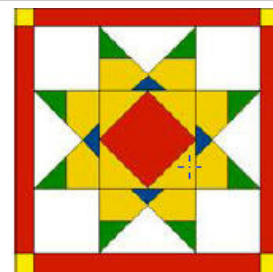


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February Program

February 16th - Guild Buck Auction Is Back On!

Ok....., here we go again!! Sorry the snow didn't cooperate last month but we won't let that stop us for planning the Guild Buck auction for our February meeting! Don't miss the fun time of spending your guild bucks! This is a fun time for everyone! Bid high and bid often! Remember we also take cash too!

March Program – March 15th - Birthday Celebration

At our March meeting we will celebrate the guild's 37th birthday. We will have a banquet catered by Joseph's and subsidized by the guild. The cost to each member will only be \$5. You can still make your reservation at the February meeting or by sending the enclosed form in this newsletter, with payment to Renee Stockwell, address in member roster. **You must make your reservation with payment by March 1st.**

Dinner begins at 6:45 pm, and the menu will be Roast Chicken, Top Round of beef in gravy, fresh greens with dressing on the side, whole kernel corn, potatoes, and assorted rolls with butter, followed by birthday cake! The meal will begin at 6:45 pm, so we have enough time to eat, visit, have our meeting and make time for our program. The husband of the late Alice Bachraty, a beloved member of our guild, has graciously donated Alice's collection of fabrics, books, patterns, notions, etc. to help raise money for the guild. Thus, the items will be very reasonably priced and on display for anyone to purchase. It is a wonderful opportunity to have nice items and benefit our guild at the same time.

Please mark March 15th on your calendar and come celebrate with us. If you haven't been to a meeting recently, come and get reacquainted. Let us get to know you!



AMQG 37th Birthday Celebration Dinner Form

Where – Amherst Museum

Catered By – Josephs

When - March 15, 2012

Dinner Time - 6:45 PM

Menu

**Roast Chicken, Top Round Beef/Gravy,
Fresh Greens with Dressing on the Side,**

Whole Kernel Corn

Potatoes, Assorted Rolls with Butter

and

Birthday Cake!

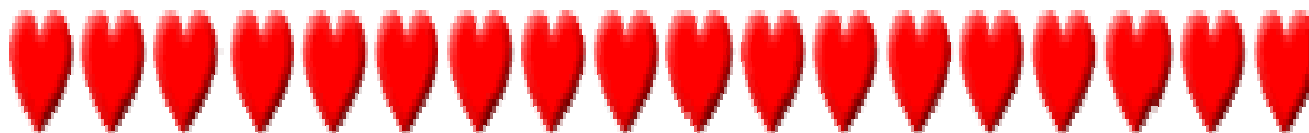
Member Cost - \$5.00 [Payment is due by March 1, 2012]

Member Name - _____

Check is payable to: Amherst Museum Quilt Guild.

You may mail directly to Renee Stockwell at address below or bring to our February meeting:

**Renee Stockwell
Address in Member Roster**



President's Message

Greetings Fellow Stitchers:

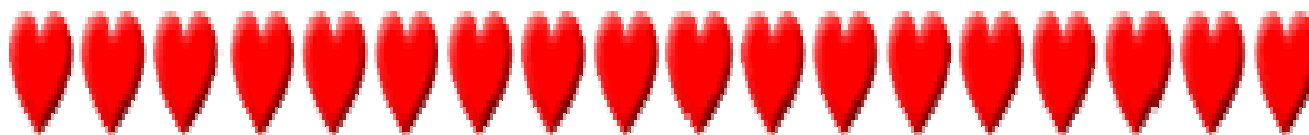
Here I thought we were home free this year because we have had such a mild winter with very little snow. Unfortunately a weather event prevented us from holding the January auction but it is better to be safe and warm than try to venture out in those conditions. Our volunteers did a wonderful job of setting up for the auction so next time, set up will go much quicker. Thank you to those of you who helped with the clean up effort.

The Erie & Niagara County chapter of Project Linus is hosting their annual "National Make a Blanket Day" on Saturday, February 18th from 10 am to 4 pm at the Rescue 5 Fire Company in No. Tonawanda. Lunch and beverages will be provided. If you are interested in joining me at this event, you can register either by email to Buffalo.NY@projectlinus.org or by calling Christine at 627-3883. The event was held at the same location last year and those of you who attended will probably attest to how wonderful it was. The hall was big, bright and warm with plenty of parking. Lunch was delicious but most of all, I enjoyed the conversation, laughter, and the feeling of giving back to our community. Hope to see you there this year!

Hope you are all working feverishly to complete your quilt show entries. Don't forget the two challenges and of course, donations for the raffle baskets, auction and the boutique. Guild liaisons; don't forget to pick up your posters and bookmarks from Renee and deliver to the guilds/shops you are liaison for. It will be here before you know it!

Happy Valentine's Day everyone and see you at the meeting!

All the best, Kathy



General Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2011 Meeting - called to order at 7:00 pm. The minutes from the August General meeting were approved. The Treasurer's report shows balances of \$ 3700.00 in the Education Fund, \$ 1700.00 in Alice's Dream, \$ 3,200.00 in savings and \$ 4,100.00 in checking. This totals \$ 12,925.46. The Seminar profit was \$ 593.08 less the \$ 400.00 from the budget for a net of \$ 193.08.

The December program will be the Holiday Party and a Make-n-Take project. Members will be asked to bring an appetizer or a dessert, as well as their table service. More details will be in the Newsletter. A donation of non-perishable food will be accepted at the door by Karen Goddard. She will deliver to the Depew Food Pantry. In addition, this will be the last opportunity for members to bring in their selections for the Guild Auction in January.

In the event of a cancellation, the announcement will be on WGR channel 2 or the website. The members were reminded that JoAnne's stores offer a 10% discount to Guild members. You can go online to their website to sign up for this offer.

Kelly Miller reported that the flyers and bookmarks for the Quilt Show will be ready at the next meeting. There is increased vendor interest for the show. Instead of a road trip Shop Hop, there are plans for a Booth Hop at the Quilt Show. Kelly is negotiating for the food at the show. The next committee meeting will be at 6:00pm before the December general meeting.

Marjia Vujcic spoke about the possibility of having monthly quilt workshop programs. These would be on Saturday and either free or a minimal cost. The earliest start would be May. A sign up sheet was passed to learn who could teach and what topics are of interest. Natalie Masker spoke about the next Consortium Meeting on December 1st in Coring. She also announced that there is an Educational Scholarship available for \$ 50.00, she has the forms. Ricky Tims will be in Rochester July 2-7, 2012 with the Ricky Tims Super Seminar. Natalie has more information on this event. Lori Racle announced that the Appliqué Club next meeting will be in January. They will determine setting for the International Sunbonnet Sue blocks. Merriejann Miller passed out a new sign up sheet for desserts at the meetings.

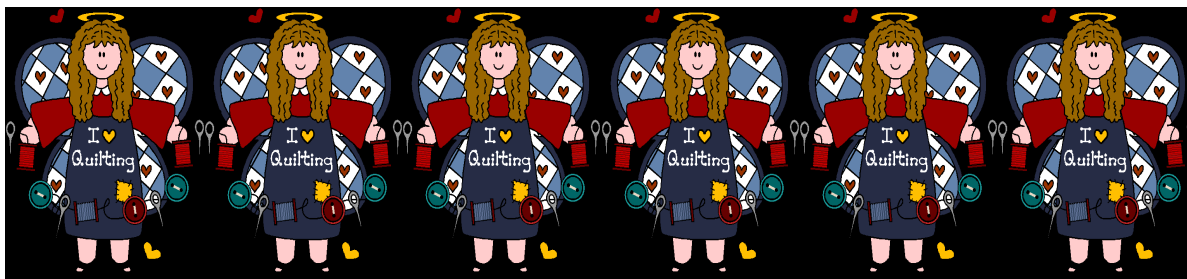
New officers were announced. They are Loretta Cadwallader for VP/Program and Kelly Miller as Secretary.

There was a lengthy discussion on CAPCOM. There appears to be some confusion as to whether or not both the Clarence and Amherst Guilds wish to continue this arrangement. The current agreement expires in December 2011. A suggestion was made that the Guild should concentrate on Seminar. Another suggestion was that a representative of both Guilds get together to resolve this issue. As both Amherst Guild representatives to CAPCOM have resigned, new representatives need to be found. A job description of this position will be posted in the next newsletter. No final decision was made.

Following Show and Share and the drawing of Name Taggers there was a presentation by Chris Jehle of Purse-o-Nalities.

Respectfully submitted, Debby Finegan

January 19, 2012 – No monthly meeting, cancelled due to snow storm.



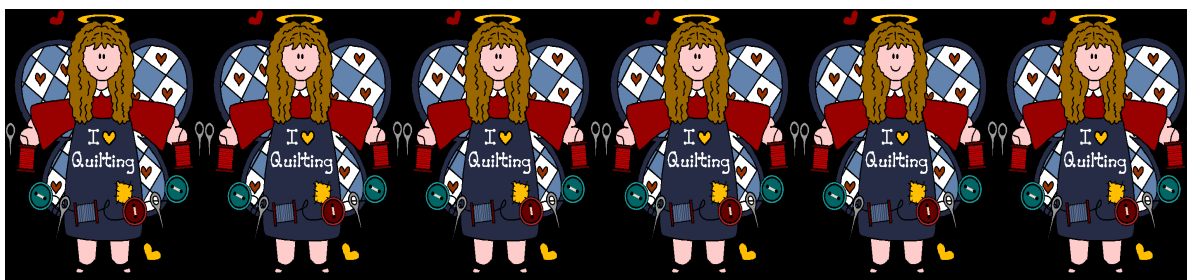
Member Spotlight - Kathy Tomasulo

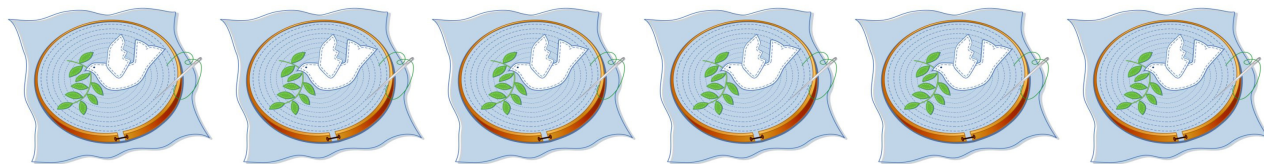
I have always been interested in quilting and remember having handmade yo-yo quilts on the beds when growing up. My grandfather would purchase pajamas but would only wear the bottoms so my grandmother would cut up the tops to make the yo-yos and would incorporate scraps of used clothing as well. Unfortunately, my grandmother passed away at an early age and these quilts were used and abused and long gone.

As a child, I was taught to sew, embroider, crochet, and knit by my great-grandmother, grandmother and mother. In a high school home economics class, we were assigned a project where we had to complete an outfit and at the end, wear it in a fashion show. I was so proud of that outfit. When my kids were young, I did some needlework but had to put it all aside due to time constraints. I'm sure you can relate to how working full-time, cooking, and housekeeping, children's taxi service, and other domestic obligations can leave little or no time for hobbies!

One day, kids get their drivers license, go off to college and suddenly I have time to myself. So, in the mid 2000s, I enrolled in a three part series quilting class at Joanne fabrics. I was surprised to find that I was the only student in the class and that it wasn't cancelled but very happy to receive the one-on-one tutoring. I ended the series with a completed quilt and was hooked for life! I have accumulated a healthy stash and several great and not so great tools over the past few years. I converted our home office into a sewing room which I fondly refer to as my "workshop" and like to hang out there every chance I get. I donate several quilts to Project Linus every year and have donated quilts to other charities as well.

A few years ago, I found out about Seminar from a local quilt shop and signed up for a class. That is where I met Betty Zebrowski and Jackie G. Betty was guild president at the time and they convinced me to join the guild and the rest is history. I have been blessed to meet so many kind and wonderful people who share my passion and to be allowed the opportunity to serve as your president.





Quilts Glorious Quilts – Kelly Miller

Time sure is flying by and the quilt show will be here before we know it. Since we did not have a January meeting, there is not much new to report. The good news though is that Donna Eick

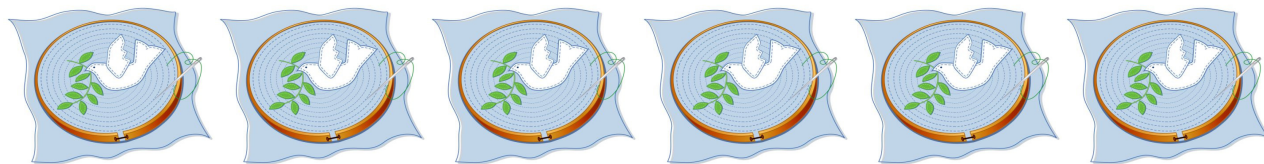
has agreed to cater our quilt show. Those of you that ate the lunches at seminar will know that her food is fabulous. She will have an ala cart menu consisting of a few soups, sandwiches, beverages, and desserts. Quilt show attendees and workers will then be able to choose a variety of items for lunch. Also, the vendors for the show have begun to send in their registration forms. I am looking forward to an array of vendors to peruse! I hope everyone is busy finishing their entries for the show and for the challenges. I am excited to see all the creativity from our guild.

Happy Sewing, Kelly Miller

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.



Mini Auction for the Quilt Show in April

It's time to start thinking about making one or more items for the auction at the quilt show in April. It can be anything quilted or quilt related: wall hanging, pillow, purse, wearable, table runner, etc. Just remember, maximum dimension is 96" overall. PLEASE conform to this measurement as larger items pose major problems when hanging them for the show. Please complete the **QUILT AUCTION ENTRY FORM**, which is included in this newsletter.

I would like to have all items turned in at the March meeting so I have enough time to prepare the paperwork necessary. Any questions call me at 633-9030 or e-mail me at utzlady@aol.com. Thank you. Theresa Utz, Auction chair.

**AMHERST MUSEUM QUILTERS GUILD
QUILT AUCTION ENTRY FORM
APRIL 2012**

Entries can be any medium you prefer: ex. hand or machine pieced and/or quilted; appliqué-flat or dimensional; and can be anything from a wall hanging to a pillow, purse or free form--you are limited only by your imagination. The only rule is that it cannot be larger than 96" in overall size.

PLEASE USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH ENTRY.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY APRIL 1, 2012

NO EXCEPTIONS. THANK YOU.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ **E-MAIL** _____

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

SIZE: LENGTH _____ **WIDTH** _____

NAME OF ITEM (If you have given it one) _____

For further information or questions, please contact Theresa Utz, 633-9030 or utzlady@aol.com.

**Advertisement and Patron Information For
2012 AMQG Quilt Show Program**

Your Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Business Website: _____

An active link from our website to yours (for one year) will be complimentary.

_____ I would like to purchase a business card size advertisement. (\$16.50)

_____ I would like to purchase a half page advertisement. (\$27.50)

_____ I would like to purchase a full page advertisement. (\$44.00)

_____ I would like to be a patron and include a message of 25 words or less. (\$5) **

**This option was not available on the form sent to potential advertisers. It is for members, their friends, and families.

All advertisers please complete ALL of the following steps:

- Attach a black and white copy of desired ad, or patron’s message, **AND**
- Attach a check made payable to “The Amherst Museum Quilters’ Guild”, **AND**
- If possible please send a JPEG or PDF file of your ad or message to: whimsies@verizon.net. Please use the subject line: Quilt Show Program

This form, a black and white copy of your advertisement, and your payment **postmarked no later than March 1, 2012,** should be mailed to:

Mary Ellen Cannon
Address in Member Roster

To members only: These forms and payment can also be returned to Mary Ellen Cannon at the February guild meeting.

Historic Homes

Historic Homes committee will meet at the Museum at 1 pm on Wednesday, January 18th. The "Rose of Sharon" quilt is completed, and we will begin the process of deciding on our next project. Jessica, the Textiles Curator, will bring in several antique quilts for us to consider. If you would like to be in on this process, please join us on the 18th. Thank you! Theresa Utz, Chair, Historic Homes

Sunshine and Shadows – Ann Neilson

- None to report, meeting in January was cancelled due to snow storm.

Community Service – Natalie Masker

Wednesday, February 22nd - 12:00 pm in the Steffan building.

PM Quilters 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, unless otherwise specified. Any guild member is welcome. Those that are planning to attend will need to contact the hostess so that seating arrangements can be made.

- **February 23rd** - Betty Zebrowski will be hostess at her home. Please contact her at 876-4106 if you are planning to attend.

2012 Quilters Bus Trip with Sue and Betty – Sue McNess

When: Tuesday, June 26th – Saturday, June 30th

Points of Interest:

- The Vermont Quilt Show, Burlington, VT
- Yankee Candle Factory outlet in Pittsfield, MA
- Shaker Village in Hancock, MA
- The Vermont Country Store
- Shelburne Museum
- Travel on the new AAA bus
- And more!

More information to follow! Contact Sue McNess at 688-4358 or Regina Sullivan at 630-3731.

E-Mail Tree/Newsletter Communications/Submissions

Items to be included in the next newsletter must be submitted no later than the **4th Monday** of the previous month. If you have any problems with receipt of our e-mail messages, newsletter, or change your e-mail provider, or no longer wish to receive a hard copy of the newsletter, please send to Colleen Dee at: amherstguild@roadrunner.com.

2012 Amherst Guild Newsletter Mailing Prep Schedule - Volunteers are welcome, 10 am in Tea Room

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



Amherst Museum
3755 Tonawanda Creek Road
Amherst, NY 14228 - 1599

February 2012 Calendar of Events

- Feb 1** Online mailing of newsletter to e-mail tree
- Feb 1** Board meeting 6 pm - Tea Room (Open to all members)
- Feb 7** Mail Prep, paper newsletters 10 am - Tea Room
- Feb 9** Appliqué Club - 12:30 pm
- Feb 16** Monthly Quilt Guild Meeting, 7 pm
- Feb 22** Community Service, 12 pm Steffan Building
- Feb 23** PM Quilters, at the home of Betty Zebrowski, Address in Member Roster
- Feb 27** Deadline for items for March newsletter

