



AMHERST
QUILTERS GUILD

The Amherst Quilters Guild will hold its next meeting at 6:00 pm on **Thursday, May 21**, at the Honorable Shirley Chisholm Library (formerly the Audubon Library), located at 350 John James Audubon Parkway.

Infusing creativity in quilt design is the theme of the meeting. The featured speaker is **Denise LaMarca**. Denise will share her wealth of knowledge in color, design principles, and quilting experience as she inspires us to unleash our creative spirits. Her presentation, titled “**Pearls of Quilt Design**” will explore considerations when designing a quilt, including fabric considerations, color choices, and design elements.

Many of you know Denise – she is the owner of Aunties’ Attic Quilt Shop in Niagara Falls. Denise’s entire career has revolved around Art, Color, and Design. She loves to help other fiber creatives expand their knowledge and make their projects reflect their vision.

Supplies for the Program Activity – please bring a fat quarter of fabric that you currently own, really love, and have no idea how to make it work in a quilt.

Focused Show and Share – with a focus on learning from our past experiences, you are welcome to bring a completed quilt in which you feel the colors didn’t work as you expected. Denise will lead a discussion about the quilt and offer her thoughts.

Nonmembers are welcome to attend, meet members of the community, and enjoy the program. A \$5 donation, which can be deducted from the annual \$40 membership, will be collected.

Kaleidoscope Quilt Show - MaryAnn Krafft

We had 33 members submit entries.

ONLY 147 quilts, 12 jackets and 3 tote bags.

523 paid attendees

107 basket raffles for a profit of \$1477

16 Boutique sellers sold items totaling \$3,703

Guild share \$1,757

16 QCNYS Passports were sold

profit of ?????? - If you want to know, come to the May meeting

Winners

QCNYS Best of Show - #80 Happy Daze by Patricia Ohtake

Viewers Choice - #80 Happy Daze by Patricia Ohtake

Members Choice - #110 Pirates Gold by MaryAnn Penders

It was a close call - over 70 quilts received at least one vote

Opportunity Quilt Winner - JoAnn Kelsch

Grand Basket Raffle Winner - Linda Duxbury

QCNYS Passport Basket - Judy Tallman

Round Robin - JoAnn Castiglia

The Quilt Show was a wonderful event for our Guild. I was able to finish 2 quilts that were UFOs, one for several years!! Now what? My sewing machine sits unused on my dining room table.

So, I would like to invite the Guild members to participate in a Round Robin Event. We haven't had one in many years. A Round Robin is when a few quilters, usually 3-4, join together to make one quilt.

The owner of the quilt makes a center block and passes it on with each participant adding a border around the block. The quilt is known as a medallion quilt. The center block may be a pieced design or perhaps an orphaned block, or an applique, or an embroidered block or even a panel. The creator of the center block may designate a color palette. She provides a box or bag with her name, and fabric for the other participants in the color of her choice. Each subsequent participant of the group adds a new border. The design of the border is totally up to that person. It could be pieced or appliqued. If she desires, she may add fabrics from her stash if it blends with the owner's palette.

The quilt top rotates through the group on a monthly schedule. Although the last round may take a little longer. The bags can be handed off at our monthly meeting. The owner of the quilt doesn't see the quilt until the final Reveal.

I will send around a sign-up sheet if you want to participate. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow members, and to try a new pattern or perfect a skill, or work with a different color palette. We'll form the groups in June. Start sewing your center block and we'll start passing the bags at the July meeting. We should be finished by November and have the big reveal at our December meeting.

YouTube has many videos on Round Robin groups. One interesting link is <https://youtu.be/d3747em8XMs?si=Z6T8SLgjtLMRHgwL>

If you are one of our members who are unable to attend our monthly evening meetings, but still want to participate, let me know and we can make accommodations for you.

Membership by Heather Beuchi

Happy May!! Quilt Show was such a success!!
Our current membership is at 50.

Welcome new members! Sally Malone, Anne Shepherd and Margaret Schrock! We are so happy you are here to join us in the fun!

Remember if you know someone who would like to join, bring them to a meeting!

Community Service by Jean Miller

The library is not available. I Will host it at my house, 81 Eveningwood La. On May 28th at 10 am.

Education

Skill Sharing, May 21 6:05 - 6:20. We think it would be interesting and perhaps helpful for our members to discuss among ourselves our thoughts about the quilt show. Some are new to the quilt show experience and some are veterans. We would love to hear your impression of the experience.

Also, we have one or two spaces left for the Judy Niemeyer Woven Star Workshop to be held **Saturday June 13** from 10 am - 4:30 pm at Clearfield Library. Contact Judy Phillips, 716-870-5802 if interested.

The September workshop will be a braided table runner. 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.

QCNYS - Patti Young

Passports will be available at every Guild meeting. The cost is \$5. Traveling to quilt shows and quilt shops around NYS is a great way to explore the state, enjoy the weather and maybe win some prizes along the way. Additionally, in

support of the QCNYS's 40th anniversary, the organization is raffling a quilt. I will have raffle tickets and a picture available at the Guild meetings as well. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or \$6 for five. The next QCNYS meeting is **Wednesday, June 10**, hosted by Thread Bears Quilters Guild in Verona, NY. I plan to attend. All members are welcome (check out the website for more info at QCNYS.org). At this meeting, members from the "second ERA" will be presenting. The AQG is part of the third ERA and I'll be working on a presentation for September. Please feel free to provide me with any suggestions, or must-share information you'd like me to include. A draft will be shared with the Board and the membership before the actual presentation.

Dresses for Uganda - Peg Crawford

I am so excited to see dresses for Uganda starting to appear!

Just to remind you. Dresses for Uganda is a project started by myself and my daughter, Dr. Erika McLean to make and deliver dresses for the girls in villages of Uganda. Erika is a pediatrician who travels to Uganda every July and offers her medical services to the children there in conjunction with the Imane Milele foundation.

Some of these girls are adopted and cared for by the organization. Other girls walk great distances to the village with their families to receive basic medical care and treatment. They have few belongings, and generally only one piece of clothing.

Last year we were able to deliver 250 dresses, thanks to the effort of many quilters in the area as well as friends around the country.

This year, I was happy to attend the guild Holiday Party to share some information about the project. In February, we held a special workshop to start cutting and sewing these dresses. I believe to date, there are almost 100 beautiful dresses waiting to be delivered. I am anxiously awaiting more.

As I must deliver the dresses to my daughter in mid June, I am asking that whatever you have completed, please bring to the May Quilting Guild meeting. If you need more time to complete them, I'd be happy to pick up, or grateful if you can drop them off to me at 342 Grover Cleveland Highway by early June.

I can't thank you enough for your participation in this project! Will send pics of the girls after they receive their new dresses in July!

Please feel free to contact me at 716-796-9849 with any questions or if you need a pattern to get started!

Genesee Valley QuiltFest - Linda Hunter is giving a FREE lecture/demo on **Friday, May 15** at 11:00 am. It is called *Playing With Pre-Cuts*. She will show quilts and patterns which use 5" and 10" squares and 2 1/2" strips. You can find her at the back of the main floor in the RIT Field House, past the quilts and vendors (be sure to walk back afterward through the 600 quilts and 60Vendors.) www.geneseevalleyquiltfest.com

Save the Dates 2026

May 15-17 Genesee Valley Quiltfest

May 21 Share your thoughts on the quilt show 6:05-6:20pm

May 21 Pearls of Quilt Design, Denise LaMarca.

May 28 Community Service at the home of Jean Miller, 81 Eveningwood Lane at 10am.

June 10 QCNYS meeting in Verona, NY

June 13 Judy Niemeyer workshop at the Clearfield Library at 10am

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