



AMHERST
QUILTERS GUILD

Upcoming Programs by Rebecca Ribis & Judy Phillips

Marie Walters from Marie's Sewing Center will be our guest presenter at this month's meeting. She will introduce us to free-motion quilting using the Westalee rulers and designs. The essence of the Westalee Ruler concept is that it enables you to free motion quilt, but in a controlled way. If you would love to give free motion quilting a try but have always shied away from it, then Westalee Rulers are here to guide you. Learn how these amazing rulers can help you create professional looking quilt designs using your home sewing machine.

President's Message by Kathleen Karnath

September is here already; the kids are back to school, the leaves are beginning to change and the temperatures are beginning to cool down. And if you were taking the summer off from quilting, I hope you are anxious to start again. If a holiday quilt project is part of your plan, now is a good time to start it, so you can show and share it in November.

It's also a good time to start your Modern Quilt Challenge project! I came across a nice video by Carolyn King titled "A Taste of Modern" that was part of a free online workshop series. I thought it was really helpful to get me thinking "Modern". To view the video you will need to "register" (even though the live event is over). Take a look at <https://www.quiltlearn.com/Carolyn-King>. If that doesn't work you could go to her website: <https://www.carolyn-sue-designs.com> or Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/carolyn_sue_designs. (that's an underscore before and after "sue" in her instagram address).

And, September 20 is National Sew a Jelly Roll Day! What will you make out of a Jelly Roll? I'll be starting a jelly roll rug on Thursday at Community Service/Open Sew at the museum, if anyone wants to join me!

Quilt On!

AQG Meeting Notes - August 21, 2025 by JoAnn Kelsch.

“Story Quilts” and an ice cream social. AQG members brought in a quilt project that was special to them and shared the story about it.

President’s Report: Kathleen Karnath

Kathleen introduced a new member to the guild, Lulu Pierce; and she welcomed 7 visitors who attended this month’s meeting.

BNHV Agricultural Day is Saturday, August 23rd from 10:00am – 4:00pm. The guild will be participating in this event. AQG members have volunteered to demonstrate hand sewing and quilting. Kathleen invited the volunteers to bring a quilt to the event to show the various designs and styles of quilts. Kathleen has made HST that children can arrange into a quilt block design and they will be able to sign one of the squares in their block. These quilt blocks will be incorporated into a charity quilt that the guild will donate to Children’s Hospital Oncology Unit. This is a good opportunity to promote the guild and distribute the new AQG brochure at the event.

Fabric Sale: Kathleen was asked to sell some fabric for a woman who is needing to relocate from her home. Details are in the email that Kathleen sent to guild members on 8/18/25. Kathleen brought some of the fabric, kits and batting-like fabric to the meeting.

Kathleen congratulated Heather Buechi for the artwork she created and displayed at a recent chalk sidewalk event.

Sally Ginsberg was awarded several blue ribbons for quilts that she submitted to the Erie County Fair.

AQG 2025 Challenge Quilt - Make It Modern

The 2025 Challenge Quilt theme is Modern Quilts. Members are encouraged to create a small quilt that incorporates one or more of the principles of modern quilting:

- bold use of color
- high contrast and graphic areas of color
- improvisational piecing
- minimalism
- maximalism
- expansive negative space
- alternate grid work
- modern traditionalism

Rules - Challenge quilts will be:

1. original design
2. no larger than 120" perimeter
3. comprised of three layers (top, batting, and backing)
4. bound and quilted through all three layers and have visible quilting by hand, by machine, or both
5. made using fabrics of any color
6. made using any of the following techniques: pieced, foundation pieced, English paper pieced, hand or machine appliqued, hand or machine embroidered.

A great place for inspiration is the website for the Modern Quilt Guild's annual quilt show, QuiltCon. www.quiltcon.com

The deadline for the quilt submission is the **December 2025 Holiday Party**.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Patricia Ohtake at patricia2576@gmail.com.

Education - by Rebecca Ribis, Linda Hunter, and Sally Ginsberg

The Barn Quilt Class will take place on **Saturday, September 13th** from 10am-4pm at the Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village (Amherst Museum). There are only 3 spots still available. The cost is \$35 for members and \$50 for nonmembers. Heather sent an email with the supply list and design templates to those who have already registered for the event.

Kevin Hammond's Painting on Fabric Workshop is tentatively scheduled

for **Saturday, October 25th** from 11am-4pm at the Project 716 Vegan Center. The class size will be limited. More information will be provided at next month's meeting and members will be able to sign up at that time.

Membership by Heather Beuchi

We are up to 60 members!! We are so excited to see all new faces!
Please welcome Lulu Pierce when you see her!

Brochures are now complete! If you would like some please let me know.

September we have created a display at the Audubon Library in the hopes to gain more members! Please take a look!

QCNYS News: - Patti Young

The QCNYS Quarterly meeting will be held 9/17/25 in Cicero, NY, hosted by the Plank Road Quilt Guild. I will be attending. If there is any information you'd like me to share, please provide it to me prior to that date. We will start advertising our Quilt Show to be held in April.

As a reminder, 2026 is QCNYS's 40th anniversary. The Consortium does not currently have anyone in the role of Historian or Photographer and is looking for volunteers. The way they intend to honor the anniversary is through a 10-year "Era" celebration at each Quarterly meeting (i.e. 1986-1995; 1996-2005; 2006-2015; 2016-2025). They're working to develop oral histories, presentations, show & tells and more. Note that all Guild members can attend these quarterly meetings. Additionally, QCNYS leadership would like each participating Guild to provide a write-up of their respective Guild's 4-Era history. We'll need to work with our Guild's historian to develop a response. These will be gathered into a comprehensive book. More information should be coming to me in the coming months. I'm not sure if anyone knows Eugenia Barnes, but I understand she was one of the pioneers of the QCNYS concept. A video interview with her is also planned. September 19, 2026 Quarterly meeting will be the "official" 40th Anniversary celebration. You might make plans to attend.

The Consortium provides a Founder's Award that helps to cover a Guild's cost of a National Teacher. To raise funds, the Consortium will be making a raffle quilt. Anyone interested can make a 12-1/2" block of their choosing using "true white" for the background and "true red" for the contrast. The block should have special meaning to the creator or represent your specific guild. It will be incorporated into a sampler quilt, pieced by a volunteer guild member and passed on to another member for final quilting. The consortium is looking for a volunteer to oversee the ticket, bookmark making and distribution. Every guild will be asked to sell tickets. The quilt will be raffled at the December 2026 meeting.

The QCNYS newsletter is interesting in highlighting Guild Challenge quilts. The interest is in what the guilds' have done for challenges and how the project was received. I'm not sure if someone would like to speak to last year's challenge or if we'd just like to wait for the results of this year's challenge and report out in the 2026 newsletter. Those involved in leading the challenge quilts might want to think about this. Just let me know or draft a quick item I can share at the upcoming meeting.

We need to let the "Wee Little Quilt" representative know if we'd like to sell them at our Quilt Show in April.

Save the Dates -

Sept 13 - Barn Quilt class at BNHV, 10am-4pm

Sept 18 - Thurs - Monthly meeting at Audubon Library at 6:30pm

Sept 25 - Community Service/ Open Sew at the Amherst Museum!

Oct 25 - Painting on Fabric Workshop, 11am-4pm at the Project 716 Vegan Center

UpComing Quilt Shows:

Tompkins County Quilters Guild

September 20 – 21, 10 am – 5 pm

TC3 Field House

170 North St., Dryden, NY

Kenmore Quilters Triennial Show 2025

Friday, October 3

Saturday, October 4

10 am – 5 pm 10 am – 4 pm
St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church
2368 Eggert Road, Tonawanda, NY
Admission \$5

The Southtowns Piecemakers Quilt Guild – Quilted Treasures: A Quilt Show

Friday, October 17 Saturday October 18
9 am – 5:30 pm 9 am – 4 pm
Grange Building
Hamburg Fairgrounds, Hamburg, NY
Admission \$5

River Lea Quilter's Guild of Grand Island "Island Reflections"

Saturday, November 15 Sunday, November 16
10 am – 5 pm 10 am – 4 pm
Gratwich Fire Hall
100 Ward Road, North Tonawanda, NY
Admission \$5

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