



# Amherst Quilters Guild



NEWSLETTER

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| Seminar               | Mary Ellen Cannon<br>Jan Reilly                       |
| Sunshine & Shadows    | Kathy Tomasulo  |
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## Upcoming Program News – Roxanne Golde and Susan Teetsel

**April** The Preview Party is Thursday, April 10th, 7pm- 9pm with the show running the 11th through the 13th. **There will be no regular meeting this month.**

**May**, we are having Jim and Wally, the sewing machine technicians from Treads of Time come to help us understand basic machine maintenance and trouble shooting. If you have a question, now is the time to ask it because they should have the answers for any make and model of machine.



### Amherst Quilters Guild -minutes- 3/20/14

Tonight was our 39<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. After a wonderful dinner, Mary Ann called the meeting to order. We had a quiz about the guild with prizes. She announced that our next meeting will be on April 10<sup>th</sup>. This is our preview party.

Reports:

Kelly had the chairpersons of the quilt show speak on what their committee needs at this point. Helpers in all categories seemed to be the theme of the night.

Sign-up sheets were put out for us to sign.

Lynn announced that raffle quilt tickets are available to pick up now. Also, to continue making our quilt challenges. "Don't touch the quilts"

### Blooming Quilts-Quilt show 2014

Here are some announcements for the show.

Volunteers- We are still looking for volunteers to work the show; setting up, labeling, taking in the quilts, selling tickets, hostessing, etc. Please consider helping where you can! Details to follow for each specific committee....

Drop off day- Friday, April 4th and Saturday, April 5th will be our quilt show take-in days. Please drop off your quilts at the museum by the Archive room. There should be signs pointing the way. Volunteers are needed, please contact Jackie Groszkowski.

Boutique- Please remember to bring your boutique items to drop off as well. You will need to fill out an inventory of your items, and each item needs a price tag. Hopefully you picked up a copy of these forms at the March meeting. Please contact Kim Guido or Sue Teetsel for details.

Set-up and Labeling committees- Volunteers are needed Monday, April 7th; Tuesday, April 8th to help with setting up the quilts. Please contact Marija Vujcic. Volunteers will be needed on Wednesday, April 9th to help label the quilts. Please contact Maryanne Krafft.

Preview Party- Our Preview Party will be on Thursday, April 10th! Please join us for the opening of our quilt show!

Door prizes- Door Prizes will be sorted on Tuesday, April 8th. Contact Natalie Masker if you are able to help.

Fabric Pool- Please donate your unwanted scraps (5x5 or larger) to support our fabric pool. Please bring them to quilt drop off.

Basket Raffle- Please consider donating to our basket raffle. Contact Renee Stockwell or Debbie Finegan.

Mini challenge- Please help make signs for our mini challenge that will keep everyone from touching the quilts.

Thank you to everyone involved in the quilt show!

Kelly Miller and Kit Willey

Renee will have a work day next Thursday 9:30 - 12. Baskets will be assembled. Let Renee know if you are bringing a completed basket.

Community Service: meets next Wednesday 10-1pm.

Thanks to the people that made walker bags. Walker bags are due at the May meeting.

Consortium: Passports are available to the quilt shows. \$5.00 is the cost.

Loretta thanked everyone for the little dresses. 200+ dresses were delivered to Mexico. Pictures were on display.

Directories were handed out. New name tags are available to be ordered for \$5.00.

Respectfully submitted. Jane Browne secretary

These are the members who signed up to bake on **April 10th Preview Party night**. If you cannot bake, please call me! 876-4106. In addition, any members who would like to bake or bring finger food, please do so.

Thank you! Ladies!  
Betty Z., Hospitality

Karen Goddard  
Ellen Volker  
Pat Mc Donald  
Sharon Goulet  
Joan Schmidt  
Jan Farrell

### **NYS Quilters Consortium**

At the March meeting, we sold Passports for the consortium. Books are \$5. They contain discounts at many of the quilts shows, plus discounts at some of the quilt businesses. By having a passport at a quilt show, you will be entered to win a basket at that show. Only passport holders will compete with you for that basket. Good odds!

Passports will be available at our preview party, as well as, at our quilt show.

Susan Kogler

### **Sunshine and Shadows**

Sadly, the Amherst Quilt Guild lost one of its loveliest members, Beth Hodgson on Thursday, Feb. 27, after a long fight with cancer.

### **Example of Caring and Sharing**

Recently a good friend of many of us passed away. Beth Hodgson and I had ties for years before she came to our guild. She quickly became involved in our activities. I had to share this with all of you because it touched me deeply. At her wake, her group of friends arrived and presented her husband with a completed quilt. Evidently they had been working on a round robin type project and they quickly put Beth's quilt together in a few days. What a caring group! It shall remain with me forever. Oh, did I mention the group? Our very own PM Quilters! I think this is a perfect example of caring and sharing, and the Amherst Quilters certainly manage very well in this respect.

Written by: Louise Metz

## **Beauty and the Beast**

Due to a colossal mix-up I have two tickets for Beauty and the Beast that I'd like to sell. It's appearing at Shea's. The tickets are for Friday night, 7:30, May 2. The seats are in the balcony Section 4, Row E, Seats 209 & 210. I'd like \$75.00 per ticket. (I paid more than that, but I'd rather take a loss than have the seats empty.) If you're interested give me a call or email me. I'm in the new directory.

Jackie Groszkowski

## **Community Service**

Thank you so much to those of you who found time to make the walker bags for Terrace View. We received 14. Wow! I think that's great. The committee decided to extend the time period for making them. Since so many members are busy getting ready for the quilt show the bags are now due at our **MAY** meeting. Wouldn't it be great to get 14 more? (Or even more than that.)

As always, thanks to all who participate,  
Jackie

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.

### **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 ½" 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 ½" from the bottom edge. (This will be a fold line later on.)
3. Sew another row of stitching 1 ½" 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  $\frac{1}{4}$ " 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)  $\frac{1}{2}$ " 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  $\frac{1}{4}$ " 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  $\frac{1}{2}$ " 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

Quilter/Crafter Moving Sale: April 26th, 9 to 4. 317A Wimbledon Court, West Seneca. 674-5914. Please note: this is a condo so respect my neighbors and park carefully! Books, fabrics, fibers, spinning wheels, threads, rulers, my quilts and older quilts, wall decorations and quilt hangers, shelving and organizers of all sizes, knitting supplies and yarns, beading supplies and beads, ETC. ETC. Thanks, Cheryl Kagen

### **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).

### **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 *May 2014* newsletter must be sent to [AQGNewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:AQGNewsletter@yahoo.com) by *no later than Monday, April 28th*, 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.

### **April 2014 Calendar of Events**

- April 2 Board meeting at Tim Horton's **6:30** (note new time)
- April 10 Preview Party 7-9pm
- April 11,12,13 Blooming Quilts, 10am- 4pm Fri. and Sat., 12- 4pm Sunday
- April 16 Historic Homes Meeting, Tea Room 10am
- April 23 Community Service 10am- 1pm
- April 24 PM Quilters
- April 28 May newsletter deadline
- May 4 Board meeting at Tim Horton's **6:30** (note new time)