



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

**July:** Designer Novi Paluch came to Buffalo in 2008 from Jakarta, Indonesia, where she worked as a trader at the Indonesian Stock Exchange. Once she had settled into Buffalo, she recognized an opportunity to start a small business selling handmade Indonesian Batik and accessories, all handmade by the elderly, special needs, and homeless youth. Starting as one of the original vendors at the West Side Bazaar, Novi offered her own clothing designs. Eventually Novi started her own boutique, Sasmita Batik (literally meaning “beautiful fabric”), where she offered a selection of hand-made Indonesian Batik, an art form and type of style she's long been familiar with. In addition to running a brick-and-mortar store and selling online, Novi's fashion designs have been featured at NY's Fashion Week and this year she participated in Paris Fashion Week. A portion of Novi's business sales are used to fund homeless children's education in Indonesia. For over a decade Novi has maintained a presence not only in Buffalo's business and fashion communities, but also has stayed active with charitable causes in the Buffalo area.

**August:** Susan Kogler will lead us in some simple mini projects that can be done by hand. It will include redwork. If you have redwork, please share it with us at show and tell.

## June 27 Guild Meeting Minutes by JoAnn Kelsch

- Meeting Rescheduled: The monthly guild meeting usually held on the third Thursday of the month was postponed 1 week due to the weather. Our area experienced high temperatures and a heat advisory was in effect. Because the Faith UCC meeting room does not have air conditioning, the meeting was rescheduled for 6/27/24.
- June Program: Reproductions Revisited by Linda Hoffman
  - Linda presented a very inspirational and wonderful “trunk show” that included many Civil War Reproduction quilts. She also had examples of her quilt and fabric creations using wool appliqué, embroidery and cross stitch. She provided insight about how she uses both Westalee rulers and stipple free motion when quilting her creations.
  - Linda also provided a website resource that offers free Civil War Reproduction patterns: <https://www.piecingthepastquilts.com>

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- President's Update: Sally Ginsberg, Guild President.
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- Membership Report: Linda Hunter, 2nd Vice President
  - Linda introduced 2 new members to the guild, Maryann Braunscheidel and Sherry Hanratty; and welcomed several visiting guests to the meeting.
  - Total guild membership: 53
  - New name badges were distributed to members. Linda provided a history about the guild's logo, the Amherst Star, which is now displayed on the badge. It was designed for the guild by a previous member, Nancy Johnson-Srebro.
  - Linda has provided AQG information for articles in the regional Bee publications (Kenmore, Amherst and Clarence). The article includes info about our upcoming meeting dates, monthly programs and membership.
- Treasurer Report: JoAnn Castiglia (deferred)
  - The guild received some donated fabric which Kathy Karnath sold on behalf of the guild; \$650 was provided to the guild.
- Education Committee: Linda Hunter and Rebecca Ribis
  - One Block Wonder Follow Up Workshop with Sue McKenna was held on June 15th at the Audubon Library.
- Program Committee: Kathy Karnath, 1st Vice President
  - July Program: The History of Batiks facilitated by Judy Phillips-
  - August Program: Virtual Barn Quilt Tour presented by Rebecca Ribis.
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- Community Service Committee: Jean Miller and Judy Balcerzak
  - July's block pattern: Potato Chip block. Sylvia will provide the instructions in the next newsletter.
  - The August Community Service & Open Sew will be held on Thursday, 8/22/2024 at the Audubon Library. Details about the event will be in the next newsletter. The event is being held at the library's Community Room because it has air conditioning. If you are planning to bring your sewing machine to the event, please include an extension cord.
  - September/October Evening Community Service: Kathy proposed having an evening community service opportunity in the fall. Project: walker bags for the residents at Elderwood Nursing Facility.
- AQG May Board Meeting Report: JoAnn Kelsch, Secretary
  - Information was provided by Sally, Kathy and Linda per their report/updates above.
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- Other Updates:
  - Fabric donations: Linda receives inquiries from people who want to donate fabric to the guild. If the fabric can be sold, she will provide it to Kathy. Other entities that might benefit from fabric donations include Stitch Buffalo.
- Meeting concluded with Show and Share of quilts made by guild members.

## **2024 Challenge -** Use it up, wear it out, make do or do without.

Make a quilt, wall hanging, wearable art, or quilted piece of any size using salvaged and recycled fabric in the majority of the work. Think in terms of upcycling textiles that might disintegrate in a box or end up in a land fill.

Some possible fabrics to inspire you (certainly not all possibilities):

Thrift store finds  
The textiles in your Goodwill, bag  
Your Grandma's linens and doilies  
Hankies  
T shirts  
Outgrown children's clothes Blue jeans  
Unconventional materials

Some techniques to think about. Just a few possibilities:

Piecing traditional and non-traditional blocks  
Weaving  
Including garment features like buttons, pockets, etc.  
Unconventional construction

Begin when you are ready, projects are due at the December meeting.

Questions? Contact Betty Lerner [blerner628@yahoo.com](mailto:blerner628@yahoo.com), 716-689-6995

HAVE FUN!

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

## **AQG Board Meeting Notes : 6/4/2024**

Website'Contact us email: Sally has set up this process. The email is: [AQG716@gmail.com](mailto:AQG716@gmail.com).

BoardFileStorage- Google Docs: Sally has completed the set-up. The Board members can access the Google Docs site by clicking the 'Board Login' located at the bottom of the guild's website page.

Logo: theboardhasdecided to honor both the work already accomplished on the various guild logos and our history as a guild. The guild will use the following logos going forward: ○ AmherstStarLogo: this logo was designed based on the pattern that Nancy Johnson-Sbebro developed for the guild in the 1990's. Heather is updating the colors to correspond with the website's logo. When completed, this logo will be used as the official seal for the guild; and for other labeling as determined by the board. ■

AmherstStarLogowill be used for the AQG quilt label. Sally will check with Maryann Krafft about the ordering process. ○ Websitelogo: this logo was designed by the website developer and will continue to be the corporate-facing logo on the website and for other labeling as determined by the board.

Status of the Certificate of Incorporation: Application for Recognition of

Exemption (Form 1024): Sally submitted the form and fee; pending approval by New York State.

AccuCut cart: Sally and her husband are retro-fitting a new cart for the AccuCut and its dies

### **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**

Sad to report the passing of several of our former members -

Ellen Volker -

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/buffalonews/name/ellen-volker-obituary?id=55413340>

Agnes Annis on July 12

AQG is saddened by the passing of long time member Theresa Hariharan, who has been unable to be a member recently due to her health. She was a sweet lady, always willing to lend a hand. For a number of years she was enthralled by the many ways to use the Anvil Block and created many quilts with this block design. We are keeping her and her family in our prayers.

Some sunshine news! Neal Ginsberg, husband of our president, Sally, has been given a "cancer free" diagnosis by Roswell Park physicians after a long battle with cancer. We are all very happy for him and relieved to hear this welcome news.

### **Community Service - Jean Miller & Judy Balcerzak**

The Board discussed the possibility of canceling the July & Aug Community Service & Open Sew events at Faith UCC because of the lack of A/C during the hot summer months. ○ The August Community Service event has traditionally been for the "Quilts of Courage" and the board would like for this event to still take place.

## Education Committee Suggestions for our Fall Workshop

We plan to have a Quilting Outside the Box Workshop in September to make some easy, small projects, not quilts. These might be good for the upcoming holidays for favors at group dinners/lunches, gifts for friends or relatives, or for your own enjoyment. We would like to do projects that can use fabric scraps, but nothing too complicated or large. Some examples: tea bag holder, wine bag, sewing machine cover and even a jelly roll rug. We hope to have about three projects going at the same time, with a guild member as a facilitator to help members make each project. It may be possible to learn more than one during the workshop if each does not take too much time. We will have to charge workshop participants a fee – not sure what it will be yet.

We are asking all our members to give us input regarding the projects you would like to make. If you have an idea, please bring it to "Show and Tell" at our July meeting. We hope to have the members decide on the most popular projects at the meeting. You may contact Rebecca Ribis, [rebeccachristene@hotmail.com](mailto:rebeccachristene@hotmail.com) or Linda Hunter, [hunterlj@roadrunner.com](mailto:hunterlj@roadrunner.com). Thank you!!

## August quilt along

Join us for our annual sew along for charity on Thursday, August 22, starting at 10:30 am to 4 pm. We will meet at the Audubon Library air-conditioned classroom. Bring your sewing machines (or not). We will have cutting mats, cutters, rulers, ironing boards and irons. We will bring some boxes of fabric and batting. You can use our own fabric too. Since the quilts go to Children's Hospital and Roswell Park Pediatrics, you might want to bring fabric that you have that is appropriate for children. You can use the Potato Chip quilt pattern or any pattern you wish.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P0kbUtQrV7s&t=198s>

This Potato Chip Block has many variations. The pattern provided uses 6.5 x 12.5 inch rectangles. These are big blocks and will go together quickly. You can make a quilt using whatever size rectangles you have.

The other size variations could be 2.5 x 4.5 inches, 3 x 5.5 inches, 3.5 x 6.5 inches, 4 x 7.5 inches, 4.5 x 8.5 inches, 5 x 9.5 inches, or 6 x 11.5 inches. The finished size of the quilts should be about 45 x 54 inches. A little smaller or larger is fine. Remember that there are adolescents being treated for cancer or blood disorders, too.

<https://inspired-quilting-by-lea-louise.ck.page/182686f8b3>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Y9cqElz0Bg>

Subs from Wegman's will be provided for lunch. Please bring an appetizer or dessert.

## Monthly Meeting Schedule -

July 18 - Hand Quilting Lessons at 6:15  
monthly meeting at 7pm at Faith UCC

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

Aug 22 - August Quilt Along at the Audubon Library 10:30-4pm

## 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



