



AMHERST  
QUILTERS GUILD

## Upcoming Programs by Rebecca Ribis & Judy Phillips

The Amherst Quilters Guild presents the husband-wife duo of Alex and Kevin Hammon on April 17, **6:30 pm at the Audubon Library**, 350 John James Audubon Parkway, Amherst, NY. Alex is co-president of Batavia's Museum Quilt Guild. She joined the guild in 2001 to help her mother with its newsletter and slowly started quilting. Kevin, an avian artist, works at the University of Rochester as an Integration Architect. A lifelong doodler, he didn't commit to painting birds until 2011 and since then, they have become his passion. Alex convinced him to try quilting and he did, and although he tried to keep quilting and painting as separate pursuits, with time his passion for painting birds became intertwined with the art of quilting.

## President's Message by Kathleen Karnath

Happy Spring! Yes, it is spring and the early bulbs are peaking out, even though the temperatures are not yet springlike. We need to be a little patient as the springlike temps are right around the corner.

The AQG board and committee chairs have been busy this month, which you will read more about in their reports in this newsletter. We are all focused on making the Amherst Quilters Guild all that it can be with innovative programs, hands on workshops and a warm, friendly and encouraging atmosphere. We are making every effort to attract new members via media outreach in the form of Facebook, Instagram, print news and word of mouth. Please encourage friends, relatives and family to come to a meeting as a guest to see if they would like to join the guild. We do ask a \$5 donation for guests, however that is credited to their membership if they join that month. Our current membership totals 54; we have a goal of 60 members.

You will be getting an email from Marie Buchanan, our webmaster, with a new password for the website for this membership year. And, starting next month you will be getting the AQG newsletter a week earlier!

The board approved the appointment of Loretta Cadwallader as our Nominating Committee Chairperson. Thankyou Loretta for taking on this position. Loretta will be looking for candidates for 2026 positions of 1<sup>st</sup> VP in charge of Program and Secretary. If you are interested in either of these positions, please see Loretta.

There are several local quilt shows coming up. With our quilt show next year, please take notice of the organizational things you particularly like and would like to see in our quilt show! This weekend is Clarence Log Cabin Quilters as well as the Quilt Guild of Webster's Quilt Show, followed by:

April 25 - 27 - Piecemakers of Elmira Quilt Guild's Quilt Show  
April 26 & 27 - Twin City Quilters Guild's Quilt Show  
May 3 - Perinton Quilt Guild's Quilt Show  
May 3 & 4 - Thread Bears Quilters Guild's Quilt Show  
July 11 & 12 - Towpath Quilt Guild's Quilt Show

Please be sure to bring in your current projects for Show and Share; it's so exciting to see what everyone is working on!

Happy Quilting,  
Kathleen Karnath

### **AQG Meeting Notes** -March 20, 2025 by JoAnn Kelsch.

Pre-meeting Activity – Card Making. Members came early to make hand-crafted cards for a local senior facility. It was a nice and fun opportunity for members to socialize and learn a new skill. Special thanks to Joanne Greco for donating the supplies and her guidance in card-making. A total of 18 cards were made that will be delivered to the Brothers of Mercy Senior Care Center.

March Program: Qigong “moving meditation.” The program was presented by certified Qigong instructor Joanna Zoe Christopher from Hearts Desire Hypnosis and Wellness Center. Joanna introduced the members to the ancient Chinese practice of Qigong that consists of coordinated body-posture, movement and breathing techniques. She focused on the areas of the body that are typically used for sewing and quilting and included relaxation techniques to help reduce stress and anxiety and facilitate positive energy and creativity.

AQG 50th Birthday Celebration AQG gifts/party favors: members received a fabric wallet and thread-catcher fabric basket. Items were made and donated by Kathleen Karnath, Sally Ginsberg, Joanne Grego and JoAnn Kelsch.

Business Meeting: facilitated by Judy Phillips and Rebecca Ribis on behalf of AQG President, Kathleen Karnath

QCNYS Update: Patti Young, AQG representative - Quilt Canada trip: registration for the QCNYS bus trip is now open. The event is being held in Mississauga, Ontario (near Toronto) June 19-20, 2025. More information is included in this month's AQG newsletter. - - The next QCNYS quarterly meeting will be held in June. The first-ever All New York Shop Hop will take place this May-June 2025. Patti had a copy of the shop hop's magazine for members to review. Local quilt shops also have copies of the magazine for purchase; the magazine includes the shop hop passport. More information about the shop hop can be found on its website: [www.allnewyorkshophop.com](http://www.allnewyorkshophop.com)

Education Committee: Linda Hunter and Rebecca Ribis - Making a Quilted Jacket Workshop will begin on 4/3/2025 with instructor Bridget Spitler. Classes will be at Faith United Church on Thursday nights from 6-9 pm. Class dates are April 3, April 10, April 24, May 8, and May 22. The workshop's cost is \$60 for members and \$75 for nonmembers. Participants will need to purchase the pattern. - -

AQG Open House – Saturday, May 24th. Rebecca is organizing this event which will include a fabric and notions sale and quilting demonstrations. She is looking for volunteers to help with the event and donations of fabric and quilting notions for the sale. Education Committee: current members are Linda Hunter, Rebecca Ribis and Sally Ginsberg. They welcome new members and ideas.

Membership: Heather Buechi, 2nd Vice President, Membership - Heather introduced 3 visitors in attendance at the March meeting: Lisa, Janet and Diana. - - Current membership: 51. Guild promotion: Heather is developing a brochure and would like to include pictures of quilts made by members. If you have a picture to share, please send it to Heather.

Program Committee: Rebecca Ribis & Judy Phillips, 1st co-Vice Presidents, Programs - The April program presenters are Alex and Kevin Hammons from the Museum Quilt Guild in Batavia, NY. Kevin is a talented Avian artist who uses fabric as a medium to create beautiful pictures of birds. - The April program and guild meeting will take place at the Audubon Library beginning at 6:30pm.

2026 Quilt Show: MaryAnn Krafft - - - Scheduled for April 17 – 19th 2026 at the Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village (Amherst Museum). Quilt show theme is “Quilt Kaleidoscope” per membership vote at the March meeting. Quilt Show Committee Chairpersons are needed. MaryAnn has a sign-up list.

Community Service: Jean Miller - Fabric quilt kits were available at the meeting. Additional kits can be made at the next Open Sew using the AccuCut to make 2 ½ inch strips.

Hospitality Monthly Meeting Sign-up: Maryann Braunscheidel - Volunteers are needed for the May AQG meeting to bring a dessert, snack or beverage. Maryann had a sign-up list available at the meeting.

50/50 Raffle: Sally Ginsberg - For the March meeting, \$52 was raised for a \$26 prize. Jean Miller was the lucky recipient. The meeting concluded with a Show and Share of quilts made by guild members.

## **Program Committee** by Rebecca Ribis and Judy Phillips

The Program Committee would like to thank everyone who made our Birthday Party a great event.

Thank you JoAnne Greco for providing supplies and assisting in the Card Making process. We made 18 cards to be donated to Brothers of Mercy

Nursing Home. Impressive!

Thank you, MaryAnn Braunscheidel, for delivering these for us.

Thank you, Sally Ginsberg, for making the beautiful wallets. May they stay full forever.

Thank you, Joann Kelsch, JoAnne Greco and Kathy Karnath, for making the thread catchers. They are beautiful.

Thank you everyone who brought desserts and beverages and to Heather Buechi and Sally Ginsberg for making cupcakes, JoAnn Kelsch for the gluten free cookies, and JoAnn Castiglia for the cookie cutouts. They were yummy!

## **QCNYS** (Quilters Consortium of NYS) - by Patti Young

Travel Club Passports are currently available. I have 7 passports left for our Guild members. They're \$5 each. The first Travel Club Passports were issued about 16 years ago to encourage quilters to attend the many wonderful quilt shows that are held throughout the State of New York. The Passport booklet is approximately 20-25 pages and includes quilt business ads, shop hops and great prizes.

If anyone wants a passport, they can contact me via email ([quiltmakerpat@aol.com](mailto:quiltmakerpat@aol.com)) and we can make arrangements to get the passport before the May 1st start date.

## **Sunshine & Shadows** - by Linda Hunter

Linda would welcome any news from our members at [hunterlj@roadrunner.com](mailto:hunterlj@roadrunner.com) or 716-622-3560. - talk or text. Thank you.

## **Hospitality** - by MaryAnn Braunscheidel

Beverages will be provided by:

Sherry Hanratty, Judy Palmer (water), and Grace Dunker (hot chocolate)

Snacks -

Linda S.(fruit tray), Jean Miller, and Sharon Teresi (gluten free)

## **Community Service** - by Jean Miller

Thursday, April 24 10am-2pm at Faith UCC. Come and help sort and cut 2 1/2 inch strips to be made into kits!

## Save the Dates -

**Friday, April 11-12** - Clarence Log Cabin Quilt show 10am-5pm  
**Sunday, April 13** 11am-3pm

**Thursday April 17** - monthly meeting at the Audubon Library - 6:30  
**Thursday April 24** - Open Sew \* Community Service at Faith UCC - 10am

**May 1 - June 30** All New York Shop Hop

**Thurs April 3, April 10, April 24, May 8, and May 22.**  
Quilted Jacket class from 6-9 pm at Faith UCC.

**June 19-21** - Quilt Canada at the Interational Centre in Mississauga, ON-  
<https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2025/>

## Officers

**President** - Kathleen Karnath  
**First Vice President** - Rebecca Ribis & Judy Phillips  
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## 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  
**Nominating** - Loretta Cadwallader  
**QCNY Consortium** - Patti Young  
**Program** - Rebecca Ribis & Judy Phillips  
**Publishing Editor** - MaryAnn Krafft  
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