



Upcoming Events - by Patricia Ohtake and Gail Kratt

Celebrating the past and preparing for the future is the theme of the Amherst Quilters Guild upcoming **March 19th** meeting. As the Guild observes its 51st birthday, we are focused on sharing our communal knowledge of the techniques and traditions of quilt-making as well as exploring quilting as a joyous, creative avenue for personal expression.

From 6 - 6:15 pm that evening, the Education Committee will ask members to list topics that intrigue them for follow-up “Skill Sharing Sessions.” Members can also make suggestions on a sheet that will be circulated.

The featured speaker for the March meeting is Shirley Verrico. Her presentation “Looking Beyond” will discuss ways of viewing art, exploring the creative process, and recognizing that art evokes specific reactions based on a viewer’s personal preferences and experiences. Participants will enjoy an interactive activity that illustrates these concepts.

Ms. Verrico currently serves as Operations Manager for this summer’s Medina Triennial 2026, a town-wide contemporary art exhibition and public program bringing together 35 artists and collectives from around the world. Prior to joining the Medina Triennial, Ms. Verrico served as Visual Arts Director and Curator at Buffalo Arts Studio, where she developed cohesive exhibition seasons, public art initiatives, and community outreach for the arts. She has held leadership roles at multiple Western New York art institutions and holds a BFA, an MA, and a New York State K–12 Art Education Certification.

Ms. Verrico’s experience and passion for the visual arts, including fiber arts, provide an excellent introduction for members and guests who attend the 2026 AQG’s Kaleidoscope Quilt Exhibit. This three day quilt display at the

Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village will take place Friday and Saturday, April 17th and 18th from 10 am-4 pm and Sunday, April 19th from 10am-3pm.

Nonmembers are welcome to attend, meet members of the community, and learn about planned 2026 programming. A \$5 donation, which will be deducted from the annual \$40 membership, will be collected.

Amherst Quilters Meeting Notes

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. (Due to lots of activity among members prior to the meeting, the Education Committee pre-meeting presentation was done during the Quilt Show report rather than prior to the meeting start.)

The meeting began with the President's introduction and welcome. With the quilt show right around the corner, Kathleen asked MaryAnn Krafft to talk about the quilt show.

- The Quilt Show rental agreement with BNHV has been signed and delivered along with the deposit and necessary certificates of insurance.
- MaryAnn reported that due to BNHV being closed on Monday, quilts, baskets, etc. cannot be taken down and picked up until Tuesday, April 21.
- Volunteers are still needed especially for take-down; volunteer sheets were available. Kathleen Karnath specifically asked for volunteers for the boutique as there were no volunteers signed up as yet.
- 8 quilts registered for the show to date; forms are available for download from the website, a link to print them was provided in the January newsletter and Kathleen sent out an email earlier on 2/26 with the links for quilt registration as well as forms for the boutique.
- Members wishing to sell items in the boutique will need a member/vendor number, they will need to fill out and return to Kathleen a form listing their items including item #, description, quantity and price which will be used to track sales during the show. EACH item must have a

tag with description, member/vendor #, item # and price. Forms and tags were distributed.

- Linda Hunter presented helpful hints for making award winning quilts (see attached) and reminded the group to complete and attach quilt information forms securely to the **lower right corners** (as you look at the quilt) of the front and back of your quilt.

Program Presentation - · Patricia Ohtake and Gail Kratt introduced themselves and shared their individual approaches to their quilting – each being very different, Patricia very analytical and exacting and Gail very artistic and creative. The two complement each other and have brought those strengths to their programming for the year which they have titled “A Year of Inspiration”.

- Members were asked to pair up and share where they get their inspirations for their quilts.

- The program for the year was presented

March 19 Looking Beyond, Shirley Verrico

AQG Birthday Celebration

April No program – Quilt Show

May 21 Pearls of Quilt Design, Denise LaMarca

June 18 Strategies for Precise Piecing, Linda Hunter

July 16 Paper Piecing Using Freezer Paper, Patricia Ohtake

August 20 Eye Catching Bnding, Arlene Berndt and Patricia Ohtake

September 17 My History of Quilting, Linda Davis

October 15 Embellish Your Quilt, Sharon Schneider

November 19 Quilting Designs – How they Impact the Quilt

December Holiday Party TBD

- · Members who had made challenge quilts, presented their quilts and their inspiration and techniques for their quilts. Voting results were shared with third place to Sally Ginsberg, second place to Linda Hunter and first place to Patricia Ohtake.

- Show and Share
- Meeting concluded at 8:30 pm

President's Message - by Kathleen Karnath

Happy 51st Birthday to Amherst Quilters Guild! If you are not familiar with AQG's history and early years, check out the website under HISTORY. I am so thankful for Alice Bachraty, the Old Amherst Colony Museum and the Town of Amherst for their initiatives back in 1975 and for all those that followed to keep our guild alive and thriving for 51 years!

March is also National Quilt Month...not that we need a special designation to celebrate quilting ;)! March 15th is National Quilting Day – please take the opportunity to display your quilt(s) on your porch, in a window or on your front door.

And it's only 1 month until our quilt show, so finish up those quilts (complete with quilt labels) to ready them for the show! Refer to Linda Hunter's handout for some tips.

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.

AND, I need help setting up, taking down and manning the boutique! PLEASE contact me at k_karnath@yahoo.com.

Happy Quilting,

Membership by Heather Beuchi

Great news our membership is at 43 members!! We hopefully will be getting

more in March as the weather is getting better. Please renew by the end of March as our newsletter list will be updated by then!

Hope to see you all at our March meeting! There are so many exciting programs coming!! This is going to be a great year!!

Quilt Show Basket Raffle - Sally Ginsberg

Last call for Baskets!

We are going to have a great selection! We already have 68 complete baskets! Can we get to 100? Have you asked any local restaurants, hair salons, florists, etc to donate a gift certificate? Please bring your final baskets or gift certificates to the March meeting. If you can't make it, contact Sally Ginsberg to come pick it up.

Opportunity Quilt - Sally Ginsberg

Thank you all who returned their filled out tickets and money. I will bring more tickets to the March meeting if you need more. If you still have yours, you have until the end of the quilt show to turn them in. We have not sold anywhere near our goal. Does anyone have an event happening soon that they could possibly sell some? Let me know and I'll get you more tickets.

Quilt Show - MaryAnn Krafft

Each item will need an entry registration form and entry ID labels. We only ask that the item was not exhibited in any past AQG Quilt Show. Deadline for registration is **March 19**.

<https://amherstquiltersguild.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/AQG-Registration-directions-Show-2026.pdf>

<https://amherstquiltersguild.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/AQG-Entry-Info-pg1-Show-2026.pdf>

<https://amherstquiltersguild.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/AQG-Entry-ID-Labels-pg2-Show-2026.pdf>

Registration forms can be handed in at the March 19 meeting or mailed to Carolynn Krupp.

You can drop off your entries on Monday, April 13 from 10am-4pm or on Tuesday, April 14 from 10am-noon at the BNHV.

Quilt Show - MaryAnn Krafft

A great big thank you to all who volunteered to chair a committee.

We are still on the lookout for someone to chair Take Down on Sunday. This is one of the easier tasks. After the quilts are taken down, sort them into bundles by the entrants name. We will need 4-5 people.

Community Service by Jean Miller

Community Service is on **March 26 (10am)** at Kathleen Karnath house as the library is not available. There is space for 2 sewing machines at the kitchen table, and space for cutting at the dining room table. You are welcome to use my AccuQuilt and dies if you have a project that requires cutting or if you have scraps that you'd like to cut into 5" or 2.5" squares or 2.5" strips, etc. Or,

just come to have coffee and chat!!

159 Wyeth Drive, Getzville, NY.

Education by Sally Ginsberg

The Education Committee will circulate a suggestion sheet for members to list what topic/ skill would be helpful to them to explain, demonstrate, introduce or review for a brief "Skill Sharing" session. " We will listen to suggestions in our 6:00 - 6:15 session, and continue to circulate the sheet during the evening.

Saturday June 13: "Judy Niemeyer" paper foundation piecing workshop. Karen Bryant will teach an all day workshop using the "Judy Niemeyer" method, which is well-known and the teachers must be certified. It is a great way to learn this technique. The pattern for this workshop is "*Woven Ribbon Star*." It finishes at 30" square, but you can add a border which brings it to about 37" square. The cost for guild members for 6 hours of instruction including the pattern will be \$55. If the class is not filled non-members may join it for \$65. Please register for this class, with your fee, at the March meeting. Or, check and registration may be mailed to Rebecca Ribis, 109 Burke Dr., Buffalo, NY 14215. Location will be **Clearfield Library** Community room, 770 Hopkins Road, Williamsville, 10:00 - 4:30. Please bring your lunch.

We will provide pre-class directions to participants so you can do some cutting ahead of class time. In a six-hour class, you should be able to finish, or nearly finish, the quilt. There are ten places remaining.

September - Sue Dray will do a workshop on a braided table runner.

October 3 - Cindy Hubacher will do a wool workshop

Hospitality The following members have agreed to bring beverages:

Save the Dates 2026

Saturday, March 14 - Destash Event -
9am-3pm at the Kenan Campus, Lockport

Thurs , March 19,
at the Audubon Library, 350 John James Audubon Parkway
Deadline to submit your Quilt Show Registration

6:00 Skill sharing suggestions

6:30pm - Looking Beyond, Shirley Verrico
and AQG Birthday Celebration

Thurs, March 26 - 10am

Community Service/Open Sew at Kathleen
Karnath House, 159 Wyeth Drive, Getzville, NY.

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