



# Amherst Quilters Guild



NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming Program News – Loretta Cadwallader

### November Program

At our November 21 meeting Sally McCarthy of McCarthy Horse and Buggy Quilt Company will present a program on Amish history and culture, as well as the history of quilts. She will bring a wide selection of Amish quilts and crafts, too.

Lynne Ellis will have a display of her products at our meeting, also. Her samples will include tee shirts for men, women, youth and toddlers. She will also have hoodies, youth and baby items, and adult jackets. She will bring finished embroidered sample themes that we will want—quilting, sewing, knitting, cats, dogs, grandkids, etc. Lynne will donate a portion of her sales that evening to our guild.

This is the last meeting to turn in the pillowcase dresses that Loretta will take to Mexico to distribute as Christmas gifts for the little girls of the villages surrounding the garbage dumps. We have collected 199 dresses so far. Also, if anyone has old suitcases that they don't need, they would be of great use to transport the dresses.

You may start bringing in your donated items for our Annual Guild Bucks Auction to be held during our January meeting.

### December Program

Our annual Christmas party will be held December 19, starting at 6 p.m. This is always a great time to celebrate the holidays and fellowship with our quilting friends. This year we are changing things up a little. Sandwiches will be provided for our dinner. We are asking ladies whose last name begins with A-L to bring a dessert. Those with initials M-Z, bring a side dish. Please furnish your own table service and placemat.

We look forward to the performance of the Cheektowaga Central High School Jazz Band performing that evening. The son of Sally Ginsberg, one of our members, is a member of this band.

Karen Goddard will be accepting food and winter clothing donations again this year for the Tri-Community Food Pantry.

Please remember your items for the January Guild Bucks Auction, and pick up any items you ordered from Lynne Ellis at last month's meeting.



### **Our Name is Changing – MaryAnn Krafft**

At our October meeting, the membership overwhelmingly voted to change the name of our guild to the Amherst Quilters Guild. We are still the same friendly group of talented and creative quilters.

### **AQG Publications Editor/Email Tree Communications/Newsletter Mail Prep - Colleen Dee**

It has been a lot of fun working with you all, but I am going to be passing along these jobs and I am looking forward to further expanding my “retirement” fun years! I have held the above positions over the past years and this has been a fun endeavor [it has not been a “job”☺] and it really lets you use your creative skills in a different way! So that being said, I want to say thank you for allowing me to serve in these positions!

### **Publishing Editor and E-Mail Tree Communications Contact**

I am very pleased to announce that Karen Goddard will be assuming the **Publishing Editor and E-Mail Tree Communications** positions for our guild. Please join me in congratulating her and I am sure she will have lots of fun with our future communications and working with each of you!

**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**, please note that there is a **NEW email address for our AQG email communications** and you will need to update your records to send to Karen Goddard at this new address: [AQGNewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:AQGNewsletter@yahoo.com).

### **Newsletter Mail Prep Contact**

I am also pleased to announce that Jackie Groszkowski will be assuming the AQG Newsletter mailing position. Jackie will prepare the monthly hard copy mailing of the newsletter to our members. Please contact Jackie if you no longer wish to receive a hard copy mailing of the newsletter and only wish to receive it via email. Her direct contact information is in the Member Roster on our guild website.

### **Hospitality Update – November 21<sup>st</sup> Refreshments**

Thank you to the following members, who will be bringing refreshments for our November 21st, guild meeting:

- Carol Rico
- Joyce Morris
- Betty Zebrowski
- Theresa Utz
- Kit Willey

### **Beginner Zentangle Class – Karen Goddard**

A beginner **Zentangle class** will be held at Baby's Sweet Beginnings in Lancaster on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Any adult may take the 2 hour class for \$25. Go to [babyssweetbeginnings.com](http://babyssweetbeginnings.com) or call 681-8100 for more info or to sign up. Mary Sykes (CZT) will teach the class.

Karen Goddard will be looking into holding another Zentangle class at BNHV in the future. Please let her know if you are interested in taking the class



## *AQG General Meeting Minutes – Kelly Miller*

Amherst Quilters' Guild- Meeting Minutes from October 17th, 2013

Mary Anne started the meeting at 7:00pm

Mary Ellen began the meeting by summarizing Seminar. First, she thanked everyone involved in seminar for their help. She announced that next year's national teacher will be Bonnie Hunter. She stated that future seminars need to be re-evaluated by the guild due to lack of interest.

Lynne thanked everyone who worked on the raffle quilt blocks. She showed the beautiful quilt top!

Kelly announced the progress of the quilt show committee. We are still in need of a few committee chairs. If you would like to volunteer please talk with Kelly or Kit. We still need chairs for the food committee, programs, and workers. The next quilt show meeting will be prior to the November guild meeting at 6:00 pm in the tea room.

Thank you to the guild from the state troopers for all of the quilts.

Karen G. asked if there is still interest in the Zen-tangle classes. She announced that there will be a Zen-tangle class at Baby's Sweet Beginnings in Lancaster, on November 12th at 6:30 pm. Contact her for details or to sign up.

Betty Z. announced that the guild will need a few new officers for next year. She introduced the candidates for next year. She also mentioned that we will need a new hospitality person starting next year.

Betty Z. will be sending quilts to the troop's right after the November meeting.

Mary Anne announced that the guild is in need of volunteers for the email chain, compile newsletter, and mail the newsletter.

Jackie announced our new members.

Community service is looking for ditty bags for next month. Directions are on the table. Please also donate small items to fill the bags and/or volunteer to help fill the bags.

Donations for the January auction are now due. Clean out your sewing room and bring quilting/sewing related items to the November/December guild meetings. Thank you.

Save your fabric scraps for the quilt show scrap pool. Any scrap bigger than 5 x 5 will work. Save scraps at home until further notice.

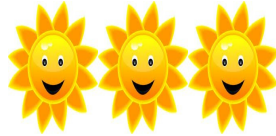
Quilt show registration forms are ready for January. We need more participation from the guild. Get working on those quilts!

MaryAnn announced that the guild was asked by the BHNV to change our guild name. The guild voted in the new name of "Amherst Quilters' Guild"

The guild enjoyed a nice program from Pine Grove Quilt Shop.

The meeting adjourned shortly before 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Miller, Guild Secretary



### ***Sunshine and Shadows – Kathy Tomasulo***

- Ann Neilson has a new great-granddaughter. Josephine Louise was born on August 31.

### ***Community Service Meetings – Joyce Morris***

The committee meets from 10 am to 1 pm the fourth Wednesday of each month. For more information, contact Joyce Morris. Her contact information is in the Member roster on our guild website. All are invited to join in the activities. Bring your sewing machine and supplies. The committee has cutting boards and cutters. Various size rulers are helpful. New ideas are always welcome!

- *Next meeting* – Wednesday, November 27th.

### ***Historic Homes Committee – Theresa Utz***

Historic Homes beginning in October, we will be meeting on the third Wednesdays of the month, November.20, and December. 18. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

Any and all are invited to join this committee. We will be completing the top of the quilt we are currently working on, and will begin tying it as per the original. Our next project has been selected, and the original is beautiful. It is a two-color Delectable Mountain pattern and much of it can be worked on at home. So come join us and become part of re-creating history.

### ***Quilts for the Troops – Betty Zebrowski***

Our next mailing will be after the November meeting. Please bring your quilts to the November meeting, or make arrangements with Betty Z. We mailed 13 quilts in July. Thank you to all our “Quilting Angels”!

### ***It's time to declutter – Mary Ann Krafft***

Are there items in your sewing room that you purchased and no longer use or want? The AQQ "Quilt Bucks" auction, held at our January 16, 2014 meeting, is a great way to recycle those excess items. You can bring them to the December meeting, or drop them off on set up day.

### ***Donations Needed for January 2014 Auction – Natalie Masker***

We need donations for January 2014 auction to be brought in to our monthly guild meeting either in November or December. Thanks!

### ***Lynne Elis 'Fabric Art by Lynne - Betty Zebrowski***

Lynne Elis will be coming to sell her beautiful tee shirts, sweatshirts, etc., and take orders for special orders; starting at 6:30 PM, during our November 21st meeting. If you haven't seen Lynne's products yet, you're in for a real treat! Also, you don't have to pay in advance for your special orders. Lynne gives our guild 10% of her guild sales! What a terrific fundraiser, too!



### ***PM Quilters 2013 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.

All members are invited, but if we get much bigger, we'll have to hire a hall! We have a great time during our meeting of learning and friendships. Then the hostess serves tea and coffee with goodies. What more could you want? Just be sure to call first!

Please note that the contact information for each of the members below is in our Member Roster on our guild website.

- No meeting in November
- December 5 – Sue McNess

### ***For Sale Janome AQS 2009 Limited Edition - Cheryl Kagen***

Sewing machine for sale: Janome AQS 2009 Limited Edition, lightly used, but well cared for. Asking \$350, includes 1/4" foot, table, and other quilting accessories. Call Cheryl Kagen, 674-5914.



### ***Upcoming Events of Interest***

The Kenan Quilters' Guild 2013 quilt show, "For the Love of Quilts", will take place Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, 2013. The show will run from 10 AM to 5 PM daily at the Kenan Arena located at 195 Beattie Avenue, Lockport, NY. Admission is \$5.00. This year's featured quilter is Gretchen Lang of Lockport. The show will feature 40 quilts from the traveling Hoffman 2013 Challenge Collection in addition to quilts made by the guild members. A Chinese auction, boutique, vendors, door prizes and demonstrations will be included. Sincerely, Stephanie Drehs, Publicity Chair, Kenan Quilters' Guild Quilt Show.



### ***Seminar 2013-”just the facts, ma’am” by Mary Ellen Cannon***

Seminar 2013 has come and gone, enjoyed greatly by those who attended. We squeaked by in the black-too close for my comfort though. As a guild we will need to have a discussion whether seminar is an event the members want to continue and support.

For seminar 2014, (September 17-20), we are committed to instructor Bonnie Hunter, of quiltville.com. Following that, we can make any changes the guild can support.

Here are the facts I’ve compiled for you to think about as we go forward:

- Number of classes sold: 144
- Number of persons attending: 56 guild members, 35 non-members
- Number of classes cancelled due to lack of enrollment: 2 local teachers
- Number of evaluations turned in: 72 (69 students, 3 instructors)
- Evaluation results: (I deliberately omitted question 2, since it pertains to individual instructors.)
- Question 1: I found the instructor’s presentation to be... excellent=66, satisfactory=3, poor=0
- Question 3: I found the quality of seminar materials provided by the guild to be...excellent=63, satisfactory=9, poor=0
- Question 4: I found the classroom space to be...excellent=63, satisfactory=9, poor=0
- Question 5: I found the museum facilities to be...excellent=67, satisfactory=5, poor=0
- Question 6: I found the quality of the catered lunch to be...excellent=33, satisfactory=12, poor=1, did not purchase=26
- Number of members attending the evening lecture: 50
- Profit netted by guild for overall seminar: \$23.71

### ***Quilt Show Demonstrators Needed – Karen Goddard***

Karen Goddard is looking for anyone interested in doing a demo at the Quilt Show next April. If you have an interesting pattern, technique, new ruler or notion you would like to demo, please let Karen know.

### ***Blooming Quilts 2014 - Kelly Miller and Kit Willey***

Thank you to all who attended our latest organizational meeting. Things are beginning to fall into place for the 2014 quilt show. We are still looking to fill a few committee chairs; food committee, programs, enhancements, and workers. If you would like to help, please see either Kit or myself. ***We will be having our next organizational meeting prior to our November guild meeting at 6:00 pm, in the tea room.*** All are welcome. Thank you!





### *Ditty Bag - Jackie Groszkowski*

- The Ditty Bags do NOT have to be a specific size, and these directions are simply suggestions.
- Please use holiday fabric (if you have it). Ditty Bags are sneaker bags just a bit smaller.
- Cut fabric approximately 24" x 12" and fold in half and stitch each side.
- Make a casing at the top. Fold under about ¼" and press. Fold about 1" and press again.
- Stitch near the fold to make casing.
- Open a few stitches in one side seam.
- Insert a ribbon or cording through the casing. You're done.
- If you'd rather make a small button hole to feed the cording through that's fine.

The Community Service committee wishes to thank everyone who has saved and donated toiletries throughout the year. We will be filling the bags at our November meeting on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. (Yes, that is the day before Thanksgiving) from 10:am-1:00 pm. We could use help.

While we have a great deal of soap, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, we are very short on some supplies. If you'd like to help we are in need of the following items:

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Small packs of tissues
- Deodorant
- Combs

If you have anything you'd like to contribute please bring it to the November guild meeting. As always the committee thanks you for all your help!



### **AQG Webmaster – Don Dee**

If you have any updates or changes to our Amherst Quilters Guild website please send them directly to Don Dee at: [webmaster@amqg.org](mailto:webmaster@amqg.org). In order to access the “Member Only” link on our guild website, you will need your **User name and password**. Please contact Don Dee, our webmaster to request this information.

### **E-Mail Tree/Communications/ Newsletter/Membership – Karen Goddard**

If you have any problems with receipt of our e-mail messages, change your e-mail provider, or no longer wish to receive a hard copy of the newsletter, or want to submit a recipe for the website, please send an email to Karen Goddard with your request to: [AQGNewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:AQGNewsletter@yahoo.com).

Articles to be included in the ***December 2013*** newsletter must be sent to [AQGNewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:AQGNewsletter@yahoo.com) by ***no later than Monday, November 25th***, to be included in the newsletter, space permitting.

We welcome inquiries about AQG 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.

### **November 2013 Calendar of Events**

- Nov 1           Deadline for on line mailing of newsletter to e-mail tree
- Nov            PM Quilters – no meeting in November
- Nov 6           Board meeting at 6 pm, at Tim Horton's, on Transit Rd, in front of Russ's Steak House
- Nov 20          Historic Homes Meeting, Tea Room, 10 am
- Nov 21          AMQG Monthly Meeting, 7 pm, 6:30 pm sale of “Fabric Art” by Lynne
- Nov 25          Deadline for submitting articles for the December newsletter
- Nov 27          Community Service - 10 am – 1 pm
- Nov 28          Happy Thanksgiving!

