



Upcoming Programs by [Kathleen Karnath](#)

On **February 15**, our program for the evening will be:

One Block Wonder - One Fabric, One Shape, One-of-a-kind Quilts

Our speaker will be Susan McKenna, of the Kenan Quilt Guild. A lifelong sewist, her quilting "addiction" began in the early 70's while living in Hawaii on the island of Molokai. She returned to WNY, her birthplace, in 2009 and continues to try any and every new quilting method that comes along, one of which is One Block Wonder! She has taught classes for local and Hawaiian quilt guilds and quilt shops and has a number of award winning quilts. Susan also has a longarm business offering computer and ruler work quilting.

Be sure to Save the Date for our 49th Birthday celebration, **March 21**. Linda Hunter, a founding member of the guild, will share "Our Journey Since 1975", a history of the Amherst Quilt Guild. We'll celebrate with sweets and a birthday gift exchange! If you'd like to participate in the gift exchange, bring a handmade item to exchange - just a little something - a potholder, a pin cushion, a small zipper pouch, etc. in birthday wrapping paper!

Welcome Back to Amherst Quilters Guild! by Linda Hunter

We really are happy to have you back for this new venture for our guild. We are now meeting at the Faith United Church of Christ, 1300 Maple Road corner of Hopkins, because the museum will no longer accommodate guilds. We meet the third Thursday of each month. Doors open at 6 pm for a variety of activities, including meeting friends, discussing new community service projects, using our Accu Cutter machine etc., from 6:00 - 7:00. Meetings begin, usually with a speaker first, at 7:00. Meetings end at 9:00 pm.

We have become an official non profit, a 501 C7, and plan to continue with monthly meetings and offering educational workshops and community service throughout the year. We have smaller interest groups which meet, such as PM quilters (who meet in each other's homes, now in the AM - contact Theresa Utz - 716-633-9030; utzlady@aol.com)), the Thursday morning quilting Bee (who meet at the church on Thursday mornings (contact me for more information, 716-622-3560, or Mickey Whittliff, 716-741-2237), and Community Service who meet the fourth Thursday of the month from 10 am - 1 pm at the church (contact

Jean Miller, 716-689-4423; lejemil@yahoo.com). We welcome ideas for other interest groups - a group for those who would rather come to a small group in the evening, for example?

February 15 Sue McKenna will show us how to make a One Block Wonder quilt. Many people loved those shown in the Kenan QG Show last November. Sue was the instructor for that class. Then, on Saturday, March 16 from 10 am - 4 pm at the Audubon Library we will have a workshop with Sue McKenna as the instructor for a more in depth class to begin a quilt. Fee for the workshop is \$35 for members, \$40 for non members. Our March 21st. meeting will be a celebration of our 49th birthday, with photos and videos of our early years and quilt show, seminar presenters etc. Do come for the cake also! April 18th will be the presentation on how we can all use the guild's Accu Cutter machine for fast and easy quilt making. (This was postponed in January due to our snowstorm).

I really hope to see you at one of our meetings or activities. If you haven't been able to participate in our meetings recently,

Please come to one of our meetings soon to enjoy interacting with other quilters and renew friendships.

Happy Quilting,

<https://www.amherstquiltersguild.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Amherst-Quilters-Guild-2024-Membership-Application.pdf>

Community Service –

White or off-white background with a purple or pink contrasting fabric. Think spring time flowers.

Here's a Youtube video if you need a reminder:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWIPMYOdqfs>

Using 4 1/2" squares construct a churn dash block – finished size should be 12.5"



UFOs from <https://theruffledpurse.com/>

Sewing habits develop based on several different factors such as our sewing interests, personalities, and physical space.

For some people, they work on one project at a time and finish it before starting another.

For others, it doesn't take long for unfinished projects (UFOs) to pile up.

This can be due to having a fabric stash that inspires you, getting bored or tired of working on a project, or having a new pattern/fabric/project catch your eye and you can't wait to get started on it.

Do your UFOs seem out of control? Are you so overwhelmed you aren't making progress on those much less able to focus on anything new?

In addition to documenting your UFOs on the [My Sewing Projects printable](#), here are 10 tips to help you take action and get some (if not all) of them done in 2024.

10 Tips to Finishing UFOs

1. Go through your UFOs and determine if you still love each one. If not, get rid of it. There is nothing wrong with not finishing something you no longer like. Donate, sell, or give it away.
2. Prioritize the UFOs you're keeping by what you love the most to the least. Select the top 6-12 and focus on those first.
3. Collect everything you need to finish each UFO (pattern, directions, fabric, thread, notions, etc.) and put it all in one container.
4. Clearly label the container so you can easily identify the project.
5. Store UFOs in one place and make sure they are visible (because out of site is out of mind).
6. Organize the containers in some manner (e.g. almost done to just got started; easy, medium, hard). This will make selecting a project to work on easier.
7. If you have multiple sewing machines, dedicate one machine to just UFOs.
8. Dedicate at least one day a week to work on UFOs OR work on a UFO for 15 minutes BEFORE working on a new project.

9. Share UFOs with a sewing/quilting buddy. (ex. Does your UFO need a binding but you hate to do them? Talk with friend and see what you can do for her and trade the projects so you can both finish.)
10. Form or join a UFO group either local or online. If you quilt, check out the [American Patchwork and Quilting UFO Challenge](#).

For Sale - Fabric available at \$5 /pound

The Amherst Quilt Guild received a donation of fabric from the family of Heidi Werner, a former Home Ec teacher, sewist and quilter. As the guild has limited storage space, Kathleen Karnath agreed to accept the fabric and sell it at \$5/pound, with ***all proceeds going to the Amherst Quilt Guild***. Before being advertised to the public or any other guilds, first pick of fabric is being offered to Guild members!!

There are 3 large tubs of fabric (all neatly arranged and pressed) to choose from. There are typically about 3 yards of fabric to a pound, so that equates to \$1.66/yard.

Contact Kathleen Karnath via phone or text at **716-860-9039** to arrange a time to view and purchase fabrics!

Community Service - BOM

We will be constructing blocks to use in a future project. You can turn these blocks in at the February or March meeting.

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Raffle Quilts from the Past

Betty Lerner is taking us back in time. Do you remember when??

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v4muBfVc_Wo

Volunteer Opportunities by Rebecca Ribis

Faith United Church of Christ, where we hold our General Membership Meetings and site of our Community Service / Open Sew has a Friday

Free Lunch Program from Fri Feb 2 – March 22. It is drive thru from 11:30A.M.- till gone.. Volunteers are needed to make this successful.

You can volunteer by donating: desserts (cookies, brownies, candy bars), small bags of chips, individual serving fruit cups, or individual apples and oranges, bread/ plastic sandwich bags, cold cuts, for making sandwiches
Prepare/ donate soups – sandwiches – side dishes

In person help is needed each Friday from 9:30A.M. – 12:30 P.M.
where one would assemble the meals, make sandwiches, etc.

Per Sandy, The Need Continues to be Great. Please contact Sandra Hamann at your earliest convenience if you are able to donate or volunteer each Friday. Sandrashamann@aol.com Thank you

There is also a "Blessings Box" outside the church which is stocked with nonperishable items, such as peanut butter, canned soup, boxed mac and cheese, etc. Donations are also being accepted for this.

Monthly Meeting Schedule -

At the Faith United Church of Christ

Feb 14 - Guild meeting -Thursday evening at 7-9pm. Our program begins at 7 pm, but members are welcome to arrive at 6 pm for guild committee meetings, refreshments and socializing!

Feb 22 - Community Service at 10am

Saturday, March 16 from 10 am - 4 pm at the Audubon Library we will have a one block wonder workshop with Sue McKenna

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