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May Program

Loretta Cadwallader has planned a demo night for us! You don't want to miss the fun! One of the new things we will learn is making the new type yo-yo's. If you have been to our demo nights in the past you know that we all learn some new techniques and shortcuts that just are so much fun! You will be saying to yourself and your fellow members afterwards, "Gosh, I didn't know how to do that!" It is so much fun to learn new techniques and try them out once you have seen the "visual"!!

Photo Gallery – Show and Share

Beginning at our May monthly guild meeting, Colleen Dee will be taking photos of our members with their show and share projects, each month beginning at 6:30 pm and during our break time at each of our monthly meetings. There will be a sign-up sheet for our members for their name, and a brief description of the item they will be sharing so that we can add this information with the photo. All of the photos taken will then be placed on our websites new "Photo Gallery". Be sure to stop by to have your photo taken!

June Program

At the June 21st meeting, we will be delighted to have one of our own members, Lauren DeVantier display some of her quilts in a trunk show. She will be bringing Norma Chapin, an accomplished Longarm quilter with her. Lauren will talk about her quilts, and with Norma describe the ideas that go into quilting them. You won't want to miss this meeting! There will be something we can all learn from these ladies.



President's Message

Greetings Fellow Stitchers:

As of this publication, we should all be recovering from another successful biannual quilt show. My sincere thanks and appreciation goes out to all of the committee chairs, show volunteers and especially Kelly Miller who for a second time, worked tirelessly to bring all the pieces together. Without all of your hard work, commitment to the guild and love of quilting, we would not have a show. I feel very fortunate to work with such a wonderful group of ladies and gentlemen.

Now, lets go on to our next upcoming event. Annual seminar brochures have been distributed to our membership and the complete 2012 Seminar details are also on our amqg.org website! Please review the wide array of classes and get your registration in before we open them up to the public.

You may recall from the January newsletter that I made a resolution to complete my UFOs. I also told myself I was not going to buy any more fabric or gadgets until they were done. Well, wanted to update you and you will be happy to know that I only have one UFO remaining and still have seven months left! However, since I am a first born and a major trait of first borns is procrastination, I figure I will get to the last one around December. Don't know if I can hold off on purchases till then since we are entering the season of quilt shows and shop hops and I have a planned road trip in August and won't be able to leave home without my shop companion. I'll keep you posted on my progress.

I would like to wish you all a very happy mother's day. I hope that however you chose to celebrate, you create a special memory.

All the best,
Kathy

General Meeting Minutes

Please note that there was not a general meeting held in April, due to our 2012 Preview party for the Quilts, Glorious Quilts" show.

Quilts, Glorious Quilts – Kelly Miller

Wow, what a show! Can you believe it is over already? It seems like we just started planning it! I just want to say a big thank you to all of my committee chairs, all of the volunteer workers, and anyone who donated to the auction, and basket raffle. We will have a wrap up questionnaire available soon on the website so that we can gather feedback about our show and continue to make our future shows even better! Please watch the newsletter for details. Thank you again to everyone involved in our show!



Member Spotlight - Dorothy Glosser

My first memory of a handmade quilt goes back to a night in my childhood. I spent the night at my Grandmother's and she let me use a pieced coverlet. I remember all the fabrics and wondered if they came from her dresses.

I didn't begin quilting until 2002. A friend asked me to get a sewing machine so we could take classes and learn to quilt together. We went separate ways when she got into machine embroidery and I fell in love with more traditional pieced quilts and all the possibilities. I love trying new techniques. I also enjoy quilt challenges. I was so surprised when I won first place in the SewWhat 20th anniversary challenge.

A woman at my church, Pendleton Christ United Methodist, started a sewing group at about the same time I got my machine. "Sit, Sip, and Sew" still meets every Tuesday from 10 until 2 pm. We work on many charity projects, including Project Linus Quilts. I have taught some classes and techniques to our group. At one time we all made jackets. We also made a memory quilt and gave it to Starpoint School to raffle. The proceeds were used toward their Memorial Courtyard. My quilting journey has been a blessing.

Seminar 2012- Chapter 3 from Mary Ellen Cannon

By the time you are reading this, you will have received your paper copy of our seminar brochure for 2012. They were given out at the quilt show, and mailed to those who did not get their copy at our seminar station. If by some chance we missed you, please contact me and I'll make sure one is sent to you. I hope you will be able to join us-seminar is always a good time with lots of sociable quilters, great food, and so much to learn from the teachers and each other.

Don Dee, our webmaster, has done a super job for us posting all sorts of details about seminar at our website. The photos of the projects that the local teachers will be presenting will be coming soon.

Marija, our chairperson of local teachers, is rounding them up as each sewing elf finishes the stitching. We're hoping that you got to see a few of the samples at the quilt show.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions about this year's seminar, please feel free to contact me or my co-chair Jan Reilly. Our contact information is in the roster (also at the website!) or you could send an e-mail to the seminar address at amqgsem@verizon.net and we will answer you ASAP!

Our biggest seminar job now is getting the word out. Again let me ask for your help in publicizing our seminar. The best way for us to keep a cap on our costs is to fill every seat with a quilter. Spread the word at your guild meetings, church groups, ladies luncheons, quilting classes...wherever quilters gather. We can provide you with bookmarks to share, and 1 page "poster" handouts. If you think it would be helpful for one of us to come and talk to your group, we can do that too. The liaisons will be happy to help as well. Lori Racle is the chairperson for our guild liaisons to shops and guilds.



Spring Cleaning in the Country Store from Mary Ellen Cannon

It's the time of year when we think about cleaning up and getting organized. Closets get a once over, cupboards getting some emptying and we try to start fresh. Antoinette Miller, our guild liaison, is also the steward of the country store. Spring refurbishing is happening in the store too. Antoinette has asked me to pass along some information to those of you who have, or would like to, put handmade items in the country store for consignment. As is listed on the guidelines for consigning (available in the members only section of our website), items will be kept on consignment for 1 year. It seems hard to believe that we have had this opportunity for over a year already. If you have had items in the country store for over 1 year, please retrieve them (sign them back out with Antoinette). If you want to put the item for sale at a reduced price, you can discuss those details with her. The Heritage Village will be heading into its busier season now, so fresh seasonal items would sell well. Maybe you have some spring or summer quilts, runners, placemats or sundries to sell. Call Antoinette and she'll be glad to meet with you.

Sunshine and Shadows – Ann Neilson

- Mary Ann Krafft's son James married his long time girlfriend Jill Theilman on April 28th.
- More sad news from Joyce Morris. Her brother, Bob Johnson of Victorville, CA, passed away on Saturday, March 31st.

Community Service – Joyce Morris

Natalie Masker has resigned as our Community Service Chair and we would like to thank her for her time and dedication that she has brought to this committee. Joyce Morris has volunteered to take over as our new Community Service Chair and we look forward to working with her on our Community Service projects.

The next Community Service meeting is below and please note that the time and date has changed when the group will meet this month:

Date: Wednesday, May 30th
Time: 10 am to 1 pm
Where: Steffan Building

PM Quilters Schedule

PM Quilters is a group of friendly quilters who gather each month in the home of one of the members and any Guild member is welcome. Those that are planning to attend will need to contact the hostess so that seating arrangements can be made. The next meeting date is below.

- May 24th - Joann Castiglia will be hostess at her home. Her contact information is in the 2012 Membership Roster, in the "Members Only" section on our website.



AMQG Webmaster – Don Dee

Have you been on our guild website lately? If you haven't checked it out you are missing some great information!!!! Be sure to check out all of the updates and new features that have been added! And the "new" blog is back too! Mary Ellen Cannon and Marija Vujcic have done an outstanding job of really giving us some great "bells and whistles" on this new blog!

As a reminder the "Members Only" area of the Guild's website has been implemented and is available to all of our current paid 2012 quilt guild members. *If there are any current members who have NOT received your user name and password to date, please contact our Webmaster Don Dee, at webmaster@amqg.org. to request access to the Members Only link.*

If you have an email address but do not have it on file with Colleen Dee, please send your request to Don at webmaster@amqg.org and a user name and password will be emailed to you, so that you can access the "Members Only" link on our website. Or if you wish you can send a letter to Don Dee, 23 Cardinal Lane, Wheatfield, NY 14120 and *include a stamped, self addressed envelope* and your user name and password will be mailed to you.

E-Mail Tree/Communications/ Newsletter Submissions – Colleen Dee

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 an email to Colleen Dee at: amherstguild@roadrunner.com.

Articles to be included in the **June** newsletter must be sent to Colleen Dee at amherstguild@roadrunner.com by **no later than Monday May 28th**, to be included in the newsletter, space permitting.

Upcoming Lectures/Workshops - National Teacher - Sally Schneider

Sally Schneider will be lecturing and offering workshops at Westfield Quilters' Guild on Thursday May 17 at 7 PM at the United Methodist Church, 101 East Main Street, Westfield, NY. Workshops will take place on Friday May 18 (Magic Triangles) and Saturday May 19 (Stamp Basket in a Garden Maze) from 9 to 3:30 at Turner Conference Center, West Lake Road, Mayville, NY. Fees are \$40 per class or \$75 for both classes. If interested please email Carol Bish at bishjc@yahoo.com or by telephone (716)753-2041. The lecture is entitled "Borders - The Built In Way" and admission is \$5.00.

Sally Schneider will also be at the Northern Chautauqua Quilting Companions, lecture is entitled "Sensational Settings" and held on Tuesday, May 22 at 7 PM at Harvest Chapel Free Methodist Church, 39 Matteson Street, Fredonia, NY. Workshops will take place on Sunday, May 20 from 9 - 3:30 (Easy Peasy Pieced Sashing) and Monday, May 21 (Skyrockets) at the Turner Center between Mayville and Chautauqua. Fees are \$40 each or \$75 for both. Contact Gerri Begier at (716)366-8993 or billshooks@roadrunner.com.



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May Calendar of Events

- May 1** Online mailing of newsletter to e-mail tree
- May 2** Board meeting 6 pm - Tea Room (Open to all members)
- May 17** Monthly Guild Meeting – 7 pm
- May 30** Community Service – 10 am – 1 pm, Steffan Building
- May 24** PM Quilters, Joann Castiglia will be hostess
- May 28** Deadline for items for June newsletter

