



AMHERST
QUILTERS GUILD

Upcoming Programs by [Kathleen Karnath](#)

November 21

Make Your Quilt Stand Out with Pieced Borders

Sylvia Siegel

Sylvia has a *wonderful* presentation planned for us for November. She will share information on adding borders to quilts and different types of pieced borders to really make your quilt stand out. She has several pieced border books to share (including 2 that she wrote!) as well as quilts with pieced borders to show. ***Please bring a needle and thread, seam ripper and small scissors*** as she will teach a step by step lesson on how to piece a migrating geese border using a pattern and fabric kit that she will provide! You will also get a pattern to make a diamond border! Don't miss this great opportunity to make better borders!

December 19

Holiday Party at Faith United Church

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

Election of officers 2025–2026 will take place at the November 21 AQG meeting. Please come to the meeting to participate in this members' privilege. We must have a specific majority of members vote to approve the new officers.

If you will not be able to attend the meeting, please e-mail your vote to AQG716@gmail.com OR snail mail to Linda Hunter, 5229 Mapleton Road, Lockport, NY 14094 by November 18.

The following is the slate of officers nominated by the guild in October:

President: Kathleen Karnath (two - year term)
Co-First Vice Presidents: Judy Phillips and Rebecca Ribis (one year term)
Second Vice President: Heather Buechi (two - year term)
Please cast your vote for the above slate of officers by responding
YES or NO

2024 Quilter's 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.

Projects are due at the December meeting.

Questions? Contact Betty Lerner blerner628@yahoo.com, 716-689-6995

HAVE FUN!

AQG Meeting Notes - October 17

October Program: How to make a Quilted Jacket by Bridget Spitler from the Aurora Sewing Center. – Bridget's presentation included a wonderful and colorful display of the quilted jackets that she had made. She pointed out various techniques that she used to quilt and sew each jacket. She introduced us to the pattern that she frequently uses – the Tamarack Jacket by Grainline Studio; and walked us through the steps of planning our own quilt coat design. – Bridget's website: chickietails.com

President's Update: Sally Ginsberg, AQG President – Quilt donations for the areas impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton: Kathy Karnath coordinated the first shipment of quilts from the guild this week; Sally is coordinating the 2nd shipment of quilts in November. AQG quilt labels are available to add to your donated quilt.

Membership Report: Linda Hunter, 2nd Vice President – Linda welcomed the newest guild member, Carolyn Krupp; and also welcomed 3 new guests that were attending the October meeting. The guild is accepting new members; the dues for the remainder of 2024 is only \$10.

2025 AQG Officer Nominations: Linda and Sylvia Siegel are the co-chairs for the Nomination Committee. Their recommendations for the 2025 Officer positions: o AQG President: Kathy Karnath (currently serving as the 1st Vice President o 2nd Vice President: Heather Buechi 1st Vice President – interim backfill to cover Kathy's role in 2025: Linda, Sylvia and the AQG Board recommend that this be a co-position, shared by Judy Phillips and Rebecca Ribis until the position is due for a vote for 2026. Judy and Rebecca have accepted this role; they are looking for members to serve along with them on the Programs committee. No additional nominations were received from those in attendance. Voting for the AQG President and 2nd Vice President will occur in November. You can vote in person at the monthly meeting on Nov 21st or vote using the link in the November newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: JoAnn Castiglia (deferred).

Education Committee: Linda Hunter & Rebecca Ribis (no new updates at this meeting).

Program Committee: Kathleen Karnath, 1st Vice President – November: Borders, Backing & Bindings by Sylvia Siegel. Sylvia requested that members bring a needle and thread, seam ripper and small scissors. – December: AQG Holiday Party. Kathy sent an email to all members with

the information about the event. Please RSVP for the event by 12/10/24.

Community Service Committee: Jean Miller & Judy Balcerzak – Block of the month (BOM): see pattern that was included in this month's AQG Newsletter. o The committee is seeking suggestions from members about other organizations for the charity quilt donations. – Monthly Open Sew: next Thursday, October 24 at Faith UCC.

Evening Open Sew Event: November event has been cancelled. Kathy has some walker bags kits available for members. The kits are in the guild's closet at Faith UCC. More evening events will be scheduled in 2025.

Other Topics: - Sewing Class for Kids: Kathy Karnath is partnering with the Audubon Library to offer a Learning How to Use a Sewing Machine class for kids (ages 10-16 years old). Date: Saturday, January 11, 2025, 1:00-3:00 pm. Project: Pillowcases using the burrito method. Any interested members who would like to be a part of this event, please contact Kathy. She would like at least 3 members and will also need sewing machines.

AQG Board Meeting Notes November 5 by JoAnn Kelsch, AQG secretary

AccuCut Replacement Parts: items have been received and added to the cart. The items were used and worked out very well at the last Open Sew event.).

Membership Report: Linda Hunter, 2nd Vice President
Current AQG membership: 57; there are 3 new members to add to the roster.

Community Service - There may be a 2nd shipment to NC – they are asking for bed-size quilts; Kathy has a few left over from her shipment that are in the Faith UCC closet. JoAnn C may have a contact for us to send quilts to Florida too; and she offered to store quilts until we are ready to ship if needed. Shipment cost will need to be considered too.

2025 Board Officer Positions: voting will occur at this month's AQG meeting. Linda indicated that 25 votes are needed for each position for the election to be valid. If members cannot attend the meeting on Nov 21st, they can submit a vote via email or by mail. Linda will include information about the election in this month's newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: JoAnn Castiglia • Kathy requested that JoAnn C provide a Financial Review that would provide the details of all 2024 incoming funds & expenses; and include the projected expenses for 2025.

Programs - Kathy would like the guild to plan a bigger event/program that the guild could consider doing on the alternate year from the quilt show. The event could be a seminar/educational event. Kathy will discuss her ideas with Judy and Rebecca who will be taking over as co-1st vice presidents of Programs. o JoAnn C indicated that this could be part of the Education section of the budget. o This may provide an opportunity for

quilters in the area to participate in seminars since the recent closing of local quilt stores no longer provides these types of events. o Discussion about an event with Jack Edsen: would he draw enough people? He is local and based on past history, local people usually do not draw a crowd.

2025 Monthly Meeting Locations: Kathy has reserved the meeting room at the Audubon Library for the months of January & March. The Audubon library has technological support such as a projector and TV screens that we currently do not have available at Faith UCC.

Membership by Linda Hunter

Please welcome new members Carolynn Krupp, Betty Johnson and Frederica Zuerner. We are very pleased to have you join us. Members information, guild by-laws and other pertinent information is on our website: <https://www.amherstquiltersguild.org/>

Please send the renewal form <https://www.amherstquiltersguild.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Amherst-Quilters-Guild-2024-Membership-Application.pdf> with dues of \$40.00 for the year, with check made out to **Amherst Quilters Guild**, to Second VP Linda Hunter at 5229 Mapleton Road, Lockport, NY 14094. You may also give her your renewal at the November and December meetings.

Sewing Class for Kids by Kathy Karnath

We are partnering with the Audubon Library to offer a sewing class for kids! The program will be held Saturday, January 11 from 1–3pm for young people 10 – 16 years old. We will be limiting class size to 10 and plan to have 3 sewing machines and 2 ironing stations with a minimum of 3 guild members. I have already made kits with flannel fabric precut to the sizes needed. Participants will have a choice of a red/black Buffalo check or (Buffalo Bills) red/white/blue plaid kit. The class will be advertised as:

Learn to Sew - Make a Pillowcase

Learn the basics of using a sewing machine from members of the Amherst Quilt Guild. You'll make your own pillowcase, using the "burrito method" (don't worry, we'll explain) from a kit provided. All supplies will be provided, just bring your enthusiasm!

Learning to sew can open a world of creativity and practicality from mending torn clothes to making your own clothes, crafts, household items and quilts!

Please let me know if you are willing to help with this class and/or let us use your sewing machine at class.

Community Service Update

We had 8 people at our evening Community Service/Open Sew on

October 10. Some worked on finishing projects from our October workshop, others on walker bags and others made pillowcases to be sent to North Carolina to those impacted by hurricane Helene. Our November 7 evening Community Service/Open Sew will be rescheduled for early 2025.

We did deliver 6 walker bags to Elderwood at Cheektowaga and shipped 27 quilts and a dozen pillowcases to Keepsake Quilting! Kathleen Karnath was interviewed by the Amherst Bee regarding the AQG community service efforts which resulted in an article titled "Amherst Quilters Guild give big hugs to Hurricane Helene victims" in the Amherst Bee's October 30th issue. That article has already resulted in at least 1 new member! And Sylvia's post on Facebook about our efforts yielded lots of likes and hearts as well as additional donations of a quilt and several pillowcases!

Amherst Quilters Guild gives big hugs to Hurricane Helene victims

October 30, 2024

by [MICHAEL POLCE Reporter](#) for the Bee Newspapers

Members of the Amherst Quilters Guild made around 29 quilts and 24 pillow cases, which they donated to Keepsake Quilts, a North Carolina quilt shop that is helping Hurricane Helene victims.

Kathleen Karnath, who has been a member of the guild for two years, said Keepsake Quilts went on Facebook to ask for help collecting quilts for hurricane victims.

The 49-member Amherst guild chose to work with Keepsake Quilts because they are confident the shop will treat the quilts and pillowcases with care and deliver them to people in need. "Sometimes donations end up sitting in a warehouse and never get to where they're destined," said Karnath. "We're very confident that Keepsake will handle them with care [and] distribute them."

Guild members made children's and adult quilts in all different sizes and shipped them out on Friday, Oct. 18.

"They provided an update and they've gotten lots and lots of quilts," said Karnath.

The shop has given the quilts to people living in high-impact zones in North Carolina, such as Flat Rock, Black Mountain and Arden.

Karnath hopes that these quilts can help the victims feel a sense of community. "We feel like we're giving them a hug in the form of a quilt," said Karnath. "It's certainly wonderful for us to be able to use our creative talent and our time and stashes of fabric to make them and send [them] to people who appreciate it."

Karnath said the shop is taking donations until Thursday, Oct. 31. For more information on how to donate quilts, blankets, or other resources to the shop visit www.Keepsakequilting.com/. She added that the guild will send another shipment of quilts and pillow cases to 5 Little Monkeys Quilt and Sew, which is another quilt shop in North Carolina.

They also plan on donating quilts to Hurricane Helene victims in Florida. "We're sure that the call for quilts will come from Florida as well," said Karnath.

The guild has also been making quilts for patients at Oishei Children's Hospital for 25 years. They also send donations to military veterans and residents at Elderwood, which is a long-term care community in Cheektowaga.

The guild meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at Faith United Church of Christ, 1300 Maple Road, to work on community service projects.

They are always looking for new members. Contact Linda Hunter at linda@hunters-stars.com for more information or visit their website at www.amherstquiltersguild.org/contact-us/ to donate fabric.

Save the Dates -

Sat, Nov 16 - Lancaster Historical Society is having a quilt show and basket raffle from 10am-3pm. Admission is FREE. 40 Clark Street (behind the Opera House)

Thurs, Nov 21 - monthly meeting at 7pm at Faith UCC

Thurs, Dec 19 - Holiday Party 6pm at Faith UCC

Sat, Jan 11 - Sewing class for kids - 1-3pm at the Audubon Library

Thurs, Jan 16 - monthly meeting at 7pm at Audubon Library

Thurs, Feb 20 - monthly meeting at 7pm at Audubon Library

Officers

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Treasurer - Joanne Castiglia

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