



Upcoming Programs by [Kathleen Karnath](#)

October 17

Quilted Jackets/Coats *Bridget Spitler*

Bridget has been quilting for over 20 years and has made over 90 quilts to date! She loves all sorts of fiber arts including garment sewing, frame loom weaving, needlepoint, and more. (One day she hopes to get into crochet, but has too many projects she'd like to sew and fabric she'd like to use up before she can tackle collecting and storing yarn!) She actively posts on Instagram as @chickietails, so check her out!!

She is very inspired by the quilting community on Instagram and recently joined the Kenmore Quilters Guild (maybe we can talk her into joining Amherst!).

Bridget has taught quilt coat classes at Aurora Sewing Center and other sewing classes at Stitch Buffalo as well as volunteering there. She also gives one-on-one sewing and quilting lessons at her home to people of all ages and held several Fiber Arts Camps this past summer and fall. She gets joy out of teaching people how to sew or learn new techniques. She is also a stitcher and guest designer/collaborator for Hello Bargello and occasionally sews for Oxford Pennant. Outside of her "making" passion, she is also a wife and mother to an 8th, 6th and 2nd grader.

I hope you'll join us on October 17 for a fashion show of Bridget's quilted jackets and coats and be inspired to make one for yourself!

November 21-

Make Your Quilt Stand Out with Pieced Borders - *Sylvia Siegel*

December 19

Holiday Party at Faith United Church

We'll gather at 6 pm and plan dinner for 6:30. Member cost \$20.

Registration form will be sent separately.

Nomination of Officers for AQG

The Nominating Committee wishes to announce that nomination of officers will take place at the October guild meeting, as is described in the By-Laws of AQG. This year we are nominating officers for President and Second Vice President. The Nominating Committee is recommending Kathleen Karnath for President and Heather Buechi for

Second Vice President. These offices will be for 2025 and 2026.

Because Kathy is the current First Vice President, we need to fill her position for the remainder of her term for 2025. Judy Phillips and Rebecca Ribis have kindly offered to fill that office as Co-Vice Presidents. Nominations from the membership also will be accepted at the October 17 meeting. Voting will take place at the November 21 meeting, with installation of officers at the December 19 meeting.

Guild Meeting Notes September 19 by JoAnn Kelsch, AQG secretary

September Program:

Virtual Tour of Barn Quilts presented by Rebecca Ribis, AQG member and co chair of the Education Committee. – Rebecca provided the history of how barns have been used to display various signage that identified a farm, advertised various products, and most recently, quilt block designs. She introduced us to the American Quilt Trail Movement that started in 2001. This movement's purpose was to promote community, quilting, artists and tourism in Adams County Ohio. It's success as led to the development of similar quilt trails across the county. Rebecca's presentation included a virtual tour of barn quilts from Ohio, North Carolina, Alaska and the western New York region. – Rebecca also included local resources for barn quilt classes at The Stitchery, bike/car routes for quilt trails in the Rochester and Orleans County region and several books that provide more information about the Barn Quilt Trail Movement.

– AQG members in attendance expressed an interest in having a future Barn Quilt Block painting workshop. One of our members, Heather Buechi, offered to teach the workshop.

President's Update: Sally Ginsberg, AQG President –

AccuCut – New Cart: Sally donated a new cart for the AccuCut machine and to store the cutting dies. She and her husband also constructed the special top for the cart. The guild membership in attendance agreed that the old cart could be donated to the Faith UCC (church meeting location).

Membership Report: Linda Hunter, 2nd Vice President

Linda introduced Carolynn Krupp, who is visiting the guild for this month's meeting. –

2025 AQG Officer Nominations: Linda and Sylvia Siegel are the co-chairs for the Nomination Committee. Two officer positions will need to be filled for 2025: AQG President and the 2nd Vice President. Linda & Sylvia are looking for nominations from members of anyone who is interested in serving in either one of these positions. Please contact Linda and/or Sylvia.

–: Morningstar Guild's Quilt Show is this weekend, Friday & Saturday at the Hamburg Fair Grounds Agricultural Building. They have beautiful quilts on display; the show includes the raffle of 26 different quilts (possible idea for our guild's future show).

Treasurer's Report: JoAnn Castiglia –

JoAnn indicated that the guild is in good standing and ahead of last year

despite not having the proceeds from the Quilt Raffle and Quilt Show (which was cancelled for this year). Remaining expenses for 2024 will be covered.

– JoAnn recognized Kathleen Karnath for her effort in organizing the donated fabric sales; the contributions from these events helped the guild's budget for this year.

Education Committee: Linda Hunter & Rebecca Ribis

– Quilting Outside the Box Workshop will be held on Saturday, Oct 5th at the Amherst Autobahn Library. Cost of the workshop cost is \$5 which will go towards the lunch. There are 2 different options: o First Track: Strip to the Beach Quilt as You Go Tote o Second Track: Kitchen Boa (morning) and Sling Bag (afternoon) o Supply lists will be sent to members who have signed up by the class instructor.

Other Topics: -

Terry Wolfe shared an assortment of quilt blocks that she and her students had made. The blocks included beautiful examples of Red-work, Sunbonnet Sue, Dresden Plate and blocks made from birdseed and flour sack fabric designs. Terry shared her “stash” with the group and offered the blocks to members for their use. AQG thanks Terry for sharing these treasures with us!

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

Tips and Techniques

Calculating Yardage for Diagonally Pieced Quilt Back

I noticed a diagonally seamed backing on a charity quilt that Sally had quilted. This prompted me to look at why and how; I found the worksheet and filed it away. The occasion to use this technique came up **today** as I was preparing a backing for a quilt my daughter and I made together. It was 49” square, so I would need 55” x 55” or a total of 3 yards to get the width and length I needed. I only had 2 ½ yards (90”). I dug out that worksheet, did the calculations and found that I could make a 55” square from 87” of 41” wide fabric. The method involves cutting the fabric diagonally from corner to corner, sliding one piece down until the combined width is the desired width (plus 1” for seam allowance), sewing that diagonal seam and then cutting off the “tails”!

The worksheet titled “Diagonally Pieced Quilt Back” is on the Jinny Beyer website. There you can fill in the first three colored boxes, and the form will do the calculations for you! Or, you can print the sheet out and do the math following the instructions.

I wouldn't necessarily use this method just for the sake of saving fabric, but it was a lifesaver in this instance! I thought I would share in case you should have a similar circumstance.

Kathleen Karnath

If you have some tips or techniques you'd like to share, please share them at our meeting or send them to MaryAnn for our newsletter!

<https://jinnybeyer.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Diagonal-Backing-Worksheet.pdf>

Sunshine and Shadows by Linda Hunter

There has been no news reported by our members regarding good news, or sad news, this month. Please let the Sunshine Chair, Linda Hunter, know of any special occasions or news that you wish to share with our members. We care about what happens in your life and would like to celebrate or commiserate with you.

Community Service Update

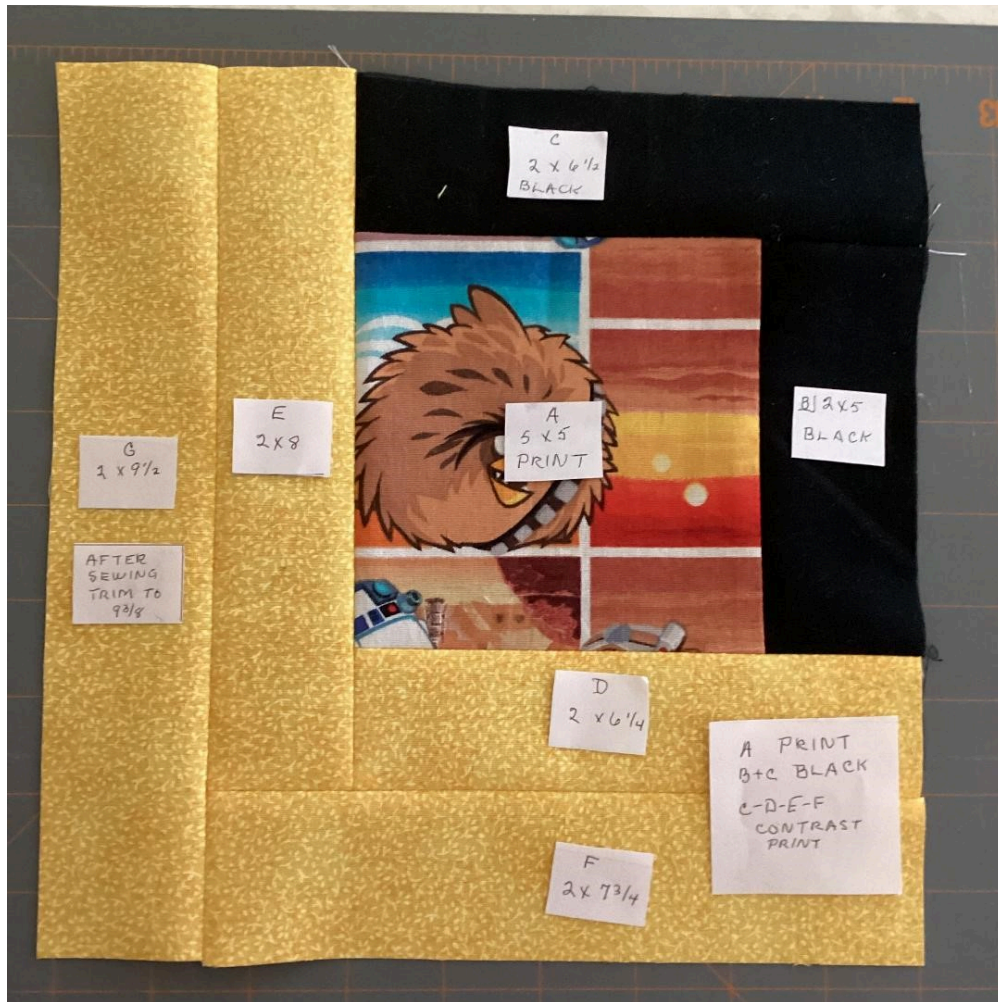
Our evening Community Service/Open Sew on Thursday, October 10 was a great success! We had 9 people working on a variety of projects, from completion of their Saturday workshop projects, to walker bags, to pillow cases to send to North Carolina! Thank you Sally, Heather, Jackie, Melissa, Joanne K., Judy T., Linda and Rebecca for coming and helping with these worthwhile projects!

Participants took walker bag kits home with them as well, so we are well on our way to a goal of 25 walker bags. "Kits" will be available at our meeting on Thursday if you'd like to make one at home or will be available at our regular daytime Community Service/Open Sew.

Unfortunately however we will need to cancel the November evening Community Service/Open Sew, but will reschedule for either a date in December or 2025!

Community Service BOM - Jean Miller & Judy Balcerzak

Start with a print. Frame it in black. Add contrasting strips.



Save the Dates -

Thurs, Oct 17 - monthly meeting at 7pm at Faith UCC

Thurs, Oct 24. 10am-1pm- Comm Service / Open Sew at Faith UCC

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