



President's Message by Kathleen Karnath

It's October, fall is here and Halloween is coming!! My 7 year old grandson is coming for a visit next week so I want to have the house all decked out for Halloween! I found these free Halloween pillow patterns and thought I would share! Just copy and paste the link below into your browser

https://www.polkadotchair.com/pumpkin-halloween-pillow-sewing-pattern/?utm_source=convertkit&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=%E2%9C%82%E2%8F%8F+Sunday+Stitch%3A+Log+Cabin+Pillow+Tutorial+&+Fall+Sewing+Project+Ideas+-+19235671=

As far as guild business is concerned, our committees and officers have been very productive, bringing you wonderful programs (and even ice cream!!), building our membership numbers, seeking candidates for AQG officers, coordinating community service projects and donations, keeping us informed of guild happenings across the state, adding to our history, keeping our presence on the internet, maintaining communications with the membership and preparing for our 2026 quilt show! Be sure to thank them all for their work!

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting...Thursday, October 16 at the Audubon Library.

Quilt On!

Kathleen Karnath

AQG Meeting Notes - September 18, 2025 by JoAnn Kelsch.

"September Program: the presenter was Phyllis Vasbinder who is a founding member of the WNY Fiber Design Forum. She provided an overview and demonstration of Momigami which is a Japanese papermaking method, often described as kneaded paper. Phyllis shared her Momigami creations and led the

attendees through a hands-on application of the technique. She also shared examples of her Art Dolls that also captured her artistic expression.

President's Report: Judy Phillips on behalf of Kathleen Karnath

Judy welcomed 5 guests in attendance at this month's meeting.

BNHV Agricultural Day was a success. Kathleen is looking for volunteers to sew the designs that were created at the event into quilt blocks. She would also like to know if anyone would like to host a similar event in the future. Please contact Kathleen if you are interested in either sewing the quilt blocks or hosting an event.

Ten Lives Club, a local cat shelter and adoption agency is looking for people to sew 'Kickstick' cat toys as a fundraiser for their organization. Additional information has been posted on the AQG Facebook page.

Audubon Library Display: special recognition and thank you to Heather Buechi for her colorful and creative AQG display.

AQG Monthly Newsletter is sent electronically to members via email by the first Saturday of the month. If you have not received it in your inbox, check your Spam/Junk folder.

The meeting concluded with a Show and Share of quilted items made by guild members.

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

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

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.

Quilt Show: MaryAnn Krafft, chairperson •

Members can drop off their quilts on Monday, April 13 at the BNHV.

Hanging of the quilts begins Tuesday, April 14th. Volunteers are needed because the museum staff will not be available to assist with this process as they have in the past. Bedsheets are also needed for laying out the quilts for hanging. The sheets will be returned.

Show dates: Friday through Sunday, April 17-19th. Volunteers will be needed for various roles during the show.

There will be no quilt judging or vendors participating in the show.

There will not be a scrap pool or book sale at the show.

Boutique: Members will be able to submit items to sell; and will not be required to contribute a portion of their sales to the guild.

Basket Raffle - Sally Ginsberg

Attention all members! I will be needing help with the raffle baskets for the quilt show in April. From all of you I would like items for the baskets. Whole baskets already done will be a plus, but not necessary! If you can only donate a few single items or empty baskets, that would be great also. You can donate from your stash (books, fabric, tools, patterns, small baby size quilt, table runner, etc) if you don't want to purchase anything. The items don't necessarily have to be quilt related and a variety is preferable as we might get more ticket purchases by non-quilters. For example I made a gardening basket for my sons bowling team. That included seeds, gloves, tools, decorations, etc and I got them all at Dollar Tree. I have seen movie night ones with candy and popcorn. Lotto ticket baskets, wine baskets with a pair of wine glasses, bath ones with salts, soaps, loofa, etc. You can even go to local restaurants and stores that you frequent and ask for donation gift cards/certificates (Elmo's, Libro's, Tim Hortons, Tops, Burrito Bay, Liquor stores, etc for example). I also would like help putting them together (before the show) and manning the tables to sell the tickets at the show (even a couple hours will help if that is all you can do), email me if you can help with any portion. Please get the items to me no later than the March meeting, earlier is preferable. I can meet up with anyone to pick up items if you are not going to meetings or don't want to carry them. If you want me to pick them up you can call or email me. 716-830-9308 or sginsbergquilter@gmail.com
Thank you, Sally Ginsberg

Membership by Heather Beuchi

Membership is at 60 members.

We have brochures that promote our guild. Please grab some and share with anyone who is interested.

Facebook has been seeing a boost in views. Keep sharing all posts!!

Do you have any ideas to promote the guild? Please reach out to me and let me know!

Maybe there is a post on Facebook you would like to see or share.

Hope to see you all at October's meeting!

Save the Dates -

Oct 18, 6:30 pm. AQG meeting a program on Wool Applique.

Oct 23 - Community Service at BNHV 10am

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

UpComing Quilt Shows:

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

Quilts at the Kenan 2025 by the Kenan Quilter Guild

Nov 7, 8, 9th.

Hours 10-5. Sunday 11-4

admission \$6 cash

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