



AMHERST
QUILTERS GUILD

STITCHING OUR PAST TO OUR FUTURE

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Upcoming Programs

Our Holiday Dinner will be at Banchetti by Rizzos, on **December 16, at 6:30 pm.**
The address is 550 N. French Road, Amherst.

Your partner and non-members are welcome. The cost is only **\$25 per person.**
Please mail a check paid out to Amherst Quilters Guild to JoAnn Castiglia. Her address is 156 Autumn Creek Court, E. Amherst 14051.

Please indicate your meal choice:

- Chicken Breast stuffed with traditional herb stuffing,
- Pork Chop with seasoned herbed breading,
- Grilled Salmon Filet, panko crusted and topped with salsa verde
- A vegetarian lasagna is also available.

Salad, rolls, butter, potato, chefs vegetable, coffee, tea and ice cream are included. Thanks to Natalie and Jackie we will be giving out gifts.

Letter from the president

December 2021

Another year is coming to a close. It has been another challenging year, and it is so tempting to dwell on the negatives and the losses. There have been many of each. We need to remember that anger and grief will achieve nothing.

But as Oprah says, start each day with an entry in your gratitude journal.

- Vaccines. We now have the ability to survive the virus and a new technology that will help us survive many other illnesses in the future.
- Family. My family is small, but all of them are vaccinated. We can be together.
- Quilting. Throughout all the other problems in the world, we can still create something beautiful.

- Charity. We are able to use our skills to make someone's life a little brighter and a bit more comfortable.
- Home. I am so grateful for my tiny, warm house with good neighbors and independence.
- Health. I am not as healthy as I would like to be, but I am old. It happens. But I still have almost all my teeth and most of my brain cells. That is a good thing.
- Technology. I can keep in touch with friends and loved ones without leaving the house or putting on real clothes. I can order dinner and groceries, and, best of all, I can get exotic fabrics that I love from small businesses all over the world.
- Friends. Despite the difficulties of the last two years, we are still together. We are still the supportive friends that can count on each other.

My mother always said "Count your blessings." And she was right.

Have a happy and safe Holiday,

Betty

Amherst Quilters Guild Board Mtg.

Nov. 2, 2021 Via Zoom Submitted by Mary Carroll

Members present: Betty Lerner, Joanne Greco, Rebecca Ribis, Joanne Castiglia, Mary Carroll Guests: Lori Racle and Annette Meyer-Grunow

The discussion for the meeting centered on the directives recently received from the staff at the BNHV. The membership form is on the website and all memberships will be for a calendar year commencing on January 1, 2022. The guild members will pay annual dues to their guild which will be turned over to the museum on January 1. Members who belong to two guilds will write out two checks and pay each guild \$20. Our quilt show is on a separate contract and will be held as scheduled at the end of April 2022.

The Quilters will have access to the ballroom for their meetings in the evening on the third Thursday and will have the ballroom for their "subgroups" on the fourth Thursday from 10am to 4pm. Additional time can be purchased for \$42.50 per day. The fee for our storage closet is \$250 per year. We will also be charged \$250 per year for each storage cabinet.

Joanne Greco will start a survey among the members for their ideas with an emphasis on what the members want from the guild. Since we only have two months to adapt to the changes, Joanne presented the following proposal for 2022: We will keep our meeting dates in the ballroom and pay for two additional days (10 am to 4 pm) at \$85 per month. We need to

condense the number of cabinets in the hallway to three. The proposal passed with four members in favor and one member opposed. We need to empty our cabinet in the kitchen and probably liquidate or, at least, condense our library.

We need to prepare for change. We need a committee to study our adjustment to these and future changes.

Amherst Quilters Guild

November 18, 2021 Submitted by Mary Carroll

President Betty Lerner opened the meeting with a reminder that all members must wear a face mask while at the BNHV. She has placed forms for the quilt challenge on the table. JoAnn Castiglia is collecting membership dues (\$35) for 2022 and she is collecting money for the holiday dinner. A form is being circulated for members to volunteer to serve on the committee to find suggestions for the future of the guild.

Linda Hunter introduced Karen Hull Sienk, a fabric artist who was our guest speaker. She presented many beautiful quilts along with information on how they were constructed.

After a short break, the business meeting continued. Betty has submitted to BNHV our requests for room usage for 2022. We are entitled to one day per month and we will be paying for two additional days. We will have the ballroom three days each month from 10am to 4pm. All of our subgroups will be entitled to use the space on those days.

On December 16 we will have our annual holiday dinner at Rizzo's on North French Road in Amherst at 6:30 pm. We will have three menu choices and the price is \$25 per person. We need a minimum of 30 people so all members and friends are encouraged to attend this event.

Starting January 1 we will have to show BNHV membership cards to gain access to the building. Our treasurer is collecting the dues and will turn them over to the museum.

MaryAnn Krafft is waiting to see the contract with BNHV for the April 2022 quilt show.

The secretary cast one vote to elect the nominees who will take over in January. Annette Meyer-Grunow and Rosellen Ring-Easton will serve as First Vice Presidents for programs and Lori Racle will serve as Secretary. The meeting concluded with Show and Share.

Community Outreach

Theresa Utz was able to help the Pelion Community Garden at City

Honors School by replacing quilts stolen from them. They use the quilts during outdoor classes in the Garden.

Marie Buchanan has updated our website with new membership information. It will be easier for prospective new members to join our guild.

The Amherst Knights Ladies hockey team (10 -12 years old) made fleece hats to donate to St. Luke's Mission of Mercy with the Help of Betty Lerner.



Historic Homes - by Theresa Utz

Historic Homes will meet on **Wednesday, December 1st at 10:00AM** in the ball room. In 2022, we will be meeting on the first Thursday of each month, so mark your calendars for January 6.

Historic Homes committee wishes all of you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

We have new videos on the **YouTube** channel
https://youtu.be/HQG13b_HXrU

<https://youtu.be/2EvbAeBj0eY>

Membership

It is time to renew your membership in the Amherst Quilters Guild for 2022. It promises to be an exciting year and I am sure you won't want to miss anything. <https://www.amherstquiltersguild.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Renewal-letter-2022.pdf>

Send your payment of \$35 to:
JoAnn Castiglia, Treasurer

156 Autumn Creek Ct.
E Amherst, NY 14051-2028

You will receive a membership card from BNHV which will entitle you to membership benefits in the Guild and the Museum

From Sara Miller

I am sure we have met before but between having been shut-down due to Covid for most of 2020, my office (until recently) being in the Steffen building and working outside as a part of the farmstead staff I rarely get to see the goings-on in the main building. So let me introduce myself once again, my name is Sara Miller, and I am the director of education and programs here at BNHV. You have probably seen me around wrangling sheep, leading school tours, or running our yearly summer camps which both the quilt and weavers guilds have participated in in the past.

Every year I receive several emails inquiring after programming for homeschool students. This is a demographic which we have failed to reach in the past but starting in 2022 I am excited to announce that we will be having Homeschool Days on the second Tuesday of the month in May, June, September, and October. My vision for this program is to offer a variety of sessions in both the morning and the afternoon which homeschool students can register for. I would like to have what I am calling handicrafts as some of the sessions since it is not only important to pass these skills on to the younger generations, but they also offer hidden curriculum standards. For example, weaving is a pattern of over and under, and quilting not only covers shapes but also fractions.

I was hoping that perhaps the quilt and weavers guilds would be willing and able to assist with these handicraft sessions. If you are interested, please let me know and we can either set up a meeting to further discuss the details of the Homeschool Days program or we can communicate back and forth via email.

Furthermore, I am also trying to develop more adult education programming. I currently run a Backyard Chicken Raising Class and a Beekeeping Class as a part of a Homesteading series, but I would like to incorporate more artisanal/handicraft classes as well. If you or one of your guild members would be interested in leading a class in quilting, spinning, weaving, basketmaking, rug braiding, etc. please let me know and we can discuss the details further.

Thank you for your time and all that you do for BNHV. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and I hope to hear from you soon!

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