



Amherst Quilters Guild



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Upcoming Program News – Roxanne Golde and Susan Teetsel

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.

June Marilyn Stern, a quilt historian from the Amish area of Pennsylvania will speak to us about Women's History using antique quilts from the 1830's to the 1950's.

July Demo Night (stay tuned for details)



Amherst Quilters Guild -minutes

No minutes this month due to the Preview party last month.

Quilt Show

Blooming Quilts! - Quilt Show wrap up!

First of all, thank you to everyone involved in the quilt show! We had a great turn out and the weather was in our favor. We will be having our **wrap up meeting at 6:00 pm, prior to the May guild meeting**, in the tea room. Committee chairs, please bring your wrap up reports. We are looking for any information that will help us prepare for our 2016 Quilt show (i.e. what went well, what we should change, timeline and deadline information, etc.). Thanks for a great show!

Kelly Miller and Kit Willey

A heartfelt thanks to all who helped pull off another successful quilt show. It couldn't be done without the help of many hands. However, your job is not yet done. MaryAnn is giving **\$50 Guild Bucks** to everyone who completes a list of all their various duties. Also, while the show is still fresh in your mind, you can receive **\$10 Guild Bucks** for any suggestion or improvement for our next show.

MaryAnn Krafft

Sunshine and Shadows

Long time former quilt guild member, Faith Leslie, passed away on March 26, 2014. Faith was a talented quilter whose marvelous color sense and design ability showed in her beautiful quilts. Those of us to know her will remember her sparkling personality and quick wit which made her a joy to be with.

Pat Mc Donald's older brother John passed away on April 25th.

From Second Vice President Linda Hitchens-

I will be stepping down as Membership chairman after the May meeting. I did make it known that when I took this position, there was a possibility that I would not be able to complete my term. Well, the time has come quicker than expected. I will be re-locating to Florida at the end of May. It's been a wonderful experience working with each of you during this past 18 months. I will miss the Guild but still plan to remain in contact through the newsletter. Yes, there is a large guild nearby. My new address is: 2329 Platinum Drive, Sun City Center, FL 33573 Email: lshanderson1@gmail.com Cell phone: 716.983.4315 The door will always be open.

Ladies, this is your opportunity to contribute to the stability of the Guild. We are looking for a replacement for Second Vice President. If you are interested in assuming the membership duties, please contact any member of the Board.



Congratulations to Pam Pandolfi for winning best of show in the QCNYS Challenge entitled "Stitching New York - A Quilted Perspective". The theme was to explore and celebrate the diversity of New York State. I think she captured that feeling. In keeping with the Travel club this quilt will be on tour for the next 1 to 2 years.

Her entry is named "The Fruit of New York". It incorporates the four beautiful seasons New York is known for. In the winter section, the skier is enjoying the graceful slopes of Lake Placid. The spring scene depicts the gorgeous grape vines blooming in the warm sun in the Finger Lakes Region. The summer view depicts a campsite in the amazing Adirondack Mountains. The fall season captures the view of the magnificent Niagara Falls that never stops enchanting us. The last part of the quilt is a breathtaking image of New York State that wraps the entire quilt together.

Historic Homes

Historic Homes will be meeting on **Wednesday, May 14**, rather than May 21, due to the fact that I will be away on vacation from May 16th through the 27th. We will be meeting in the Tea room at 10 am and anyone who wishes to join us is more than welcome.

We are still looking for the fabric for the "Feathered Star" quilt. It is a navy blue with a 1/8" white geometric pattern throughout, so if you come across any fabric that might fit this description, please let me know.

Theresa Utz 633-9030

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 1/4" 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 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 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.

AQG Webmaster – Don Dee

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Articles to be included in the *June 2014* newsletter must be sent to AQGNewsletter@yahoo.com by *no later than Monday, May 26th*, 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.

May 2014 Calendar of Events

- May 7 Board meeting at Tim Horton's **6:30** (note new time)
- May 14 Historic Homes Meeting, Tea Room 10am
- May 15 AQG Monthly Meeting 7pm
- May 22 PM Quilters
- May 26 June newsletter deadline
- May 28 Community Service 10am- 1pm
- June 4 Board meeting at Tim Horton's **6:30** (note new time)