



AMHERST
QUILTERS GUILD

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Upcoming Programs

Our meeting this month is on **Thursday August 26.**

Quilts for Courage sewing begins at 1:30 in the Ballroom and goes until 5:30. For those who want to get a head start here is the pattern

- <https://www.amherstquiltersguild.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Compassion-Block.pdf>

The Guild Meeting will start at 6:30 in Steffen where we will have a COMEBACK PARTY. Following a dinner of BBQ Chicken, tossed salad and German potato salad, (Please RSVP to Rebecca at 716-837-0089) we will have our Guild meeting with business matters, Show & Share and Games of bingo and left-right-center.

Any bingo board donated to community service will receive \$25 Guild Bucks per board. Also don't forget your pennies or buttons to cover your squares as the game is called. We will play a total of six games, with the final game being a coverall. Prizes for each winner.

Also, for the L-R-C game, bring at least six fat quarters or as many more as you want. The rules of the game will be explained that evening. It should be a fun night

September's meeting on **Thursday September 16** will be our annual Quilt Bucks Auction. We will start the bidding promptly at 6:15.

From the President: Mystery Solved!

Thanks to everyone who helped to identify the Amherst Star logo. It was designed by Nancy Johnson-Srebro who taught at Seminar in 1992. The block also appears in her book *Endless Possibilities*. She credits our guild as the inspiration for the block.

Zippers -If you watched Linda Hunter's Early Bird Special, in person or in the video, you may be looking for an inexpensive source for zippers. I can recommend *Zipit Zippers*. This is an ETSYcompany that sells bulk zippers. The zippers they sell are good quality YKK brand zippers.

www.etsy.com/shop/zipit?

Bad News - During the storms in July, the Steffen Building was severely damaged. It is currently unsafe to enter the building. The Museum is currently waiting for inspectors to determine what needs to be done. For the Guild, it means we cannot access the storage room. The contents of the room are safe and there is nothing we need to do or can do except wait for updates from the Museum.

If this will affect our August meeting, we will send out information as soon as we can.

Fiber Arts Day - August 28 is the next Fiber Arts Saturday at BNHV. I will be representing the Guild with quilting demonstrations (probably in the Bigelow house). I will be there 10am–4pm. I would love to have company.

Harvest Festival - BNHV will hold the annual Harvest Festival September 25. They are reserving the Rotary Pavilion for Guilds. We will have a table, chairs, and the opportunity to promote quilting and our guild. It would be great if we could volunteer for 2-hour shifts. I will pass around a sign-up sheet at the August Meeting.

That is all the news for now.

Have a great summer!

Betty

Minutes of the Meeting - July 15, 2021

Submitted by Mary Carroll

Betty Lerner opened the meeting with the announcement of a mystery solved. The guild's logo was designed by Nancy Johnson-Srebro in 1992 when she was here as a guest presenter at our annual seminar.

The monthly meeting in August is changed to Aug. 26 and will be our Quilts for Courage day.

The museum needs guild members to sign up to demonstrate quilting during the Harvest Festival on Sept. 25. A sign up sheet will be circulated at the next meeting.

Community Service has six inch blocks for members to assemble. Each block should have a white center.

The quilt show committee needs someone to assist Kim Guido with the premier auction. Many items for the auction have already been donated.

We have one new member. Members need to go to the website to check the accuracy of their personal information. At the end of the "members only" section we will find a copy of the pattern for Quilts for Courage day.

Rebecca Ribis announced the plans for future meetings. The August

26 meeting will start at 1:30 and members are encouraged to bring their sewing machines to work on a charity quilt. At 6:30 we will have a “rebirth” party. The BBQ will be catered and a list is being circulated for members to sign up for other food and serving items. Members who wish to attend must sign up for the event. Following dinner we will have an evening of quilters bingo. The September 16 meeting will be the annual Quilt Bucks auction. The meeting will start at 6pm. We will set up on Sept. 15 starting at 10 am. The guild has limited storage space for items donated in advance.

Our program was focused on Christmas in July with members sharing beautiful Christmas quilts and other handmade holiday items followed by Show & Share.

Early Bird Special by MaryEllen Cannon

There will be no early bird special before our August or September meetings. In August those who have worked all day on charity projects will be eating dinner and having a well deserved break, and in September we'll be starting our auction meeting early. I'm hoping the specials will be back in October—I'm still looking for volunteers to do demos. Anyone looking to have your 15 minutes of fame?

Sunshine & Shadow -

Natalie Masker is once again in the hospital, currently with jaundice caused by liver issues. She is having tests this week to determine the cause. Natalie is in Millard Suburban and is able to have visitors. If you wish to send a card, you can send it to her home address. I am sure she would welcome your prayers and concern. This long journey began two years ago this coming September.

On a bright note, Annette Meyer-Grunow celebrated a significant birthday at a surprise party with many quilting friends and others, arranged by her husband and daughter.

If you have happy, or sad, news that you would like to send to our members, please contact Linda Hunter: hunterlj@roadrunner.com; 716-625-8039.

Upcoming Events

Oct 22-23 - SouthTowns Quilt Show in the Grange Hall at the Hambirg Fair Grounds. 10am-4pm \$5

Nov 5-7 - Kenan Quilters Guild - Quilts at the Kenan 2021 featuring artist
Debbie Colaizzi

Calendar of Events

Aug 4 - 1st Wed - 10AM Historic Homes in the Ball Room

Aug 4 - Wed - 10AM Quilt-Til-U-Wilt in the Ball Room
(every Wed)

Aug 26 - Thurs - 1:30-5:30 Quilts for Courage in the Ball Room
. 6:30 - dinner in Steffen followed by general meeting,
show & share and games

Sept 1 - 1st Wed - 10AM Historic Homes in the Ball Room
- sharing with QTYW

Sept 15 - Wed - 10am - set up for the Guild Bucks Auction -
Sharing with QTYW

Sept 16 - Thurs - 6pm - quick business meeting & auction preview
6:15 - auction begins

Officers

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Community Service - Theresa Utz

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Nominating -

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Quilts For Courage - Sylvia Siegel
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Raffle Quilt 2022 - Quilt-Til-You-Wilt group
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