



Upcoming Programs by [Kathleen Karnath](#)

Thursday June 27, 7 PM (post-poned from last week)

Reproductions Revisited by Linda Maher Hoffman

Linda is a current member of the Clarence Log Cabin Quilters and had been a member of the Amherst Quilters Guild going back 25 years. She has been quilting for about 35 years and does exquisite quilts, her own quilting, wool appliqué and cross stitch. An artist in many mediums, she has also been a glass artist making borosilicate art glass beads, from which she made jewelry.

She was a teacher at Williamsville High School for 30 years and is retired from teaching 9 years. She has however taught wool appliqué at Hobby House in Rochester.

Her love of Civil War reproduction fabrics and quilt designs goes even deeper in that she and her husband are Civil War re-enactors and have made their own costumes...but that's another program!

Don't miss this opportunity to see Linda's extensive and exquisite body of work and hear the history behind the fabrics and designs!

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

August: Barn Quilt Tour presented by Rebecca Ribis.

May 16 Guild Meeting Minutes by [Kathleen Karnath](#)

Hand Quilting Experience: Linda Hunter arranged a pre-meeting educational event from 6:15 pm - 7:00 pm. Mickey Wittliff and Joann O'Brien shared their hand quilting expertise by providing hands-on learning for members who wanted to learn this new skill.

May Program - Ergonomics and Adaptive Sewing facilitated by Chris Fletcher

- The first part of the program was a presentation by Melissa Rowley, an Occupational Therapist. Melissa's presentation included an overview of ergonomic concepts specific to the sewing/quilting process. She provided tips for sewing machine, chair and cutting/work table positioning; ironing, lighting and visual aides. She

concluded her presentation with a demonstration of stretching exercises and provided a reference handout for members.

- During the 2nd half of the program, Chris Fletcher provided a demonstration of quilting/sewing adaptive tools that are available. She also shared how she has modified quilt patterns such as the Disappearing 9-patch, uses precuts and replaces a difficult block pattern with a square. These adaptations enable Chris to continue making beautiful quilts. Chris included examples of the quilts she has made using these modifications.

President's Update: Sally Ginsberg, Guild President.

- 501C 7 status: bylaws have been finalized; Linda provided an overview (see Membership Report below).
- NYS tax exempt status has been submitted; final approval by NYS pending.

Membership Report: Linda Hunter, 2nd Vice President

- Linda welcomed new members Sherry "Sharon" Hanratty and Linda Schifferle; and visiting guests to the meeting.
- Total guild membership: 52
- Bylaws are available for members to review on the website. Linda provided a brief overview of the bylaws in the May Newsletter; and she providing additional information at the meeting as follows:
 - The new guild bylaws as a 501C 7 (nonprofit corp) include the elements that were previously part of the constitution.
 - Guild voting members include all members who have joined the guild in the current year. Nonvoting members would include any honorarium or junior associate members (currently none).
 - Changes to the bylaws require a vote and passage by $\frac{2}{3}$ of the voting members.
 - AQQ Board members include both voting and nonvoting members.
 - Voting officers: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.
 - Non-voting members:
 - Guild Historian: Betty Lerner
 - Publication Editor: Maryann Krafft
 - Board Guests
 - Election of officers: candidates are nominated in October; the membership votes at the November guild meeting; elected officers are installed during the December meeting.
 - Board officers are elected on a rotating basis; each officer serves for a 2-year period. 2024 election will be for the President and 2nd Vice President positions.
- Website has a members-only section that is password protected. This section is where the bylaws are saved and the guild's membership list.
- Committees that still need member participation: Blog and Hospitality.

Treasurer Report: Sally provided an update on behalf of JoAnn Castiglia.

Education Committee: Linda Hunter and Rebecca Ribis

- Hand quilting experience: pre-meeting event for members to learn or improve their hand quilting skills.
- 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.

Program Committee: Sally provided an update on behalf of Kathy Karnath, 1st Vice President

- June Program: "Reproductions Revisited" Linda Hoffman will share her exquisite Civil War Revisited quilts.
- July Program: The History of Batiks facilitated by Judy Phillips.
- August Program: Virtual Barn Quilt Tour presented by Rebecca Ribis.

Community Service Committee: Jean Miller and Judy Balcerzak

- Meets monthly, the 4th Thursday of the month, 10am - 1pm at Faith UCC;
- May's block pattern: continue with the 12 inch Basket Block.

AQG May Board Meeting Report: JoAnn Kelsch, Secretary

- Information was provided by Sally and Linda per their report/updates above.

Other Updates:

- The guild has donated a quilt from the charity quilt inventory to Faith UCC for one of their church members (graduation gift).
- Faith UCC has a food pantry that guild members can participate in by donating non-perishable items.

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

2024 Challenge -

Betty Lerner has created a video to introduce the new Challenge for 2024. Projects are due at the December meeting.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=atpWZY2ZUyo&feature=youtu.be>

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

Sunshine & Shadows

Noell Porter-Goettel's husband, Jeff, had open heart surgery May 28 to repair a heart valve. He is now home and recovering well.

Jacalyn Shamrock is in the hospital after surgery on Friday, June 14. She is hoping to recover soon. She will gladly accept your prayers and well wishes.

Although Betty Zebrowski has not been a member of AQG for some time, she was a long time, very active member. We send her our deepest sympathy on the passing of her husband, Paul, on June 11.

Community Service - BOM -

Block for this month is a pinwheel block made from 4 six-inch half-square triangles in bright colors and prints for kids quilts. To make 4 half square triangles at one time start with two 10-inch squares - one white and one colored. Place the squares right sides together on top of each other • Stitch 1/4 inch around the four sides of the square. • Cut the square diagonally in both directions. • Press seams of half square triangles. • Trim to 6 inches. • Sew half square triangles together to make a pinwheel.

Monthly Meeting Schedule -

June 27 - Hand Quilting Lessons at 6:15
monthly meeting at 7pm at Faith UCC

June 27 cancelled - FREE sew & Community Service at 10am at Faith UCC

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
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NYS Consortium - Judy Phillips
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Quilting Bee - ??????
Quilts For Courage - Sylvia Siegel
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