



Amherst Museum Quilters' Guild



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November 2012

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Never ask a quilter
to dress the turkey.

Happy Thanksgiving!

November Program News – Loretta Cadwallader

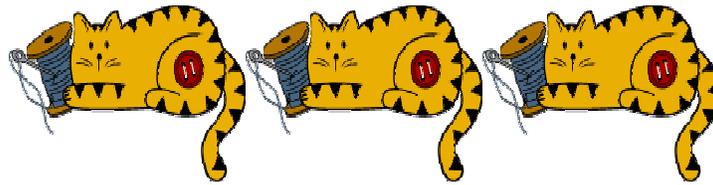
Our November 15th meeting program will focus on a demonstration by a local quilt shop owner. This year we will feature Marie from Marie's Sewing Center in Lockport. We look forward to seeing her demo and shopping at her table. She always has such a nice display at our quilt shows. Also, Lynne Elis will have your orders available at this meeting.

December Program

December brings our annual Holiday party. Mark December 13th on your calendar for this potluck dinner and fun program. More information will be published in our next newsletter.

January Program

Barring another big January snowstorm, we will have our annual Guild Bucks Auction. Start culling your sewing collection (fabric, notions, machines, quilt blocks, kits, tops, etc.) One person's "trash" is another person's treasure. This is always a fun time, even if you are just an observer.



Presidents Message

Greetings Fellow Stitchers:

I'm sure I'm not the only one out there that has come across a new tool and thought it was the greatest thing since sliced bread (am I showing my age?! Well, I found a tumbler ruler/template that works on fabric widths of 2 ½" up to 5". It is perfect for jelly rolls, charm packs, dessert rolls, etc. The possibilities are endless! Maybe now I will make a dent in my stash of pre-cut packs especially since I am addicted to the deal of the day on Missouri Quilt Company's web site. I'll let you know at a future show and share.

Have you ever made a T-shirt quilt? I did not and was naïve to think that you just cut a square from a T-shirt and use it like a regular fabric square. I decided to make a T-shirt quilt for a friend who is suffering from empty nest syndrome. I secretly had her two kids give me 10 T-shirts each. Thank goodness I had the foresight to watch a video instruction series on www.youtube.com before starting. Otherwise, I would now be purchasing a new iron, have ruined 20 perfectly good T-shirts and ended up gift less.

MerrieJann Miller recently had a stroke as shared at the October monthly meeting. She has done so much for our guild and is always smiling and we are blessed to have her as a member. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you to those members that participated in the Project Linus workshop on Saturday, October 20. I have known Christine Lewandowski for many years and this organization is close to my heart. I truly appreciate the time and talent you donated to our local children in need.

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the November meeting. I am going on my first family vacation since my kids graduated high school. I wish you all a happy and healthy Thanksgiving. I am not one of the many who shop on black Friday and am looking forward to a full day in my sewing room.

All the best,
Kathy



General Meeting Minutes October 18, 2012 – Kelly Miller

Kathy started the meeting at 7:00 pm. She welcomed new members and guests.

She announced the following:

The December holiday party will be on Thursday, December 13th instead of the third Thursday in December. More details to follow in the newsletter.

Merrie Jan Miller had a stroke and is in intensive care. We will need assistance with bringing/setting up snacks for the next few guild meetings.

Ann Neilson has stepped down as Sunshine and Shadows Chairperson and Kathy Tomasulo has agreed to take her place.

Last year guild dues were raised to \$30 dollars, but will return to \$25 for 2013 dues.

Marija and her husband have taken their citizenship oaths and are now U.S. citizens. Congratulations!

Kathy then gave a treasurer's report.

Mary Ellen and Jan were not in attendance but Kathy was pleased to announce that seminar is in the black. Final reconciliations are taking place with the museum.

Project Linus Work day is this Saturday, October 20th from 10-3. Please sign up if you plan to attend.

Jackie G. announced that the guild has six new members.

Community Service lottery blocks are due next month. Next Wednesday, October 24th Community Service will meet in Steffan from 10-1.

Lynne N. announced that the challenge projects are due at the 2013 March guild meeting. If anyone would like a fat quarter to please let her know. More fat quarters will be available at the November guild meeting for \$1 each.

Community Service will be making ditty bags again. Please bring any trial soaps, shampoos, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotions, etc. to the November guild meeting.

Natalie announced that the raffle quilt made a profit of \$2,298!

Natalie and Linda are still collecting quilts for the state troopers. If you wish to donate a quilt it needs to fit in a gallon plastic bag. Suggested sizes are 18 x 24 or 24 x 36. Please bring them to the November guild meeting so the can be delivered in December.

Name taggers were drawn.

Dorothy G. made a motion to send Merriejann Miller something to cheer her up. The motion was seconded and passed.

Natalie announced that she has started to take donations again for the January auction. You may bring them to the November or December guild meetings.

Next year's national seminar teacher is Pat Sloan. To help us become familiar with her work, we will be getting some of her books in the library. Please come to the November meeting to look at the new additions to our library!

We enjoyed seeing everyone's beautiful show and share quilts. Community Service shared all of the quilts that were made with the block lottery blocks. Thank you community service!

Betty Z. announced that she will be mailing quilts to the troops after the November meeting, so please bring any quilts that you would like included in this shipment.

The business meeting concluded at 7:52 pm.

Christine Lewandowski from Project Linus shared a video about Project Linus and explained where the quilts go and answered questions about Project Linus.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Miller



Sunshine and Shadows – Kathy Tomasulo

Please join me in welcoming Kathy Tomasulo who has volunteered to be our new Sunshine and Shadow Chair. Please contact Kathy to report any news updates that you receive from our members on upcoming events, [i.e. weddings, family news, deaths, etc.]. As you know these updates are included in our monthly guild newsletter and we want to continue to feature these. Thank you again, Kathy!

- Marija Vujcic and her husband recently took the citizenship oath and are now US citizens.
- Merriejann Miller had a stroke and is currently in the neuro ICU at Buffalo General Hospital.
- Ann Nielsen has returned home to continue her recovery following hip replacement surgery.
- Antoinette Miller's sister passed away.
- Dorothy Glosser's husband is having partial knee replacement surgery.

PM Quilters Schedule – Joyce Morris

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.

- November 27th - The next PM Quilters meeting will be at the home of Theresa Utz.

Community Service Meetings – Joyce Morris

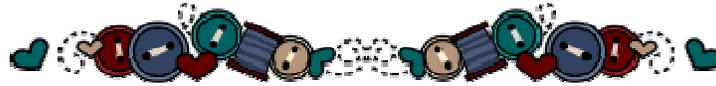
Community Service members are presently working on projects for the museum. All meetings are scheduled from 10 am to 1 pm. Of course, anyone and everyone can join us working on these projects. It is a pleasant way to spend a few hours with friends.

The Community Service dates for the remainder of 2012 are below:

- November 28th
- December – no meeting

Raffle Quilt – Natalie Masker

The guild made \$2,298.09 profit on this year's quilt. The quilt was won by Faith Leslie, a long-time guild member.



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.



Cuddle Quilts/Ditty Bags/January Guild Buck Auction - Natalie Masker

Please bring small cuddle quilts (18 x24) or (24 x 36) washed and in clear 1 gallon bags, to give to NYS Troopers for children they have to remove from their homes, to our November meeting. They do not need batting if you use flannel or fleece as backing. I used leftover blocks and strips I had in my sewing room and made five quilts without having to piece any blocks. I will bring them to consortium meeting in December. Some guilds made more than 70 quilts and we hope that we can reach that number. Please label the quilt bags for girls or boys if the quilt is not unisex.

Also, bring in any donations you might have for January auction and items of toiletry notions for ditty bags for Community Service.

6th Complimentary Quilting Designs - Victoriana Quilt Designs/ Benita Skinner

Hello Amherst Museum Quilters - This is the 6th 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!

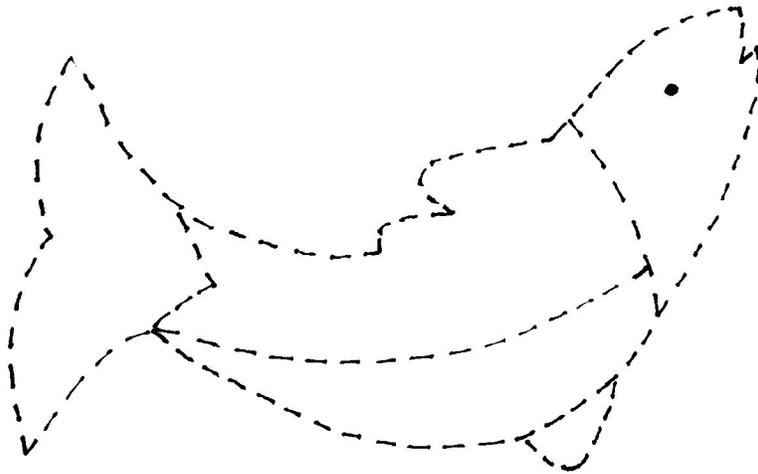
Regards, Benita Skinner

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Design of the Month ~ Fish ~



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Articles to be included in the November newsletter must be sent to Colleen, at amherstguild@roadrunner.com by ***no later than Monday November 26th***, 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 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!

November Calendar of Events

- Nov 1 Online mailing of newsletter to e-mail tree
- Nov 7 Board meeting, 6 pm. All are welcome!
- Nov 15 Monthly Guild Meeting, 7 pm, Photo Shoot @ 6:30 pm
- Nov 26 Deadline for articles for December newsletter articles
- Nov 27 PM Quilters, hostess Theresa Utz contact information in Member Roster
- Nov 28 Community Service, 10 am to 1 pm Steffan Building