



AMHERST
QUILTERS GUILD

Upcoming Programs by Rebecca Ribis & Judy Phillips

July's program will feature Denise LaMarca from Auntie's Attic Quilt Shop discussing "orphan blocks." Denise will discuss creating a new quilt with orphan blocks as well as other ways to use orphan blocks.

August Program: Start thinking about our August meeting! Our theme is "The Story of our Quilts" and we will be cooling off from this hot summer weather with an ice cream social and sharing quilt stories. Each member may bring in one quilt, block, or picture of a quilt, and share their story behind it. It can be an heirloom, your first quilt, your most frustrating block...the point is to illustrate how every quilt has a story! But - there is a limit and it's "time" with each member allowed no more than two minutes to share their story. It'll be a quick paced fun evening, fueled by ice cream!

President's Message by Kathleen Karnath

Our Fabric Destash Sales to members on June 19 and to the public on June 26 were quite successful in raising money for the guild and emptying our storage closet at Faith United Church. Thank you to all who helped with the sale and to those of you who purchased fabric!

After the sale on June 26, remaining fabric was given to two worthy causes – a group that makes Little Dresses for Africa (<https://littledressesforafrica.org/about-us/>) and a group with Lutheran Ministries who make quilts that get sent all over the country and the world. Neither of these groups are able to use any religious or holiday fabric and therefore we will celebrate **Christmas in July** with fabric offered to guild members for free at our next meeting on July 17th at the Audubon Library!

Batting for charity quilts will continue to be available to members, by contacting Jean Miller. Other remaining supplies (ironing boards, irons, cutting mats, rulers, etc.) are being temporarily stored in JoAnn Castiglia's garage until such time we find a permanent home for them or dispose of them. We sold the AccuCut cutter, Dies and cart and plan to reserve those funds to possibly purchase a smaller, more portable AccuQuilt system and a limited number of dies. This has yet to be decided. If you feel strongly one way or the other, please let me or any of the other board members know.

At our last membership meeting in June, our options for our monthly

meetings and Community Service/Open Sew were explained. The group unanimously voted for the no rent option of using the Audubon Library for our evening meetings and the Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village for our Community Service/Open Sew days for the remainder of 2025 through 2026.

Amidst our search for a new “home” and liquidation of fabric, etc. we were notified that Core Marketing would no longer host nor support our website effective July 11! We have found another option, HammettTech, who is currently working with Core to transfer everything. It **should** be seamless to members...but you never know. If you have any issues with the website this month, please let me know.

I hope you had a spectacular 4th of July!
Kathleen Karnath

AQG Meeting Notes - June 19, 2025 by JoAnn Kelsch.

June Program: ‘How to Quilt Your Quilt’ presentation by Chris and Danielle North from North Star Quilting, a home-based long-arm quilting business that they started in 2001. They are a mother-daughter quilting team and members of the Southtowns and Morningstar quilt guilds. They discussed how to choose a quilting design based on the quilt type (pieced, applique, modern, etc.) and how the quilt will be used. Their presentation included a trunk show that featured their unique quilting designs on pieced, foundation paper pieced and appliqued quilt tops. More information is available on their Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/northStarQuiltingWNY/>

President’s Report: Kathleen Karnath - Kathleen welcomed 2 new members to the guild: Amy Fritzinger and MaryAnn Penders. Kathleen also welcomed guests from the Clarence Log Cabin Quilters guild.

Fabric sale proceeds from the QCNYS meeting were \$107 and the AccuCut machine, dies and supplies were sold for \$800.

Faith United Church has been sold. As a result, the guild will no longer be able to hold its monthly meetings and Open Sew/Community Service events at the church after June 30th of this year. The remainder of the 2025 monthly meetings will be held at the Audubon Library except for the December meeting’s holiday party.

Open Sew/Community Service: the June 26th event will take place at Faith United Church. There will be no Open Sew/Community Service events for the months of July, August, November and December. The September and October events will be held at the Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village (BNHV).

Storage items: JoAnn Castiglia has offered temporary storage in her home for the interim.

Two proposals were discussed for 2026 meeting locations:

Option 1: Monthly meetings at the Audubon Library and Open Sew/Community Service events at the BNHV. There is no cost to use either of these facilities.

Option 2: North Presbyterian Church on N. Forest Rd. Room rental is \$720/year which includes use of their sanctuary for the monthly meeting

and use of their meeting hall for the Open Sew/Community service events.

Members in attendance at this meeting unanimously approved option 1.

The current AQG website's vendor notified Kathleen that they will be terminating their contract with the guild as of July 11, 2025. A new website host and developer will be needed after this date. Kathleen recommended a new host and developer that she worked with in the past. This new company will provide the same website services at the same cost. The members in attendance concurred with Kathleen's recommendation.

The meeting concluded with a Show and Share of quilts made by guild members

Membership - by Heather Buechi

We are up to 58 members!! We are so excited to see all the new faces! We had 7 guests which is great, 4 of which were from the Clarence Guild.

We would like to welcome our newest members Amy Fritzinger and MaryAnn Penders.

If you have anything you would like to post to the Facebook page please reach out to me.

Want to be a greeter at our meetings? It's really simple! All you will need to do is to make sure everyone signs in, including guests. There is an ask for a \$5 donation for all guests.

Volunteers Needed - August 23

We have accepted an invitation from the BNHV (Amherst Museum) to participate in their Agriculture Fair on Saturday, August 23rd from 10 am – 4 pm with an artisan demonstration and/or family friendly activity. This will be a great way to promote our guild and perhaps inspire some youngsters to take up quilting!

*It would be nice to have a few quilts on display, perhaps quilts that demonstrate different quilt styles (patchwork, appliqué, hand quilted, machine quilted, traditional, modern). If someone would volunteer to gather and display such quilts, please contact me. The BNHV has 1 quilt rack that we can use.

*It would be nice to have perhaps 3 people each taking a 2 hour shift to demonstrate some handwork, like hand quilting, hand appliqué, maybe wool appliqué or embroidery, etc. Please contact me if you are able to take a shift.

*As an activity, kids can "Design a Quilt Block". I have packets of 16 half square triangles that kids can arrange in a variety of patterns (based on

some sample diagrams that will be provided). If we could have 1 or 2 people for each 2 hour shift to supervise and explain that activity, it's a great way to interact and tell people a bit about making a quilt! The kids would arrange the blocks taping them to a piece of paper and we would explain that we will sew the blocks based on their arrangement and then create a quilts that will be given to Childrens Hospital.

QCNYS - by Patti Young

Patti and Kathleen attended the June meeting in Palmyra, NY that was hosted by the Erie Canal and Heart in Hand Quilt guilds. The hosts provided a presentation on foundation paper piecing that included a trunk show.

There were approximately 100 attendees that represented 30+ guilds; 10-11 of these guilds were from the western New York region. AQG may have an opportunity to host a QCNYS meeting in the future; the guild has hosted meetings in the past. •

AQG QCNYS Passport sales were turned in that this meeting. • QCNYS sells mini quilts made by its members; the proceeds go towards the scholarships and community service grants that QCNYS offers to all members. AQG is a QCNYS member and therefore all AQG members are eligible for these scholarships and grants.

Education - by Rebecca Ribis

BARN QUILT CLASS: September 13th from 10am to 4pm at thre BNHV. Taught by Heather Buechi. \$35.00 for all members. \$50.00 for non-members (if you know anyone who would like to join the class)

Learn to paint your very own Barn Quilt. You have 4 patterns to choose from. The board will be 2ftx2ft, primed and ready with the pattern you choose. We will seal it with sealant once it's finished painting. You will need to bring your own paint; we will supply the rest. Please look for acrylic that you can use outdoors. If you won't hang outside, then regular acrylic paint will be great. Paints can be purchased from Michaels in the craft section. Brands include CraftSmart, DecoArt or Americana. You can purchase individual bottles or buy a set of colors. Prices range from \$1.50 to \$3.50 per bottle depending on brand. Sets can go from \$9.99(12 colors) to \$30.00 depending on brand. Pattern choices will be available at the next meeting.

Payments for the class will need to be made at July's meeting, so the correct number of boards can be made for the class. Please make checks out to **Amherst Quilters Guild**.

Save the Date: Saturday, October 25. Kevin Hammon will teach a workshop on painting a bird on fabric. Kevin is the talented textile artist who specializes in avian painting and was our featured speaker at the

April meeting. Sign up info will be coming out in August, and we are limited in the number of participants.

Challenge Quilt - by Patricia Ohtake

This year's challenge is to make a Modern Quilt. Participants should include one or more of the Modern Quilt principles in an original design. Information about these principles is available on the National Modern Quilt Guild's website:

https://www.themodernquiltguild.com/membership/what-is-modern-quilting_

Quilts should have a parameter measurement of 120 inches or less; quilts need to include the quilt top, batting, backing and be bound and quilted. Challenge quilts should be submitted at the holiday party in December.

Opportunity Quilt - by Sally Ginsberg

Reminder to those who took square kits for the opportunity quilt, and have not turned them in yet, bring them to July's meeting. If you have the blocks and can't make the meeting, email me at sginsbergquilter@gmail.com or call my cell number on the instruction sheet to setup a meetup. Thank you for your efforts and help with the project.

Erie County Fair -

The Erie County Fair is having a Quilt Block Competition. The cost is \$25 to participate, register at www.ecfair.org by 7/14/25. Registrants will receive a fabric kit with the available patterns and fabric colors to create a 12.5 x 12.5-inch block in the patchwork style (no applique or fused blocks will be accepted).

Community Service - by Jean Miller

Community Service will be on vacation for July & August. I have a bolt of white muslin if you want for sashing or borders, and a bolt of batting - just let me know how much you need! Enjoy the summer! Happy Sewing!

contact Jean directly at lejamil@yahoo.com

Save the Dates -

July 17 - Thurs - monthly meeting at Audubon Library at 6:30pm.

Aug 21 - Thurs - Monthly meeting at Audubon Library at 6:30pm

Sept 13 - Barn Quilt class at BNHV

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