hope that we will be able to go back to the old way soon. Until then, these guidelines must be followed.

If any guild representative has questions about the guidelines, please feel free to email me. I am not always on site - we are still in the process of phasing staff back in - but I check email regularly, and with a day's notice I can set up a call.

Looking forward to welcoming you all back to BNHV!

Deirdre Reynolds

*Director of Operations*

**Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village**

## **Operational Policies - Guild Use of BNHV Campus**

### **Phase One: July 18<sup>th</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup>**

All guild members are subject to the same policies as BNHV staff regarding PPE (masks are required). Guild members are also subject to the same social distancing measures as staff, namely that six feet of space between participants is mandatory, and in person conversations are to be limited as much as possible. **There will be no bringing of food into BNHV, and no consumption of food while in communal areas.**

Under the current guidelines, no guild meetings of more than 40 can take place on campus. The larger guild meetings are encouraged to be attended via Zoom, Skype, or other video conferencing technology. Therefore, all large monthly guild meetings are cancelled through the end of Phase One. Smaller guilds, or guilds for whom the monthly meeting is the only meeting, **must** request their meeting date and time at least two weeks in advance to the Director of Operations. All guilds are **required** to submit a copy of their attendee list by the end of their meeting, with the names and contact information for all attendees. **Failure to submit the attendee list will result in the group being prohibited from meeting at BNHV.**

Due to the large number of special interest groups, and the lack of available spaces, during Phase One each guild can request space for **one** special interest group every two weeks. It is up to the guild members to determine which special interest group will be utilizing space, and what day and time they prefer. These requests must be made to the Director of Operations at least two weeks in advance.

All space requests will be for no more than four (4) hours. Any guild who exceeds this time limit will be asked to leave.

There are few spaces on the BNHV campus where social distancing can be enacted. These are:

- Ballroom (capacity 40 or less)
- Tea Room (capacity 6 or less)
- Rotary Pavilion (capacity 25 or less)
- Steffen – Large Side (capacity 15 or less)
- Steffen – Small Side (capacity 5 or less)

When requesting space, each guild and group must clearly state which space they will need, and how many people are expected to attend. **Due to the large number of guilds and groups who normally use the BNHV campus, it is impossible to guarantee the first choice of space.** If there is a concern about space use, it must be brought immediately to the Director of Operations' attention. Any guild found to be in excess of the capacity restrictions will be asked to leave.

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

I don't know if anyone is working on block of the month blocks for Community Service, but on the outside chance that I'm not the only one here's our next block. It's for the troops and it's very easy. It took me longer to choose fabrics than it did to stitch the block.

Fabrics: the colors for this block are red, off white and medium to dark blue. The color placement is up to you. The color you choose for the center square will not be used anywhere else in the block. I think the diagram will help you out a lot.

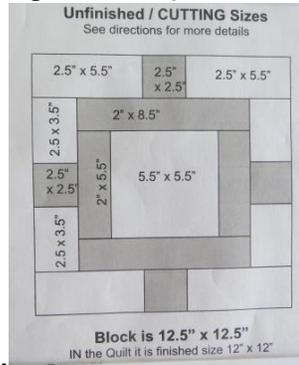
Cut:

Color A: one (5 1/2" x 5 1/2") square

Color B: four (2 1/2" x 2 1/2") squares  
two (2" x 5 1/2") rectangles  
two (2" x 8 1/2") rectangles

Color C: four (2 1/2" x 3 1/2") rectangles  
four (2 1/2" x 5 1/2") rectangles

Follow the diagram for placement. Thanks as always for



participating.

### **Sunshine and Shadow -**

Many of you may know that Saturday, June 20, I had a heart attack. My main artery was 100% blocked. Thanks to excellent care from Twin Cities Ambulance paramedics, who took me immediately to the cath lab (not emergency) at Gates/Buffalo General, I am doing well. I had one stent and no heart damage. I do have some problems with an artery in my right arm that was nicked when they attempted to insert the catheter. I apparently have twisted arteries. My arm, chest, side and half of my back are totally purple. It is resolving slowly - will take months, apparently. Everyone at the hospital said it was lucky I called immediately when I felt a problem, or it wouldn't have ended well. So, I want to let all of you know what to look for. Women are different, and every woman is different. I had burning in my middle, upper chest (just like heartburn), pain right under both ears - a funny sensation, which I now know is jaw pain, and I began sweating a lot. I realized those were 3 signs of a heart attack and had Dan call 911. I had the same "heartburn" about 3 times that week. Thank goodness the last time I realized what it was. It was more intense than the others. Sadly, two days later Jan Farrell also had a heart attack and did not make it through. She had been to the doctor the day before and was diagnosed with stomach or intestinal issues. That was also a heart attack! Please look for warning signs and do not hesitate to call 911. Everyone says women don't survive as well because they wait too long to admit there is a problem. I am expected to recover fully and continue my life normally. I am lucky and grateful! Linda Hunter

Jan Farrell (nee Lavigne) Of Tonawanda, entered into rest June 23, 2020; beloved wife of the late E. Patrick Farrell. Relatives and friends may visit the LOMBARDO FUNERAL HOME, (Northtowns Chapel, 885 Niagara Falls Blvd., near Eggert/Sheridan Dr., on Thursday, from 4-7 PM, for a gathering in Janice's memory.

Ann Gallagher's husband Dick of Williamsville passed away on June 22 after a lengthy illness. <https://www.amherstbee.com/articles/dick-gallagher-leaves-behind-treasured-legacy/>

Sylvia Siegel retired from teaching second grade.

Joyce Morris is going to be great grandma.

Judy Balczerak suffered a few bumps and bruises after totaling her car.

Do you want to get out of the house?  
North Tonawanda has a garden walk on July 11. from 10 am to 3 pm  
Would be fun as the Buffalo Garden Walk is cancelled.  
Annette

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