



Amherst Quilters Guild



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Upcoming Program News – Roxanne Golde and Susan Teetsel

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”.

November

Our program will be Beverly Lawler, a local quilting teacher, who will talk about the origins of red and green quilts as she is giving us a trunk show.

December

We will be finished off the year with our pot luck dinner with entertainment!



Message from the President

Welcome to Fall! The time of cooler, shorter days and longer nights is upon us. I do so enjoy this time of year (and not just because it's that much closer to Winter!!)...getting out an old favorite sweater, crisp mornings, simmering a big pot of soup on the stove all day, more time to spend inside sewing...what's not to love?? I very recently moved house, and am looking forward to spending some quality time with one of my sewing machines and a pile of fabric; I wonder what I'll come up with? I've got a couple of ideas bouncing around my head about our newest challenge that was handed out at our last meeting. Is anyone else participating? I can't wait to see all of them when they're done. I know they'll add a lot of fun to our auction at the upcoming quilt show.

Speaking of quilt show...you could have knocked me over with a feather yesterday when I read the email and realized that we will be without a favorite local vendor for our own upcoming quilt show. For those of you who may have not heard, the email I am referring to was the announcement from Pine Grove that they will be retiring and closing up shop by the end of this year. Here I was expecting their regular monthly email announcing the upcoming programs, new fabric arrivals, and sales, but got this instead. Good for them to now have the time to devote to family and other interests. All the ladies there have worked hard for a long time and certainly do deserve this. Please join me in wishing them all the best in their much-deserved retirement.

Leaving you in (bittersweet) stitches....Robi

Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village News

On November 21st, we will host our annual Volunteer Celebration (please stay tuned for invitations being mailed sometime in October). Also on this day, we will host a special Holiday Shopping Extravaganza. This sale will be open to the public and held from 12:00 - 4:00. Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village would like to invite the Blacksmiths Guild, Weavers Guild, Quilt Guild, and Lace Guild to bring items to sell at this event. There will be no table charge. Bethann Roehling-Flynn requests that all items be dropped off at the museum by November 14th, so that she may set them up in the store.

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Sunshine and Shadows

Nothing to report this month.

Upcoming Quilt Show

Nov 6 & 7 (10-5), Nov 8 (11-4) -- Kenan Center, Lockport, NY

Community Service

Starting this month the Community Service group will meet on guild meeting days. This means the October session will be on Thursday, October 15 from 1:30-5:30. You can either bring something to eat or go out for dinner before the regular meeting. Although it would be nice if you would bring your machine it's really not necessary. We need help cutting, pressing, and working on lay-outs in addition to actual sewing. We've changed the day in hopes of attracting more members to join us. By meeting on guild day it will eliminate the need to make the drive especially for Community Service. Hope to see many of you there.

I want to thank everyone who donated blocks at our last meeting. We received 226 blocks. That's enough to make at least 9 lap quilts depending on how we decide to lay them out. That's fantastic!

There is no new block this month. We're asking that you support Loretta Cadwallader's effort to make "Little Dresses" for the children who live on the garbage dump in Mexico City. The directions again are attached to this newsletter. (There will be a new block next month.)

Finally, if you were at the September guild meeting you saw the green floral quilt that we will be raffling. This is a short, in-house raffle to raise money for Community Service. (If you want to purchase tickets for your family that's fine, but this is not the full blown raffle we usually have. That will be coming in the Spring.) The quilt will be on display at the October meeting. Tickets are \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing will take place at our Holiday Party. The money we raise will be used to purchase items for the ditty bags we donate at holiday time.

Jackie Groszkowski

Quilter's Tips and Tricks

A small empty tissue box makes a great garbage for thread and fabric clipping. Great for classes or in your living room. Just throw it away when you are done.

Nexcare Tape applied to the bottom of your cutting rulers will help reduce slippage. Find it in the drug store or pharmacy section of your favorite store.

Insulated hard plastic cups with a straw hole in the lid makes a great cone or regular thread holder. Just feed the thread through the straw hole. Taller cups can be used for machines with exposed belts such as Featherweights.

More tips and the Pumpkin Pie squares recipe next month.



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, or change your e-mail provider, please send an email to Karen Goddard with your request to: AQGNewsletter@yahoo.com.

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

October 2015 Calendar of Events

- October 6 Board meeting 6:30
- October 15 Community Service, 1:30-5:30, Steffan
- October 15 Guild meeting 7pm
- October 21 Historic Homes, 10am in the Tea Room
- October 22 PM Quilters
- October 26 November newsletter deadline
- November 4 Board Meeting 6:30