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QUILTERS GUILD

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Upcoming Programs by Rebecca Ribis

For our May Program, we will have demonstrations by guild members of favorite rulers. Betty Lerner will demonstrate the Shape Cut Ruler. Sylvia Siegel will demonstrate the Creative Grids Strippy Star Ruler and Annette Meyer-Grunow will demonstrate a Bloc Lock Ruler.

Also, do you have any questions about a ruler you own? If so, bring it to the meeting and someone will answer your questions.

Letter from the President by Betty Lerner

BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER

It is so nice to have a little more opportunity to meet in person. We can now have 50 people in the Ballroom – still masked and socially distanced. It seems like a major step toward NORMAL.

As another step toward normal, we need to fill some chair-person positions. Believe me I know how nice it is to sit in the back row and watch what goes on. But if we don't have positions filled, not much will go on.

- **Nominating:** Although most jobs are for two years, the terms are staggered to keep some continuity in leadership. The chair of nominating will decide who might be a suitable person for upcoming openings. Consider co-chairing with a friend.
- **Historian:** The historian keeps a record of events.
- **Consortium:** Our representative attends quarterly meetings (currently on Zoom), keeps the Guild informed about Consortium projects and posts our event on the Consortium website.
- **Sunshine and Shadows:** Hopefully, there will only be Sunshine.
- **Challenge:** I am volunteering for this one unless someone else is desperate to do it. I love challenges!

POSTCARD CHALLENGE

Speaking of Challenges, time's up!

Your challenges are due at the May meeting. I can't wait to see what you all

have done.

Bring your challenge piece (finished or not) and your postcard. When you come in get a number and pin it to the piece. And put it on one of the tables at the front. If you can't make it to the meeting, send me a picture (blerner328@yahoo.com). I will print the picture and add it to the display. We will vote on the ones the Guild feels best represent the challenge. THERE ARE PRIZES FOR FIRST SECOND AND THIRD!!!

SPRING BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Keep bringing your blocks and quilts. There are still labels available.

See you at the meeting

Minutes of the April 15 Meeting

Submitted by Mary Carroll

President Betty Lerner welcomed the members back to the museum. With the easing of the Covid restrictions fifty members are allowed to attend the meetings in the Ballroom.

Betty passed around sheets of paper seeking information from members on quilting techniques they are willing to teach and quilting topics they would like to learn. We are hoping to reinstate our education program.

The sympathy card signed by all the museum staff for the loss of Jackie and sent to the guild is on display.

Betty is volunteering to work with the fiber group from the museum to teach handwork techniques though the Artisan Village this summer. She is looking for members who will volunteer with her.

Betty would like members to volunteer to chair the following committees: Community Service, Challenges, Education, Nominating, Historian, and we need a representative to the Consortium. Sylvia Siegel and Theresa Utz volunteered to chair Community Service.

The members received a ballot listing the suggested names for the April 2022 quilt show. The quilt show will be called "Quilts Unmasked." We need an additional six members to volunteer as committee chairpersons for the show.

Rebecca announced the following programs for the upcoming meetings: May will feature a demo on quilting rulers; June will be a story quilt; July will be "Christmas in July," August is the annual Quilts for Courage Day and September is the Guild Bucks Auction.

We currently have 81 members.

The meeting ended with an interesting Show and Share which was followed by a program featuring demonstrations on quick and easy quilt patterns, many of which can be made with scraps.

The meeting and the program can be viewed on YouTube Amherst Quilters Guild.

Minutes of the Board Meeting

Submitted by Mary Carroll

Present: Betty Lerner, JoAnn Castiglia, JoAnn Greco, Sharon Millitello and Mary Carroll. The meeting was held via Zoom.

Betty opened the meeting by sharing a card she received from the BNHV staff regarding the loss of Jackie Groszkowski. She reminded us that we need to observe copy right regulations when we are posting articles via email.

Betty is recommending an admission fee of \$6 for the 2021 quilt show and make available two day passes for \$10. She also feels that the drawing for the opportunity quilt should be held during the quilt show, probably close to the end of the show.

We will attempt to zoom the March 15 meeting and include the Early Bird demonstration.

Betty noted that we need to fill chairperson positions for many of our committees. We also need to make plans for educational seminars, workshops, etc. We will seek suggestions from the members at the next meeting.

JoAnne Greco will be doing follow up calls to lapsed members.

Betty will check with the museum about the possibility of planting some type of foliage on the museum's grounds and include a plaque honoring Jackie.

Guild Showcase of Quilts by MaryEllen Cannon

Hello all, I'm sure some of you have been wondering about the Guild Showcase of Quilts that had been promised last fall. As with many other projects, Covid 19 threw a monkey wrench into our plans. But...we have finished what we can do without the "fancy" features that we had hoped to learn via lessons from a family tech expert. All that remains to be done for the first showcase is for me to figure out how to get the show into a format that can be shared with all of you. I am going to visit my sister, the techie, now that we all have been vaccinated and should be able to share the showcase early in May. Keep an eye out for a notification to members before long to find out where, and how to view the first half of our gorgeous submissions. The second half will be coming later in the year to help (hopefully) drum up interest for our upcoming 2022 show.

Guild Bucks Auction by MaryAnn Krafft

Once again we will hold our ever popular Guild Bucks Auction during the September 16 meeting.

Here are some of things you could clear out of your house -

- anything craft related (knitting, embroidery, scrapbooking, etc)
- household decor
- that Christmas or birthday gift you just don't know what to do with

Remember your trash could be someone else's treasure.

Please do NOT bring these items to the museum until September - there is just no where to store them.

Quilts Unmasked 2022 by MaryAnn Krafft

While you are clearing out your sewing room - here are some of the items needed for the upcoming quilt show.

Book Sale -

books

magazines - from this century

patterns

Fabric Pool -

controlled scraps (in a gallon zip bag - sets of coordinating fabrics)

half-finished projects

Boutique -

Only members can sell, hand made or sewn items !

No items that compete with the vendors.

Premier Raffle -

completed projects - what you would give as a gift

vintage/antique quilts or quilt tops

Historic Homes - by Theresa Utz

Historic Homes is hoping to review a new (antique) quilt to begin replicating, and hopefully it will be in the near future. I asked Rachel to choose at least three quilts in the Museum collection that we might review. We expect to have these quilts at the May 27th meeting (Community Service). Also, the YoYo quilt is still a work in progress. Now that the Museum is open for more meetings we will arrange for a meeting date in the near future. For more information, please contact me.

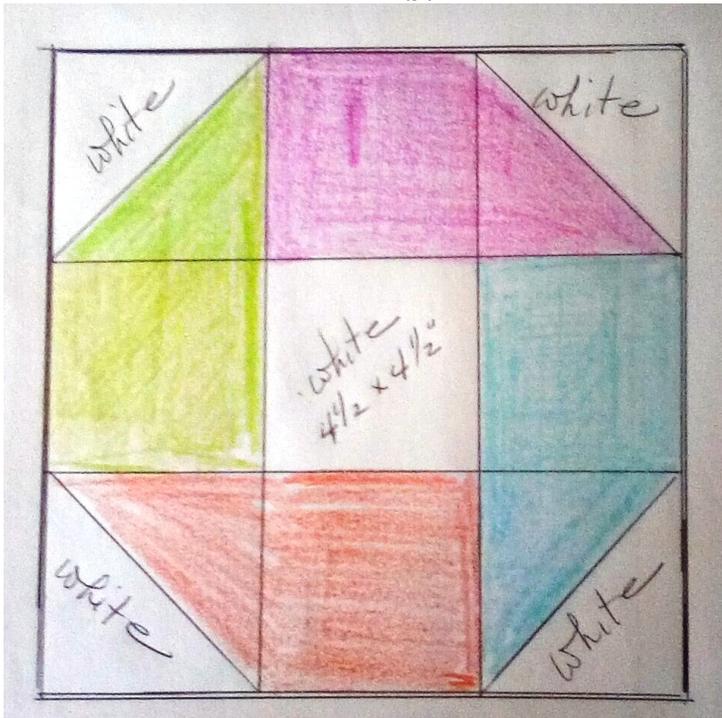
Theresa Utz, Chair

Community Service by Theresa Utz

Community service will meet on Thursday, May 27, 10am-1pm, the week after the general meeting. Please bring your sewing machine if you wish. Cutting boards, cutters, iron and ironing board, and other utensils will be provided, as well as blocks from previous meetings that need to be assembled. New members and anyone who wishes to join us are more than welcome. We meet in the main ballroom at the BNHV.

Community Service B.O.M. by Theresa Utz

Pattern for the "Not so snow(y) block



Finished size 12" (12 1/2" unfinished.)

- 4 - 4 1/2" squares all different
- 5 - 5" squares, same fabrics as above
- 5 - 5" background fabric, can be white, off white, cream etc.
- 1 - 4 1/2" background fabric for center block

Place the 5" squares together, right sides facing, draw 1/4" lines diagonally corner to corner to make the half square triangles needed for the corners. Trim to 4 1/2". These will make two corner blocks each, but since you will only need one of each color, the others can be used to make additional blocks.

Using the 9-patch method, arrange the units as pictured in the attached picture.

We will use them all in future charity quilts with Community Service.

25 quilt bucks for each block turned in.

Upcoming Events

Interesting textile talk on youtube:
Layered & Stitched: 50 Years of Innovative Art

Quilts for the Troops

Quilts will be dropped off to the NF Air Base the beginning of July. Please give your quilts to Theresa Utz at the May meeting; or Cindy Hubacher at the June meeting. Thank you!
Questions to Betty Z. 877-3447

Calendar of Events

May	5 Subgroup	10:00-2:00
	20 Guild Meeting	6:00-9:00
	27 Historic Homes & Community Service	10:00-2:00

Officers

President - Betty Lerner
First Vice President - Rebecca Ribis
Second Vice President - Joann Greco
Secretary - Mary Carroll
Treasurer - Sharon Militello & Joanne Castiglia

Committee Chairs

Accuquilt - Mary Ellen Cannon and Lori Racle
Blog - Mary Ellen Cannon
Challenge Quilts - Betty Lerner
Community Service - Theresa Utz
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 -

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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