



Amherst Quilters Guild



NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Program News – Roxanne Golde and Susan Teetsel

February Program–

Marija Vucjic will be explaining her process “From Inspiration to Design” for her patterns.

March Program–

We will be celebrating our Happy Birthday Party to the Guild and to us!! Many of us share even the same age with the Guild...40 (again?) Your presence is the only gift we need. The dinner will be starting earlier than usual, so plan to arrive before 6:30. Reservations are due before March 1st, with a \$5.00 fee. Stay tuned for more details.

April Program–

No general meeting this month. Instead we will have the Quilt Show Preview Party.





Amherst Quilter's Guild - Meeting Minutes

MaryAnn called the meeting to order at 7pm. She announced that our dues are due now. Also, Community Service will meet next Wednesday in Steffan from 10-1pm

Kelly reported on the quilt show. Donations for the basket raffle should be given to Renee Stockwell. We need a Program Chair- (typing of the program). We also need a food chair -(line up a food vender). There will not be a guild meeting on the third Thursday of April. Our preview party will be the night before the quilt show. Lori Racle requests a volunteer chair. She will have a volunteer captain on each day. BettyZ. volunteered to be a captain which fills those positions.

Jackie passed a sign up sheet for email only newsletters. This is to save postage. She announced that quilt show forms are on line at AMQG homepage. Forms are due by Feb. 27th.

The block lottery brought in 36 blocks today. That is enough to make 7 quilts for charity. A nine patch is requested for next month. Manly colors with off white corners.

Lynn announced the quilt show challenge. Make signs to not touch the quilts. Mary Ellen- Seminar - Sept.17-20. She passed out suggestion sheets. Please complete them and return to her.

Sue- Program co-chair- announced :

Feb.20th- Marija will present on " Inspiration to design"

Mar. 20th- Birthday Party- The registration letter will be in the newsletter. \$5.00 due by Mar. 1

Betty Z. announced that the "t-shirt lady" donated \$25.00 to our guild. She passed the hospitality sign up sheet. Betty also announced that PM quilters will meet at Teresa Utz's house next week.

After the meeting we all enjoyed participating in our auction. Natalie did a super job as usual!

Respectfully submitted, Jane Browne- secretary

Auction News by Natalie Masker

" Thank you to those who donated or worked on the auction to make it a great success. All items were sold. I mailed out 200 letters to ask for donations for door prizes for the April quilt show. I will be asking for help at the Feb. and Mar. meeting for people who can come to my house in April (tentatively Tues. April 8, in afternoon) to help sort the donations and work at the door prize table. Earn more guild bucks!"

Thanks, Natalie

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather on the day of our meeting, cancellation will be announced on WGRZ-Channel 2.



Sunshine and Shadows – Kathy Tomasulo

- MaryAnn Krafft's son Jim & his wife Jill welcomed Jessa Mae Krafft into this world on Sunday, January 5. Five pounds 5 oz, 18.5 inches long and three weeks early.

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!

Historic Homes Committee – Theresa Utz

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. We will meet February 19th at 10am in the Tea Room.

PM Quilters – 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!

Membership

Reminder, please renew memberships by March in order to get into the directory. Please send forms with \$25 check to the village or hand deliver to Linda Hitchens at the next meeting.

Quilt Show News from Kelly

Blooming Quilts- April 11th- 13th, 2014

I just want to say a quick thank you to everyone who has worked on the quilt show thus far. The Quilt Show has gotten off to a great start, but we still need everyone's help! Keep on quilting, we need plenty of quilts for our show! I'd like to see everyone from the guild share at least one of their quilts in the show. Also, we will need plenty of volunteers to work the show, so be thinking about how you can contribute your time and talents. Following are a few announcements for the show:

1. I am still recruiting for a food committee chairperson; please let me know if you are willing to find us a food vendor. The vendor should be willing to come set up in the kitchen, prepare all of the food and beverages, provide all of the plates and utensils, and collect their own money for the food provided. Contact me with food vendor ideas too!
2. Debby F. and Renee S. are asking for donations for the basket raffle. These items can be gently used quilt books and patterns, or sewing items; gift certificates from a business or restaurant; or a themed basket. The possibilities are endless, and we have baskets to fill, so don't buy baskets. Contact Debby or Renee for more information. The basket raffle brings in a lot of profit for our guild, please consider donating something.
3. Our mini auction is always a big hit on Sunday. Please consider making a small quilt, wall hanging, or item to donate to the auction. Contact Theresa U. for details.
4. Registration forms for the show are available on our guild website. If you do not have access to the website, please contact Jackie G. for a registration form.
5. Lynne N. has created a great mini challenge this time! The challenge is to make mini signs (sewn or printed) that encourage our show patrons to kindly keep their hands off the quilts. I am excited about this challenge and hope you are too. Contact Lynne for details.
6. Karen G. is looking for volunteers to provide demonstrations during the show. You could demonstrate a quilting or piecing technique; or possibly a new quilting tool that you are excited about. Don't be shy; share your quilting talents and knowledge.
7. Save your scraps! Our scrap pool is back this year, so save those scraps! Jackie G. is looking for any scraps bigger than 5x5 inches. Get rid of your unwanted scraps and help the guild make a little dough!
8. Lastly, there will be no guild meeting on the third Thursday of April due to the Quilt Show. The Preview Party on Thursday, April 10th will be our meeting for the month.

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Fabric Pool

Again this year we are going to have "The Fabric Pool" at the quilt show. I hope you've been saving your scraps. Any sort of fabric is fine just make sure it's 5" x 5" or larger. You can drop off your contributions when you drop off your quilts for the show (April 4 or 5). This was a huge success at the last show. With your help it will surpass that success.

Questions? Call Jackie Groszkowski

Quilt Show

Registrations for our upcoming quilt show, Blooming Quilts, are now being accepted. The absolute deadline is **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2014**. The forms are on-line. Go to AMQG.org. A poster advertising the show is in the middle of the homepage. Click there to get information and the forms. If you do not have access to a computer or yours is on the fritz call me and I will put a form in the mail for you. Don't delay, the deadline is fast approaching.

Jackie Groszkowski

AMHERST QUILTERS' GUILD MINI-CHALLENGE FOR 2014 SHOW

Theme: **Do Not Touch the Quilts, please.**

Size: postcard (about 3" by 5") up to about ½ sheet of paper (5 ½" by 8 ½")

Materials: fabric, mini-quilts, embellishments, paper, almost anything. Examples: white glove, eyeglasses, safety pins, rope or yarn, flowers (yo-yos, buttons, etc.), pockets (newly created, old ones from jeans, etc.)

It must be easily readable, and easy to display.

Come up with your own thought, or pick one from the idea list to create this important memo to viewers!

QUILT SHOW DO NOT TOUCH MINI-CHALLENGE suggestions list

If touched, my heart will break. (broken heart)

Just **look** at me, just **look** at me. (eyes or glasses)

Kisses to those who do not touch the quilts. (lips)

Roses are red, violets are blue, do not touch or I'll be mad at you.

Stop. Touch me and I'll pin you to the wall. (photo)

Now's the time to look but not touch. (watch/clock faces)

The quilt police say do not touch. (police fabric or shield)

Thanks sweetheart for not touching the quilts. (heart with strings attached)

For your eyes only. (real eyeglasses with a mini-quilt on lenses)

Please do not touch the quilt or you will wilt. (wilted flower)

Ask for a white glove hostess. (quilt or person with a white glove)

Reach for the stars, not the quilt. (white glove reaching for stars)

Touch me not, or I will forgive you not. (knotted rope, yarn or similar)

Make my day. Keep your hands away.

Keep your hands in your pockets. (pocket)

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. (eyes or eyeglasses)

Keep your hands to yourself.

Help us preserve our quilts by not touching them.

This quilt is someone's treasure, so please do not touch. (treasure chest)

Want to see my back? Just ask a white glove hostess. (back side of something)

Note: the word please should be included if possible.



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.

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.

Articles to be included in the **March 2014** newsletter must be sent to AQGNewsletter@yahoo.com by ***no later than Monday, February 24th***, 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.

February 2014 Calendar of Events

- February 5 Board meeting at Tim Horton's **6:30** (note new time)
- February 19 Historic Homes Meeting, Tea Room, 10 am
- February 20 AQG Monthly Meeting, 7pm
- February 24 Deadline for submitting items for March newsletter
- February 26 Community Service 10am-1pm
- January 27 PM Quilters at the home of Kim Guido
- March 5 Board Meeting at Tim Horton's at **6:30**