



AMHERST
QUILTERS GUILD

Upcoming Programs by Rebecca Ribis & Judy Phillips

Chris and Danielle North are a Mother Daughter quilting team. They own North Star Quilting in Gowanda and will present on "How to Quilt Your Quilt."

They will discuss how to choose a pattern that enhances the piecing, what to look for in our pieced tops when selecting a pattern. How do we make our quilts as fabulous as theirs? They will provide examples of their quilting.

Our meeting will be Thursday June 19 at Faith United Church of Christ, 1300 Maple Road, Amherst, NY 14221. Our program starts at 6:30.

Members Only AQG Fabric Destashing Sale!!

AQG members get first dibs and discounted pricing at this members only sale!!

Thursday, June 19 starting at 5:30 pm at Faith United Church
Prior to our regular meeting

Fabric - \$4/pound

(about 3 yards to a pound which comes to \$1.33/yd!)

Please bring cash and small bills...unless you want to buy a lot!!
Remaining fabric will be sold to non-members at \$5/pound

Also for Sale:

Accucut GrandMARK, with cart, die tray, cutting plastics and 48 dies
\$750

(this cutter sells for \$715 new and dies range from \$50 - \$600 *each* and there are 48 dies!!!; we just purchased new cutting plastics and die tray... so this is a GREAT deal!)

We are offering this to members first and will then offer to non-members.

President's Message by Kathleen Karnath

Did you know that June 13 is National Sewing Machine Day and June 29 is Name your Sewing Machine Day? So maybe treat your sewing machine to a spa day of cleaning and oiling, maybe even a new needle or

a cheery sewing machine dust cover, and then a good workout on June 13th!! And, start thinking of a name for your sewing machine...if you haven't already named her!

You may be wondering what has prompted our Fabric Destash Sale. We were notified May 17 that the Faith United Church is being sold and that we cannot count on using the church after June 30. We are investigating alternative locations, but have solutions through the end of the year:

*We have reserved the Audubon Library Community Room for our regular third Thursday evening meetings for July, September, October and November. (A picnic is tentatively planned for August, December is typically our holiday party with location and details to be determined.)

*Community Service/Open Sew will meet at Faith United as usual on June 26. There will be no Community Service/Open Sew for July and August, and we have reserved the BNHV (Amherst Museum) for September and October. Due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday we will not have Community Service/Open Sew in November or December.

*Jean Miller, Community Service Chairperson, will house the batting and a limited amount of fabric for Community Service Quilts; MaryAnn will house any supplies and equipment for the Quilt Show; and JoAnn Castiglia has offered her garage for temporary storage for other items currently in the closet at Faith United until they are sold or otherwise dispersed.

We are looking into alternate "permanent" locations including Amherst Community Church on Washington Highway in Snyder, North Presbyterian Church on North Forest as well as the potential of continuing with the Audubon Library and BNHV (Amherst Museum). Storage does not appear to be available at any of these locations and thus our "stuff" is hindering our finding a "home" which has led us to trying to eliminate all but the essentials. We must evaluate location, rental costs, suitability of space, and availability for our regular activities as well as workshops, etc. If you know of any suitable locations, please make initial inquiries and then let me know.

We have been lucky to be able to use Faith United Church and thank *Rebecca Ribis* for her efforts to find that location and negotiate some of the perks (like the kitchen, storage closet and additional use for workshops, etc.) that have been available to us.

Quilt On!
Kathleen Karnath

AQG Meeting Notes -May 15, 2025 by JoAnn Kelsch.

May Program: Long-Arm Quilting presentation by AQG members MaryAnn Krafft and JoAnne Greco. MaryAnn and JoAnne introduced us to their long-arm quilt machines and how their machines work for free-motion quilting. Each machine works differently, MaryAnn moves her machine across the quilt as she creates her own free-motion designs. JoAnne's machine is stationary, so she moves the quilt to create her free-motion designs. They provided helpful tips and guidance on how best to prepare

your quilt for the long-arm quilting process. Both MaryAnn and JoAnne shared examples of their quilted creations. This was the first of three sessions about the quilting process.

50/50 Raffle: tickets sold totaled \$48 for \$24 split. Grace Dunker was the winner!

Membership Report: 2nd VP Heather Buechi • Current membership is 55; our goal is to reach 60 members this year. Heather is working on an AQG informational brochure, and a 2026 Quilt Show poster that can be used to help promote the guild. She shared an example of each at the meeting. • New website passwords were emailed to all members by Marie Buchanan.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Assistant Carol Roy • The guild is on target with its budget and where it should be.

Program Committee: 1st VP Rebecca Ribis • June program: Choosing a Quilt Design presented by Chris North from NorthStar Quilting. • July program: to be determined. • August program: AQG Picnic • September program: Ruler Work Quilting demonstration by Marie Walters from Marie's Sewing Center.

Opportunity Quilt: Sally Ginsberg • Sally had kits available for members to make blocks for this year's Opportunity Quilt. There are 3 different kits available to include a chain block, churn dash block and half-square triangles. She provided step by step instructions with each kit along with the batik fabrics. Members can piece these blocks over the next few months.

Community Service: Jean Miller, chairperson • Jean provided 12-inch blocks kits at the meeting. Members can sew the blocks at home and bring them to the Community Service event at next week's Open Sew where the blocks will be pieced together to make charity quilts.

QCNYS: Patti Young, AQG representative • New York State Shop Hop is May – June. • Patti will be attending the next quarterly meeting in June.

Education Committee: Linda Hunter, Rebecca Ribis and Sally Ginsberg
Upcoming workshops in the planning stages: •
Making a Barn Quilt: Heather Buechi will be the instructor. The event will be held on a Saturday; the exact date is to be determined. Attendees can choose from 4 different quilt block designs. The expected cost will be \$40 for members; the cost includes a 2-foot square board and paint supplies. Fabric painting with Kevin Hammond who presented at the April guild meeting.

Secretary update: JoAnn Kelsch referred members to this month's newsletter for the President's Message by Kathleen Karnath. Kathleen was not able to attend today's meeting because she is on vacation. Her newsletter message has useful information and includes insights about her trip to the National Quilt Show in Paducah. The meeting concluded with a Show and Share of quilts made by guild members and also include quilted jackets that members made at the recent workshop.

Membership - by Heather Buechi

We are up to 56 members!! We are so excited to see all new faces!

We would like to welcome our newest member Lisa Barone! Please welcome Lisa when she attends her next meeting!

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 an ask of a \$5 donation for all guests.

An Amherst Quilt Guilders brochure is in the works and coming along nicely and will have a first draft to be reviewed by the board shortly.

Sunshine & Shadows - by Linda Hunter

With heavy hearts, we announce the death of Joyce M. Morris of Tonawanda, who passed away on May 8 at the age of 89.

Hospitality - by MaryAnn Braunscheidel

Linda Hunter and Sue Dray will provide beverages.
Linda Hunter and Sharon Teresi will be bringing snacks.

Community Service - by Jean Miller

Community Service will be on vacation for July & August. I will have kits at the June meeting to be worked on during the summer or you can do your own thing! Thanks to everyone who have worked on them during the year!

If you need batting, contact Jean directly at lejemil@yahoo.com

Save the Dates -

June 19 - Massive fabric sale at Faith UCC at 5:30pm.

June 19 - Monthly meeting at Faith UCC at 6:30pm.

June 26 - Community Service / Open Sew 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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