



# Amherst Quilters Guild



NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming Program News – Roxanne Golde and Susan Teetsel

### April

Rosellen Ring-Easton will be demonstrating "Disappearing Everything".

### May

The Carriage Quilt shop is coming with demos for us.

### June

We will be having a garage sale! More details will be forthcoming.



## Amherst Quilters Guild

The meeting was called to order by wishing all of us a Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

### **Announcements:**

We will have a 50/50 split at our meetings now. Name tags were handed out.

*Quilt show:* April 22, 23, and 24 of 2016 . Take in will be Saturday before the show. Set up during the week. We need a name for the show. Please email any suggestions to MaryAnn Krafft or Robi Witulski. MaryAnn Krafft has agreed to be the chairman of the show; she will have 4 or 5 committee chairs. The preview party will be on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

*Bus Trip:* We will have a bus trip to the AQS quilt show in Syracuse. It is on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Meet at Eastern Hills , bus leaves at 8am sharp. Sign up soon to reserve your space. We leave the show at 4:30pm. Dinner and ticket to the show included. Price is \$50.00 for members of the guild. \$60.00 for non members.

*Agreement with the museum:* We are close to an agreement. We are responsible for our own financial affairs. 60% of profits at our events go to us and 40% goes to the museum. We are not currently tax exempt. The forms are being completed that will give us tax exempt status.

*Members:* we have 112 members to date.

*New Members:* Yellow name tags are being given to new members. Please introduce yourself and make them feel comfortable. They will be given a guild name tag at a future date.

*Paint chip Challenge:* Voting is tonight

*Consortium:* Passports are available. They will loan quilts to us for our quilt show.

*Quilts for troops:* The air force reserve station is where we send them now. There is a community service book now to keep track of donated items and where they are going.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Browne secretary

## Program News

How can we top our successful Birthday Dinner? It appeared that a good time was had by all. We had so many items for show and share, we could have spent the entire evening admiring them.

April brings us Rose Ellen Ring-Easton demonstrating "Disappearing Everything". One begins with a nine patch.

In May we will have The Carriage Quilt shop come and share some demos with us.

Our June 18th meeting will be a garage sale! More details will be forth coming. All you have to do now is mark the date on your calendar and get a couple boxes to store the items you will want to sell.

Roxy and Sue

## Upcoming Quilt Shows

**Apr 18-19-** Twin City Quilters Guild presents Celebration of Color at the Gratwick Hose House, 100 Ward Rd, North Tonawanda, NY. [www.twincityquiltersguild.org](http://www.twincityquiltersguild.org)

**Apr 24-26.** Clarence Log Cabin Quilters presents "Cabin Fever" quilt show at the Town Park on Main St. \$5 admission

The Lockside Art Center, in the Lockview Plaza, 21-41 Main St., Suite 208, Lockport, NY 14094; 716-478-0239; [WWW.LOCKSIDEARTCENTER.ORG](http://WWW.LOCKSIDEARTCENTER.ORG), is having a fiber arts show. It will be held in the Center, which is open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 – 4:00 pm, from March 21 through April 25, 2015. Included are several quilted items as well as other fiber pieces. The center also has all other types of art on display, as well as classes. Stop by and take a look. Linda Hunter has two pieces in the show.

### **Thoughts from Linda Hunter**

As the “oldest” active member of the Amherst Quilters Guild, I want to say how much I have appreciated being a part of this organization for the last 40 years. I couldn’t have imagined many years ago that I still would be enjoying this quilting life. As I was sitting with some new members at our delicious birthday dinner March 19, I was reminded of the song, “Make new friends but keep the old, one is silver and the other gold.” I very much enjoyed spending time with some “silver” friends, and realize that I often rush to see all my “gold” friends and forget to spend some time with my new friends. We are so lucky that our guild is constantly growing and changing - from an original 18 members to 110 today! I miss many members who are no longer with us. However, I do embrace the wonderful, fresh ideas new members bring to the table.

I appreciate everyone’s well wishes, and can’t imagine my life without all of you in it for these forty years. Thank you for being there.

### **Block Lottery**

A great big thank you to all those who donated blocks. I'm overwhelmed! There were 158 red/white/blue blocks that were due in February, and 85 four patch blocks turned in. The Community Service Committee will certainly be busy.

### **Community Service**

This is coming a bit early, but I just want to give you a heads up. In May our Block Lottery block will not be a block. We will again be working on walker bags for Terrace View Manor. (Same pattern as last year) This time we will have a workshop for anyone who is interested. It will be on Wednesday, May 27, the Wed. after our May meeting. It will be in the Steffan Bldg. starting at 10:00 AM. For those who need fabric, I've got that covered. At our auction I won a roll of heavy fabric that we can use. More details in our next newsletter. Jackie G.

### **Consortium News**

Since we have many new guild members I think it's important to let everyone know that because you are a member of the Amherst Quilters Guild you are also a member of the Quilters Consortium of New York State. At any time you may go to the web site to find out what's going on state wide.

At our most recent meeting they announced the next state wide challenge. It's entitled *Lines and Angles of New York State*. For information please go to [www.qcnys.org](http://www.qcnys.org). Please consider entering. The last time a challenge was held two of our guild members were winners, including the grand prize winner. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have a repeat performance?

Jackie Groszkowski

### **2016 Amherst Quilters Guild Quilt Show**

It's that time of year when we need to start planning for our next quilt show. The dates are set for April 22-24, 2016. We are going to try something a little different this year in that we will split the duties among 5 co-chairs. They are Loretta Cadwallader, Jackie Groszkowski, MaryAnn Krafft, Kathy Tomasulo, and Robi Witulski.

We are looking for volunteers to head the following committees:

Registration, Awards, Labels, Judges, Programs, Preview Party, Food, Boutique, Hand Quilting, Publicity, Scrap Pool, Set Up / Take Down, and Talk to the Quilter. If you would like to volunteer, please contact any of the co-chairs.

The first order of business is selecting a name. Please email your suggestions to MaryAnn Krafft at [ma.krafft@yahoo.com](mailto:ma.krafft@yahoo.com). We will vote on a show title at the April meeting.

### **Sunshine and Shadows**

Bob Reilly, husband of Amherst Quilters Guild member Jan Reilly, passed away on Saturday March 21 from cancer.

### **Quilts for the Troops**

Our first delivery of 15 quilts was made to the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station on February 17 (see picture below). It was a wonderful experience for the members who visited the base. We learned about so many of the programs available to our very patriotic, brave Reservists. There is so much sacrifice on their part; to give back to them will be a rewarding task for our guild.

Our quilts will be hand delivered by the Air Base staff including: Megan Callero, Airman Brian Haun and others thru the ***Friends of Family Support Association***. *The FFSA provides a forum for those interested in supporting military families to contribute to building healthy, resilient military families.*

Anyone interested in more information on giving assistance to FFSA can contact them at 716-236-6339.

### **Quilt Bucks for Quilts**

Members don't forget the you get 25 bucks for a complete quilt; 10 bucks for making a quilt top; 10 bucks for quilting a quilt; 5 bucks for binding a quilt. Don't forget to ask for your bucks when dropping off. In the excitement of seeing your beautiful donations, bucks are sometimes overlooked.

### **Community Service**

If you're curious to see what a community service meeting is like, don't be! Please come and join us! We sew, chat, laugh, and make terrific quilts! Your community needs the beautiful quilts that you make. Put a smile on someone's face...donate your time...donate a quilt! Community Service received the following at the March meeting:

27 Quilts for Courage; 6 Quilts for the Troops; 3 Millard Fillmore Baby Quilts; and 180 Buck a Blocks!



# Join the Amherst Quilters Guild as we travel to the AQS Show in Syracuse, NY.

Thursday, July 30, 2015

8 a.m. - 9 p.m.



Our well-appointed motor coaches are equipped with: a lavatory, temperature control, reclining seats, inside and underneath luggage compartments.

The motor coach will depart promptly at **8 a.m.** from the Eastern Hills parking lot.

(Near Transit Road, in front of BonTon)

Trip includes:

- Round trip motor coach transportation,
- admission to the American Quilters Society show in Syracuse
- depart the Oncenter at 4:30 and travel to the Inn Between Restaurant
- 5 p.m. dinner (your choice of entrée). All dinners include potato & vegetable, cup of homemade soup, gourmet salad, homemade rolls and date nut bread, coffee, de-caf or tea, and the chef's dessert selection.

**Reservations accepted on a first-come paid-in-full basis !!!!** (deadline June 25)

Member cost = \$50

Non-members = \$60

We will accept cash or a check made payable to Amherst Quilters Guild.

Mail payment to MaryAnn Krafft, 4008 Walden Ave, Lancaster, NY 14086

Name \_\_\_\_\_

AQG member??

Cell phone no \_\_\_\_\_

Yes \$50      No \$60

Choice of entrée (circle one)

Stuffed Breast of Chicken with apple & walnut stuffing, chicken supreme sauce

Or Stuffed Boston Scrod baked with crab stuffing



### **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, or change your e-mail provider, please send an email to Karen Goddard with your request to: [AQGNewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:AQGNewsletter@yahoo.com).

Articles to be included in the *April 2015* newsletter must be sent to [AQGNewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:AQGNewsletter@yahoo.com) by ***no later than Monday, April 27th***, 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 2015 Calendar of Events**

- April 1                      Board meeting 6:30
- April 15                     Historic Homes, 10am in the Tea Room
- April 16                     Guild meeting 7pm
- April 22                     Community Service 10-1, Steffan
- April 23                     PM Quilters, Judy B.
- April 27                     May newsletter deadline
- May 6                        Board Meeting 6:30