



AMHERST  
QUILTERS GUILD

### **Upcoming Events** - by Rebecca Ribis and Judy Phillips

#### **January Meeting: Hexies and Hot Chocolate**

January's Guild Meeting will be held at the Audubon Library, January 15<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. The address for the Library is 350 John James Audubon Parkway, Amherst, NY.

Make plans to escape the cold and enjoy a few hours of quilting-related bliss at our January 15th meeting at the Audubon Library! We are kicking off 2026 with a hot chocolate social before the program and the introduction of a monthly Skill Sharing Session, an informal demonstration to enhance your quilting skills. Our doors open at 6:00 p.m. for hot chocolate, and at 6:15 p.m. the Education Committee rolls out its first Skill Sharing Session of the year with Sally Ginsberg demonstrating various methods for making half square triangles.

The January Program, "Hexies and Hot Chocolate" will be presented by Mary Ann Braunscheidel. She will discuss how EPP (English paper piecing) is different from foundation piecing, tools used for EPP, and lead attendees through a guided practice to make hexagons (warning: it can be addictive!). Mary Ann will also bring some of her beautiful finished quilts to inspire us

**Note: Participants are asked to bring a needle, neutral thread, thimble, scissors, and 5 or 6 clover clips for this hands-on demonstration.**

### **President's Message** - by Kathleen Karnath

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season and got some

time to relax among the hustle and bustle! With a new year comes the opportunity to set some quilting goals and plan your quilt projects. I found the planner below to be just what I need to get organized and stay focused on a single “big” quilt project and maybe tackle some of those UFO’s. <https://attachments.convertkitcdn.com/40476/e3b27f60-b9fa-444d-a085-1b91912dd93d/2026-sewing-projects.pdf?>

\*Our January meeting will be our Annual Meeting which will include the installation of our new officers, thank yous to our board officers who have completed their terms and a bit of a year in review to reflect on our accomplishments.

\*Please be sure to renew your membership for 2026 and select a committee or committees that you would like to participate in for 2026.

\*The first quarter of the year will focus on Quilt Show preparations including advertising with posters, via social media, word of mouth, etc.; displaying and selling Opportunity Quilt tickets; preparing raffle baskets as well as making items to sell in the boutique and of course finishing those quilts to enter into the quilt show!

Quilt On!

**Education - by Rebecca Ribis, Linda Hunter, and Sally Ginsberg**  
**Workshop: Collage Quilting**

The Education Committee’s first workshop in 2026 is an Introduction to Fabric Collage, taught by Judy Schriver from the Kenan Guild. The class will take place on Saturday, January 10th from 10:30 to 4:30 at the Audubon Library, 350 John James Audubon Parkway, Amherst. This is a no-sew workshop – you do not have to brave the January weather with a sewing machine! Travel lightly and plan on having a fun day of cutting and gluing fabric. The cost is \$30 for members and \$40 for nonmembers.

There is still room in this class. Email [RebeccaChristene@Hotmail.com](mailto:RebeccaChristene@Hotmail.com) for more details, including a supply list.

### **AQG 2026 Challenge Quilt - Make It Modern**

**Due at the AQG Meeting on February 26**

Get those creative juices flowing. There are still 8 weeks left to “challenge” yourself and enter the 2026 Challenge Quilt. Here’s the information about our Make It Modern Challenge:

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)

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

**Membership** by Heather Beuchi

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

It's that time of year for renewal!! Dues have not been increased and will stay at the \$40 for the fiscal year of 2026 (jan-dec)

I have sent out emails to everyone with the renewal form to fill out.

If any of your previous years' information has changed, please fill out the whole form, if not just your name is great. Also please note on the renewal form we would like to know what committees you would like to participate in.

As a reminder for anyone who paid in December, your checks will be deposited this month.

Forms will be available at each meeting.

Hope to see each of you there!

### **Quilt Show - Sally Ginsberg**

Hoping everyone had a fantastic holiday season! As a special gift to each paying admission to the quilt show we are going to give a wristlet keychain. Those of you that were at the holiday party saw what they look like. We are in need of scrap jellyroll strips. One strip is used for two wristlets. We are making 480 of them. 80 are already completed and the fabric for 275 are already prepared and waiting to be sewn. We only need 63 more full strips. If you have partial strips, they need to be at least 22". Please no orange color, we already have about 75 of those, lol. If you could please bring some strips to the January 15th meeting or to Community sew/open sew on January 22nd, we would appreciate it. I will be there on the 22nd working on them and if anyone else is interested in helping to sew and iron, that would be extremely helpful. I will demonstrate to those willing to sew, they are very easy.

## **Quilt Show**

JoAnn Castiglia has volunteered to create a committee to do a fun guild-wide project. Her plan is to do a Round Robin after the quilt show - details to follow. But until then, she is focused and will be encouraging all of us to finish UFO's for entry into our quilt show!

The holidays are over, the winds have subsided. The next big event on the calendar is..... Kaleidoscope - AQQ QUILT SHOW !!!!

April 17-19 2026

I don't know about you , but I have several UFO 's. (Actually more than several). I would like to encourage you to finish one or more of your UFO's and submit it to Quilt Show 2026.

We haven't had a Quilt show since 2022 !!! Let's see what you have accomplished.

No UFO??? No problem!!! You still have time to make a quilt or a lap quilt or wall hanging or table runner. Need inspiration ??? There are a number of YouTube sites which teach how to make interesting blocks using simple shapes and slicing and dicing.

A few sites are:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GGjF4awdT5w>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MrUJdJLDuGE>

Take a look. Get inspired. The long Winter is still ahead. Create something beautiful and submit it to the Quilt Show 2026 !!!

Come to Open Sew/Community Service at :

Audubon Library on Wednesday January 22, from 10AM - 2PM

## **QCNYS** by Patti Young

There's still time! Want a little "mystery" in your new year? Sign up for

QCNYS 2026 Mystery Quilt - only \$10. Each clue will be sent out the 1st of the month from January - June. There's also a monthly zoom meeting to share information and/or ask questions along the way. If you'd like to participate, contact [qcnys.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:qcnys.treasurer@gmail.com) for payment options and information. If paying by check, make it out to QCNYS and mail it to QCNYS Treasurer, PO Box 6, Bernhards Bay, NY 13028. Do it ASAP so you can jump on the first clue and attend the first zoom meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 8, 2026.

### **Sunshine & Shadows - Linda Hunter**

Please keep the family and friends of Pat McDonald in your prayers. Pat was a member of AQQ for several years before she was unable to continue to come to meetings. She died on December 26 after having been in assisted living this past year with complications from a stroke.

### **Save the Dates 2026**

#### **Sat, Jan 10**

**10:30-4:30** Fabric Collage Workshop at the Audubon Library,

#### **Thurs, Jan 15,**

**6pm:** Sally Ginsberg will show us how to make half-square-triangles.

**6:30pm.** AQQ meeting at the Audubon Library. Hot Chocolate Social and a presentation on 'Hexis' by Maryann Braunsheidel.

#### **Thurs, Jan 22**

**10am** Community Service/Open Sew at the Audubon Library

#### **Thurs , Feb 26, (note the date change)**

**10am** Community Service/Open Sew at the Audubon Library

**6:00** Linda Hunter will discuss 'Preparing Quilts for a Quilt Show.'  
**6:30pm** - show your 'Modern' challenge quilt

### **Officers**

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