



Amherst Quilters Guild



NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Program News – Roxanne Golde and Susan Teetsel

January

Gather up all those Guild bucks you have been earning, it's time for our annual Auction! Natalie will be our auctioneer once again. Come for a fun filled night of spirited bidding on quilting and sewing related items!

February

We will try something different with an interactive program. There will be fat quarter prizes as we enjoy getting to know each other better.

March

Birthday Dinner. I know that we haven't aged, but the guild certainly hasn't grown any younger. Stay tuned for details!



Amherst Quilters Guild

MaryAnn opened the December meeting with announcements.

There are community service quilts to finish (quilt) on the back table.

Placemats tonight will be donated to Meals on Wheels.

Theresa Utz is the winner of the guild banner contest. A \$25.00 gift certificate to Patchwork Garden was presented to her.

A book about color theory was presented to the guild library in memory of Kit Willey who passed away this past month.

Then MaryAnn presented various quilting facts.

Karen Goddard announced that the guild purchased three seasons of Ricky Tims and Alex Anderson's The quilt Show (www.thequiltshow.com). They will be stored in the guild library.

Dinner: We had a lovely dinner for our Holiday Party. Our entertainment was the Ring Masters Handbell Ensemble.

Community Service: we received 94 blocks for charity quilts this month. For next month we are making ditty bags for Corner Stone manor.

Historic Homes: no meeting this month

Display items for the case in the lobby: Museum is looking for fall or Christmas items.

Dresses for Mexico: Loretta thanked us for the dresses. We made 141 little dresses this year!

Election of officers: by unanimous vote, Robi is President, Jackie is 2nd Vice President, and Marie is Treasurer. Theresa installed them into their positions for next two years.

Registration for next year: Cost is \$30.00. Forms are here, none have been mailed yet.

Food Pantry: Karen thanked everyone for their food donations.

Presentation to outgoing president: Renee presented quilt blocks to MaryAnn in thanks for being our president for the last two years.

Hospitality: Sign up please for next year. Quilts for troops will be sent the 2nd week of January.

Respectfully submitted Jane Browne, Secretary

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather on the day of our meeting, cancellation will be announced on WGRZ-Channel 2, or check your inbox for a guild email.

Placemat Challenge

A big thank you to all who participated in our placemat challenge. It always amazes me to see the creativity of our members. An even bigger thank you to all who lovingly donated their placemat. You have brightened the day of 31 recipients of Meals on Wheels.

MaryAnn

Auction Alert

I will be at BNHV on Thursday January 8th; from 10:30am to noon in tea room and Wednesday (Set up day) from 9:30 to noon, if anyone has any last minute donations. We desperately need help setting up for the auction on Wednesday, January 14th from 9:30am to noon, I need at least 4 more helpers to do the job. I also need runners the night of the auction and two people to be scribes to write down winning bids, and names and collect bucks at the end. Without enough help we cannot do the auction.

Call or email Natalie Masker (688-9006) or nataliepm@aol.com. **Reminder: bring your bucks and _yes_ we will take cash if you want.** Our Bucks Auction will have several 'mystery' boxes. Some of the mystery items will be a gift certificate to an area quilt shop, cold hard cash, another will be a 'stash' of quilt bucks, etc. We are still working on the details. Natalie

Quilt Guild Bucks

I'm sure you will notice at our annual January auction, several members have '**thousands**' of Quilt Bucks. Here is how you too can accumulate these vast riches:

1 Quilt Buck

Attending a committee or board meeting

Joining a committee

Representing the guild at a Museum event (ex. Harvest festival) - one per hour

Working at a guild event – one per hour

Making a block for a guild event (ex. Block lotto)

5 Quilt Bucks

Binding a community service

10 Quilt Bucks

Assembling a raffle project

Making a community service quilt (top=10, quilting=10, completed quilt =25)

15 Quilt Bucks

Making a challenge project

50 Quilt Bucks

Chairing a committee

100 Quilt Bucks

Chairing of Quilt Show, Seminar, or Raffle Quilt (plus one buck per meeting or one hour

of work at the event)

The AQG is Going Green

Starting in 2015 the AQG is increasing their efforts to "go green". All newsletters will be distributed via email.

They are also on the AQG webpage at <http://amqg.org/newsletters.shtml>

If you would like to receive a physical copy, please notify Jackie G. (Her phone number and email address are in the roster)

Historic Homes

Historic Homes will meet on the third Wednesday of January, the 21st, at 10am in the tearoom. We will be planning out the new Quilt banner that we have been commissioned to make. Any questions, please call Theresa, 633-9030. Everyone is welcome.

Theresa Utz

Community Service

Will meet Wednesday, January 28th, 10AM to 1PM- in the Steffan Building. You do not need to bring a machine. There are other jobs you can help with. Please join us!

Quilts for the Troops

Please call me (876-4106) if you have a quilt to donate for our first quilt delivery to the US Air Force Reserve Base in Niagara Falls. Delivery will be made the middle of January. Thank you!

Betty Z.

Sunshine and Shadows

Loretta Cadwallader is the proud great-grandmother to Ellie Hope born on December 15 in Greensboro, N. Carolina

Dorothy Roberts got married in October. Best wishes to Dorothy Roberts-Hubman

Kathy Tomasulo's mother-in-law, Lucy passed away on Thanksgiving.

Catherine (Kit) Willey passed away on December 5th.

Consortium News

On Wednesday, December 3rd Susan Kogler and I traveled to Clay, NY for our quarterly Consortium meeting. Three interesting topics were brought up.

First, we again have Quilters Travel Club Passports to sell. Fifteen quilt shows are advertised. Most of them are giving a discount to Passport holders. The shows closest to us are in Manlius, Rochester (Genesee Valley), Caledonia, and Elma (Southtowns Quilt Expo). There are also ads from 11 quilt shops with various offers. The Passports are the same price as last year, \$5.00. In addition anyone who purchases one will receive \$25.00 Quilt Bucks. (If you buy in January you can use your Bucks at the auction.) In addition if you own a quilt shop, work at one or know anyone who does would you tell them about the Passports. It's great state-wide advertising for a very minimal charge. We'd love to see local shops in the next Passport.

Next, The Consortium is making a quilt to be raffled. The pattern is New York Beauty (what else?) done in shades of red, white and black. Each guild has been asked to make one block. Since there are 140 of us in the guild we decided that it wouldn't be practical to ask everyone to participate. So, the PM in the AM group will work on it. The plans are for the blocks to be turned in by June, the quilt assembled and quilted by August and be on display at the state fair. As members of the Consortium we are expected to sell raffle tickets. The proceeds will be given as grants to guilds for their use for educational purposes.

I saved the most exciting news for last. On July 28, 29, 30, 31 and August 1st, there will be an AQS show in Syracuse. We have very few details, but it will be held at the On Center which is just off Rt. 81. If there is enough interest we may charter a bus for a day trip. Stay tuned for additional information.

Jackie Groszkowski

Dresses for Mexico

Here is a picture of some of our members showing some of the 141 dresses made for little girls of the garbage dumps near Mexico City. What a blessing this will be to these little girls. Thank you so much on behalf of Operation Serve.

Loretta





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, please send an email to Karen Goddard with your request to: AQGNewsletter@yahoo.com.

Articles to be included in the *February 2015* newsletter must be sent to AQGNewsletter@yahoo.com by ***no later than Monday, January 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.

January 2015 Calendar of Events

- January 7 Board meeting 6:30
- January 15 Guild Meeting 7:00 Guild bucks Auction
- January 21 Historic Homes, Tea Room 10am
- January 22 PM Quilters- Jackie G.
- January 26 February Newsletter deadline
- January 28 Community Service, Steffan 10- 1
- February 4 Board Meeting 6:30

