



AMHERST  
QUILTERS GUILD

### **Kaleidoscope Quilt Show -**

The Kaleidoscope Quilt Show will take place over three days, April 17, 18 and 19th at the Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village, 3755 Tonawanda Creek Rd (corner of New Road). We have approximately 140 items to exhibit and 5 vendors.

Monday, April 13 - drop off day 9:30am-4pm

Quilt entries - paper labels should be safety pinned on. Your quilt should be free of pet hair and any stray threads.

Boutique items - along with the paperwork and any display props.

sheets, clean drop clothes - we use these for laying out the quilts before hanging

Tuesday - April 14 - 9:30am-4pm

We will be sorting the quilts by size and hanging them from the ceiling. If you haven't dropped off your quilts yet, this is your last chance- before noon. We could use any and all able-bodied members to assist. No - you don't have to climb a ladder or scaffolding. Hope you can stay for the entire day, lunch will be served.

Wednesday - April 15 9:30-4pm

We remove the safety pinned registration labels from the front of the quilts and replace it with a decorative label. Arrange the basket raffle and boutique.

Thursday - April 16 - 10am

Vendors will be setting up.

Friday Show day 10am - 4pm - If you signed up to work, please arrive at

9:45, sign-in and don your apron. Note - There is no secure place to store your purse. Lock it in your car and carry only what you need in your pockets.

Saturday - Show day 10am - 4pm

Sunday- Show Day 10am-3pm

takedown We need to vacate the building by 4pm

Tuesday - April 21 9:30-4pm

Pick up your show items and leftover boutique items. I know this isn't convenient, but it was our only option.

ALL members of the guild should work together to make the show a success. If you haven't signed up to work, just show up and Rebecca will find a place for you.

### **Amherst Quilters Meeting Notes**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

As a catch-up, President Kathy Karnath thanked the Guild's outgoing Secretary, Joann Kelsch, and gifted her a beautiful mug rug. Kathy noted there were no new members present, one guest (Brittany Semrau) was in attendance and membership renewals are in process.

Program - Looking Beyond with Shirley Verrico and the AQQ Birthday Celebration. Shirley took the group on an exploratory tour of the visual arts through the lens of Context, Form and Content. Her presentation offered an exciting look into the process of art through quilting, looking at the creative process in a new way. The program included a group activity where the members labeled a sampling of member quilts using the instructed techniques. Shirley then led a discussion on the results. Patricia O. engaged the member in a word game for birthday prizes and mini-bundt cakes were served.

Quilt Show

The formal meeting agenda began with a status of preparation for the Guild's

Quilt Show. MaryAnn Krafft noted that quilts for display need to be registered this evening with Carolyn Krupp. Quilt drop off is at the BNHV, 3755 Tonawanda Creek Road, Monday, April 13, between 9:30a.m. and 4 p.m. Note that a “sleeve” on the back of your quilt is not necessary. If you’re displaying quilt coats, please bring a hangar. Kathy asked that Boutique items be dropped off then as well. The group was reminded that clean bedsheets to stack the quilts are always welcome and to be sure to bring hangars or any display props necessary for your items for sale. Be sure your name is on them. Tuesday, April 14, volunteers will be hanging the quilts. Please come by if you have time to help. If you’re interested in volunteering Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday, please do. There are many opportunities available. As a reminder, quilt pickup after the show is Tuesday, April 21 between 10am and 4pm Volunteers are needed that day too.

Heather B. has been furiously marketing the Show via posters, flyers, pegboards at restaurants, social media, etc. If anyone would like some to post, please see her ASAP.

Sally G. has been working on the Baskets for raffling. If you have any, please bring to the BNHV on Quilt drop-off day. There’s almost 80 at her house already; more are welcome.

Kathy and MaryAnn will be touring the museum 3/20/26 to review the floor plan and get an idea on the number of tables needed. As a reminder, you need to get a vendor number from Kathy K. if you’re selling items at the Boutique. You are responsible for tagging and pricing your own items. Cash vs. Credit for purchases is still being explored. Cash is definitely preferred. Utilizing a credit option will require fees that will be absorbed by the Guild as part of the Quilt Show budget. We have arranged for 5 vendors for the show.

Sally showed the group the Guild’s opportunity quilt that’s being raffled. If you haven’t sold your raffle tickets, yet, please get that done prior to the show. The drawing will be Sunday, the last day of the show.

#### QCNYS

There are a few items that have been added to the show based on the Guild’s participation in QCNYS. Passports will be sold at our show and need to be “stamped”. We will also be selling “Wee Little Quilts”. Kathy picked up a supply of 50. These are \$10/each. QCNYS has also asked us to sell raffle

tickets for their 40th anniversary quilt as well.

Treasurer's Report - As it is early in the year, budgets are in fine shape

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

**The Quilt Show is coming, the quilt show is coming!** Only a couple weeks away and MaryAnn Krafft and her quilt show committee is finalizing details and ready for a GREAT show. Finish up those last details and get your labels on your quilts. If you have a quilt that you haven't yet registered for the show, contact Carolyn Krupp and she may be able to fit your quilt in! If you don't have an assignment yet during the quilt show, contact Rebecca Ribis – we need all hands on deck!

My assignment for the quilt show is to manage the Boutique. If you have handmade items that you'd like to sell in our boutique, get them ready. Be sure to contact me to get your assigned member/vendor number and the item listing form and item tags. Drop off for boutique items is the same as dropping off quilts.

AQG is participating in the QCNYS Travel Passport which is similar to a shop hop, but includes quilt shows across NYS in addition to shop stops. As a participant, we will be stamping passports at admissions and those with passports will be eligible for a special QCNYS basket that will be awarded the last day of our show! So, get your passport, so you can get it stamped at our show and many others across the state, and be eligible to win prizes! We will be selling passports at the show – they are only \$5.

(No April meeting/program, nor April Open Sew/Community Service, however our regular meetings will resume in May!) I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter or Passover holiday.

Happy Quilting,

Kathleen Karnath

**Membership** by Heather Beuchi

We have Spring upon us!

Our membership renewals and signups are at a total of 49

Please welcome our new members, Sally Malone and Anne Shepherd!!

If you know anyone who would like to join our guild please reach out to them, and bring them to a meeting!

Also bring them to the quilt show! I will have sign up sheets available for anyone who would like to join!

Hope to see you all at the quilt show!

**Nominating** - Loretta Cadwallader

We have 3 open positions coming up: President, 2nd VP and Treasurer.

**Community Service** by Jean Miller

There is no Open Sew/Community Service this month due to the quilt show.

**Education**

The first workshop of the year will be held Saturday, June 13 at the Clearfield Library from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.. The subject is Paper Piecing Foundation.

The cost is \$55 for members, \$65 for non-members and includes the pattern.

There is pre-work necessary and that information will be emailed to folks who've signed up in advance of the workshop. Deadline for sign-up is the May Guild meeting unless it fills up before then.

The September workshop will be a braided tablerunner. The date has been confirmed as September 19, 2026 and will be held at the Audubon Library.

October 3 is a wool workshop.

A workshop on Panels is anticipated to be either August or November.

Prior to the start of this meeting, the Education Committee collected skill-sharing suggestions from members to be organized for future meetings.

### **Sunshine & Shadow** - by Linda Hunter

Sylvia Siegel recently had angiograms that resulted in another stent placed in an artery. She is feeling quite well now. She plans to attend our quilt show on April 18.

Please keep longtime AQG member Betty Lerner in your thoughts and prayers. She has had some on going health issues, culminating with Shingles on her face and in her eye this past week. She has come through this recent challenge well and is feeling much better during her recovery from this painful disease, as well as from other issues.

Although not a member of AQG, many of our members are long time friends with Judy Fenton, owner of "Needle in a Haystack" retreat and quilt shop. She has recently had a successful esophagectomy and has been pronounced cancer free! Please keep her in your prayers as she goes through reconstruction.

MaryAnn Braunscheidel's mother passed away last week after a long struggle with Alzheimers.

## **Rochester Quilt Show**

Yes, the bus lady has survived another year and happy to let you all know we will be going to Rochester Quilt Show and you are invited.

Friday May 15, 2026 9am-4pm \$32.00 includes bus gratuity. A nice bus with bathroom and comfortable seating. (Not a school bus.)

We will meet at Wheatfield Community Center Church Road NT (Wheatfield) at 8:45am. Please be prompt.

Send check by April 1st, 2026 and make out to Twin City Quilt Guild and mail to

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Please call me with your intentions ASAP 716-799-7226

## **Save the Dates 2026**

May 21 Pearls of Quilt Design, Denise LaMarca. The program will examine considerations when designing a quilt, and will include an interactive activity and a Focused Show n Share.

June 18 Strategies for Precise Piecing, Linda Hunter

July 16 Paper Piecing Using Freezer Paper, Patricia Ohtake

Aug 20 Eye Catching Binding, Arlene Berndt and Patricia Ohtake

Sept 17 My History of Quilting, Linda Davis

Oct 15 Embellish Your Quilt, Sharon Schneider

Nov 19 Quilting Designs – How they Impact the Quilt

Dec Holiday Party TBD

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