



Amherst Quilters Guild



NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Program News – Roxanne Golde and Susan Teetsel

BNHV open house March 8, 2014 from 1pm – 3pm. This event is an appreciation event, as well as a recruiting event sponsored by the Village. The Quilt Guild will have a table set up with various projects to promote our Guild. You can join us and maybe finish some handwork. Free appetizers and refreshments will be available as well as door prizes.

March Program- 6:30

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...39 (again?) Your presence is the only gift we need. The dinner will be starting earlier than usual, so plan to arrive before 6:30.

April Program-

No general meeting this month. Instead we will have the Quilt Show Preview Party on April 10 at 7pm.



Amherst Quilter's Guild - Meeting Minutes 2/20/14

Mary Anne called the meeting to order. She announced that our dues are due now. Linda presented the new name tags. New members will not be charged. Current members may order a new name tag for \$5.00.

Kelly reported on the quilt show. All committee chairmen have been selected. Please sign up to be workers on the sheets provided at this meeting. Basket raffle items should be given to Renee Stockwell by our next meeting. Auction items are to be given to Teresa Utz by our March meeting; or April 1st at the latest. Garment items are requested to be in the show. Natalie requests help with the door prizes on April 8th at 1pm. Lynn shared some of the challenge "quilts" that have been turned in. The challenge is "do not touch the quilts"

Kim Guido announced that Sue Teetsel will run the boutique this year. Please submit only handmade or vintage items to the boutique.

Judy requested small homemade cookies for the preview party.

Jackie is doing the fabric pool. Please bring fabric at least 5" square or larger for the fabric pool. This can be dropped off with your quilts.

She read a thank you note that we received from Corner Stone Manor for the ditty bags that we gave them.

Community service: 126 nine patches were brought in this evening. The prize was 25 guild bucks. Next months request is walker bags. 25 guild bucks for every walker bag brought in to the meeting. These are for Terrace View.

Mary Ann and Linda H will work at the open house here on Mar. 8th from 1-3pm.

Historic Homes are making 2 flags for BNHV.

BNHV has requested help to restore or make new clothing. Please contact Jaime 689-1440 ext.7726 if you are able to do this.

Teresa Utz requested small quilts for the neonatal unit. 24 x 30 or solid flannel for mats under the baby 18 x 24.

Betty announced the trip July 21 to 25. Lancaster and Hershey quilt show. Philadelphia, Moses and music man.

Lynn showed our completed raffle quilt. Loretta quilted it. Renee made the star patterns. Patricia did the binding.

Mary Ellen- Seminar - Sept.17-20. She is finalizing the local teachers. Martha will be doing her orchard table runner. If you have topics or teachers that you would like- tell Marija.

Sue- Program co-chair- announced :

Mar. 20th- Birthday Party- registration is \$5.00; due by Mar. 1

After our break; Marija presented her program. Inspiration to Design. It was very inspiring and it is always a pleasure to hear her make a presentation.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Browne- secretary

Blooming Quilts!, April 2014

Hello Everyone! The quilt show preparations are in full swing. We still have a lot to do, but thanks to every one of our volunteers, we are starting to see everything come together! You could say that our quilt show is starting to BLOOM! We have several announcements regarding the quilt show.

1) Auction- Please consider making a small quilted item for the mini auction on Sunday, April 13th.

All items need to be given to Theresa no later than April 1st. The form is in the newsletter.

2) Basket Raffle- Renee is now taking donations for the basket raffle. Please bring them to the March meeting. You may donate a completed basket, or items to go into baskets. Please consider donating to our basket raffle, it is a huge money maker for our guild.

3) Door Prizes- Natalie is looking for volunteers to help sort the door prizes at her house on Tuesday, April 8th at 1:00 pm. Please contact her if you can help. Liaisons should contact their quilt shops to pick up donations for the door prizes.

4) Boutique- Don't forget to make some items for the boutique this year. You will need to fill out an inventory sheet and price tags. We are asking for only handmade items please. The guild will receive 15% of the item price. See Kim G. or Cindy H. for details.

5) Fabric Pool- Save your scraps! We had a very successful scrap pool last show and are asking for your scrap donations again. Jackie will be collecting your unwanted scraps at quilt take-in. Anything 5 x 5 or larger!

6) Fashion Display- Ann is asking that members enter more wearable items and purses so we can have a wonderful fashion display at our quilt show!

7) Workers- We will need plenty of volunteers to work the quilt show. We have many positions open and several jobs that can be done sitting down. Please consider donating your valuable time during our quilt show weekend. You can contact Kelly Miller, or sign up at the March guild meeting.

8) Mini Challenge- Lynne has designed a wonderful mini challenge this year. Handouts with the details will be available at the March meeting. Please consider taking this challenge!

9) Preview Party- Mark your calendars! You will not want to miss our quilt show preview on Thursday, April 10th from 7- 9 pm. We announce our award winners and thank all of our volunteers. Please come party with us!

9) Demonstrations- Please consider doing a demonstration at our quilt show. Please share your quilting knowledge and talents. Contact Karen to sign up.

10) Quilt Show Meeting- There will be a quilt show meeting prior to our March birthday party, in the tea room. All quilt show chair people are encouraged to attend. Karen will send out an email letting everyone know the time that we will meet.

Thank you for all your effort, time, and donations to our Blooming Quilts Quilt Show!

Kelly Miller and Kit Willey

QUILT APPRAISALS FOR NEWLY MADE OR ANTIQUE QUILTS

by Linda Hunter

Quilt Appraiser Certified by the American Quilter's Society

Did you know that if anything happens to your quilt, newly made or antique, without an appraisal, the insurance company may give you only the replacement cost of a blanket (about \$50)? The quilt you make is worth more than the fabrics in it. You must consider many other factors, including the time it took to make it. A vintage or antique quilt may also have more value than you realize. To replace a quilt, you would have to

purchase one of similar like and kind, or pay someone to make another. If your quilt is hanging in the show, Linda can appraise it while it is hanging.

Have your quilt appraised for \$45.00 – less than the price of a “blanket”. This written appraisal, which takes about a half hour, contains information about your quilt – pattern name, maker (if known), date, fabrics in it, a detailed description, condition etc. – which you can file with your other important papers.

Linda will be available to appraise your quilts at the Amherst Quilters Guild Quilt Show Friday, April 11, or Saturday, April 12. Please call her to make an appointment at 625-8039. You may come without an appointment, but may have to wait until she is free. Appraisals for quilts hanging in the show may be done at any time. Please fill out a pre-appraisal form to bring to the appraisal site with your quilt. It may be found in this newsletter or on the AQG website.

Linda J. Hunter
5229 Mapleton Road

PRE-APPRAISAL INFORMATION

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linda@hunters-stars.com

Please complete, to the best of your ability, this form in preparation for your future quilt appraisal. This information regarding your quilt will help to ensure that your appraisal is as accurate and complete as possible, and will save time during the evaluation.

AQS Certified Quilt Appraiser

Owner’s Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____

e-mail: _____

For Antique/Vintage Quilt: Give any information that you know

Quilt Pattern: _____

Quiltmaker: _____

Date Made: _____

Family (or other) history regarding this quilt, including how you became the owner:

For Contemporary Quilt:

Quilt Pattern and/or Title: _____ Commercial ___ Original ___

Quiltmaker: _____ Quilted By: _____

Machine Quilted ___ Hand Quilted ___ Date Completed: _____

Fabrics (type of fabrics: such as cotton, batiks, hand-dyes, exotic or unusual fabrics etc.)

Type of Batting: _____ Type of edge finish _____

Construction Technique (circle any that apply): hand pieced, hand appliquéd, hand quilted, machine pieced, machine appliquéd, machine quilted

Embellishments: (for example – embroidery, beads, 3-D designs etc,)

Awards won for this quilt, and any other pertinent information about the quilt or maker:

If you can supply any of the following, it will be helpful:

Cost of materials (patterns, fabrics, thread, batting etc.):_____

Hours of construction: (Top, borders, etc.)_____

Quilting (Hours or cost to quilt):___Other costs (Decorative thread, embellishments etc.):

Quilt Show Mini Auction:

Reminder: The Mini Quilt Auction will be held on Sunday, April 13, beginning at 3:00 pm, during our bi-annual quilt show. I know you are busy finishing your quilts for display, as well as items for the boutique, but we are also in need of minis to be displayed and bid on.

Same rules as last show: No more than 96" in diameter, can be any medium, ie, pieced, applique, hand or machine quilted, pillows, hats, scarves, table runners, free form, anything as long as it fits into the parameters.

Please bring these items to the March meeting, or turned in to me by April 1st. at the latest. You can also contact me at 633-9030 if an item needs pickup or if you have any questions. Items can also be delivered to my house at 34 Wiltshire Rd. Williamsville, NY 14221.

A form for your entry is also attached. Please use one form for each entry. Thanks so much.

Theresa Utz,
Mini Quilt Auction Chair

MINI QUILT AUCTION FORM
AMHERST QUILT GUILD BI-ANNUAL SHOW
APRIL 11-13-2014

ANY QUILT/QUILT RELATED ITEM MAY BE SUBMITTED, AS LONG AS IT MEASURES NO MORE THAN 96" TOTAL. ITEMS CAN INCLUDE: PILLOWS, TABLE RUNNERS, FREE FORM, HAND AND/OR MACHINE PIECED AND QUILTED, QUILT RELATED WOOD ITEMS, ETC.

PLEASE USE THIS FORM FOR EACH ITEM SUBMITTED.

NAME OF ITEM_____

MADE OR OWNED BY_____

DIMENSIONS:_____LENGTH_____WIDTH

PERSON SUBMITTING ITEM:

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

PHONE_____

ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION YOU WANT ME TO KNOW:

ANY QUESTIONS OR FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT ME AT 633-9030 OR UTZLADY@AOL.COM.

THANK YOU.
THERESA UTZ, MINI QUILT AUCTION CHAIRMAN

Quilt Show Program

We are looking for anyone who would like to advertise in the quilt show program to notify me ASAP. I just took over the program and it is too late to send letters out, so we are just looking for advertisers within the guild.

Sally Ginsberg
sginsberg@hotmail.com
subject line: quilt show advertisement
or call me at
716-830-9308 leave a message if I don't answer and I will get back to you as soon as I am able to.

Raffle Quilt

The raffle quilt is finished, and tickets will be ready at the March meeting.
Thanks Lynne.

Community Service

Our project this month isn't a quilt block. We have been asked by Terrace View (formerly the Erie County Home) to make walker bags for their residents. Since this is a much more involved project you will earn **25 QUILT BUCKS** for each bag you make. There is a pattern at the end of this notice, but if you have another pattern you prefer please use it. Quite frankly, anything goes. As always we thank you for your participation.

Jackie

Walker Bag

By Debbie Colgrove, About.com Guide

All seams are ¼" unless otherwise indicated.

Materials:

1/3 yd. 44"-45" wide pre-quilted or sturdy fabric for the body of the bag
 1 yd. complimentary fabric for pockets and lining
 3 one inch buttons or Velcro

Cutting:

Body of the bag:
 Cut two 18" x 12"

Lining and pockets cut:
 Two 18" x 16" for outer pockets
 Two 18" x 12" for lining
 Two 2" x 24" for side ties
 Two 5" x 10 1/2" for top straps

Pockets:

1. Fold the outer pocket sections in half, wrong sides together, to create a 8" x 18" doubled piece of fabric.
2. Align the raw edges with the bottom edges of the bag.
 Sew a line of stitching 1 1/2" from the bottom edge. (This will be a fold line later on.)
3. Sew another row of stitching 1 1/2" from each side of the bag (securing the pocket sides).
4. Sew lines of stitching to create pockets. (Mine were in the middle making two pockets on one side of the bag and three 5" pockets on the other side.)

Side ties:

1. Fold in half lengthwise. Sew length and both ends using 1/4" seam. Leave an opening in the middle to turn. (If you are able to turn this you are better than I am. Folding and top stitching is fine, or use ribbon or twill tape. As long as you've got ties you're fine.)
2. Turn right side out and press.
3. Fold the straps in half and baste the fold 3" up from the bottom of the bag. (These are going to be used to tie the sides of the bag to the walker.)

Body of bag:

1. Pin front and back of bag together.
2. Stitch the sides and bottom of the bag.
3. Square up the bottom corners of the bag. You do this by folding the corners of the bottom of the bag so that the bottom seam and the side seam are perfectly aligned. Sew across the newly formed "triangle" from the end of the pocket stitching to the other end of the pocket stitching. (This is about a 2" seam.)

Lining:

1. If desired, add pockets to the lining. (Use any method you choose.)
2. Stitch the sides and bottom of the lining leaving an opening in the bottom to turn the bag right sides out. (This will be done later.)
3. Square the bottom corners the same as you did for the bag.

Top Straps:

1. Fold the straps in half lengthwise and stitch one end and the length.
2. Turn and press.
3. Sew a buttonhole (or Velcro) 1/2" from the end of each strap.
4. Measure 2" from the side seams of the bag. Align raw edges of straps and bag and stitch.

Finishing:

1. Place the lining in the bag, right sides together. Align side seams.
2. Sew the top of the lining to the top of the bag. Reinforce stitching at the top straps.
3. Turn right sides out through the opening you left in the lining.
4. Sip stitch the opening closed.
5. Press well and top stitch ¼" from the top of the bag.
6. Sew buttons (or Velcro) on the front of the bag opposite the straps.
7. Sew a button hole in the top center of the bag.
8. Sew a button on the inside back of the bag opposite the buttonhole.
 - Please note: I did not do this extra button and buttonhole. My machine wouldn't cooperate. I used pre-quilted fabric and it was just too heavy.
9. Press the sides of the bag on the 1 ½" stitching line to square the bag.
10. Optional: sew a tiny bar tack on the top of the folds to help the bag maintain the squared sides.

From Cheryl Kagen

SAVE THE DATE for a MOVING SALE: April 26th 9 to 4. Quilt/Fiber/ETC ETC SALE. Fabrics, books, antiques, UFOs, quilts, threads, fibers, all sorts craft supplies and tools, organization items, spinning wheel, home decor. Cheryl Kagen 317A Wimbledon Court, West Seneca. 674-5914

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.

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

March 2014 Calendar of Events

- March 5 Board meeting at Tim Horton's **6:30** (note new time)
- March 19 Historic Homes Meeting, Tea Room, 10 am
- March 20 AQG Monthly Meeting and Birthday Dinner, **6:30 pm (Note time change)**
- March 24 Deadline for submitting items for April newsletter
- March 26 Community Service 10am-1pm

- March 27 PM Quilters
- April 2 Board Meeting at Tim Horton's at **6:30**