



AMHERST
QUILTERS GUILD

STITCHING OUR PAST TO OUR FUTURE

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Letter from the president:

Welcome to 2021!

I must admit I will not be sorry to see the end of 2020. We have to thank Jackie G. for holding things together. It wasn't easy.

I really miss seeing your faces, but as long as we are in a red/orange/yellow zone, we will have to be patient a while longer. The important thing is to stay together as a group. Although we cannot be together, there are some things we can do to keep the Guild alive until we can meet again.

- your membership. You should have received your renewal letter from the Museum. If you missed it in the holiday mail, you can renew through the web site bnhv.org.
- Call a friend. Call or email someone you know or haven't seen in a while. Stay in touch. If you need a copy of the **directory** let me know blerner628@yahoo.com or 716-204-8691 or text 716-689-6995). I have a digital copy I can send.
- Follow **Mary Ellen Cannon's blog**. If you don't follow already, you can sign up on our web site www.amherstquiltersguild.org. If you leave a comment you could win a prize at the end of the year.
- Follow our posts on **YouTube**. If you haven't subscribed already, go to YouTube, search "Amherst Quilters Guild" select the video you want to watch, or subscribe. YouTube will let you know when a new video is posted in our account. They won't send anything else or unsolicited email. If you have a video you would like to post, let me know.
- Work on your **Challenge** Quilt/Project. How are you doing? If you have any questions or need some help you can Face Time me at 716-689-6995. I may not answer right away because I probably can't find the phone, but I will call back.
- Make quilts for **charity**. If you need inspiration or guidance, contact Jackie G.
- Join **Facebook**. Sylvia Siegel does a great job of sharing our information. It would be great if more of you would follow us on Facebook. We could use it for a virtual Show and Share. If you have never used Facebook, there are instructions later in this newsletter. It's a great way to stay in touch.

- The Museum has approved our requested dates to use the ballroom. The list is in the Newsletter farther on. The approved dates are conditional on the Corvid regulations. The museum plans to reopen for guilds on January 1. We will try to keep you up to date.
- Finally, just for fun, I am introducing a **Block of the Month**. The January, February, March, and April newsletters will have a block for you to make. Once your top is completed, send a picture, or present it at a meeting and I will give you a very spectacular label for the back. I hope everyone participates because I ordered a lot of labels. Details are in this newsletter.

Until we meet again, stay safe. Keep up with the Guild's virtual activities and remember if you need help or contact with another human being your Guild sisters are here for you.

Betty

Facebook by Betty Lerner

Facebook is a great way to stay in touch. It gives you the opportunity to see what is going on with groups and individuals. Until we are able to meet in person again, Facebook will be one of the ways we can share information. You can use Facebook without sharing personal information or seeing posts by people you don't want to see. There is a video you can watch on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nkKnIRQO2K>.

Start by going to Facebook.com

Fill in your information

Get an access code

How to add a picture

How to add friends

How to add a cover photo

How to add more information to your profile

You don't have to add any personal information if you don't want to. You will receive ads in your news feed. Facebook is free to use; ads pay for it. If you see a post that you don't want, you can delete or block it. In the upper right corner of the post, you will see three little dots. Click in that and you will see options, and you can select what you want to do with it.

If you have questions, contact Sylvia Siegel at seagullq@aol.com or Betty Lerner at blerner628@yahoo.com.

There was no official board meeting. With the temperature dropping, it was decided to not meet outdoors.

Treasury Update by JoAnn Castiglia

On Dec 1 2020, we received a letter from BNHV concerning "Giving Tuesday" BNHV has faced challenges in these unprecedented days. AQG board decided to make a donation of \$500.00 to BNHV to help in the preservation of the historic structures and development of their educational programs. We have since received a letter of thanks we received from Executive Director Carrie Striver.

A Great Big, "THANK YOU"!

You did it! You surprised me. I couldn't figure out why Theresa was giving me a present. Especially when she said it was from "All of us". For the third time in my life I was speechless. Of course I knew that we were making blocks for Natalie. It never occurred to me that I would get blocks again. I absolutely love them. It was an honor to fill in for Natalie. The cooperation you gave me was spectacular. I know you will do the same for Betty Lerner. Again, thank you for the wonderful quilt blocks. They will be put together this winter.

Jackie Groszkowski

Blog Prizes by MaryEllen Cannon

No one is working at the museum until next Monday so I have not yet been able to set up a time for prize winners to come out to the museum to pick up what they've won, I would just sit out in my car in the parking circle, but the last time I did that I ended up with a dead car battery!! As soon as I'm able to talk with Deirdre at the museum to choose a mutually agreeable time when I can sit in the lobby to greet you, I'll ask MaryAnn to send out an e-mail. Keep your eyes open for that. Below I've copied the blog post in which the prize winners were announced in case you missed it. Hoping to see you all soon.

I have finished the drawing of the prizes for commenters. Too bad that we were not able to have any parties this year-my original plan was to award the prizes at our March guild birthday party, then at our holiday party,...

While getting ready to draw the names I did a bit of tallying. From the start of the collection of names we had 252 comments submitted by 38 different commenters. The math tells you that most ladies (all of the commenters were women) commented more than once over the period of time, and

therefore had multiple entries in the drawing. Here's the plan for getting the prizes to the winners. **IF** we are able to have a January guild meeting, (big if!), I will have all of the prizes at the meeting. If we still are not able to get together, I will pick a day to be at the museum for the winners, or their designees, to come to the museum to pick up the prizes. Let's keep our fingers crossed that Erie County will go back to a yellow designation so we can get together.

Here's the list of ladies who won prizes, in no particular order:

Karen Villa

Loretta Cadwallader (2 prizes)

JoAnn Castiglia

Lori Racle

Mary Carroll

Jackie Groszkowski

Sylvia Siegel (2 prizes)

Mary Dixon

JoAnn McGowan

Jean Felton

Jean Nicholson

Jean Miller

Sharon Militello

Helen Slominski

Rebecca Ribis

Lois Donovan

Theresa Utz

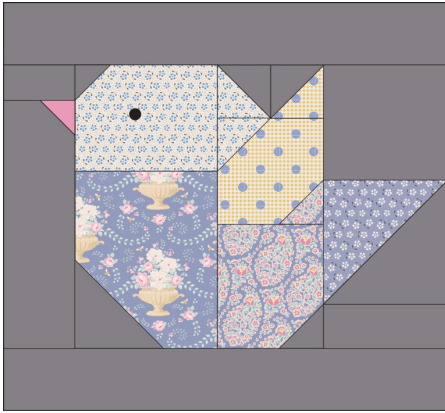
Kathy Tomasulo

Betty Lerner

Pat McDonald

Linda Hunter

Block Of the Month - by Betty Lerner



I thought it might be fun to have a virtual block of the month. For the next four months, a pattern will be included in the newsletter. The theme is Spring. Keep that in mind as you select fabrics.

You can put 4 blocks together for a runner or wall hanging or repeat them for a larger quilt.

In April or May send me a photo of your quilt or top (you don't have to rush to quilt it), and I will send you an incredibly special printed label for your quilt. Hopefully we will all be able to share at a meeting, but you can email (blerner628@yahoo.com) or text (716-689-6995).

Pictures will be posted on Facebook for everyone to see.

Patterns are free block patterns from -

<https://www.tildasworld.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Bird-Block-TEXT-FIGS.pdf>

Quilts for the Troops

The next quilt drop of to the NF Air Base is hopefully, June. Please work on your quilts for our Service Men, Women, and families.

Thank you, Betty Z

Question: does anyone have experience with soy wax for batik and / or has any left over soy wax? Annette 316-5410

In keeping with these times, India International Quilt Festival 2021 will be an online event and will be held from 23 to 25 January, 2021.

<https://www.indiaquiltfestival.com/>

Date Requests from Amherst Quilters Guild 2021

January 6th Subgroup 10:00-2:00
21 Guild Meeting 10:00-2:00
28 Subgroup 10:00-2:00

February 3rd Subgroup 10:00-2:00
18 Guild Meeting 6:00-9:00
25 Subgroup 10:00-2:00

March 3rd Subgroup 10:00-2:00
18 Guild Meeting 6:00-9:00
25 Subgroup 10:00-2:00

April 7th Subgroup 10:00-2:00
15 Guild Meeting 6:00-9:00
22 Subgroup 10:00-2:00

May 5th Subgroup 10:00-2:00
20 Guild Meeting 6:00-9:00
27 Subgroup 10:00-2:00

June 2nd Subgroup 10:00-2:00
17 Guild Meeting 6:00-9:00
24 Subgroup 10:00-2:00

July 7th Subgroup 10:00-2:00
15 Guild Meeting 6:00-9:00
22 Subgroup 10:00-2:00

August 4th Subgroup 10:00-2:00
19 Guild Meeting 6:00-9:00
26 Subgroup 10:00-2:00

September 8th Subgroup 10:00-2:00
16 Guild Meeting 6:00-9:00
23 Subgroup 10:00-2:00

October 6th Subgroup 10:00-2:00
21 Guild Meeting 6:00-9:00
28 Subgroup 10:00-2:00

November 3rd Subgroup 10:00-2:00
17 Subgroup 10:00-2:00
18 Guild Meeting 6:00-9:00

December 1st Subgroup 10:00-2:00
15 Subgroup 10:00-2:00

Officers

President - Betty Lerner

First Vice President - Rebecca Ribis

Second Vice President - Joanne Greco

Secretary - Mary Carroll

Treasurer - Sharon Militello & Joanne Castiglia

Committee Chairs

Accuquilt - Mary Ellen Cannon and Lori Racle

Block Lotto - Jackie Groszkowski

Blog - Mary Ellen Cannon

Challenge Quilts - Betty Lerner

Community Service - Jackie Groszkowski

Country Store Liaison - Mary Ellen Cannon

Facebook - Sylvia Siegel

Guild Bucks - Joanne Grego

Historic Homes - Theresa Utz

Library - Jean Miller

Museum Events - Theresa Utz

Nominating - Sharon Militello

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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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