



AMHERST
QUILTERS GUILD

Upcoming Program - Patricia Ohtake and Gail Kratt

The Amherst Quilters Guild will hold its next meeting at 6:30 pm on Thursday, September 17, at the Honorable Shirley Chisholm Library (formerly the Audubon Library), located at 350 John James Audubon Parkway.

Our September program continues our 2026 Year of Inspiration theme. In this program, members will enjoy a trunk show of quilts demonstrating different interpretations of a traditional quilt block. Our program, "My History of Quilting" will be presented by Linda Davis. Linda is a tremendously talented quilter and quilt educator who has won numerous awards for her quilts, including several Best of Show. During her presentation, Linda will show how the Log Cabin block can be interpreted in many different ways. The beauty of Linda's quilts will surely inspire us all the next time we consider using a traditional quilt block.

There is no optional hands-on activity for this program.

Focused Show and Share – You are welcome to bring a completed quilt that uses the Log Cabin quilt block. We look forward to hearing about your experiences with the log cabin block – both successes and challenges.

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.

2026 AQG HOLIDAY PARTY

December 17, 2026

6:00 – 8:30 pm

Honorable Shirley Chisholm Library

We invite you all to the Amherst Quilters Guild 2026 Holiday Party. This is a great opportunity to enjoy a fun night out during the holiday season to frolic with your quilting friends. The Program Committee is providing the food (appetizers and desserts), and beverages, so all you need to do is come and enjoy the frivolity. Our winter themed holiday party will include games, prizes, gifts for everyone, and an optional Gift Exchange.

Optional Gift Exchange – if you wish to participate in the Gift Exchange, please bring a wrapped gift (~\$15 value) and give it to Patricia or Gail when you arrive and we will record your name. During the party, participants' names will be drawn to select a gift.

The cost to attend the party is **\$12**, due by November 1. Please note, the majority of the costs for the party are being covered by the guild. Complete the RSVP Form below by November 1 and bring the Form and payment (cash or check) to a meeting or mail the Form and a check payable to the Amherst Quilters Guild to:

Patricia Ohtake
17 Troy View Lane
Williamsville, NY 14221

2026 AQG HOLIDAY PARTY RSVP Form

Please note: Forms and payment are due no later than November 1.

December 17 at 6:00 pm Cost per member - \$12

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Payment: Cash Check

Food Preferences:

Gluten-free items Dairy-free items Other (indicate below)

President's Message - Kathleen Karnath

Fall is on the horizon and thoughts are returning to quilting and fall and Halloween quilt projects! I've got plans to make ghost mug rugs and a spider mini quilt with my grandson!

I've heard from Loretta that she has not been successful finding a nominee for President. Please think about whether YOU might be a good candidate! The job is not that hard as there is support from the 1st VP, 2nd VP, Secretary, Treasurer, the committee chairpersons and the membership. And, it helps if you are good at delegating ;). Each President brings her own personality, strengths, weaknesses and visions for the guild to the position. So, please think about it!

During our quilt show review discussion, we floated the idea of having a "seminar", similar to what had been done in the past. There have been several conversations since. It has been determined that as in the past, such an event requires its own committee and chairperson, like the quilt show has its own committee and chairperson. The concept is that we hold such an event the year opposite the quilt show and in the spring (like April, 2027). We could use it as an opportunity to show our stuff and encourage new membership; we could have a boutique of handmade items as well as your surplus fabric, rulers, quilt books, etc.; we could offer make and take demos of the Accuquilt; show off our charity quilts (and maybe even offer charity quilt kits to be returned upon completion) and feature full day or half day concurrent workshops utilizing local instructors. It could be a 2 day event on a Friday and Saturday and possibly be held at the BNHV.

The above is just a concept, a bunch of ideas put together from a bunch of conversations. I think it is doable for Spring of 2027....but it needs a chairperson or co-chairpersons, and a committee to focus on each component of the planning and execution. What do you think?? Are you willing to help?? Are you willing to chair or co-chair?? We Can Do It!

AQG Meeting Notes - August 20

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

Kathleen welcomed everyone, including one new guest - Maria. Kathleen mentioned that Betty Lerner is looking to donate/give away a Cricket system - for free - if anyone is interested.

Round Robin Quilt project - There are 2 groups participating.

Program - Continuous Bias Binding presented by Patricia Ohtake and Creative Binding Finishes by Arlene Berndt. Who knew there were so many ways to bind a quilt! Arlene brought several quilts and shared the step-by-step binding processes for each of them. Patricia had a step-by-step takeaway handout for the Continuous Bias Binding and she also shared some of her own unique binding examples on quilts.

What I learned: ● Single Fold Binding. ● Reversible Binding ● Wide Binding ● Flange Binding ● Piping ● Continuous Bias Binding - a complete game-changer! And, READ DIRECTIONS EVERY TIME!

Next Month's Program: My History of Quilting - Linda Davis

Meeting Discussion and Committee Reports

● Treasurer's Report (Carol Roy) - The Guild continues to be in great shape. We're receiving a steady income from the sale of donated fabric.

● 1st VP (Patricia Ohtake) - Patricia introduced next month's program which will include a trunk show of Log Cabin quilts - traditional to modern. She reminded the group of the 2026 Challenge Quilt - The Quilted Word. The quilts are due at the January 2027 meeting. The newsletter will include details related to size. There will be participation prizes.

● Membership - This meeting included 1 guest. We've had 1 renewal. Our total membership stands at 55. This meeting's attendance is over 30 members.

● Education - Upcoming Workshop to be held September 19 is the Braided Table Runner. It's reversible! It utilizes the "quilt-as-you-go" technique. This will be a member-taught workshop. \$15 Members; \$25 non-members. October 3 will be the Wool Pumpkin Workshop. \$35 Members, includes all

materials. Sign-up sheets are available. Linda also shared a few upcoming quilt shop-hops and shows: Concord Quilt Shop (September 10, 11, 12); Batavia Quilt Show (October 16-17)

. ● Community Service - Jean has 18 quilts at home ready for delivery to Children's Hospital. No Open Sew for August.

● AccuQuilt - The Guild received a donation of a Circles die. In addition, the Guild purchased a 5" block die. Patti will continue to bring the cutter and various sample dies early to meetings if members would like to practice. Just a reminder to let Patti know if you have a specific interest/need and/or would like to borrow the equipment. Feel free to email me; quiltmakerpat@aol.com or text: 716-206-4892.

● QCNYS - September 19 will be our Guild's opportunity to share information about our Guild. Patti has prepared a short speech that will include a few props - thank you to Sally, Linda and Pat for your help.

The meeting ended with a sew & share. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.
Next Meeting: Thursday, September 17, 2026

Refreshments - MaryAnn Braunschiedel

Thank you to Sue Dray for again volunteering to bring a snack.
No one volunteered to bring a beverage so I will do that again.

Education - Linda Hunter

Workshop - Braided Table Runner. Saturday 19, 2026, Shirley Chisholm Library, 10:15 - 4:00, Instructor Sue Dray. There are 10 people registered so far. I plan to send this information to my quilt classes to see if anyone is interested in attending. The fee is \$25 for non-members.

Workshop - Wool Pumpkin, Saturday October 3, 2026, Shirley Chisholm

Library, 10:15 - 4:00, Instructor Cindy Heubacher. There is only 1 person registered so far. I will also send this information to my quilt classes to see if anyone is interested. The fee is \$45 for non-members. If we do not get more people to register, I think we will have to cancel it soon to give Cindy notice. I will also send around a registration sheet the first week of my classes, just before the September guild meeting. If there are not enough responses, we can decide to cancel or not at the September meeting.

We have not planned another workshop for this year. We do have thoughts for next year. I did put that information in the last board meeting report.

Sunshine & Shadows - by Linda Hunter

We are saddened to report the death of **Joann McGowan** on May 23, at the age of 90. She was in a rehab facility for only a few days after falling and breaking her hip when she passed away. Although she had not been able to attend guild meetings recently she had been, and remained, a member for many years. Not only was she a talented quilt maker, she was also very skilled in embroidery. She strived for perfection in all of her work. Joanne will be greatly missed.

We also send our deepest sympathy to **JoAnn Castiglia** on the recent passing of her husband, **Russ**. He had health issues for some time, and JoAnn spent all of her time giving him the special care he needed for a long time. We enjoyed having him attend a guild meeting at times with her. As a long-time member, our treasurer for many years, and the chair of our new Round Robin Quilt Groups, we appreciate all that JoAnn has accomplished while caring for Russ at the same time.

Please remember the thousands of lives lost 25 years ago September 11, 2001 in the horrific terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in NYC, the Pentagon and the plane crash in Shanksville, PA.

AccuQuilt Cutting by Patti Young

Patti Young will be bringing the cutting system again this month. She will be at the library at 5:30 pm for anyone who needs a demonstration or would like to use the system. If anyone would like a specific die, or dies, please send her a text (716-206-4892).

Round Robin

There are 2 groups participating. The first exchange of quilt block/fabrics was performed. The first borders were added and the next round robin exchange will be at the September Guild meeting. All rounds should be finished and ready for reveal at the Nov meeting.

Membership by Heather Buechi

September starts our membership drive!! Any new member joining the guild will only be \$15 until the end of the 2026 year!! This is a great way for people who were unsure about joining!! You have family or friends who want to give us a try?? Please have them come to our meetings! Our programs are so informative and fun!

We are currently at 52 members.

We are saddened about the news of Joann McGowan passing, please keep her family in your thoughts.

Hope to see you and new faces in September

Community Service by Jean Miller

We are back from summer break. Community Service is on September 24, 10am at the Shirley Chisolm Library! I have a new roll of batting so if anyone needs some for a quilt let me know and I can bring it. Also have some nice children's fabric so if anyone wants to check it out, give me a call and you can come and check it out!

2026 AQG Challenge Quilt – The Quilted Word

It's time to start planning your 2026 AQG Challenge Quilt entry. This year, members are challenged to create a small quilt that illustrates one or more words and the emotions it(they) evoke. The Challenge Quilts will be presented at the **January 2027** meeting.

Challenge quilts will be:

- original design that incorporates one or more words
- no larger than 120" perimeter
- comprised of three layers (top, batting, and backing)
- bound and quilted through all three layers and have visible quilting by hand, machine, or both
- made using fabrics of any color
- made using any of the following techniques: pieced, foundation (paper) pieced, English paper pieced, hand or machine applique, hand or machine embroidery.

Save the Dates 2026

Thurs, Sept 17 - AccuQuilt cutting 5:30-6:15

Thurs, Sept 17 Monthly meeting at the Shirley Chisholm Library (formerly

the Audubon Library), 6:30-8:30pm

Sat, Sept 19, Workshop: Braided Table Runner at the: Shirley Chisholm Library (formerly Audubon); Time: 10:15am - 4:00pm;

Thurs, Sept 24 - Community Service at the Library 10am

Sat, Oct 3 - Workshop: Wool Pumpkin at the Shirley Chisholm Library (formerly Audubon); Time: 10:15am - 4:00 pm

Nov 1 - deadline to reserve your space at the Holiday Party

Thurs, Dec 17 - Holiday Party at the Shirley Chisholm Library a 6 p.m. start.

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