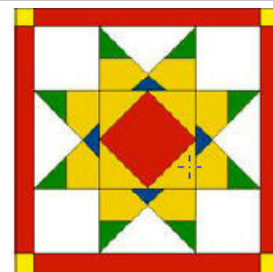


Amherst Museum Quilters' Guild



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January Program



Auction Setup Meeting

Wednesday January 18 - 12:30 PM

We are going to meet at the museum at 12:30 pm to sort items for the auction. Please come and help if you can, and if you have any questions please contact Natalie Masker or email her at nataliepm@aol.com.

Guild Buck Auction - January 19th, 7 PM

Don't miss the fun time of spending your guild bucks at this months meeting! This is a fun time for everyone! Bid high and bid often! Remember we also take cash too!

2011 Yearend Committee Reports Are Due

All Committee Chairs –This is a reminder to all Committee Chairs that your 2011 year end reports are due and can either be emailed to Kathy Tomasulo at eeeeee64@aol.com, or you can give her a hard copy at the January meeting.





President's Message

Greetings Fellow Stitches:

Happy New Year to all of you! I can't believe a year has gone by since I have taken office. It has been a year of successes including (but not limited to) Seminar, CAPCOM, a new blog, blog candy, new guild members, the member spotlight in the newsletter, our January auction, many wonderful programs, quilts for the troops and charity quilts, the completion of "Circle of Women", and all of the beautiful works presented at our show and share. Wow! Congratulations to you all; without you, none of this would have been possible.

My New Year's resolution is to complete at least three UFOs. I'm hoping our upcoming quilt show will act as my motivator to get them done. With the holidays and the great weather we had this past fall, it has been difficult to complete any projects.

We still have several months available for our 2012 Member Spotlight. If you would like to share your quilting story with our membership, please email me and I can assign you with an open month. Reminders are sent out a few weeks before your bio is due which gives you plenty of time to draft the article and get it to Colleen. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about our members old and new.

A special thank you goes to Kit Wiley for taking on the role of Guild Historian. Kit has the important role of documenting through photographs and scrapbooks, guild events, awards, and publications. Our job will be to assist her by passing on photos, newspaper clippings, bookmarks, posters, fabric swatches, and any other item of importance to our guild.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our January meeting and auction. Don't forget to collect all of your quilt bucks. Bid high and bid often. We will accept cash as well. Also, if you took a member survey home, please take a few moments to complete it and either mail it to me or bring it to the January meeting. This is your opportunity to provide the board with feedback as we plan for the upcoming year. We want to ensure that the meetings and programs are valuable to you. For those of you who have already completed the member survey, thank you.

All the best,
Kathy

Minutes General Meeting – 12/15/2011

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Tomasulo.

The food buffet was both beautiful and delicious. Thank you to Merriejann for setting it up and everyone for bringing a dish to share.

Member surveys were distributed and members were asked to contribute feedback for improvements in 2012. The surveys will be reviewed at the board meeting.

Kathy asked for members to please sign up for 2012 if you have not been in the spotlight before.

Year-end reports are due from all committee chairs. Please email to Kathy as soon as possible or bring to the January General meeting.

The guild has signed up to be part of the Member News Blast. We will be getting 3 communications about Ricky Tims in our newsletters and email chain. There will be group discounts to anyone interested in going to the seminar in July 2012 at RIT. Please contact Mary Ann Krafft if interested in going in the group.

Lynne reminded everyone to please work on their challenge quilts which are due at the March General meeting.

Our historian, Mary, shared her beautiful scrapbooks with the guild. Since she is often out of state, she asked for a volunteer to take over this position so important guild events are not lost. Kit Wiley stepped up to the plate and is now our guild historian. Thank you, Kit!

There will be a mini quilt show at the Hamburg Library during regular library hours. The quilts on display are by library director, Jack Edson.

Renee gave a treasurers' report. Program and Education has a balance of \$3,775, Alice's Dream has a balance of \$1,706, Savings has a balance of \$3,244, and Checking has a balance of \$4,017.

Mary Ellen suggested that the guild make a donation to the museum to show our support of the museum. Lori made a motion for the amount of \$250. Several members declined the motion to make a donation to the museum stating reasons such as, we already give our dues to the museum. After some discussion, the amount was amended to \$150 and the motion was moved to make the donation from the guild.

Name taggers were called and many members were able to pick from the prize table. Thank you to Karen for making extra prizes available!

Kim asked that everyone begin working on items to be sold at the Boutique in the April Quilt Show. It will be here before we know it!

Jackie G. asked that members continue to save all scraps for our scrap pool in April. Any scraps bigger than 5x5 can be brought to the guild meetings starting in January.

DON'T FORGET to bring your guild bucks to the January guild meeting!

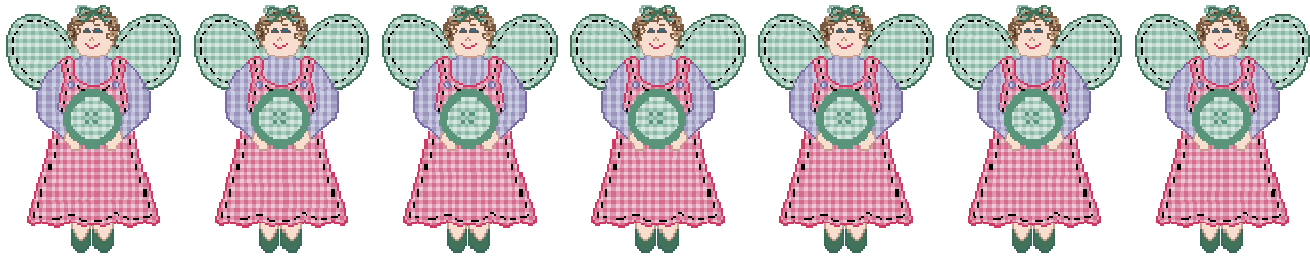
8:00 pm began the installment of officers. Kelly Miller will be replacing Debbie Finegan as Secretary. Loretta Cadwallader will be replacing Karen Goddard as Program Director.

The meeting adjourned with a Show and Share session and our make and take ornament!

I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Miller, Secretary

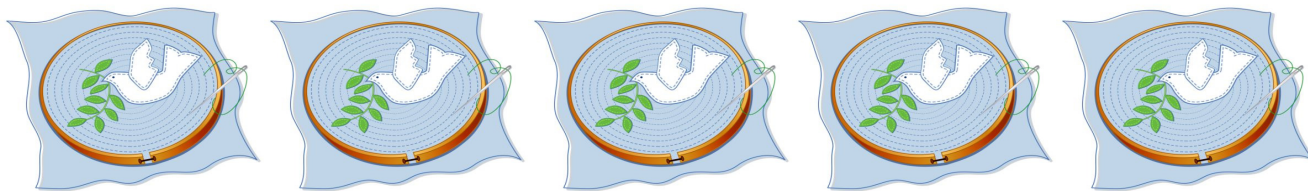


Member Spotlight - Jackie Groszkowski

I've been sewing all my life. At least it seems that way. My Aunt taught me to embroider when I was five. Another Aunt taught me how to knit when I was eight. In 6th, 7th and 8th grades we had to take Home Ec. The teacher didn't care much for cooking so most of the time we sewed. I remember that classroom...three electric and eight treadle machines. Yes, I learned to sew on a treadle machine. When I went to high school I took sewing instead of Latin (a really good choice) and finally my last semester at Buff State I took a clothing course. I taught for three years and then resigned because I was pregnant. During the six years between teaching jobs I worked at the Singer store at the Seneca mall. All this experience was great, but it was almost exclusively clothing based. And then came the resurgence in quilting. I watched every TV show about quilting that I could find, Quilt in a Day, with Eleanor Burns "birthing quilts", Quilting From the Heartland and others which I don't remember. I borrowed books from the library on how to quilt and tried to follow the directions. It was very clear to me that I had to take some quilting classes, but I didn't know where to find them (there weren't very many quilt shops back then). I also wanted to join a guild but I didn't know how to find one. You can't exactly look in the yellow pages under "quilt guilds". So for quite a few years I stumbled along and then I found Threads of Time. I took a class taught by Marija Vujcic and told her I'd like to join a guild. She invited me to come to "her guild" the next month. She was the president of the guild and I was thrilled to be invited. It was March 2005, and I attended my first guild meeting. It was AMQG's 30th birthday party. I was hooked. I joined that evening. Later that year Theresa Utz talked me into "running" for guild secretary. Since then I've been the registrar for the quilt show, took over Community Service temporarily for Natalie Maskar while she was 1st vice president, am a member of PM Quilters, and am in charge of guild property. I have made many good friends. What could be better? What a way to spend my retirement years!

Sunshine and Shadows – Ann Neilson

- ❖ Dorothy Glosser's husband is okay after being hit on the head with a large chunk of ice that fell off their roof. He required three stitches to close the wound. Also their daughter will be coming home on the 23rd after four months in Georgia. She went to help her girlfriend after her girlfriend's husband had a very bad motorcycle accident. He wasn't expected to make it but thankfully he did.
- ❖ Theresa Utz has the cast off her wrist. The same day her niece gave birth to a girl, Margaret. Theresa now has a great niece.
- ❖ Merriejann Miller will see her third grandchild for the first time this Christmas.
- ❖ Monika Scott welcomed her first two grandchildren; Sonja Olivia Mackes was born November 10th in San Diego and Lincoln Michael Jones was born November 12th in Amherst.
- ❖ Margaret Carl is having a one woman exhibit in the Hamburg Library until the middle of January.
- ❖ Lynne Nothum has her quilts on display at Sew What? this month.



Quilts, Glorious Quilts – Kelly Miller

After our quilt show meeting this month, I feel that everything is moving along quite nicely. I have just a few things to report.

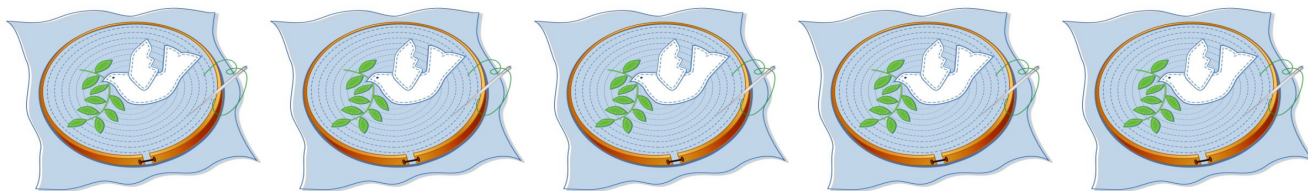
1. Theresa Utz will be looking for items to auction off in the live auction at the quilt show. Please consider making and donating an item to this cause. Forms should be available in this newsletter or at the meeting.
2. Bookmarks and flyers for the quilt show were available at the December guild meeting and will also be available at future guild meetings.
3. Registration forms are finished and will be available on the website and at the guild meetings.
4. Don't forget to work on your challenge quilts. They are due at the March meeting.
5. Lori will soon be looking for workers for the show. Please consider volunteering some of your time to help with our show.
6. Don't forget that Jackie will be collecting fabric scraps, 5x5 or larger, for our scrap pool starting in January at the meeting.
7. Lastly, a reminder to all quilt show volunteers, there will be a quilt show committee meeting prior to the January 19th guild meeting at 6:00 pm.

Thank you to our quilt show volunteers and helpers, without them our quilt show would not be successful!

Amherst Museum Quilter's Guild - Challenges 2012

Challenge 1: Interpret the logo to create a quilt with a maximum circumference of 120". Your creation may be pieced, foundation pieced, appliquéd, whole cloth quilted, or any other quilting method. Copies of the logo should be available at meetings, and on the blog. Idea inspirations: use any block with Dove in the name (Dove in the Window, for one), or use the actual logo to create something. Check some of the block library books in our guild library or try the internet or public library. I have searched my personal library and am willing to share what patterns I found.

Challenge 2: Using the show theme - Quilts, Glorious Quilts, create a wearable item. It could be a shirt, purse, jacket, vest, belt, tote or something else. Use your creative imagination and let it fly! Take a look at some of the books in our library for inspirations for patterns and colors.



PM Quilters 2012 Hostess Schedule

PM Quilters is a group of friendly quilters who gather the Thursday after the regular meeting of the third Thursday of the month in the home of one of the members. Any guild member is welcome. Those that are planning to attend will need to contact the hostess so that seating arrangements can be made.

January 26th - Joyce Morris is will be the hostess at her home with Ricki Por as Co-hostess. Contact her at

February 23rd - Betty Zebrowski will be hostess at her home at Contact her at

March 22nd - Joan Lazarus will be the hostess at her home at Contact her at

April 19th – April meeting has been **moved to the 19th** because of the Quilt Show. Sue McNess will be hostess at her home Contact her at

May 24th - JoAnn Castiglia will be hostess at her home at Contact her at

June 14th – The meeting has been moved to this date and Beth Hodgson will be hostess at her home at Contact her at

July 26th - Jackie Groszkowski will be hostess at her home at Contact her at

August 23rd - Sue Kogler will be the hostess at her summer cottage, directions and contact information will follow at a later date.

September 27th - Lori Racle will be hostess at her home at Contact her at .

October 25th - Bette Strom will be hostess at her home at Contact her at

November 29th - Theresa Utz will be hostess at her home at Contact her at

Community Service – Natalie Masker

Community Service begins again Wednesday, January 25th at 12:30 pm in the Steffan building. Please bring a sewing machine if you can. I need help putting together the raffle quilt. I will contact the museum for a suitable date in January if you can help, let me know and what day of the week is best for you, Monday - Friday. I will try for the best day. I also have two books for sale from Alice Bachraty's house. The money will go the guild. One is, "Clues in the Calico" by Barbara Brackman (out of print), signed by members in June 1991 of her Maryvale School Quilters, cost is \$40. The second is, "The Collector's Dictionary of Quilt Names and Patterns", by Yvonne Khin, cost \$25. Please let me know privately if you are interested.



Recipe Sharing from MaryAnn Krafft



Lite Mac & Cheese

1 lb box of macaroni - boil, drain and set aside

3 cups peeled and cubed butternut squash

1 1/4 cup chicken broth

1 1/2 cup milk

Dash garlic

Combine the above in a medium saucepan; bring to a boil over medium-high heat.

Reduce heat and simmer until squash is tender, about 25 min.

1/2 tsp salt

1/2 tsp black pepper

Place the hot squash mixture in a blender. Add salt & pepper.

Blend till smooth. Return to saucepan.

1 lb of Velveeta - cubed

Stir cheese into hot squash mixture until melted.

Pour over cooked macaroni.

Spread mixture into casserole dish coated with cooking spray.

1 tsp butter

1/2 cup bread crumbs

1 tblsp parsley

Cook in a hot skillet till golden brown. Sprinkle over the hot pasta

Bake at 350 for approximately 40-45 min



E-Mail Tree/Newsletter Communications/Newsletter Submissions

If you have any problems with receipt of our e-mail messages or newsletter or if you change your e-mail provider, or no longer wish to receive a hard copy of the newsletter, please send Colleen Dee an email at amherstguild@roadrunner.com. *Help us reduce postage costs and save a tree.*

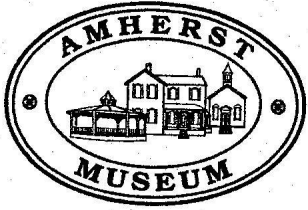
Items to be included in the next newsletter must be submitted no later than the **4th Monday** of the previous month. All members are invited to contribute! Send items to: amherstguild@roadrunner.com

2012 Mailing Prep Schedule for Amherst Guild Newsletter

Volunteers are welcome to assist in prepping the newsletter for mailing and we meet at 10 am in the Tea Room.

Please see schedule below:

- ❖ January 3rd
- ❖ February 7th
- ❖ March 6th
- ❖ April 3rd
- ❖ May 1st
- ❖ June 5th
- ❖ July 3rd
- ❖ August 7th
- ❖ September 4th
- ❖ October 2nd
- ❖ November 6th
- ❖ December 4th



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January 2012 - Calendar of Events

- Jan 1** Online mailing of newsletter to e-mail tree
- Jan 3** Mail Prep, paper newsletters 10 am, Tea Room
- Jan 4** Board meeting 6 pm, Tea Room (Open to all members)
- Jan 12** Appliqué Club - 12:30 pm
- Jan 18** Members needed for Auction setup items at 12:30 pm
- Jan 19** Amherst Quilt Guild Monthly Meeting at 7 pm
- Jan 25** Community Service, 12 pm Steffan Building
- Jan 23** Deadline for items for February newsletter
- Jan 26** PM Quilters, at the home of Joyce Morris,

