



Amherst Museum Quilters' Guild



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Program News – Loretta Cadwallader

September 12th–15th Seminar! - Hooray! Seminar is coming! The classes are each day from 9 am to 4 pm.

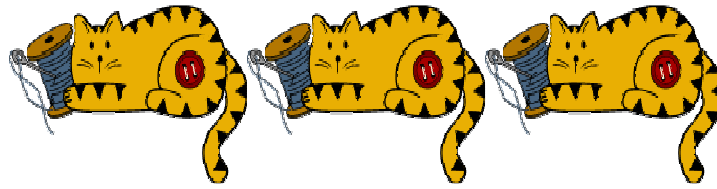
If you haven't registered for a class, do it now. What an opportunity to take classes from such an array of teachers. There is always something new to learn in the quilt world. Hope to see you September 12-15 at the Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village.

Wednesday, September 12th at 7 pm – Don't miss the lecture by Beth Ferrier, "When finishing is highly overrated", at Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village.

National Teachers - Beth Ferrier, and Anita Grossman Solomon

Local Teachers - Marlea Crowther, Martha Eddy, Judy Farnham, Donna Mileham, Kelly Miller, Donna Ptak, Jeannette Rogers, and Cheryl Seitter-Vought.

October Program - At the October 18th meeting we will have a guest speaker from Project Linus. Christine Lewandowski will tell us the history of this national charitable group and give an overview of the organization. The following Saturday, October 20th, Christine will bring kits for small quilts that members can make for Project Linus. These quilts will go to local groups. The work time is from 9 am to 1 pm and is limited to only 20 volunteers, so we need your reservation at the October meeting.



Presidents Message

Greetings Fellow Stitchers,

I recently returned from vacationing in beautiful Lake Sunapee New Hampshire. The weather was perfect, scenery breathtaking, and most of all, the time there was very relaxing. Of course, no vacation is complete without a quilting experience (or two or three). So, I dragged my husband, the good sport that he is, to the League of New Hampshire's 79th annual craftsmen's fair for a day. I actually read an article about this in one of the summer issues of "Quilter Magazine" and decided someday I will get there. There were two quilters who had displays at the fair. One of them made animals and fish out of scraps and then mounted them on little pedestals. I actually purchased one and will bring it to pass around at the next Show & Share. The other quilter was very creative and as I spoke to her, I learned that she is teaching on a quilter's cruise. How exiting is that! Of course, I am not able to locate the business card she gave me so I can share her name. However, she created these beautiful art quilts that she mounted in some old snow shoes. I was in awe over them. She was selling a pair for \$1,100 which was a little steep for my vacation fund so unfortunately, I won't be able to share those with you. She did open my mind to the endless possibilities of incorporating quilts into other facets of life and hobbies. If you are interested in learning more about the League or in visiting a future show, the website is www.nhcrafts.org.

I hope by now you have all registered for our annual seminar and ordered your lunches. If not, there is still time and space available to get into a class. Don't forget about the Wednesday night lecture. Round up all your friends for a fun filled evening. Please express your appreciation to Mary Ellen, Jan and their committee members for the hard work and time they put in to planning and executing a great seminar.

Have a great Labor Day holiday and happy first day of school to all you parents with school-age children and teachers.

All the best,

Kathy



General Meeting Minutes – August 16th, 2012

Kathy opened the meeting at 7:04 pm. She announced that the guild's fund for Alice's Dream has been growing due to the many fund raisers and as a result we are looking to purchase an antique whole cloth quilt for the museum collection. Anyone who may know of a quilt for purchase should let the Alice's Dream committee know.

Mary Anne Krafft passed out fat quarters to all of the guests. This is something new the guild has started.

Mary Ellen Cannon talked about seminar. She passed out brochures to the guests that wanted one. She is looking for volunteers to help run seminar. Greeters and lunch helpers are needed. Please contact Lori Racle to sign up. More door prizes are needed. Guild liaisons should contact their shops for door prizes. Anyone who wishes to donate door prizes may also do so by contacting Natalie Masker.

Lynne Nothum announced the new challenge guidelines. Anyone wishing to participate should see Lynne at the October meeting for a fat quarter and the challenge rules. Entries for the challenge are due at the March 2013 meeting.

Natalie Masker is collecting the raffle tickets and money for the raffle quilt. Contact her to turn in tickets and money.

Theresa Utz reminded the volunteers for the Scottish festival to check the schedule for when they signed up and to bring something to work on while you are there.

Natalie reminded members that she will be selling some bears during the break. All proceeds go to community service.

Theresa Utz announced that historic homes committee will not meet in September due to seminar. They will meet in October on the second Saturday in the bigelow house from 12:30 until 4:00.

PM Quilters is at Joyce Morris' house on August 22nd from 10 til 1. The following meeting will be on September 19th.

Linda Hunter reminded members to donate quilts for the consortium. All quilts will be donated to the NY state troopers for when it is necessary to remove a child from his/her home. Quilts should fit into a gallon plastic bag. Please give the quilts to Natalie or Linda.

We all enjoyed the lovely show and share quilts.

After break, Loretta Cadwallader talked about how she long arms quilts. She shared with the guild how to properly apply your quilt borders!

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Miller



Sunshine and Shadows – Ann Neilson

- Paula Foerder's husband passed away July 29th.
- Kelly Miller is the aunt of twins Finn and Violet born July 27th.
- Ann Neilson's grandson, Eric, married Kelly on July 28th.
- Silvia Siegel's father-in-law passed away August 15th.
- Irene Jones daughter, Pam, had a hip replacement on August 23rd.
- Linda Hunter's granddaughter, Olivia, graduated from high school and is going to Cleveland Institute of Art for college. Her son and daughter-in-law will finally be in their new house in East Bloomfield.
- Susan Teetsel got a Featherweight sewing machine for a 6 pack of good German beer!
- Theresa Utz is having neck surgery August 27th.

PM Quilters Schedule

PM Quilters is a group of friendly quilters who gather each month in the home of one of the members. Any Guild member is welcome. For those that are planning to attend will need to contact the hostess so that the seating arrangement can be made. Contact Information is in the Member Roster on our guild website.

- **September 27th** - The next PM Quilters meeting will be Sept. 27 at the home of Lori Racle

Community Service – Joyce Morris

Community Service members are presently working on projects for the museum. We were asked to help cover hangers for museum clothing and make a parasol cover. We also will be working on charity quilts to be made with the blocks members bring to the monthly guild meetings. This project will continue at the Community Service meetings September 19th, October 24th, and November 28th. All meetings are scheduled from 10 am to 1 pm. No meeting is scheduled in December. Of course, anyone and everyone can join us working on these projects. It is a pleasant way to spend a few hours with friends.

Community Service Thank You – Jackie Groszkowski

I want to thank everyone who participated in the first Block Lotto. Because of your generosity we had enough blocks to assemble 7 lap quilts for the Erie County Home. The Lotto Blocks were won by Judy Balcerzak and Jean Miller. I can't tell you how we did in August because I was on vacation and missed the meeting.

The next block (ice cream cone) which Joyce Morris distributed at the August meeting isn't due until the October guild meeting. You can also get a copy of the Block Lotto patterns on the Members Only section on our guild website. (There's no guild meeting in September because of seminar.) This block is paper pieced. If you've never done paper piecing why not give this block a try. It's really pretty easy. Two things about the block...first, please remove the paper before you turn your blocks in and secondly, **DO NOT DO THE FINAL TRIMMING OF THE BLOCKS.** We'll trim them when we put them together. Again, thank you for participating.

8 guaranteed ways to ruin your (and everyone else's) quilt class

(By Michele Scott, from the March/April 2007 issue of Quilter's Home Magazine)

(Note from Mary Ellen Cannon – I must give full credit for this article, in entirety, to the author cited above. I thought it was a perfect, though sarcastic, reminder to all of us as we head into our annual quilt seminar. This is a rerun from our September 08 newsletter; it still seems appropriate to me.)

“Finally, it’s time for that quilting class you’ve always wanted to take. Either the class sample or the instructor piqued your interest, and you’re ready to dive into the process. Most of the time, quilt classes are informative and fun. But sometimes, just sometimes, either you or someone in your class creates an unintentional glitch that can ruin the day, not only for you but for everyone else. What —you don’t know what I’m talking about? It’s super easy to do. Just follow these 8 tips to completely spoil your quilt-class experience. As a bonus, you’ll ruin the class for all those around you, too.

1. Completely disregard the supply list. Don’t be bothered with those pesky supply lists. It’s a hassle to gather up all the supplies that are necessary for the project or will make the process easier. I am sure the people around you who did take the time to be prepared will bring plenty of what you need. If you do bring supplies, don’t worry about being product specific. Just grab whatever you have on hand. I’m sure what you have will work. The instructors haven’t tested everything. They are just trying to be difficult by asking for particular items.

2. If the class calls for a sewing machine, do not take the time to test its capabilities. Heck, you can try it out when you’re there. It’s also great to know there is a professional instructor who can take class time to set it up for you.

3. If the instructor is offering a book or pattern for the class, do not buy it. I am sure you will take good enough notes to continue the project once you get home. Better yet, break copyright laws and photocopy the pattern for someone else. Keep in mind that the instructor is probably overpaid anyway, and cheating publishers of their property is your due. Everybody does it.

4. Bring your children/grandchildren. Everyone loves kids! Especially when they are monopolizing class time and taking away from the focus of the class. Seriously, the people around you think your kids are as adorable as you do. They paid their money, rearranged their schedules, and hired their own baby-sitters just so they could entertain your children.

5. Cell phones on at ALL times! The constant ringing or beeping is not distracting at all. Remember that your conversations with the outside world are much more important and interesting than anything else. We all take pleasure in hearing you fight with your husband, not to mention those infuriating but funny power struggles with your kids.

6. Don’t be shy...tell us all what you think. Make sure you tell the teacher and all the other students exactly how much you know about the project. Speak up each and every chance you get! And don’t worry if your method conflicts with what the teacher says. After all, there’s always more than one way to do something!

7. Compare your work to those around you. Forget that we all are on different levels and that some may have a bit more experience with the process or technique. When your first-time efforts are less than perfect, be completely dejected and throw in the towel. Don’t let the instructor know if you’re having difficulties. A teacher should be able to tell from across the room that you are having a hard time. Beating yourself up is much more productive than being patient with your skill.

8. And finally... Forget that you’re there to take pleasure in your favorite hobby. Enjoying yourself is not an option.”



Guild Library Corner

Did you know that our guild has an extensive library for our members that have a HUGH selection of quilting books that you can borrow? Remember if you can borrow books, and not buy them you have more money to spend on your fabric stash!!!

Did you also know that our guild website has a “Library List” link that you can click on to look up if we have a particular book by Author or Title? This way you can do a little website browsing before you come to the meeting if you are looking for a particular book.

Bottom line here....., we all like to actually touch and feel the book, see the pictures in person to get our inspiration! Jean Miller is our guild Librarian, and she would love to have you come visit the library and browse! In addition to the books there are stencils, videos and patterns to choose from as well! It is a very simple process, just select your book(s), etc., sign it out [just like at the library], and your ready to go!

One last thing....., if there is a particular quilting book that you would like added to our library, please contact Jean Miller directly and let her know so she can look into purchasing the book. Her contact information is in the Member Roster on our website.

We hope to see you at our library, and remember we are open at 6:30 pm on our guild meeting nights!

Thank you! – Betty Zebrowski

I am sending a thank you to Linda Hunter, Joann McGowan and Mary Ellen Cannon. At the July Show 'n Share, I showed an antique quilt that I was repairing. Linda Hitchens has the same quilt made by her mother. I hoped that one of our members would know the name of the block. Well, three of them came to the rescue. Here is what they found:

The pattern was found in Barbara Brackman's, Encyclopedia of Pieced Quilts, page 54-55, #272. It is called “Endless Chain” there.



Quilts for the Troops – Betty Zebrowski

Thirteen quilts were sent to our returning soldiers in July. Thank you to our Quilting Angels! Our next shipment will be in November. Any questions, please contact me, my contact information is in the Member Roster on our website.

Exhibit News – from Marge Marcille - (a material girl and AMQG member who does not regularly attend Quilt Guild meetings!)

I think the Quilt Guild members would enjoy these exhibits and it would be nice to support our area needle arts guilds. Thanks!

Local needle arts guilds stage exhibits:

The Embroiderers' Guild of America, Buffalo Chapter, is staging an exhibit of 250 pieces of hand embroidery at the Kenan Center House Gallery (433 Locust Street Lockport NY 14094) from September 9th to the 30th. Gallery hours are Mon-Fri noon to 5 and Sat and Sun 2 to 5. There will be a boutique of handcrafted items. Admission is free.

Beautiful lace items made by Mary Lou and Joan Sulecki of the Lace Guild (which also meets at the BNHVM) are featured as a major part of an exhibit at the Castellani Art Museum on the campus of Niagara University. The exhibit entitled "(Re-) Making Irish Lace" features historical items from a local collection and informational displays about the process of lace-making. Hours are T-S 11 to 5 and Sun, 1 to 5 p.m. Phone 716-286-8200. Visit CastellaniArtMuseum.org for more info.

Service Project Report - Cuddle Quilts – from QCNYS Service Project for 2012-2013

Can you please help reach the goal of 500 quilts? (That's two quilts for each of the 250 cars in NY State.)

These are small quilts to be given to NY State Police. These quilts can be kept in the cars for use in those unfortunate circumstances when there is a need to remove a small child from their home. The quilts are meant to provide the child with something to hold and cuddle. The calming influence will be greatly appreciated by the troopers. New York State has over two hundred and fifty marked State Police vehicles.

1. The requested sizes are 18" x 24" and 24" x 36", folded to fit into a gallon size clear storage bag.
2. The fabric should be washable and child oriented. Flannels, fleece or any type of soft cuddle fabric should be used on the quilt front, back or as a binding. Batting can be used in the middle but if using fleece on the back, batting is not necessary.
3. If the material is especially meant for a boy or girl, please insert a note in the bag where it can be easily seen indicating boy or girl.
4. Please wash the quilt before placing into the bag. No pet dander or scents on the quilt, in case of allergies

The project will begin in *September 2012 and end in June 2013*. If this is a project your group normally does it would be nice if you simply share with us the number your guild completes. Let's all get behind this project and see how many quilts we can get done. Delegates please take this idea to your groups and help us reach our goal!



**AMHERST MUSEUM QUILTERS GUILD 2013 CHALLENGE
 FAT QUARTER CHALLENGE GUIDELINES**

Using your fat quarter, create something wonderful!

- **Due Date** - March 2013 meeting
- **Colors** - you may add as many fabrics as needed to create your project.
- **Size** - Minimum 60" to maximum 160" total circumference. [Examples: 15" square pillow, 18"by 40" table runner, 40" square wall hanging.]
Note- Wearable items, totes, purses, etc. don't have to follow these measurements.
- **Techniques** - any quilt-related technique may be used, such as appliqué, patchwork, foundation piecing, whole cloth, etc.
- **Winners** - will be selected by popular vote during the March 2103 meeting.

P.S. Fat quarters will still be available until we run out. Check with Lynne Nothum or Kelly Miller. A \$1 donation is being solicited to encourage you to actually create something great.



Linda Hunter's Easy Butterscotch Cake

Ingredients:

- One box yellow cake mix
- One package butterscotch pudding (Note: **must** be the cooked kind)
- 2 cups milk
- 8 oz. chopped nuts – either walnuts or pecans
- 8 oz. butterscotch morsels (Nestle)
- Greased 9" x 13" cake pan

Method:

- Cook pudding with the two cups of milk as per package directions.
- Put the dry cake mix in a bowl and pour the hot pudding into the cake mix. Do not add anything else to the mix. Mix the pudding and cake mix together – a few lumps are OK. (I use a spoon or whisk).
- Pour into the greased cake pan, smooth out evenly.
- Sprinkle the top with the nuts and butterscotch morsels.
- Bake in pre-heated 350 degree oven for about 30 minutes, until toothpick comes out clean.
- No other topping is needed.

Note that this is a rather sweet dessert.

Also, this may be made with other flavors of cake, pudding and nuts:

Ex. Chocolate cake and pudding, white cake and pistachio pudding, lemon cake and pudding

Fourth Complimentary Quilting Designs - Victoriana Quilt Designs/ Benita Skinner

Hello Amherst Museum Quilters - This is the 4th quilting design from the complimentary set of my Quilting Designs for your Amherst Museum Quilter's Guild 2012-2013 newsletters. There are 10 unique designs that I have given your newsletter editor, my permission to include monthly in your newsletter. They are to be included as a feature, so you can collect them and use these "quilting designs" for the quilts that you make. You can also embroider the design or use them for simple appliqué blocks. The size the design would print is about 4 inches square, so it is large enough to be useful. Enjoy!

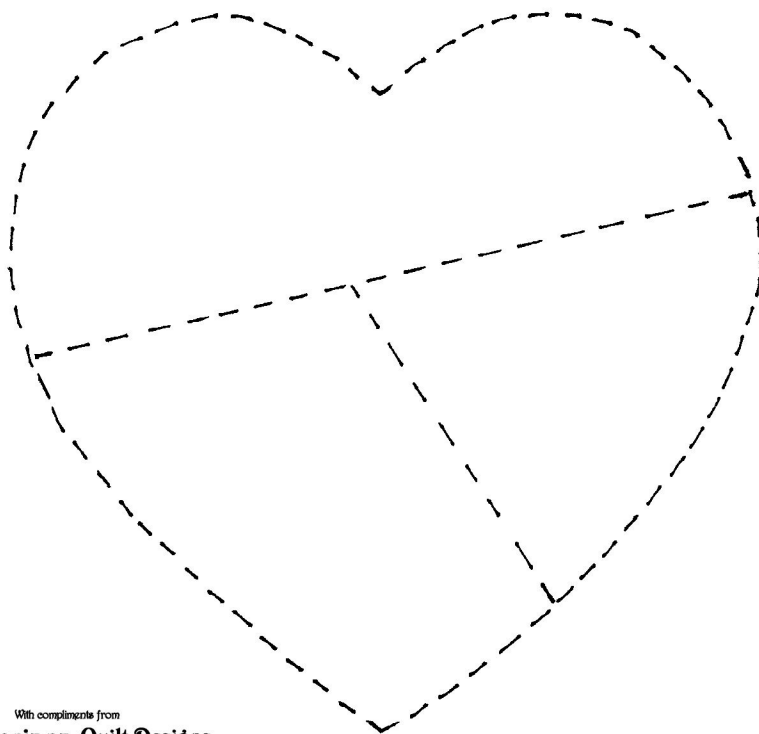
Regards, Benita Skinner

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Design of the Month
~ Crazy Patch Heart ~



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Articles to be included in the October newsletter must be sent to Colleen, at amherstguild@roadrunner.com by ***no later than Monday September 24th***, to be included in the newsletter, space permitting.

We welcome inquiries about membership and encourage our members to bring your family and friends as a guest to one of our monthly guild meetings, held the third Thursday each month, at 7 PM at the Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village, located at 3755 Tonawanda Creek Road, Amherst, NY 14228.

Photo Gallery – Show and Share – Starts at 6:30 at our monthly guild meeting

Remember that at each of our monthly guild meetings, Colleen and Don Dee will be taking photos of our members with their show and share projects, beginning at 6:30 pm and during our break time. All of the photos taken will then be placed on our website “Photo Gallery”. Be sure to stop by to have your photo taken!

September Calendar of Events

- Sept 1 Online mailing of newsletter to e-mail tree
- Sept 5 Board meeting, 6 pm. All Welcome
- Sept 12-15th 38th Annual Quilting Seminar
- Sept 19 Community Service, 10 am – 1 pm Steffan Building
- Sept 20 *No Regular Monthly Guild meeting due to Seminar***
- Sept 24 Deadline for items for October newsletter
- Sept 27 PM Quilters, hostess Lorie Racle, contact information in Member Roster