



AMHERST
QUILTERS GUILD

STITCHING OUR PAST TO OUR FUTURE

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Upcoming Programs

June's program will be How Quilts Tell a Story. Mickey Wittliff and Sharon Militello will show quilts and tell a story about them.

Start thinking about next month. The program will be Christmas in July. Bring your Christmas related items such as quilts, table runners, tree skirts, wall hangings, etc along with a pattern if possible. We will have a gigantic show and share.

Fiber Arts Days by Betty Lerner

This summer the Museum has one designated Fiber Arts Saturday each month. Weavers are demonstrating in the Rotary Pavilion, the Dressmaker is at the Hoover House, and the Bandstand has been reserved for Quilters. I am hoping that some of you will join me in demonstrating quilting to the visitors 10 am – 4 pm. It is a great opportunity to teach people about quilting and its history, recruit new members and support the Museum.

Each day has a suggested theme, however, feel free to bring whatever you are working on. Not all of these themes are practical for us.

Because we are outdoors, hand work is the best option.

- **Saturday, June 19th** - Birthday in the Village (*An ode to how Victorian children celebrated their birthdays. Child-oriented presentation is recommended.*)
- **Saturday, July 3rd** - Independence Day in the Village (*A celebration of all things red, white, and blue in honor of America. Patriotic presentation is recommended.*)
- **Saturday, August 28th** - Picnic in the Village (*A celebration of the rise of picnicking during the 19th century. Picnic/outdoor recreation-related presentation is recommended.*)
- **Saturday, October 2nd** - Mourning in the Village (*In honor of how Victorians mourned their loved ones. Mourning-related presentation is recommended.*)

I hope you will join me.

Our wonderful Guild would not exist without the Museum. The Museum does a lot to support us; this is our chance to support the Museum.

Minutes of the Board Meeting

Submitted by Mary Carroll

Attendees: Betty Lerner, Joanne Castiglia, Rebecca Ribis, JoAnne Greco and Mary Carroll via Zoom.

Betty Lerner opened the meeting with a discussion on ways for visitors to use credit cards or money cards available for our next quilt show. We will probably need three 'Square' credit card readers for use at admission, raffle tickets and boutique. This would require an investment of only \$20, borrowed mobile devices, and approximately 10¢ per transaction.

Linda Hunter has volunteered to chair the Sunshine and Shadows committee. We still need a chairperson for the nominating committee and a representative for the NYS Consortium. Betty feels that we do not need a historian and she will chair the quilt challenge project. Mary will check the minutes from previous meetings to see which positions need to be filled.

The quilt challenges are due at the May meeting. We will vote during the break and Betty has the prizes. Betty will do the Early Bird presentation on nature printing.

The program for the May meeting will be demonstrations on using various rulers for quilting. We have three presenters who have declined a reimbursement so we may use their stipends to raffle off a ruler. The program for June will be on quilts telling a story. And in July we will celebrate "Christmas in July."

The membership is status quo.

Joanne Castiglia has volunteered to chair the nominating committee.

Minutes of the Meeting

Submitted by Mary Carroll

The meeting opened with Betty Lerner requesting the members to take one of the paper bags from the table near the entrance which contain strips and scrapes from Jackie's collection.

Some of our committee chair positions have been filled as Linda Hunter will take over Sunshine and Shadows; Joanne Castiglia will be in charge of nominations; Theresa Utz will take over Community Service with Theresa and Sylvia Siegel deciding on the Block of the Month and the Challenge Quilt will be chaired by Betty Lerner. We need a volunteer to represent us at the NYS Consortium.

All members are encouraged to visit our website and use the link to

view our quilting videos including the first Showcase. We can also check the current membership listing in the members section. It is requested that all members check their own listing for accuracy. The password can be obtained by calling our president.

A clipboard is being circulated for members to sign up for quilting techniques they would like to learn or are willing to teach.

MaryAnn Krafft needs more members to volunteer to chair quilt show committees.

The Historic Homes committee will be meeting with the BNHV curator to select the quilt pattern for their next project. They will be choosing from three quilts to duplicate.

The 2021 challenge quilts are on display. The members will take a break and vote on their favorite. Prizes will be awarded to the top three choices.

After an interesting Show and Share we had three demonstrations on specialized rulers used in quilting.

Early Bird Special by MaryEllen Cannon

We've gotten somewhat back to our normal early bird specials before our guild meetings. For the newbies an early bird special is a brief (10-15 minute) demo done by one of our members before our monthly guild meeting. They begin at 6:15 and finish at about 6:30 so that any member who has committee chair responsibilities or who just would like to socialize a bit before the meeting is able to do that. The topics are completely at the discretion of those who volunteer to do a demo. They might be about a tool, a pattern, a technique, a fabric, ... you name it. It's a smallish, definitely friendly audience.

We have exhausted our list of volunteers to date. Please think about something you would be willing to talk to us about, or a topic you'd like to hear discussed/demoed (I'll try to find a resident expert to talk about it) or a person that you think has something to share.

We need a person for the June meeting. Anyone??

Quilt Bucks Auction by MaryAnn Krafft

Our annual Guild Bucks Auction is scheduled for September. We will be bidding on sewing/crafting and home decor items donated by our members. If you need to supplement your supply of guild bucks - here are some suggestions:

500 bucks - completely finished quilt made with members own fabric

300 bucks - completely finished quilt from guild kit

150 bucks – blocks pieced into a finished quilt top
100 bucks - for quilting a quilt
50 bucks - binding a quilt
25 bucks - each finished block-of-month
50 bucks – walker bag
25 bucks – little dresses
20 bucks – ditty bag
25 bucks - pillowcase

Quilts for the Troops - by Betty Zebrowski

Thank you for the quilts that have been coming in. You still have time to donate before our July drop off. Please give your quilts to Cindy Hubacher at the June meeting.

Thank you! Questions to Betty Z

Community Service - BOM

Keeping it simple. Make a basic 9-patch using 6" squares. Have the middle square be white or off/white. Remember each completed block is worth 25 guild bucks

Gather Together: Quilting Niagara

Quilt Show at the Castellni Art Museum at Niagara University Featuring traditional and contemporary quilts by local quilters from the Kenan Quilters' Guild. The Castellani Art Museum of Niagara University is temporarily closed to the public and will reopen Saturday, June 12, 2021 with weekend hours only.

<http://www.castellaniartmuseum.org/exhibitions/gather-together-quilting-niagara>

In light of BNHV's recent opening for our 2021 season and New York State's adoption on May 19, 2021 of the CDC's *Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People*, I want to provide you all with an update on our current procedures for scheduling and COVID procedures.

- BNHV will continue to require masks for visitors and staff when inside any BNHV building and when social distancing is not possible outdoors. This is because we are unable to monitor vaccination status for all guests.

We thank you for helping us create a safe and enjoyable environment at BNHV for those who have not yet been able to be vaccinated and for families whose members may not all be fully vaccinated at this time.

We are glad to announce, as of **July 1**, there will no longer be any restriction on the number of meetings a Guild may hold per month (please note that capacity restrictions may still apply depending on the space in which you will hold your meetings). In other words, those of you who are accustomed to meeting every week may once again do so.

As such, please note that requests for additional meeting dates for the remainder of the 2021 calendar year should be submitted to Deirdre by **June 15th**. Please remember, space use requests are not a guarantee of space, as BNHV has many programs, camps, and other events throughout the season for which space takes priority. **All** space requests are subject to approval.

Moving forward, please note that ALL additional space use requests after June 15th and ALL set-up requests must be submitted to DEIRDRE no less than two weeks in advance of the requested date. Any requests that do not meet the two-week requirement or that are sent directly to Tim instead of to Deirdre will not be accommodated.

We thank you all for your patience and understanding throughout the pandemic, and for continuing to help us maintain a space that is as safe as possible for all visitors, staff, volunteers, and Guild members.

Please know that as soon as we are able to provide updates on any further changes, we will let you know as soon as possible. We're looking forward to seeing more of all of you in the coming weeks!

Very best wishes, Carrie Stiver

Upcoming Events Quilt Your Science

From the American Geophysical Union (AGU):

Starting now and through November 15, 2021, individuals or groups are encouraged to create a mini quilt (between 12 inches and 24 inches on each side) that captures your own work or your passion for earth and space science research, communication, and/or education. The fabric choices and design are entirely up to the quilter, as well as the science story they want to tell with their quilt. In December 2021, there will be a virtual reality exhibition of the mini quilts (see an example of how the display will be set up in Artsteps). Quilters do not have to be AGU members to participate.

We are also planning to have a live celebration to allow in-person and virtual participants celebrate the display (pending health restrictions, the celebration will take place at the 2021 AGU Fall Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana and online). Please visit the Quilt Your Science 2021 website (<https://sites.google.com/view/quiltyourscience2021/>) to learn more, to be inspired, and to start quilting!

Project organizers are Laura Guertin and Betsy Wilkening.

Upcoming Events - The Modern Quilt Guild

The MQG is sewing this season to make a difference!

Join the Make-A-Difference Challenge by designing and sewing a quilt embracing the theme of TREES. Quilt entries will benefit Trees for the Future, whose mission is to end hunger and poverty by training farmers to regenerate their land.

MQG Members can submit quilts online via photo submission throughout the month of July (one entry per member). Each entry fee of \$12 will be donated in its entirety to Trees for the Future. In early August, all MQG Members will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite quilt so keep your quilt anonymous by not posting your final quilt until the voting period ends.

The top ten quilts will receive prizes from our sponsors:
@wonderfilspecialtythread @alisonglass @freespiritfabrics
@rubystarsociety @aurifilthread @cloverusa @dearstellafab @figofabrics
@olfa_craft @sulkythreads

Check out all the Challenge rules, dates, details, and download your "I'm in" social media badge at themodernquiltguild.com/challenges or click on the link in profile.

[#MQGMakeADifferenceChallenge](https://twitter.com/hashtag/MQGMakeADifferenceChallenge)

FREE

We have a portable Singer sewing machine that is middle-aged and slightly overweight that is looking for a new home. No charge. I would like it to be treated lovingly, since it belonged to our dear, late, Jackie G.

If interested, contact Theresa, 633-9030.

(Maybe you have a granddaughter that is interested in sewing. This would be a good starter machine).

ISO - Looking to buy a basic embroidery machine and a set of scrap crazy 6" from creative grids. Annette Meyer-Grunow

Calendar of Events

June	2 - Wed - Subgroup	10:00-2:00
	17 - Thurs - Guild Meeting	6:00-9:00
	24 - Thurs - QTYW & Community Service	10:00-2:00

Officers

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Quilts For The Troops - Betty Zebrowski

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