



AMHERST
QUILTERS GUILD

STITCHING OUR PAST TO OUR FUTURE

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Upcoming Programs

April 15 program will be Quick and Easy Quilts that look anything but! It is rescheduled from this past November when we had to cancel. We will have three different demonstrations / ideas, so come prepared to be amazed at how impressive simple blocks can be. If you can't make the meeting, Betty Lerner will film portions of it for YouTube.

Murphy's Law or What Can Go Wrong, Will Go Wrong

It was so great to have an in-person meeting, after so many months. We had a great program, and it was really fun. We had such lofty intentions. We had a great meeting, but technology let me down.

After a morning of baby sitting when the children either did their schoolwork or didn't – it's hard to tell – I packed up for the meeting. We had planned to zoom the live meeting. But that didn't work out. I thought it would be OK since I was making a video of the meeting. However, I brought the tripod and the camera but neglected to bring the piece that holds them together. I jerry-rigged a tower of boxes which gave me the right height on the podium. The meeting started. As we got through the business meeting. I made a discovery.

I never turned the camera on.

We moved on to Show and Tell. Without the tripod, I hand-held the camera. Turns out my hands are too shaky for that. Luckily, Sylvia took still pictures for Facebook. As we moved on to program, Rebecca set up a lively round table (chairs in a circle) discussion. I returned the camera to its tower, to record. I was able to make a video, but the sound was too far away to hear.

So, with the best of intentions, I have nothing to share.

Maybe next time.

Betty

Minutes of the March Meeting

Submitted by Mary Carroll

President Betty Lerner opened the meeting with instructions for all speakers to stand in front of the camera as the meeting is being videotaped.

Kim Guido is returning the money collected from members for the holiday dinner which was canceled due to Covid restrictions.

We still need a volunteer to represent our guild at the New York State Quilters Consortium which meets quarterly. Betty participated in a recent meeting which was held via Zoom.

Membership information is organized and is available in a booklet and on our website in the "members only" section. We currently have 90 members which includes two new members, Leilani Gainey and Jane Hay.

Jackie Groszkowski is currently in the hospital with the Covid virus and members are encouraged to send her a card.

Two names have been suggested for the 2022 quilt show. Please submit more suggestions to MaryAnn Krafft.

Silvia Siegel announced that Community Service will meet in the ballroom on March 25 at 10 am to work on charity quilts. All members are encouraged to participate.

Rebecca Ribis has scheduled the following programs for the next six guild meetings:

April – Quick and Easy quilts

May – Rulers, favorites and non-favorites

June – to be decided

July – Christmas in July

August – Quilts for Courage

September – Quilts Bucks Auction

The past-presidents gift quilt with the signed blocks was delivered to Natalie Masker. She was pleased with the gift.

During Show and Share many members shared their beautiful quilts made during the pandemic. This included Betty's challenge quilt which was an inspiration to work on our challenges.

The meeting concluded with the members sharing their opinions on "quilting situations."

Guild Board Meeting - March 1 Submitted by Mary Carroll

The following members participated via Zoom: Betty Lerner, JoAnne Castiglia, Rebecca Ribis, JoAnne Greco, Sharon Millitello, Jackie Groszkowski and Mary Carroll

Betty announced that the April 2022 dates for the guild quilt show have been approved by the museum.

The guild has a limit of 25 members for the monthly meetings. Members who wish to attend the meetings must email the membership chair for a reservation. Plans are also under way to transmit and record

the meeting with Zoom. The program will be a round table discussion on issues in quilting. Rebecca has interesting ideas for future meetings.

JoAnne Greco is working with the museum on the Quilters Guild membership roster. As of today our membership has only decreased by four members. JoAnne will be double checking the emails listed on the roster to be sure the listing is current. When this is completed, the roster will be printed and distributed to members.

Susan Teetsel has volunteered to store the opportunity quilt until it is auctioned at the next quilt show.

The balance in our treasury remains stable.

Betty and Marie Buchanan are working on methods to connect our website with our YouTube videos. This will encourage quilters to visit our website. Currently pictures of quilts donated to Community Service are featured on our Facebook page and will be included in a Virtual Show and Share on YouTube to be posted on March 18.

Quilter's Consortium Quarterly Meeting

Since we do not currently have a representative to the Consortium, I attended the Quarterly meeting by Zoom.

They will list Quilt Shows and other events for Guilds in the state. Also raffle quilts with pictures and contact information can be listed.

They are currently requesting "Wee Little Quilts" which will be sold to fund the Consortium's scholarship program.

The Consortium has a yearly challenge and a Mystery Quilt. It's too late for the current projects but check the website for the next ones.

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If you are interested in representing our guild. Please let me know. It looks like fun. Betty

2022 Quilt Show by MaryAnn Krafft

Mark your calendars - April 29 - May 1, 2022 for our next quilt show. We will be selecting a name for this show at the April meeting. We have some interesting suggestions.

Come prepared to volunteer to chair a committee - there are plenty of opportunities available.

Sunshine & Shadow - by Kathy Tomasulo

One of our most active and beloved members, Jackie Groszkowski, passed away after a 2 week battle against Covid.

Marlea Crowther reported that her husband, Cy, passed away in Pittsburgh. She asked if you would post it in the newsletter for sunshine and shadows.

Hip, hip, horray. MaryAnn Krafft is the proud owner of a new titanium hip. Will be running and jumping in no time.

Block Lotto by Sylvia Siegel

Stacked Squares Block (10.5 inch finished)

For this block, you will be sewing one block and then donating a coordinating plain 11 inch block if you would like to.

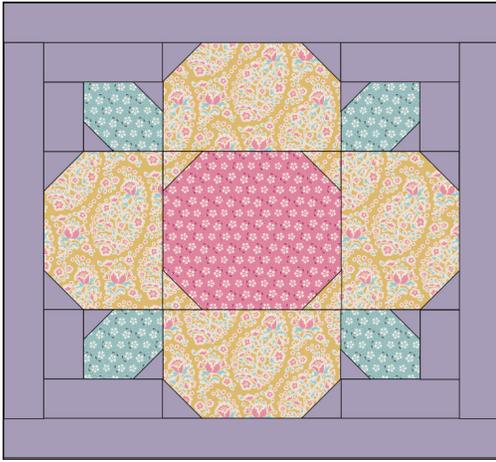
Cutting: 10- 2.5 inch squares in blues, greens, and teal and 3- 10.5 inch white or white-on-white strips.



Sewing: First sew the 2.5 inch squares into two strips with 5 squares each. Press. Then sew a white strip to the left side of each of the strip with the squares. Press to the dark. Sew these two strips together. Now sew the third white strip to the right of your pieced block. Press to the dark.

*** Do not sew the coordinating 11 inch block. Just include it with your donation.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH: Flower



This is the last block in our spring Block of the Month. Don't forget to send me a picture of your completed blocks or bring them to a meeting to get your label. Patterns are free block patterns from <https://www.tildasworld.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Flower-Block-TEXT-FIGS.pdf>

The Amherst Quilters Guild sews the fabric of community, good acts By FALISHA OSER Amherst Bee Reporter

The Amherst Quilters Guild (AQG) is part of the Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village, and has been involved with community service of various kinds long before the start of the pandemic. However, the pandemic has forced AQG to adapt to the new normal, like everyone else, while still being able to provide assistance where there is need.

In June, AQG donated 50 quilts to the Children's Hospital. "Because of the pandemic, it was different this year," said Sylvia Siegel, chairperson for the AQG Quilts for Courage, a sub-committee of quilters who donate to the pediatric units of nearby hospitals. Siegel, who used to work for the Children's Hospital as a pediatric nurse 20 years ago, maintains her connections in order to continue contributing by donating quilts. "I wait until I have about 50 or so quilts, then I load up the car and take them down to Children's or Roswell, usually both but everything is so different now. Sometimes people just make quilts at home, give them to me, some people will just make the top and someone else will quilt it."

Last April, AQG made more than 4,000 masks that went out to a variety of places, including 1,000 masks to the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station. "A large part of the guild contributed, and we'd drive out to the village on Wednesdays and drop off what we had made," said Betty Zebrowski, chairperson of the AQG Quilts for Troops committee. "We will respond to whatever is a current need," said Betty Lerner, president of AQG. "Masks were not something we had anticipated ever having to make a year ago, when there was a great shortage."

Community organizations are encouraged to contact the Amherst Quilters Guild if they wish to collaborate on a cause. To do so, contact

AQG through their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Amherst-Quilters-Guild-612268262220142/> “We’re always happy to listen,” Lerner said.

Recently, the Community Service committee of the Amherst Quilters Guild made and donated about 50 quilts to Cornerstone Manor, a woman’s shelter operated by City Mission.

There are 86 members who make up the Amherst Quilters Guild. They usually meet once a month. “The past year has been difficult because of the pandemic,” said Lerner. The guild is restricted to a gathering size of 20 to 25 people, “but theoretically and under normal circumstances, we meet on the third Thursday of the month. Vice president and program chairperson Rebecca Ribis will think of a program that we can all do together or invite a speaker or things like that.”

This month, Siegel held the first in-person Quilts for Courage committee meeting since September. “There were about 11 people there, which is more than we usually get but people are so tired of being home and not seeing anyone. Some people bring their sewing machines and sew, other people will cut, iron, do whatever needs to be done – basically whatever you feel like doing that contributes,” said Siegel.

The guild is open to quilters of all abilities whose desire is to promote the skill of quilting. Member interests range from traditional to contemporary and works extend from miniature, wearables, to full-sized quilts. More information on becoming a member of AQG is available at www.amherstquiltersguild.org/membership/.

Early Bird Specials -

April’s demo will be done by Sharon Militello - bowl cozies.

May’s will be done by Betty Lerner - Nature Printing.

Calendar of Events

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

- May**
 - 5 Subgroup 10:00-2:00
 - 20 Guild Meeting 6:00-9:00
 - 27 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 -
Blog - Mary Ellen Cannon
Challenge Quilts -
Community Service -
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 2022 - MaryAnn Krafft
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 -
Website - Marie Buchanan



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