



AMHERST  
QUILTERS GUILD

STITCHING OUR PAST TO OUR FUTURE

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## Upcoming Programs by MaryAnn Krafft

September brings our annual Guild Bucks Auction. This is your chance to get some new "treasures" and to recycle your old unloved items. We will be collecting your old "treasures" on Wednesday, Sept 15 starting at 10am. If you have a load of items and are unable to come on Wednesday morning, you can drop the items off at my house - 4008 Walden Ave, Lancaster.

Auction preview will start at 6pm on Thursday, Sept 16. Bidding will begin at 6:15. Bring your Guild Bucks and a large tote to carry home all your loot.

I will need 2 volunteers to help sort the "treasures" on Thursday evening. One to bring them up to the podium and one to sort them by bidder.

## Letter from the president:

September already!!

It's been another difficult year. Things were getting back to normal and then they weren't. We have lost friends, struggled to have meetings, and found some creative ways to stay in touch. But through it all we were able, and will continue, to support each other.

Remember, if you are having a bad day, you can call any one of us just to talk. Chances are the person you call isn't feeling so great either. Also Quilt til You Wilt meets every Wednesday 10am -2pm. Historic homes and Community Service meet every month and you are always welcome to join them and see some friendly faces.

The Town of Amherst has decided to repair the Steffen Building. The work continues to progress although not as quickly as we might like. The BNHV staff has been great by helping us find alternatives for space and retrieving our supplies out of the storage closet for Community Service. Our job is to be supportive, stay safe, and get that booster shot when it becomes available. By the way, don't forget to get your flu shot! That's

important too.  
Betty

## **AQG Board Meeting via Zoom Aug. 3, 2021**

Submitted by Mary Carroll

Present: Betty Lerner, Joanne Castiglia, Joanne Greco, Sharon Militello, Rebecca Ribis and Mary Carroll

Betty Lerner reported on the recent storm damage to the Stefan building. Currently only the museum staff members have access to the building.

On Aug. 28 Betty will be doing quilting demos in the Bigelow House (next to the Church) from 10 am to 4 pm and she would like to have some of the members join her for part of the day. On Sept. 25 guild members will be invited to demonstrate quilting during the annual Harvest Festival which runs from 10 am to 4 pm. A signup sheet will be passed around at the next meeting.

Joanne Greco has received a list of members who have renewed their membership. She is checking on lapsed memberships. Anyone who is not a current member will have to pay the museum's admission fee to attend any of our meetings or activities.

We did not have any changes in our treasury.

Rebecca is in contact with a fiber arts person to do a presentation at our November meeting. The December meeting will be a holiday dinner at Sean Patrick's.

The guild will send out a reminder about the August meeting which includes a celebration party.

## **Early Bird Special** by MaryEllen Cannon

There will be no early bird special before our September meetings. 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?

## **Are you ready for a challenge?**

As you know, our 2022 Quilt Shows is called "Quilts Unmasked." Our Show needs an exhibit of the face masks that we have taken off. For this challenge, use your most creative techniques to make a face mask. These are for display only. The need not be functional, but please use the

attached pattern so that we are all starting from the same place.

This is a small project but go wild! Use any fabric, any embellishment, any technique. Follow your creative spirit. We will collect them at the meeting in March 2022. The masks will be displayed together at the Quilt Show.

Just as we did last year, I will keep you updated on my progress. If you want help, inspiration or a second opinion, bring your work to Show and Share. Count on it! Someone will have some helpful advice.

This is a challenge just for fun. Let's all make masks.

Instruction and pictures @ <http://www.craftpassion.com/?p=26304>

<https://www.craftpassion.com/face-mask-sewing-pattern/#face-mask-patterns>

## **Sunshine & Shadow -**

Theresa Utz sadly has lost two beloved nephews, one died of leukemia and one of a brain stem stroke. She is also pleased to report the birth in July of a great grandson who has joined his brother Charlie.

## **Natalie Masker** November 10, 1946 - August 23, 2021

Natalie Pollack Masker, teacher for exceptional education in the Buffalo Public School system, as well as a prominent quilt teacher, quilt maker and former quilt appraiser certified by the American Quilters Society, died Monday, August 23, 2021 at the age of 74. After receiving her degree in exceptional education from SUNY Buffalo State, she taught exceptional education in Buffalo Public School #84 for over 30 years. During that time she received her master's degree in education and became a tireless advocate for her students. When computer technology arrived, she learned the aspects of computer science that she needed to be able to teach her special students.

Her interest in needlework led to involvement in quilt making. As a member of Amherst Quilters Guild for over 40 years, Natalie was the backbone of the guild. She had been chair of almost every committee the guild had as well as 1st and 2nd vice president, secretary, treasurer. She was president of the organization when she became ill in September 2019 with endocarditis. This led to a heart valve replacement; infection on the new valve; then two different kinds of uterine cancer. After receiving a cancer-free report this past year, she recently developed a blockage near her pancreas.

Natalie taught quilt making for many years at the Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village museum and in a variety of quilt shops in the Buffalo, NY area. She could always master and teach any new technique. Her quilting students and her special education students both appreciated the clarity of her instructions. In 1999 she tested to become an appraiser certified by AQS, a position she held for about 15 years. She was a proud member of the Professional Association of Appraisers of Quilted Textiles (PAAQT) for all of those years. Natalie also was a judge for many local quilt shows. For many years she was a representative for Amherst Quilters Guild to the Quilt Consortium of New York State (QCNYS), in which she held the position of treasurer for two years.

During her adult lifetime, she was an avid collector of many genres, especially antique quilts. She was a proficient maker of beautiful quilts as well as a prolific quilt maker. She won many awards at local quilt shows. Many of her quilts have been donated over the years to "Quilts for Courage" to children with serious illnesses, and to military members, especially to our local Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, to thank them for their service.

AQG has lost a special friend and most generous member. The entire quilt community has lost a skilled quilt maker who was the most generous person you could know, a tireless volunteer and an advocate for children and the less fortunate. She is lovingly remembered by her husband Gerald, daughter Sally (Neal) Ginsberg and grandchildren Michael, Katarina and Elijah.

Natalie stitched rows of beautiful memories in her life quilt. May it now cover all who knew her with comfort and love.

### **Historic Homes** - by Theresa Utz

Historic homes is meeting on September 7, Wednesday. 10am until 12:30. If you can, bring a sewing machine. We will start working on the squares in the new quilt. We will still continue working on the yo-yo quilt which is about 2/3 finished at this point. So come and help if you can. We'd love to have you. .

### **Quilts for Courage** by Sylvia Siegel

On August 30, Sylvia delivered 50 finished children's quilts to Children's Hospital Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Department. The quilts were those that members of the guild worked on in community service and at

home. They had been collected for the last year. The quilts were placed into plastic Ziploc bags with a slip stating that they were donated by The Amherst Quilters Guild. Nice job, ladies!

Now let's start finishing all the kids quilts we have started at home. If you just have quilt tops that you would like to donate, someone else can do the quilting and binding. Come to community service to work on piecing and finishing some quilt tops. If you would like to come to cut and iron, that's fine, too. Check the dates in this newsletter for meeting times. Another way you can contribute is to make blocks and donate them to community service. Theresa Utz includes a community service block in the newsletter. Bring the completed blocks to the guild meeting.

## Upcoming Events

**The Harvest Quilt Show & Sale**, Sept 3,4 & 5.

at The Camp at Findley, Findley Lake, NY FREE ADMISSION!

View quilts made by local quilt artists & visit local quilt shop vendors.

Free Lectures and Trunk Shows.

The **Findley Lake Harvest Festival** will also be this same weekend! Lots of activities for the entire family with artisan Crafters; Beer and Wine Tasting; Food Vendors: Childrens Area ; Live Music!

Reminder that the **Quilters One Stop Shop Hop** is happening September 9,10,11 at the Bellinger Hall in Chautauqua Institute.

Come for the fun of a vendor mall with free admission, hourly demo shows, door prizes, and much more! We are all excited to be hosting this event for the first year and we hope that you come and check it out!

### **Caledonia Library Quilt Auction**

The Caledonia Library is holding a Quilt Auction September 18, 2021, at 11am. They are hoping to raise money to help in the restoration of the 200-year-old library building.

If you would like to donate a quilt or quilted item, or help them financially, contact Gail Milner (585-313-7975 or [gmilner@caledonia.org](mailto:gmilner@caledonia.org)). Or mail contributions to Caledonia Library, 3108 Main Street, Caledonia NY 14423.

**WNY Fiber Arts Festival** on Saturday, Sept 18 at the East Aurora Rink, 41 Riley St, East Aurora. 10am-5pm. Admission \$5. Hand-dyed yarns, pottery, specialty fibers for spinning, braided rugs, felt-art & toys, soaps and lotions, handwoven scarves, spinning wheels, WINE and more.

### **Hope Quilt Show**

Hope Lutheran Church, 2 East Main Street (Rt.39), Arcade NY 14009, will hold a Quilt Show October 15 -17. The show will feature demonstrations, chicken and biscuit luncheon, sale of craft items and baked goods and

raffle quilt drawing. To exhibit a quilt, call 585-492-2530 or 716-492-1269.

## Calendar of Events

Sept 8 Wed Historic Homes 10am-2pm  
15 Wed Auction set-up 10am - done  
16 Thur Guild meeting 6pm  
Thur Guild Bucks Auction 6:15-9pm  
22 Wed Community Service 10-2

## Officers

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