

Welcome. Hello, Gang! Are you sewing this summer? We have a challenge to make a sewing machine cover (unveiling at our October meeting) and the Mystery Quilt is ready to be cut out!

Calendar

June 25 – Circle at Elizabeth’s house
 July 23 – Circle at Susan Holt’s house
 August 27 – Circle at Beth’s Apartment Building
 September 10 – Business Meeting at Mang

Directions to the Circle Meetings will be sent out prior to the meetings.

Happy Summer Birthday to:

Barbara Burns ~ June 1
 Carol Scoma ~ June 2
 Lillian Domagala ~ June 10
 Kathy Reitz ~ June 15
 Shirley Spriegel ~ June 17
 Janet Kuebler ~ June 24
 Robi Witulski ~ June 28

Janice Farrell ~ July 2
 Elizabeth Kerchner ~ July 14
 Barbara Canazzi ~ July 28
 Sally Grove ~ July 30

Barbara Phelan ~ August 10
 Mary Lynn Kresge ~ August 15
 Beth LaVigne ~ August 17

Pat Zimmerman ~ September 4

Have a wonderful day!!!



KQG Business Meeting and Dinner, June 4, 2018

The meeting began @ 6p with appetizers and socializing. The exact number attending is unavailable, but at least 45 members were in attendance.

Dinner - A joint effort by members provided all sorts of delicious appetizers and salad fixings to accompany the salad greens and chicken that the guild provided. Let’s not forget the many wine choices and desserts. Quite a feast! Thank you to all who helped set up. Jenifer Angevine and Sharon for the table cloths and flowers. Lillian Domagala and Jan Farrell for the lettuce and chicken. Extra thanks to Jan for bringing silverware. Linda Swanekamp provided a beautiful blessing before we started eating. Everyone received a small spiral note book as a favor.

Sunshine and Shadows –

- We sadly missed Pat McDonald tonight because she fell last week and fractured her pelvis. Luckily, she can sew and quilt, but walking is very hard for her.
- Barbara McClure needed stitches on her forehead after a gardening accident she had earlier in the day. She also announced that she will be leaving the guild as she is moving to Florida in July. She will be missed...
- Gail Sexton let us know she is retiring from her teaching career.

Reports

- **Treasurer:** Sharon Goulet – Bank balance = \$7353.55, Petty Cash = \$510.59 TOTAL = \$7864.14 Beginning petty cash = \$884.60. Additions = \$25.00 for dues. Subtractions= \$234.43 for comfort quilts, \$36.74 for program committee, 127.84 party expenses. Party expenses = \$16.72 for paper products, \$76.88 table cloths, \$34.24 for table topper fabric.
- **Stella Niagara:** Carolyn Bonji – See Carolyn if you want to attend. Nov. 1 – Nov. 4, 2018.
- **Program:** Elizabeth Kerchner and Linda Swanekamp – The 2nd “clue” to the Mystery Quilt is available.

Old Business

- Money or checks for \$30 to reserve a seat on the bus to the Erie Quilt show was collected by Elizabeth Kerchner.

New Business

- Jan Farrell will update roster soon
- Mary Lee Cooper and Marley Smith have been working on a new web page. It should be ready by September.
- Joyce Fyda and Eileen Cardinal delivered the placemats to the nursing home (name?) Very well received from staff.
- **Change in Summer Circle meetings** - June 25, Elizabeth Kerchner / July 23, Susan Holt / August 27, Beth LaVigne

Show and Share – Eileen Cardinal, Barbara Canazzi, Barbara Phalan, Joyce Bruyere, Kathy Reitz, Mary Lee Cooper, Marti Kovach, Linda Swanekamp, Susan Holt, Camille Klein, Jan Farrell

Meeting ended at 8:03p

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Kedzierski, Secretary

Circle Meeting Directions:

Summer Circle Meetings are at a member's home who has agreed to host it. They will provide drinks, napkins, plates. You bring a chair to sit on, and something type of food to share. Most people bring handwork and there will be show and tell. Meetings start at 7 PM.

June 25: Elizabeth Kerchner, 236 84th Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14304 ~ phone: 283-1923

Her street has a center mall, a green space, so when you enter stay to the right of the mall. Come all the way down the street to the end, circle around the mall and come back up the street by 5 houses. The street is only 2 blocks long. Come up the driveway into the backyard.

Directions via Grand Island:

- Take the 190 North cross Grand Island
- Take exit 21 which is just as you come off the North bridge and come straight down the ramp to the light at Buffalo Avenue
- Turn right onto Buffalo Ave at the light and travel up Buffalo Ave to 84th Street. (just before 84th you will see a large blonde brick church and parking lot)
- Turn left onto 84th, and follow directions about the street in *italics*, above.

Directions via Niagara Falls Blvd:

- Take Niagara Falls Blvd North all the way to the light at 77th Street (Buzzy's pizzeria will be to your left and a Motel 8 on your right)
- Turn left onto 77th Street and take it all the way to the end. It ends at Buffalo Avenue at a light
- Turn left onto Buffalo Avenue and take it to 84th where you will follow the directions above in *italics*, above.

July 23: Susan Holt, 370 Meyer Road, Amherst, NY 14226 ~ phone ~ 863-9398

Susan lives behind the plazas on Maple Road. Take Sheridan Drive to Bailey Avenue, turn left. Pass Maple Road and turn right at the first light, which is Meyer. Park across the street at the baseball diamond. Please bring a chair.

August 27: Beth LaVigne, 55 Ralston, Kenmore, NY 14217 ~ Cell phone: 725-5646

Beth lives in the Westchester apartments directly South of Kenmore Mercy Hospital. It is a converted school and we will be meeting in the old cafeteria. There are plenty of chairs so don't worry about bringing one. Please park on the streets -- Westchester, Ralston, and Wilber. The entrance you want is on Wilber. Beth's husband Paul will be stationed at the door from 6:30 to 7:15 to unlock it... if no is there, please use your cell phone (not the one on the wall in the entrance) to call Jan's cell phone 481-9134, or Pat McD's cell phone 207-1546 and we will come and let you in.



This article was sent to me from HeartSong Quilts, a quilt shop that specializes in Aboriginal fabric. I thought it was interesting and am passing it on to you! ~Jan

The State of Quilting in America

Recently, Quilting in America completed its 8th study of the state of quilting in America. They found that there are 7-10 million quilters in the U.S. spending a total of \$3.7 billion. The market actually shrunk a little bit between the last survey in 2014 and this one in 2017. Not surprising when we see the number of small shops going out of business.

They define “dedicated” quilters as those who spend more than \$500 per year on quilting related purchases. The dedicated quilter is usually female, in her early 60s, well educated (goes without saying), has been quilting for an average of 19 years, and overwhelmingly (85%) prefers traditional quilting.

Dedicated quilters spend almost 8 hours weekly on the internet browsing or interacting with quilting related sites. Over 2/3 make fabric purchases online, but most also prefer to purchase quilting supplies in person at retail locations. The amount of quilters buying fabric, watching instructional videos and learning about new products online has more than doubled over the last few years.

Although there are a fair amount of younger people (under 45) taking up quilting, they are more likely to be occasional quilters with less commitment to the craft, largely based upon family, time, and work constraints. At HeartSong we’ve noticed that most quilters become dedicated once their children get a bit older and job requirements have become a little less taxing. These younger quilters actively use social media such as Facebook and Instagram, and they are likely to be a part of an online quilting group through the various quilting blogs that exist.

We’ve seen a number of quilt shops closing over the last couple of years due to a number of factors including a decreased demand for fabrics and an oversaturation of the market with too many fabrics and too many shops. Also, price competition with online sellers has resulted in some shops going out of business. Finally, for a lot of the dedicated quilters, they have now made quilts for everyone in their lives, and have more than enough fabric to last them for another lifetime. Once the younger quilters become “dedicated,” we expect the industry to rebound, but it is unlikely that we’ll see the amount of small independent shops that existed 10 years ago.

We believe that the future of quilting is strong, but the industry will look a lot different moving forward. Less local shops, less lines of fabrics (that all seem to look alike anyway), more specialization, more learning online, more projects being completed with other quilters online so they can share their experiences in their pajamas.

Things are changing all around us, and quilting is no exception. The big relief is that quilting has existed for thousands of years, and it is not likely going away any time soon. We’re happy to be a part of your quilting life. Thanks for your support over the years.

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