



AMHERST
QUILTERS GUILD

Upcoming Programs by Rebecca Ribis & Judy Phillips

Please join us for our May Program on Longarm Quilting!

We will discuss two different types of longarm machines and how they work. This is going to be a great program for both new and experienced quilters as we will tap into the expertise of our members to discuss what a long arm machine can do. Learn tips on how best to prepare your quilt for the process and what discussions you should have with the person you hire.

Our meeting will be held at the **Audubon Library**, 350 John James Audubon Pkwy, Amherst, NY at **6:30 pm on May 15**.

President's Message by Kathleen Karnath

Hello from Colorado Springs, Colorado! We drove from Buffalo, by way of Padukah, Kentucky, for quilt week! It was the first time I have ever been to a national quilt show. The quilts were AMAZING and focused on original artistry in design as well as quilting! And the vendor booths were wonderful, with products that I hadn't seen before, opportunities to talk with the multiple manufacturer representatives, see demonstrations and do some side by side comparisons with so many manufacturers present... especially if you wanted to buy a longarm!! And a trip to Padukah would not be complete without a trip to Hancock's of Padukah, the largest fabric store I have ever seen! It was so crowded with quilters, I didn't do much shopping, but I will say they were very efficient with cutting and checkout. Padukah is also home to the National Quilt Museum, which houses contemporary quilts rather than historic quilts. Aside from special exhibits, it's collection is from the winning quilts from the AQS quilt shows. I got some good inspiration for our Modern Quilt Challenge. Padukah is a quaint small town with lots of history, great restaurants, quilts in every storefront window and friendly people! If you get the chance, I would highly recommend a trip to Padukah, especially during quilt week!

An offer came to me for our guild to participate in *Love of Quilting's* Guild Partnership Program. As a partner Amherst Quilters Guild members can subscribe to Fons and Porter's Love of Quilting at the reduced price of only \$15 – a savings of 75% off the cover price. The magazine provides skill-building lessons, a year of fresh patterns and inspiration from other quilters, guilds, and makers who share our love for this craft. Click on the link or copy and paste the following address in your internet browser: https://gpm.dragonforms.com/LOQ_promo&pk=N5DAQGL to subscribe at

this special rate. If you can't use the [online subscription link](#), you can call 847-305-4536 and mention the promo code N5DAQGL.

And did you know that there is a Love of Quilting TV show that airs on PBS at 9:30 am on Saturdays. Episodes are also available online at www.quiltingdaily.com.

I'm enjoying Colorado, visiting with my daughter, son-in-law and GRANDSON, as well the sunshine and mountains, but disappointed that I will not be there for the May meeting. See you in June!

Happy quilting,
Kathleen Karnath

AQG Meeting Notes -April 17, 2025 by JoAnn Kelsch.

President's Report: Kathleen Karnath •

AQG Newsletter: per the guild's bylaws, the newsletter should be available to members at least 10 days prior to the monthly meetings. As a result, the newsletter will now be emailed to members earlier than in the past. •

New Assistant Treasurer: Kathleen introduced Carol Roy who has volunteered to fill the new role of Assistant Treasurer. Carol will be assisting JoAnn Castiglia, the guild's treasurer with her responsibilities to include being available at the monthly meetings. •

Guild membership is 57. There were 2 renewals this month; no new members or guests to introduce at this month's meeting. Heather Buechi, the guild's VP for Membership is developing an AQG brochure and there are AQG business cards available for members to post or take to places to promote the guild.

Nominations Committee: Loretta Cadwallader has agreed to be the chairperson for this year's Nominations Committee. The positions that are needed for 2026-2027 are the 1st Vice President for Programs and the Secretary. If anyone is interested in one of these positions, please reach out to Loretta.

AQG Website: Marie Buchanan is working on updating the website. She sent an email to all members with the new passcode for 2025.

April Program: Trunk show by the husband-wife duo of Alex and Kevin Hammon. Alex is co-president of Batavia's Museum Quilt Guild and Kevin is an avian artist who specializes in painting birds on fabric, and he is a quilter too. The couple shared their fabric art and quilt creations that reflect memories from their past and tell a story about their lives. Kevin teaches classes on how to paint birds on fabric; he has an upcoming class at The Stitchery. Examples of his work can be found at kevinhammond.com
Education Committee:

Linda Hunter and Rebecca Ribis • Making a Quilted Jacket Workshop is in progress and going well.

2026 Quilt Show: MaryAnn Krafft • Quilt Show Committee Chairpersons are needed. MaryAnn has a sign-up list.

Community Service: Jean Miller • The committee is putting together charity quilt kits using 2 ½ inch strips at next week's Open Sew. Information about a new block will be included in the next newsletter.

Program Committee: Judy Phillips and Rebecca Ribis • The May program will be on Long-Arm Quilting, how it is done and how to prepare your quilt. The presenters are JoAnne Greco and MaryAnn Krafft.

Hospitality Monthly Meeting Sign-up: Maryann Braunscheidel • A sign-up list was available at the meeting to volunteer to bring a dessert, snack or beverage for the May and June meetings.

Fabric Donation Sale: Kathleen indicated that Patti Young has volunteered to represent the guild as a vendor to sell donated fabric at the Wool Convention being held in Niagara Falls next week.

The meeting concluded with a Show and Share of quilts made by guild members. Meeting notes were recorded by JoAnn Kelsch, AQG secretary.

Membership - by Heather Buechi

We are at a total of 55 members, this is growing little by little. Almost at the goal of 60!

Remember to invite family and friends to become members! And hand out the business cards. If you need more please let me know.

I'm in the search for volunteers to be greeters at each meeting. All you will need to do is to make sure everyone signs in, including guests.

There is a ask \$5 donation for all guests. Please give any money to myself or Kathy.

An Amherst Quilt Guilders brochure is in the works and coming along nicely

If you have any information that you think would be helpful or if you have any fabulous pictures of your creations, please email them to me at hbuechi78@gmail.com.

Sunshine & Shadows - by Linda Hunter

Linda would welcome any news from our members at hunterlj@roadrunner.com or 716-622-3560. - talk or text. Thank you.

Quilt Kaleidoscope 2026 - by MaryAnn Krafft

We are on the lookout for the box of bed sheets to be used at the quilt show. If you know where they are, please let me know - ma.krafft@yahoo.com or txt 716-400-7718.

Hospitality - by MaryAnn Braunscheidel

Loretta and Sally G. will be bringing snacks.

Community Service - by Jean Miller

Community Service is on May 22 , 10 am at Faith United Church! Kits for a 12 inch block quilt top will be available at the guild meeting. Sew blocks at home and come on Thursday to put tops together with our guild fabric!

Save the Dates -

May 1 - June 30 All New York Shop Hop

May 15 - monthly guild meeting at Audubon Library at 6:30pm

May 22 - Community Service at Faith UCC at 10am.

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

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