



# Amherst Quilters Guild



NEWSLETTER

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August 2015

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## Upcoming Program News – Roxanne Golde and Susan Teetsel

### August

Quilts for Courage 1-5pm in the main room.

Fabric Bingo at our 7pm meeting! The instructions to make the bingo cards will be included with this newsletter. Each of us will need to make our own Bingo card, or several if you want more than one.

### September

We will be having 4 of our members do demos for the September program. It should prove to be quite interesting.

### October

Our guest speaker will be Julia Deal from SewArtistic.com. She prints quilt patterns through quiltwoman.com. Roxy met her at the Pittsburgh Quilt Market last year. She will be having a trunk show, and doing a demo called "Playing with Curves".



## Amherst Quilters Guild

7/16/15

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Roxie.

**Announcements:** our bus trip will leave at 8am sharp from behind Sears at the Eastern Hills Mall.

**Scottish Festival:** workers are needed. Let Theresa Utz know if you are able to work.

**August Program:** quilt bingo, directions to make your bingo board will be in the newsletter. Bring pennies or buttons or something to mark your spots. Prizes are available. You may also purchase a board for 5 quilt bucks.

**Split Club:** \$13.50 for our winner tonight.

Our program tonight was an explanation of our committees and a demo of our Accucut machine.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Browne, secretary

## Block Lottery

The block for this month is the Bingo block that I hope you're making for our Bingo games at the August meeting. I know it sounds sort of silly to most of us, but there are some members who do not have a "stash". So, would you make an extra block or two to share with them? (Karen is adding the directions to the end of the newsletter.) After we're done playing Bingo I will collect any blocks that you'd like to donate to Community Service. Here's the best part, for every block you donate you'll receive 5 Quilt Bucks! Now that's a pretty good deal.

## Nominations

It's time to start thinking about replacements for several of our guild officers. The offices that are up for election this year are First Vice President (program), Secretary and Karen is also retiring as Publications Editor, so we need someone to replace her also. I'm going to have a "Nomination Box" at the next two meetings the same as last year. Please give some thought to who think would make a good officer and make a confidential nomination. The committee will take it from there. One other thing, if you'd like to take on one of the jobs but are too shy to speak up, nominate yourself. No one will know. Hopefully we'll get a good response and find members who'd like to be on the board.

## **Quilts for Courage – Sylvia Siegel**

Quilts for Courage is an ongoing program where members make quilts for the Hospital Hematology/Oncology Department and the pediatric floor and clinic at Roswell Park. **On August 20th**, we will meet in the main room at the museum to work on quilts for the kids. Bring a sewing machine, fabric, rotary cutter, mat and extension cord to work on the Fat Quarter Fizz or any quilt of your choice. The guild will supply irons and has fabric available if you would rather use that. You can come just to cut fabric and iron sewn pieces.

We will begin working at 1 p.m. and continue until 5 p.m. when we will have dinner for those who worked during the afternoon. Submarine sandwiches will be available. If your last name begins with A---M bring dessert and N---Z bring a salad or main dish. You also need to bring your own drink, plates, and eating utensils.

The Fat Quarter Fizz pattern is enclosed in this month's newsletter. There is also a link for the pattern tutorial: [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com). Search under Fat Quarter Shop Fat Quarter Fizz. It looks very easy and should be quick to cut and piece. We will be doing the small lap quilt size that includes the first three rows. If you have any questions, please call Sylvia Siegel (652---7602).

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

Mark your calendars for April 22-24, 2016 for our biennial quilt show entitled "Still Stitching after 40+ Years".

## **Sunshine and Shadows**

Joyce Morris is suffering from shingles.

Roxanne Golden lost her mother in May.

Theresa Utz's brother-in-law passed away.

## **Upcoming Quilt Show**

Caledonia Quilt Guild Quilt Show  
August 8-9, 2015

*A Garden of Quilts*  
[caledoniaquiltguild.org](http://caledoniaquiltguild.org)

**Caledonia Mumford Central School**  
**99 North St**  
**Caledonia, NY**

## Seminar 2016

by Mary Ellen Cannon, seminar co-chair

Our fall quilting seminar tradition began over 40 years ago, under the guidance of Norma Jean Dowd. Norma and her helpers built seminar from a small scale undertaking into the 4 days of camaraderie that we have enjoyed most recently. In the last few years our members' interest in seminar seems to be very much on the wane, and the costs of seminar are escalating every year as everything does.

After much examination of the facts and figures from the seminars Jan Reilly and I have co-chaired, we feel it is time to re-vamp our seminar. We have discussed this with our guild board and have come to only one firm decision about seminar changes—we will not be hiring a national teacher for 2016. The contract we had with Nancy Mahoney has been cancelled. While there have been rumors circulating about the abolition of seminar all together, those are not true. There will still be some sort of seminar(s) in the years to come-IF THAT IS WHAT OUR GUILD WANTS. While we still have the dates reserved with the museum for our usual fall seminar, that does not necessarily have to be the timing of seminar if our members would prefer otherwise.

We want to make our seminar into an educational experience that is tailored to the members of our guild. The mission of seminar from its inception has always been continuing education for our quilters. That is still our mission, and it fits perfectly with the mission of the Heritage Village who hosts us. In recent years approximately 50% of the quilters attending seminar have been non-members. Last year only 40 out of 96 attendees were members of our guild. We need input from our members to 1) decide if seminar is an event the guild wants to continue, and 2) if it is, to help us redesign it to be a great experience for our members who are able to attend.

Seminars going forward may or may not look like those in the past. We are asking those members who would like to get involved in the process of redesigning seminar to come to a meeting at 6:00 prior to the August guild meeting. I'm sure that this meeting will just be the first of several (many?) as we put together a new style seminar. We are hoping to get input from the long time attendees of seminar and from our new members as well. Please join us if you would like to be part of our seminar "design" team. If you are not able to attend, but have input you want the committee to consider please send it with a friend, or contact myself or Jan Reilly. Our contact information is in our guild register



### **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 *September 2015* newsletter must be sent to [AQGNewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:AQGNewsletter@yahoo.com) by ***no later than Monday, August 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.

### **August 2015 Calendar of Events**

- August 5                    Board meeting 6:30
- August 19                    Historic Homes, 10am in the Tea Room
- August 20                    Guild meeting 7pm
- August 24                    September newsletter deadline
- August 26                    Community Service, 10-1, Steffan
- August 27                    PM Quilters
- September 2                Board Meeting 6:30