



Upcoming Programs by [Kathleen Karnath](#)

Don't miss our **January 18** meeting to be held at Faith United Church, 1300 Hopkins Road. Our program for the evening will be:

AccuCut/AccuQuilt

Learn how easy it is to use and how quickly and accurately it cuts for your quilting and/or applique projects

Our speaker will be Eileen Kisicki, photographer, card designer and *quilter*. She currently teaches and leads the AccuQuilt Club for Aurora Sewing Center as well as teaching and speaking freelance. She is a retired Elementary School Counselor as well as the former owner and director of the Sprucelands Equestrian Center and Summer Camp.

The guild owns an AccuCut Grandemark die cutting machine and a large number of dies. The equipment has been underutilized of late, which led us to arrange for this program and speaker. The guild also established/revitalized a committee to further evaluate the equipment and set up guidelines for member use of the equipment. JoAnn Kelsch will chair this committee, with Kathleen Karnath as committee member. Please contact JoAnn if you would also like to be on this committee.

On **February 15**, our program for the evening will be: One Block Wonder - **One Fabric, One Shape, One-of-a-kind Quilts**

Be sure to Save the Date for our 49th Birthday celebration on **March 21**.

Minutes of the Board meeting - Jan 2 by Linda Hunter

Membership: Linda Hunter ☐

2024 Guild member renewals: currently 24 (up from 11 last month).

Linda will place a notice about the Guild and its upcoming meeting/programs in the Amherst Bee.

Kathy shared some insight about feedback she received from people about their past impressions about the Guild not being very welcoming;.

Education: Linda Hunter ☐ Discussed possibility of having another site available that could host a workshop/class so.

Finance: JoAnn Castiglia ☐

Budget is being finalized.

EIN has been received; IRS approval is still pending.

Website: Marie Buchanan ☐

several sections are out of date; a new password will be needed for 2024

membership. Board will review the website and confirm updates for this year.

Sally will set up a Zoom meeting for Monday, 1/22/24 at 4:30pm.

AccuCut: JoAnn Kelsch volunteered to lead this committee.

The condition of our machine needs to be assessed; tray replacement is recommended The dies need to be inventoried.

Community Service: Jean Miller & Judy Bolcerzak have volunteered to be the chairpersons.

Membership by Linda Hunter

At this moment we have 25 members in the guild, and really want everyone to renew. Our programs for the new year are interesting, helpful and fun! We are planning an educational workshop for March. Non-members may attend, but will pay an extra fee. We need your support - but also want to support you. We are open to suggestions for monthly programs and educational workshops. Contact any of the officers. Also, when making out a check for membership, *do not* make it out to Linda. Make it out to *Amherst Quilters Guild*. Linda will be happy to accept your membership at the next guild meeting, or by mail. Thank you!"

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

Sunshine & Shadow

Sally's husband, Neal, is back in the hospital with continued, serious health issues. We ask everyone to keep Sally and her family in their thoughts and prayers, send cards and best wishes.

Sally Ginsberg's mother-in-law just passed away January 8. This is Neal's mother and Heather Beuchi's mother. Heather is also a member of AQG. Please keep this family in your prayers. They have been through so much.

Committees

We are still in hunt for the following Committees chairs:

- Blog,
- Quilting Bee and
- Sunshine & Shadows.

Inspiration for the book lover- by Annette

<https://rubyseppings.com/blog/2019/3/30/the-book-nerd-quilt>

Pattern by Angela Pingel:
Fun site, Ruby is from England

For Sale -

Susan Kogler is selling her featherweight sewing machine.
\$350-\$400. Call her if interested.

Monthly Meeting Schedule -

At the Faith United Church of Christ

Jan 18 - Guild meeting -Thursday evening at 7-9pm - Accuquilt

Jan 25 - Community Service at 10am

Officers

President - Sally Ginsberg

First Vice President - Kathleen Karnath

Second Vice President - Linda Hunter

Secretary - JoAnn Kelsch

Treasurer - Joanne Castiglia

Committee Chairs

Accuquilt - JoAnn Kelsch

Blog - ??????

Challenge Quilts - Betty Lerner

Community Service - Jean Miller & Judy Balcerzak

Education - Rebecca Ribis & Linda Hunter

Facebook - Sylvia Siegel

NYS Consortium - Judy Phillips

Program - Kathleen Karnath

Publishing Editor - MaryAnn Krafft

Quilting Bee - ??????

Quilts For Courage - Sylvia Siegel

Sunshine & Shadows - Linda Hunter

Website - Marie Buchanan



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