



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

### 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.

## March Guild Meeting Minutes by [Kathleen Karnath](#)

### AQG Birthday Celebration

- Party Favors: a goodie bag containing spools of thread and a bookmark was given to all members in attendance. Special thank you to Kathleen Karnath for putting the bags together.
- Fat Quarter Game: Kathleen Karnath arranged for a fun-filled game as part of the birthday celebration.
- Program presentation by 2nd Vice President and founding guild member, Linda Hunter. Linda's presentation included a slide show that showcased the guild's history and included pictures of Historical Homes and past raffle quilts. Linda also provided attendees with three handouts: Amherst Quilters Guild History, Reproducing a Little Bit of History and the Stamp Quilt Pattern.
- Birthday Gift Exchange: attending members participated in an exchange of small handmade gifts.

Installation of New Officers: Linda Hunter formally introduced the new board officers for 2024:

- 1st Vice President: Kathy Karnath
- Treasurer: JoAnn Castiglia
- Secretary: JoAnn Kelsch

Treasurer Report: given by JoAnn Castiglia

Community Service Update:

- Meeting next Thursday, 3/28 10am - 2pm at Faith UCC; putting quilt tops together using the churn dash blocks that have been received to date.
- Still collecting churn dash blocks that are made with pink or purple color fabric.

Upcoming Guild Meeting Programs: Kathy Karnath

- April: AccuCut/AccuQuilt Presentation by Eileen Kisicki. She is the AccuQuilt Expert at the Aurora Sewing Center. Eileen will provide an overview of these fabric die cutting systems. Our guild has an AccuCut machine and we hope to increase its use by making you aware of this great resource.

Sunshine & Shadows: no new updates.

New Guild Name Badges: new badges have been designed with the official AQC logo - the Amherst Star. A new badge will be provided for all current AQC members. Linda Hunter will provide more info in the AQC Newsletter.

## **Membership** by Linda Hunter

We are in the process of ordering name badges for all members. 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.

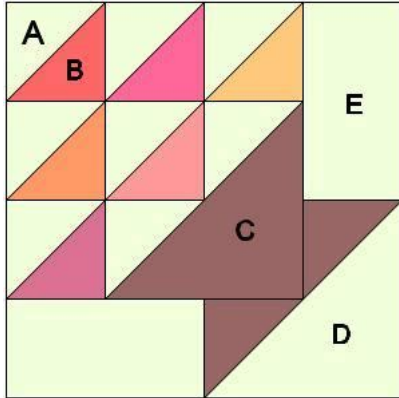
Members will receive new badges at the April meeting. Everyone should plan to attend this meeting in order to pick up her badge.

### **AQC & Faith UCC:**

One of the ways that our guild can partner with Faith United Church of Christ (UCC) and the local community is to support the Food Pantry at

Faith UCC. You might have seen the pantry collection bins located at the church and meeting room entrances. The pantry is in need of non-perishable food items. Please consider bring a donation to our next monthly meeting.

### Community Service - BOM - 12 inch Flower Basket



White Background, pastel blocks for the flowers, dark coordinated color for the basket! Instructions are on You Tube by Jayne from Poppy Patchwork!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OG5j9nFFjPY>

After two years of preparation, planning, and renovations, [Stitch Buffalo](#) is proud to announce the opening of its new store and studio at 284 Plymouth Avenue in Buffalo, NY. What was once a vacant factory for many years is now a vibrant center for textile arts, located in the heart of the Connecticut Street business corridor, adjacent to D'Youville University.

**Sew What is moving - Our new Address will be 6348 Transit Road, Depew NY 14043.** Our phone number will remain the same, 716-632-8801. We will be closed to the public April 26 and reopen approximately 7 to 10 days later. Watch our Facebook page for updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/sewwhatquiltshop/>

### Monthly Meeting Schedule -

Apr 18 - AccuCut/AccuQuilt Presentation by Eileen Kisicki at 7pm at Faith UCC

Apr 25 - FREE sew & Community Service at 10am at Faith UCC

June 15 - One Block Wonder Design Class at the Audubon Library.

## 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

