



AMHERST
QUILTERS GUILD

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WE'RE MEETING AGAIN

The board has decided that it's been too long since we've all gotten together. With that in mind we're going to have a "new normal" meeting. Mark your calendar.....Thursday, September 17. Since we can have only 20 members at the museum at one time we've decided to have two sessions, 6:00-7:15 and 7:30-8:45. If you'll be joining us you **must** call Betty Lerner 716-204-8691 or email her at blerner628@Yahoo.com to let us know that you'll be attending. Our program will be catching up on what's been going on and a Covid Show and Share. Please bring anything you've been working on while we've been in quarantine. Hope to see many of you again.

Board Minutes - Aug.3, 2020

Attendance: Jackie Groszkowski, Rebecca Ribis, Sharon Millitello, Joanne Castiglia, Betty Lerner and Mary Carroll.

The August meeting was held outdoors at Jackie's home with the members observing the current safe distancing regulations. All the members are reporting that they have received positive feedback from the publication of the July board meeting minutes. The minutes from the board meetings will continue to be published. Betty Lerner is checking into the procedure for the guild to use You Tube to broadcast videos of future general meetings and to make videos of our members demonstrating quilting techniques.

The membership chair had nothing to report. The financial statement is attached.

Our space request for use of the BNHV facilities during the current pandemic was not approved by the museum staff. The Ball Room has a maximum capacity of 25 people which will put restrictions on our general meetings. We cannot have a general meeting in October as the museum needs the space for their annual Halloween fund raising events. Our "subgroups" have been assigned to use the ballroom from 10am to 2 pm on the following days: Quilt til you wilt meets on Aug 26, Oct. 7, Dec.2; Card Making has three Fridays; Tea Room quilters will meet on Sept. 10 and

Dec. 16; Community Service has been assigned Sept. 23 and Nov. 18; Historic Homes has Dec. 6. Jackie is going to talk to the museum staff to find ways to make the museum more accessible.

Rebecca reported that the Sept. 17 general meeting will be a business meeting followed by a Show and Share in which members can show what they made during the pandemic. Hopefully we will be able to post the meeting on You Tube for members who cannot attend. The December meeting is a dinner at Sean Patrick's. In order to meet the required attendance of 35 people we are encouraging members to bring spouses and guests.

The 2020 raffle quilt will become the 2022 raffle quilt. Ticket sales will start in April 2022 with the drawing in October. Sharon has graciously volunteered to store the quilt.

Mary Ellen Cannon has initiated a cooperative virtual production which is the Quilt Guild 2020 Fall Showcase. We want all members to submit pictures of their work. Details for this project have been emailed to members.

Betty Lerner is initiating a new challenge for the members, an inspirational challenge. She will give a presentation on the procedure at a future meeting. The members will be given a post card and a worksheet and will work with their emotional responses.

Sharon Millitello is seeking volunteers to serve as president and/or membership chairman.

The next board meeting will be on August 31 at 10 am at Jackie's house.
Respectfully submitted,
Mary Carroll, secretary

Guild Showcase- by MaryEllen Cannon

We got a great response from members with 54 quilts submitted for inclusion in our showcase(s). We'll be starting the photography at the museum early this month. Here's hoping that Mother Nature will give us a beautiful autumn like those we normally enjoy here in WNY. We might also have to work around those rainy days she likes to throw in for fun. With so many quilts offered for sharing, we will be able to put together 2 or maybe 3 showcases of our members' fabulous work. We are going to include some slides about the many community service projects that our guild supports, and invitations for folks to join our guild. Since our next official show will be in 2022, we will spread the slide show airings over that span of time to keep our guild out in social media. Here's hoping that we'll be back to face to face meetings long before that, so we can all see what we've been working on during our lockdown.

Sunshine and Shadow -

Loretta Cadwallader's stepmother passed away on August 23 at the age of 100.

For some good news -
Kathy Tomasulo's daughter got married on August 8.

Congratulations to Pam Pandolfi for a third place finish in the QCNYS Vision 2020 Quilt Challenge for Gods' Eye.

<https://qcnys.org/challenge/>

December meeting:

Back by popular demand is our December dinner at Sean Patrick's on Millersport Hwy. NEW this year! You may bring a spouse or a friend! We have a reservation for **Thursday December 17**, with dinner at 6:30 and cocktails on your own anytime before.

Entrees will be either chicken piccata, roast pork loin or grilled salmon. Included are soup, salad, green beans, parsley buttered potatoes, rolls, ice cream with topping, coffee and tea.

We will do a white elephant exchange. So, if you wish to participate, bring a wrapped gift. Reservations must be made by December 1. Cost is \$25 per person, cash or check made payable to the Amherst Quilters Guild. Mail or give your payment along with your entree choice to Kim Guido at 533 Homestead Drive Tonawanda 14120.

We are on YouTube!

Rebecca Ribis and Betty Lerner have created a YouTube channel for the Guild.

It is our hope that we will be able to make videos of meetings and programs. So many of our members are unable to get to evening meetings; we hope that having access to these videos will allow everyone to be connected to the group.

We made a short video (mainly for practice) to create the channel. If you go to YouTube on your computer, phone or other device, then type "Amherst Quilters Guild" you will be directed to a list. Click on the top of the list (the words Amherst Quilters Guild) and you will see a list of videos available. At this time the only video is *AQG1 Christmas Bonus*.

Our plan is to add a video every month.

Please click the "like" button below the video so that we know people are

watching. You can also subscribe and leave comments. We would love to hear your feedback.

If you are having trouble accessing the channel, call Betty at 716-204-8691 or blerner628@yahoo.com.

Great Wisconsin Virtual Quilt Show

September 10-12, 2020

[Quilt Show.com](http://QuiltShow.com)

An all-new, free online version of PBS Wisconsin's annual quilt celebration, this three-day event will feature a virtual vendor mall, interactive quilt exhibits, educational presentations with live Q&A, a virtual community quilt and more!

#WisconsinQuiltShow

Sept 10 - Tea Room Quilters
Sept 17 - Guild meeting
Sept 23 - Community Service
Oct 7 - Quilt Til you Wilt
Nov 18 - Community Service
Dec 2 - Quilt Til You Wilt
Dec 6 - Historic Homes
Dec 16 - Tea Room Quilters
Dec 17 - Dinner at Sean Patrick's

Officers

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Second Vice President - Betty Lerner
Secretary - Mary Carroll
Treasurer - Sharon Militello & Joanne Castiglia

Committee Chairs

Accuquilt - Mary Ellen Cannon and Lori Racle
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Blog - Mary Ellen Cannon
Challenge Quilts - Betty Lerner
Community Service - Jackie Groszkowski
Country Store Liaison - Mary Ellen Cannon

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Guild Bucks - Betty Lerner
Historic Homes - Theresa Utz
Library - Jean Miller
Museum Events - Theresa Utz
Nominating - Sharon Militello
NYS Consortium - Pam Pandolfi
Program - Rebecca Ribis & Committee
Property - MaryAnn Krafft
Publishing Editor - MaryAnn Krafft
Quilt Show 2022 -
Quilting Bee - Joann O'Brien
Quilts For Courage - Sylvia Siegel
Quilts For The Troops - Betty Zebrowski
Raffle Quilt 2022 - Quilt-Til-You-Wilt group
Sunshine & Shadows - Kathy Tomasulo
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