



AMHERST
QUILTERS GUILD

Upcoming Programs by [Kathleen Karnath](#)

January 16, 2025, **6:30 – 8:30 pm (Note time & location change)**

Audubon Library, Community Room

350 John James Audubon Pkwy.

Lianne Reinhardt - Slow Stitching

What is slow stitching? Slow stitching encourages sewers to forget about perfection and forget about the finished article. Instead, it nurtures the idea of enjoying the process of stitching for stitching's sake.

Slow stitching is a new art form built on old traditions. The movement was originally spearheaded by Mark Lipinksi, one of the quilting industry's most well-known figures. Slow stitching is a craft where modern creativity meets ancient practices; a craft that's about the journey, not the destination. Slow stitching isn't about mending or making garments from a pattern. Neither is it about working towards a goal or a timeframe. Slow stitching is about using the needle and thread in the same way you'd use a paintbrush. It's about creating art, about enjoying the process rather than worrying about the product.

Lianne is a creative artist, a business manager and an entrepreneur. She enjoys a variety of arts, including multiple forms of fiber/fabric arts including quilting and embroidery. After discovering Slow Stitching she created an Etsy business selling beautifully packaged and beautifully curated collections of items to create a slow stitching project. Lianne will tell us about slow stitching and perhaps a bit about the business of Etsy! So join us as we take a step back from the busy, chaotic world we live in, let's appreciate the moment, take a few deep breaths, relax and stitch slowly.

AQG Meeting Notes - AQG Holiday Party by JoAnn Kelsch.

AQG members enjoyed a wonderful evening together that included a dinner catered by Carmine's Restaurant and a variety of assorted desserts made by guild members. The guild recognized Kathy Karnath for planning and organizing this event.

Installation of newly elected 2025 officers: Linda Hunter facilitated the installation ceremony for the new AQG president, Kathleen Karnath; new

1st co-vice presidents, Rebecca Ribis and Judy Phillips and the new 2nd vice president, Heather Buechi. Linda also recognized AQQ president, Sally Ginsberg and current 1st vice president, Kathy Karnath for their dedication and service to the guild in their current roles. President's Quilt: Kathy Karnath presented Sally Ginsberg with a gift from the AQQ members. Members contributed Amherst Star blocks that they made especially for Sally.

2024 Quilt Challenge – Use it up, wear it out, make do or do without. 7 project entries were submitted by 5 guild members to include Kathy Karnath, Sally Ginsberg, Grace Dunker, Judy Tallman, Patricia Otake. Meeting attendees voted for their favorite submission. The winners of this year's quilt challenge are:

1st Place: Sally Ginsberg. She repurposed an antique tablecloth into a beautiful purse. o

2nd Place: Judy Tallman. She repurposed several items to include vintage pieced Dresden Plates and fabric that Terry Wolfe brought to the guild for use in this year's challenge as well as fabric wallpaper from her daughter's nursery and turned them into a beautiful quilt. o

3rd Place: Patricia Otake. She repurposed denim jeans into a beautiful modern quilt.

2025 Membership Renewal: Linda encouraged members to renew their membership for 2025 as soon as possible. Annual dues: \$40.

January 2025 Monthly Meeting & Program will be held at the Audubon Library on 1/16/2025. The guild will continue to meet at Faith UCC for the monthly Open Sew & Community Service events.

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

AQG December Board Meeting Notes by JoAnn Kelsch

Treasurer's Report: JoAnn Castiglia •

Upcoming expenses include the annual insurance, meeting facility rent and website administrator fee. The Guild's incoming funds are dependent largely on membership dues. The board discussed possible fundraising options to include an 'Opportunity Quilt' fundraiser. Sally volunteered to take the lead for the Opportunity Quilt.

Quilters Consortium NYS: JoAnn C will submit AQQ membership dues for 2025. An AQQ 2025 representative is needed to attend the consortium's quarterly meetings. The board will see if any of the guild members would be interested in filling this role.

Membership: Linda Hunter 2024-year end membership: 58.
2025 Membership Renewal & Dues: the membership form will be updated with Heather's information.

Education Committee: Kathy would like the guild to consider planning an educational event that will help to promote the guild. This event could also be a good fundraiser for the guild. There may be the opportunity to have a joint venture with another local guild.

2025 Monthly Meeting Locations: the January and March meetings will be at the Audubon Library. The library is not available for February so that meeting will be at Faith UCC.

Website updates: \$5 non-member/guest+ attendee fee for monthly meetings. o Kathy will meet with Marie Buchanan to review the updates. o Ongoing website updates: the board discussed adding the guild's website liaison, Marie Buchanan, to the board meetings or to add the communication of website updates to the 1st VP role and responsibilities.

AQG Instagram page: Heather suggested that the guild consider having an Instagram page. Instagram can also directly update Facebook too. Heather will reach out to Sylvia Siegel about this option. Sylvia currently maintains the guild's Facebook page.

The board discussed the option of creating a 'Media' lead to facilitate guild communications across all formats.

Meeting Time Change??

Should we change our meeting start time to 6:30 rather than 7 pm? (We can still gather informally ½ to 1 hour prior to meeting start time, for AQG committee meetings or small group education.)

Advantages:

- When/if we use the Audubon library for a meeting we need to be out of the room by 8:30 and thus need to start at 6:30
- Establish consistency of meeting time regardless of meeting location
- Everyone gets home ½ hour earlier

Concerns:

- Will 6:30 be too early for working members?

We'll get a consensus of members at the January meeting. If you will not be at the January meeting, please share your thoughts with me via email to k_karnath@yahoo.com.

Membership by Heather Buechi

Happy New Year!! Welcome back members and welcome to our new members to 2025!

Reminder: if you have not renewed your membership please do so either at our January meeting or contact our second Vice President, Heather Buechi @ hbuechi78@gmail.com, and mail a check to her at 107 Pine Ridge Road, Buffalo, NY 14211. We have about 20+ members that still need to renew. If you don't have a form that is okay. If you are renewing, we just need your name, phone number and email (if you have one). Any new members please visit our website for the form to fill out.

Also please encourage your family and friends to come to a meeting! We have some exciting programs coming up, along with some great workshops for 2025!

Also we are looking for volunteers to be greeters at each meeting to welcome all guests! Please let Heather know if you are interested.

Let's grow our membership and make it the best we can!

Message from Linda Hunter, previous Second VP for Membership.

I have very recently deposited checks from members who renewed their membership for this year during November and December. I apologize to those who want to clear their checkbooks, but wanted to wait for memberships still coming, and for the guild's new year to begin before depositing them. I imagine you should see your check clear in the next week.

2026 Quilt Show by MaryAnn Krafft

Spring of 2026 will be here before you know it. Planning for the upcoming quilt show needs to start now. We are still in need of a venue. Do you know of any space in the Town of Amherst that we could use? Please contact ma.krafft@yahoo.com

QCNYS Liason Needed

AQG is a member of the Quilt Consortium of New York State (QCNYS). It is a consortium of quilt guilds, quilt related business and teachers, individuals and not-for-profits across NY state with the purpose of networking and sharing information and resources among its members. They hold a number of different events as well as quarterly membership meetings. The 2025 meeting dates are:

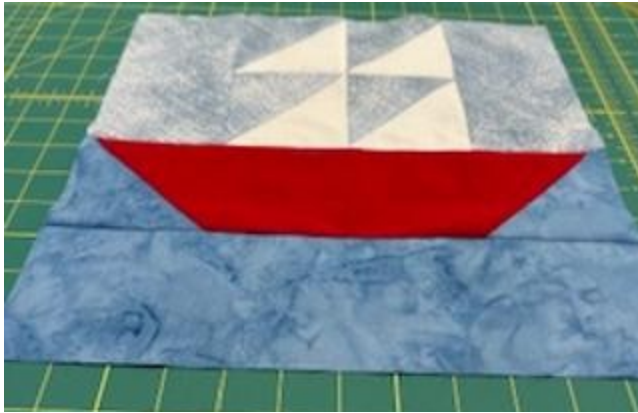
March 19	Illion, NY
June 18	Palmyra, NY
September 17	Location TBA.

As the AQG liason with QCNYS you would receive communications and announcements from QCNYS and share them as appropriate with the AQG board and membership as well as attend meetings (or find an alternate member to attend a meeting if you are unable to attend). Please go to QCNYS.org for more information about the organization. Please contact me at k_karnath@yahoo.com if you are interested in being the AQG/QCNYS representative.

Block of the Month 12 inch Sailboat block.

Sky Fabric. 2 - 6 1/2 x3 1/2,

2- 4 inch squares,
Sail Fabric. 2- 4 inch squares.
Use the 4 inch squares from sky fabric and make half square
triangles Trim to 3 1/2 inches
Boat Fabric. 1- 3 1/2 x 12 1/2 inches
Water. 1- 3 1/2 x 12 1/2 inches,
2- 3 1/2 inch squares. Sew these squares diagonally on
each end of the boat as shown in the picture!



This is from Acrabacabra Quilting on Ytube! Use white for the sails!

Save the Dates -

Thurs, Jan 16 - monthly meeting at 6:30pm at Audubon Library

Thurs, Jan 23 - open sew at Faith UCC 10am-2pm

Thurs, Feb 20 - monthly meeting at 7pm at Faith UCC

Officers

President - Kathleen Karnath

First Vice President - Rebecca Ribis & Judy Phillips

Second Vice President - Heather Buechi

Secretary - JoAnn Kelsch

Treasurer - Joanne Castiglia

Committee Chairs

Accuquilt - JoAnn Kelsch

Challenge Quilts - Patricia Ohtake

Community Service - Jean Miller & Judy Balcerzak

Quilts For Courage - Sylvia Siegel

Education - Rebecca Ribis & Linda Hunter

Facebook - Sylvia Siegel

Hospitality - MaryAnn Braunscheidle

QCNYS Consortium - ???

Program - Rebecca Ribis & Judy Phillips

Publishing Editor - MaryAnn Krafft

Sunshine & Shadows - Linda Hunter

Website - Marie Buchanan



Copyright © 2025 Amherst Quilters Guild, All rights reserved.