



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

**May Program** The topic will focus on Ergonomics and Adaptive Sewing. Chris Fletcher is facilitating this program that will include a presentation by an Occupational Therapist. -

**June:** Trunk show by Linda Hoffman with a Civil War Revisited theme.

**July:** The History of Batiks presented by Judy Phillips. -

**August:** Barn Quilt Tour presented by Rebecca Ribis.

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

April Program - AccuCut and AccuQuilt by Eileen Kisicki - Eileen provided a very informative overview of the AccuCut/AccuQuilt tools and the benefit they provide. Her presentation included examples of quilts that were made using the AccuQuilt and she also included learning and support resources that are available locally. Eileen and Kathy Karnath provided demonstrations of the tool; Kathy and Sally provided a demonstration of the guild's AccuCut machine which will be available for guild members to use. Members in attendance received a copy of the AccuCut instructions and a list of the guild's cutting dies.

President's Update: Sally Ginsberg,

Bylaws review has been completed; a copy of the final version will be posted on the guild's website. -

2024 Challenge Quilt: introduction and instructions will be provided at the June meeting; completed quilts will be displayed at the December Holiday meeting.

Membership Report: Linda Hunter welcomed two new members and guests to the meeting. - Total guild membership: 49 - Membership list will be posted on the website along with the guild's constitution and bylaws. For those members without internet access, please let Linda know and she will send the information to you. - Linda encouraged members to invite their friends to a meeting so that they can see what the guild is about. New members are welcomed to join throughout the year; dues are pro-rated quarterly so dues are \$30 for any new members who would join the guild during the April - June timeframe.

New name badges are available for the current membership and were distributed at the meeting. - Badges include the guild's logo - the

Amherst Star. This block was designed by Nancy Johnson-Srebro specifically for the Amherst Quilters Guild. The pattern is included in her book, Endless Possibilities Using No-Fail Methods.

Education Committee: Linda Hunter and Rebecca Ribis -

AQG Birthday Celebration & Guild History - Linda's article was published this week in the local Bee newspapers. -

One Block Wonder Follow Up Workshop with Sue McKenna is being held on June 15th at the Audubon Library. This workshop is available to the members who participated in the initial workshop held in March. One-hour sessions are available for participants to have a 1:1 consultation with Sue about quilt top layout and finishing. Sue is providing this service at no charge. Please contact Rebecca if you would like to schedule a session. -

2024 Quilt Show: the board has decided to postpone the quilt show until 2026. A committee will be started to begin the event's planning.

An Open Sew is being held next Thursday, April 25th from 10am-1pm at Faith UCC. Members are invited to bring a project that they are working on or need help with; this could also be an opportunity to use the AccuCut machine. - Group is planning on going to lunch after the Open Sew event.

Meeting concluded with Show and Share of quilts made by guild members.

## Membership by Linda Hunter

Please welcome two renewing members, Susan Teetsel and Anna Topolski, and two new members, Linda Schifferle and Sharon Teresi. We are happy to have you with us. You may pick up your membership badges at our next guild meeting.

## AQG By-LAWS - A Brief Overview May 2024 by Linda Hunter, Second Vice President

AQG is now a 501C-7 Corporation governed by the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law of New York State.

For the 17 page complete By-Laws, access the **AQG website:**  
**[www.AmherstQuiltersGuild.org](http://www.AmherstQuiltersGuild.org).**

Members of AQG: *Voting Members* are those who have paid dues. Anyone interested in quilting may become a member. *Associate Members* are non-voting members. They may be members who have been granted honorary or junior membership, for example. ***NOTE: Members information is on the AQG Website, password protected and only accessed by members.***

AQG Board of Directors (Board): The Board manages activities, properties and affairs of the Corporation. The Board consists of voting members - Officers: President; First Vice President, in charge of Programs; Second Vice President, in charge of Membership; Secretary; Treasurer. Non-voting Board members are Publications Editor; AQG Historian and immediate Past President. All are required to attend regularly scheduled meetings of the Board. There shall be no less than three members on the Board of Directors. No officer may receive a salary. Any member may be removed by a vote of the Voting Members. The Board of Directors shall present a report at the annual meeting of AQG showing assets and liabilities as of the end of the 12- month fiscal period, changes in those assets and liabilities, revenue, expenses and disbursements of monies. They also must report the number of members, their increase or decrease during the fiscal period, and the place where names and places of residence may be found.

Meetings: *AQG Board of Directors*—Hold regularly scheduled meetings. This year the Board has decided to hold these meetings monthly, the first Tuesday of each month via Zoom. *Voting Members* – Hold meetings the third Thursday of every month. The Board determines the time and place at the beginning of each year. *Annual Meeting* – Held each year as determined by the president, first or second vice president determines with given notice. **NOTE: This year our annual meeting will be December 19.** *Special Meetings* – Board may determine if needed, or 10% of the Voting Members may request one in writing. Notice of meetings may be in writing, given verbally, by USPS mail or by electronic mail. Notice must be given at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

Election of Officers: Held at the annual meeting of Voting Members. Term of office – two years.

Voting: Directors will be elected by a plurality of the votes cast. **NOTE: A plurality requires more votes than any other candidate, but not necessarily a majority.** All other corporate action shall be by a majority of the votes cast.

Quorum: For any business, a quorum of Voting Members shall consist of no less than 15 Voting Members.

Committees: May be designated by the Board. Committees shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings and report actions to the Board when required.

Corporate Funds: Shall be deposited in a bank or other depository as the Board designates. The Fiscal year is the calendar year. Any authorized officer may accept gifts on behalf of the Corporation. All income shall be for maintenance, expansion or operation of the Corporation.

Amendment of the By-Laws: The By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Voting Members by a vote of 2/3 of the Voting Members. Prior notice must be given.

## **Hand Quilting:**

All members are welcome to join our newly formed "hand quilting

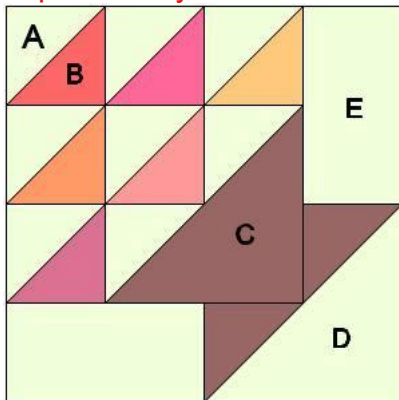
experience" at 6:15 pm before the monthly meeting to learn or improve your hand quilting skills. We will assemble in a spot at the meeting room to experience hand quilting with members of all abilities. There will be some seasoned quilters to help new quilters. All are welcome! Please come this first time at our May 16th meeting with a quilt project or sample, quilting hoop, quilting needle and quilting thread. If you don't know what to bring, just come. We will have supplies for you to begin. Questions? Contact Linda Hunter

## Community Service - BOM -

Continue to make the 12 inch basket block or a 12 inch ☐ finished Star block of your choice in red, white and blue !

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>



## Upoming Events -

Genesee Valley QuiltFest - at the RIT Campus- Gordon Field House,

Friday May 17 9:00 - 5:00

Saturday May 18 9:00 - 5:00

Sunday May 19 10:00 - 4:00

<https://www.geneseevalleyquiltfest.com/>

The Great New York Shop Hop - May 31 - June 12

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/572565618365349/>

## Silent Auction at May 31-June 2 Quilt Show

Clayton, NY; May 10, 2024. A silent auction of small quilts and quilted items at the May 31-June 2, North Country Quilting Guild Biennial Quilt Show in Clayton, New York, will benefit the needs of cancer patients across a four-county region. The auction proceeds with support the Gouverneur Breast and Ovarian Cancer Fund that serves people in

Jefferson, St. Lawrence, Lewis, and Franklin counties.

## Monthly Meeting Schedule -

May 16 - Hand Quilting Lessons at 6:15  
monthly meeting at 7pm at Faith UCC

May 23 - 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

