



## Upcoming Programs by [Kathleen Karnath](#)

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!

### April Program

Rescheduled from January, don't miss our **April 18** meeting. 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.

## February Meeting Minutes by [Kathleen Karnath](#)

We had a great turnout for our February meeting at Faith United Church, more than 20 members! Several committees and groups gathered before the meeting to plan events and activities, share and get advice on current quilt projects as well as socialize. Kathleen Karnath, Rebecca Ribis and Jean Nicholson brought treats to share. Jean's Peanut Butter Fudge was soooo good!

Kathleen presided at the meeting and welcomed 6 new members, introduced officers and committee chairpersons, and had attendees introduce themselves to the group.

Our program for the evening was “One Block Wonder – One Fabric, One Shape, One of a Kind Quilts” presented by Sue McKenna. She showed beautiful quilts from her collection of One Block Wonder quilts and was able to show examples of the original fabric that was transformed to achieve the final quilt. Sue discussed fabric choices, fabric design repeats and showed many examples of fabrics that would work very well to create the kaleidoscope effect for the One Block Wonder quilt.

Our education committee, Rebecca Ribis and Linda Hunter, have arranged for Sue to do a hands on workshop on Saturday, March 16 at the Audubon Library from 10 am – 4 pm. The cost is \$35 and there are a few spots available. Contact Rebecca or Linda to register and get a supply list.

## Membership by Linda Hunter

This is our birthday month - AQG's 49<sup>th</sup> birthday. We are so pleased to have many members who have renewed this year's membership, and several new members. We welcome you to this new year. Included in your membership is the monthly Newsletter and access to the website, as well as the ability to join with us for PM Quilters, Community Service and the last Thursday of the month open sew meetings at Faith United Church of Christ. Be sure to come to our birthday party **March 21** at the church for a little guild history and birthday cake.

If you have not yet renewed your membership, you will not be able to receive the Newsletter and will no longer have access to guild opportunities. However, you are welcome to attend our meetings as a guest twice a year. Therefore, if you have forgotten to renew, please consider doing so this month. We really don't want to lose you, and hope you don't want to lose us! A check for \$40.00 payable to AQG, mailed to Linda Hunter, 5229 Mapleton Rd., Lockport, NY 14094 is all it takes to remain with us. We hope you will continue to enjoy all the guild has to offer.

We are in the process of ordering name badges for new members. You will receive a name badge to wear at each meeting and event as part of your membership. If other members wish to have a new name badge, we can order one for a nominal fee. Contact Linda Hunter, [hunterlj@roadrunner.com](mailto:hunterlj@roadrunner.com); 716-622-3560 if you need a new badge. Members: please wear your name badges at each meeting and event so we all know who we are. Also, if you do not know someone, she may be a new member or member who hasn't been here for some time. Please introduce yourself and other members.

## Community Service - BOM

We are going try this pattern once more. Response from last month was rather feeble.

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

Using 4 1/2" squares, construct a churn dash block. Finished size should be 12.5",

White or off-white background with pink or purple (think spring flowers).

Here's a YouTube video to help you on your way -

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



## For SALE or FREE

I have a Cutie frame made by Grace Frame which allows you to use your domestic sewing machine like a long arm. It requires only 4 linear feet of space and has all of the accessories. I would like to find it a new home. All I want is for someone to come to my house and pick it up.

<https://graceframe.com/en/machine-frames/cutie-tabletop-fabric-frame>

Call me if you are interested.

*Betty Lerner*  
716 689-6995

## YouTube Video by Kathy Karnath

I got an email from Jordan Fabrics today. There was a free pattern and a you tube video for the Moda Love quilt, that can be made in 3 different sizes depending on what precut size you use – mini charm, charm or layer cake. What I found most interesting in the video is that she went through the entire longarm process, from putting the quilt on the longarm to determining quilting pattern, choosing thread, etc.

Regards and Happy Quilt Month,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hYSTiQGM-2w>

## Monthly Meeting Schedule -

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

Mar 21 - Birthday Party 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!

March 28 - Community Service at 10am at Faith United Church of Christ

## 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

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