



Upcoming Program - Patricia Ohtake and Gail Kratt

The Amherst Quilters Guild will hold its next meeting on **Thursday, June 18**, at the Honorable Shirley Chisholm Library (formerly the Audubon Library), located at 350 John James Audubon Parkway.

Piecing is the foundation of creating quilts and improving our piecing skills is the theme of the meeting. The featured speaker is **Linda Hunter**. Linda will share her wealth of knowledge of quilt piecing techniques by providing us with helpful tips that will facilitate machine piecing and will contribute to our ability to expertly create the foundational blocks we all use in our quilts. Her presentation, titled “**Pointers for Precise Piecing**”, will guide us through pointers for making well-constructed half-square triangles, quarter-square triangles, and four-patches.

Most of you know Linda – she is a founding member of the Amherst Quilters Guild and has been a quilter and quilt making educator for over 45 years. Linda also has 21 years of experience as a quilt appraiser, from which she is now retired, and serves as a regional quilt show judge. She enjoys sharing her tremendous experience with new and experienced quilters.

Supplies for the Program Activity – there is a little preparation required to participate in the program activity. Here is the supply list:

- 2 strip sets (see instructions below)
- Small ruler with one side approx. 6”
- Scissors
- Pins

- Pencil or fine marker

Strip set instructions:

1. Cut 4 fabric strips 2.5" x 12" (2 light and 2 dark fabric strips)
2. Sew 1 light and 1 dark fabric strip together along the 12" side
3. Press to the dark side
4. Repeat with the 2 remaining fabric strips

Focused Show and Share – with a focus on learning from our past experiences, you are welcome to bring a completed quilt in which you struggled to get the quilt pieces to align as you liked. Linda will lead a discussion about ideas to improve the piecing challenge.

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.

President's Message - Kathleen Karnath

We did it! What a wonderful quilt show! Many thanks to MaryAnn Krafft for her leadership and to each and everyone for participating in the show. (I had intended this for the May newsletter, but missed the deadline.) The discussion of the quilt show held by the Education Committee at the beginning of the May meeting was great; the committee summarized your comments and will pass them to the 2028 Quilt Show chairperson once someone has volunteered.

Treat your sewing machine to some TLC on National Sewing Machine Day on June 13th. Give your machine a quick tune-up and cleaning! Clean out lint, oil your machine, and change your needle to keep everything running smoothly. Do a quick wipe down, from the top at the bobbin winder down to

the freearm, using a microfiber cloth and don't forget to cover your machine when not in use to protect it from dust or any pets. If a cover did not come with your machine, there are some fun sewing machine cover patterns out there!

Also notable this month, summer officially arrives on June 21st at 4:24 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) and marks the **summer solstice**, the astronomical moment when the sun reaches its highest point in the sky in the Northern Hemisphere, making it the longest day of the year. But until then enjoy the summer-like weather and sunshine! I know many of you are called by your gardens, lawns and outdoor picnic and events, but I hope you will keep quilting or maybe enjoy some hand sewing outside!

We have the Shirley Chisholm library (formerly the Audubon Library) reserved for **Community Service/Open Sew** for July through October. Jean is working on putting together some kits, especially for those that are unavailable in the morning but who still want to contribute to our Children's Hospital quilt project. She's also looking into some new, quick and easy quilt patterns to inspire more participation as she would love to see more members coming to Community Service/Open Sew – you can bring your machine and sew, or help with cutting and assembly of quilt kits, or just come to socialize! So mark your calendar for **Thursday, June 25, 10 am – 2 pm.**

Compliments of Lori Racle, a former Guild member, the guild is in possession of a **AccuQuilt fabric cutter** and a wonderful selection of dies, including 2½” strip cutter, triangles, squares and many appliqué shapes! This AccuQuilt will be so much easier to use, store and transport than our AccuCut. Patti Young has volunteered to be our AccuQuilt chairperson and will determine guidelines for use of the cutter and will put together a listing of all the dies that are available...but give her a little time as I only picked it up today.

Lori also donated more fabric, thread, kits, etc. to the guild, which I will be sorting and organizing. Yardage, precuts and kits that are saleable will be advertised first to AQQ members (so keep an eye out for an email from me) and then on Marketplace with all proceeds going to Amherst Quilters Guild. I

will bring UFO's, scraps, etc. to the next guild meeting for the free table or to Jean Miller for Community Service projects.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on June 18!

Round Robin - JoAnn Castiglia

We're starting the Round Robin, but there's still time to join a group. Just let me know ASAP. I'm drawing up the list of quilters for each group. I'm doing a random draw of names to form the groups. If you want a specific person or persons in your group, please let me know .

Have your bag labeled with your name and include your background fabric, whatever other fabric you would like to include, and your *completed* center medallion block. Include a note on which colors you wish and which color/colors you absolutely do not want.

The person who receives your bag will design a border of her choice around your block using your fabric or even some of her own!!! We will exchange bags at the next AQG monthly meeting

Membership by Heather Beuchi

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

Refreshments - MaryAnn Braunschiedel

A Thank You to Sharon Terisi who signed up to bring a snack.

If you are willing to bring a beverage, text or call MaryAnn at 716-308-3655.

“If you have enjoyed a snack or beverage at our meetings but have never volunteered to bring one—now is your chance!”

Education

The Judy Niemeyer Woven Star Workshop to be held **Saturday June 13** from 10am - 4:30pm 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.

Sunshine & Shadow - Linda Hunter

Jackie Shamrock's brother passed away earlier this month. Please keep Jackie and her family in your prayers.

Medina Triennial

Jun 6–Sep 7 Free and open to all.

The Medina Triennial is a new contemporary art triennial—rooted in place, shaped by community, resonant with global ideas, and free for all. As the first initiative of its kind in the region, the inaugural Triennial will bring together 39 artists and collectives from across the globe to realize a town-wide exhibition and public programs that are both expansive in scale and grounded in the local context.

For more info - <https://www.medinatriennial.org/>

Stars, Stripes and Stitches - 250 Years of American Quilts. by Linda Hunter

Wednesday, July 1, 2026 from 6-8pm at The Buffalo History Museum, Price is \$12, FREE to TBHM members.

Celebrate America's story through the artistry of quilts at The Buffalo History Museum. Join retired AQS Certified Quilt Appraiser Linda Hunter for an engaging talk exploring the history of quilting and how quilt patterns and designs reflect the American experience across generations.

Following the presentation, guests can enjoy an up-close viewing of historic quilts from the museum's collection, a Q&A with Linda, and a cash bar while taking in the craftsmanship, symbolism, and stories stitched into each piece.

Save the Dates 2026

Wed, June 10 QCNYS meeting in Verona, NY

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

Thur, June 18 Monthly meeting at the Shirley Chisholm Library (formerly the Audubon Library), 6:30-8:30pm

Thur, June 25 - Community Service/Open Sew 10am-2pm at the Shirley Chisholm Library (formerly the Audubon Library)

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