



AMHERST
QUILTERS GUILD

STITCHING OUR PAST TO OUR FUTURE

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Upcoming -

November's program will be Quick and Easy Quilts that look anything but! We will have three different demonstrations / ideas, so come prepared to learn something to impress your friends and family! If you can't make the meeting, Betty Lerner will film and post on YouTube.

Once again we will be holding 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.

Get your reservations in for our December Dinner at Sean Patrick's. Our reservation is for Thursday December 17, with dinner at 6:30 and cocktails on your own any time 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. (NO, it does not have to be sewing related - any household item will do) 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. Remember, you can bring a date!

Did You Get Your Postcard?

By now you should have received your challenge in the mail. I hope you are having fun planning your project and stretching your creative muscles.

The video on YouTube will present the challenge and help you get started by giving you a tutorial on finding inspiration. Go to YouTube, type "Amherst Quilters Guild" in the search box, when the answers come up click on the words or the logo and select AQQ3 Inspiration.

If you didn't receive an envelope by October 20, call or e-mail Betty Lerner (716-204-8691, blerner628@yahoo.com). If you are having difficulty with YouTube contact Betty for help.

I can't wait to see what you create!

Don't Forget to Send Your Holiday Pictures

Since we don't have a meeting in December due to our holiday dinner, we are putting together a video for December. Just a treat for all of us and a especially for those who are unable to attend the dinner.

Please send pictures of holiday decorations and quilts you have made or that have been made for you to Betty Lerner (blerner628@yahoo.com). If you have actual photographs, you can mail them to Betty Lerner, 1685 Maple Rd Unit B, Williamsville NY 14221-8107. I promise to return them! Pictures can be snapshots with family, pets or anything. Thanks for helping!

Board Minutes - Oct 5, 2020

Attendance: Jackie Groszkowski, Rebecca Ribis, Sharon Millitello, Joanne Castiglia, Betty Lerner and Mary Carroll. The meeting was held in Jackie's garage in keeping with the safety regulations during the current pandemic.

Rebecca reported on the programs for the upcoming meetings. The October meeting will be on You Tube and will focus on the upcoming challenge quilt project. The November meeting will follow the September format with two sessions. The program will consist of three teaching demonstrations of quilting techniques.

Kim Guido is taking reservations for our annual holiday party on December 17 at Sean Patrick's.

Betty is preparing the October You Tube tutorial on the challenge quilt. Each member will receive an envelope in the mail containing a post card and instructions for the challenge which will focus on finding inspiration from a picture. Completed "challenges" will be presented to the guild during the May 2021 meeting.

The November meeting will be a split session in the ballroom. We will have a ballot box by the entry for members to vote for the next president and membership chair.

We have received 26 blocks for Natalie's quilt which will be assembled this month.

Gift certificates with an expiration date which have been received for the basket raffle will be given to Mary Ellen Cannon to use as rewards for members who comment on the blog articles.

Quilts for Courage

On Wednesday, October 28, Sylvia delivered 52 finished children's quilts to Children's Hospital. The quilts were those that members of the guild worked on in community service and at home. They had been collected for the last year and a half. The quilts were placed into plastic Ziploc bags with a slip stating that they were donated by The Amherst Quilters Guild. Nice job, ladies!

Now let's start finishing all the kids quilts we have started at home. If you just have quilt tops that you would like to donate, someone else can do the quilting and binding. Come to community service to work on piecing and finishing some quilt tops. If you would like to come to cut and iron, that's fine, too. Check the dates in this newsletter for meeting times. Another way you can contribute is to make blocks and donate them to community service. Jackie G. includes a community service block in the newsletter. Bring the completed blocks to the guild meeting. If you are not attending meetings at this point, then mail them to Jackie.

Sunshine and Shadow -

Natalie Masker had a hysterectomy on October 22. This was to minimize the cancer which was in her uterus. She is home, doing pretty well, still a little sore. They believe they removed most of the cancer. She will undergo radiation in the future. She and her husband are doing aswell as they can right now. I'm sure she would love to hear from the guild members. Linda Hunter

Long time member Bette Strom passed away on October 20.

Block of the Month by Jackie Groszkowski

This is the last Block of the Month for this year. If you get it done by the November meeting I'll happily accept it (also at the Holiday Party) but there will not be a new block until January. If you run out of things to do we could use more of the blocks that were in the previous newsletters, especially the appliqued flowers. Happy sewing.

Churn Dash Plus - (9½" x 9½" unfinished)

Fabric: background-light tan or dark off-white

Churn dash- any fabric you choose (the committee will separate the blocks into those for kids, the troops and seniors)

Cut: (The cutting is exactly the same for both fabrics)

Background- two (2) 4" squares
Four (4) 2" x 3½" rectangles
Two (2) 2" squares
Churn Dash- two (2) 4" squares
Four (4) 2" x 3½" rectangles
Two (2) 2" squares

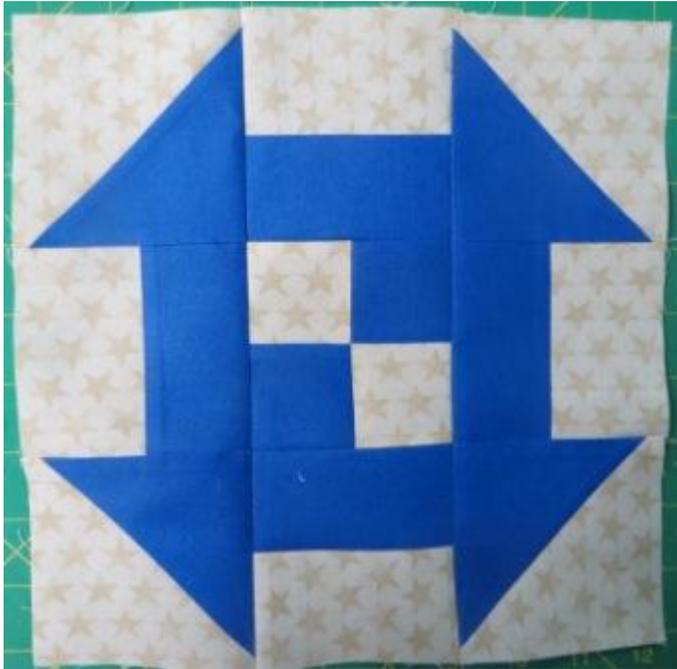
Sew: Using the 4" squares (one of each color) make 4 half square triangles

Press to dark and trim to 3½" x 3½"

Using the 2" x 2" squares make a four patch for the center

Make four rail units by sewing the long edges of a light and dark fabric together. Press toward dark

Assemble the block. It should look like the photo.



Contrary to the information published previously the subgroups are able to meet on:

Wed, November 4 10:00-2:00

Wed, November 18 10:00-2:00

Thur, November 19 6-7:15 or 7:30-8:45 - Guild meeting

This includes all groups including (but not limited to) Quilt til You Wilt, Community Service, Historic Homes, the Tea Room Group. Note: Do not come early - the doors won't be unlocked until 10am.

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First Vice President - Rebecca Ribis

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Accuquilt - Mary Ellen Cannon and Lori Racle

Block Lotto - Jackie Groszkowski

Blog - Mary Ellen Cannon

Challenge Quilts - Betty Lerner

Community Service - Jackie Groszkowski

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Facebook - Sylvia Siegel

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Quilt Show 2022 -

Quilting Bee - Joann O'Brien

Quilts For Courage - Sylvia Siegel

Quilts For The Troops - Betty Zebrowski

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