



AMHERST  
QUILTERS GUILD

### **Upcoming Programs** by Rebecca Ribis & Judy Phillips

Our meeting this month is Thursday November 20th at the Audubon Library, 350 John James Audubon Parkway, Amherst, NY. The Program is Souper November and Last-Minute Gift Ideas.

Come at 6 PM for socializing and sampling homemade soups. Vote for your favorite! Stay to share your ideas for last-minute gifts or learn something new. Bring samples of gifts you have made and the pattern or a web site for directions.

Our December Luncheon / Meeting will be Saturday, December 6 at Paynes Restaurant, 984 Payne Ave, North Tonawanda.

Signup and payment of \$20 for this member only event are due at the November Meeting. Make checks payable to the Amherst Quilters Guild.

February AQG meeting will be at Audubon Library, on **February 26**.

### **AQG Meeting Notes** - October 16, 2025 by Kathleen Karnath.

Members were welcomed, and 2 guests and 1 new member were introduced.

#### **President's Report:** Kathleen Karnath

\*Volunteers requested to sew blocks from "Design a Quilt Block" program that will ultimately become quilts for Oshei Childrens Hospital. By the end of the meeting all blocks were taken.

\*We are having some issues with the website which are being worked on; your patience is appreciated.

\*Our February 2026 meeting will be held on February 26, the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month due to a conflict with a library event on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. Members will be reminded in the newsletter, etc.

\*Kathleen will be selling fabric at \$5/lb. with all proceeds going to the SPCA and animal rescue organizations per this retired quilter. Fabric sale will begin on Monday afternoon. Please contact Kathleen if interested in purchasing fabric.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kathleen Karnath on behalf of Carol Roy

\*YTD income is greater than budget, due mainly to fabric sales, AccuCut sale and donations of fabric for sale. AQG also has program income from 50/50 and guest fees that we hadn't expected.

Expenses for rental space is only half of what was budgeted as we no longer meet at the church and our meeting space is at no charge. However, we have had new unplanned expenses for brochures, our website, name tags, bank fees, etc. But overall, we are in great shape with YTD income greater than YTD expenses!

**October Program** – Rebecca Ribis introduced our speaker, Susan Ralyea from BC Woolery in Almond, NY who spoke on Working with Wool for Applique. Susan spoke about different types of wool, how to work with wool, different types of thread, combining wool appliqué with traditional quilt fabric and design, blanket stitch and decorative embroidery stitches and embellishments. She showed many examples of wool appliqué projects and quilts.

**Nominating Committee** - Loretta Cadwallader

Loretta presented the slate of officers for 2026-27 to be voted on at November meeting.

Secretary – Patti Young

Co-1<sup>st</sup> VPs – Patricia Ohtake, Gail Kratt.  
There were no additional nominations from the floor.

### **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:

**Rules** - Challenge quilts will be original design

1. no larger than 120” perimeter
2. comprised of three layers (top, batting, and backing)
3. bound and quilted through all three layers and have visible quilting by hand, by machine, or both
4. made using fabrics of any color
5. 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](http://www.quiltcon.com)

Due to the December luncheon being held at a restaurant, the date for completion of the challenge quilt is moved to the February meeting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Patricia Ohtake at [patricia2576@gmail.com](mailto:patricia2576@gmail.com).

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

The Education Committee has initiated a skill sharing program to begin twenty minutes before our meeting each month. We hope to help everyone with information that will help with our quilt making skills. We welcome suggestions for topics. Please let a committee know what you are interested in learning/refreshing and if you are able to do a small demo.

We will begin each program at 6:10. On January 15 Sally Ginsberg will show us how to make half-square-triangles. On February 26 Linda Hunter will discuss Preparing Quilts for a Quilt Show.

**Membership** by Heather Beuchi

We are up to 62 members!! We are so excited to see all new faces! Please welcome Kathy Tepas and Sonja Jensen-Schell

The new year is right around the corner!! You know what that means... renewal of membership!!

I will have forms at the November meeting. If you want to renew at that time you can. I will have forms at our luncheon in December as well to hand out. Great things are on the horizon!!

At November if I can have a volunteer to meet and greet that would be great. I have an appointment at 6 but I should be back before the end of the meeting. I will drop everything off at the Library around 5:30.

**Save the Dates -**

**Thurs, Nov 20, 6:30 pm.** AQG meeting at the Audubon Library. Souper November and Last-Minute Gift Ideas.

**Sat, December 6.** Holiday luncheon at Payne's Restaurant

**UpComing Quilt Shows:**

**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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**President** - Kathleen Karnath

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**Challenge Quilts** - Patricia Ohtake

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**Quilts For Courage** - Jean Miller

**Education** - Rebecca Ribis & Linda Hunter

**Facebook** - Heather Buechi

**Hospitality** - MaryAnn Braunscheidle

**Nominating** - Loretta Cadwallader

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