



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, October 15, at the Honorable Shirley Chisholm Library (formerly the Audubon Library), located at 350 John James Audubon Parkway.

Our October program continues our 2026 Year of Inspiration theme. In this program, members will enjoy a presentation of quilts demonstrating different ways to dress up a quilt. Our program, "Embellish Your Quilt!" will be presented by Sharon Schneider. Sharon is a long time member of the Kenan Quilters' Guild in Lockport, NY. She learned to sew at a very young age but didn't start quilting until 1994. Sharon took a hand quilting class but found she enjoyed machine piecing more. Sharon has continued exploring different techniques and has found embellishments a fun and decorative finish to her wall hangings. During her presentation, Sharon will show examples of different techniques she uses to add embellishments to her quilted objects. These unique embellishments that Sharon uses will no doubt inspire us to discover the beauty embellishments can add to our projects.

Optional Hands-On Activity – There is no optional hands-on activity for this program.

Focused Show and Share – You are welcome to bring a completed quilt that uses embellishments. Also, if you have a small wall hanging or other small item you are not entirely satisfied with, feel free to bring it and Sharon and the membership can engage in providing embellishment ideas for you! We look forward to hearing about your experiences with embellishments – both successes and challenges.

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 in full swing, the landscape is colored in reds, oranges, yellows and greens, and the leaves are beginning to fall.

I just returned from a short visit to Vermont, specifically the Bennington Museum, to see the 1863 Jane Stickle Quilt. The quilt is only on view for 6 weeks of the year from Labor Day to Indigenous Peoples Day, due to its fragility. It features 5602 pieces in 225 blocks. The quilt inspired Brenda Papadakis to research the quilt (and Jane), draft the patterns and publish "Dear Jane" in 1996. It was/is Brenda's book that has inspired a worldwide movement of quilters to recreate Jane's intricate designs in total or as "Baby Janes". Stay tuned for more about the Jane Stickle Quilt.

Loretta has not been successful finding a nominee for President. I have agreed to a second 2 year term, but would gladly step away if someone else steps forward. Please think about whether YOU might be a good candidate! Thankfully, in her search for a candidate she has found members who are willing to step up next term...so you won't be stuck with me forever! And we have candidates for the other expiring positions.

I'm thrilled to announce that we have a chairperson, Sally Ginsberg, and a committee to look into and plan a "seminar" for 2027. The committee has not yet met, but lots of ideas are percolating. If you have some ideas to share, please let Sally know.

I'm also excited to announce that Sharon Teresi has agreed to look into holding an AQQ Quilt Retreat sometime in 2027... possibly local! She has barely had time to think about it yet, but if you have thoughts you'd like to share, contact Sharon.

We've received plenty of quilts to donate to Galisano Childrens Hospital and Beechwood Nursing Home (Thank you!), but we haven't had much

participation at our Community Service/Open Sew sessions. Maybe it was just the summer months. Community Service/Open Sew resumes this month on Thursday, October 22 from 10 am – 2 pm at the Honorable Shirley Chisholm Library. AND for those unable to participate during the day, we reserved the library from 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm on Friday, October 23 for Community Service/Open Sew. Please join us for some “social sewing”. Bring your machine to sew a community service quilt or work on your own project, or schedule use of the AccuQuilt, or do some hand sewing, etc.

I’m looking forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on Thursday, October 15

AQG Meeting Notes - August 20

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

Kathleen welcomed everyone, including two guests - Ann and Arlene. Membership stands at 52. Attendees today approximate 25. Kathy announced our current membership drive at \$15 dues for the balance of the year. For 2027, Renewal memberships will be \$25; New memberships will be \$30.

Program - My History of Quilting - Linda Davis The program was led by Linda Davis, a prolific quilter and local quilt educator. Twenty Log Cabin quilts of various sizes supported her discussion/trunk show. All were variations on the traditional log cabin block and included some of her own personal designs. The last quilt Linda showed was a reproduction using plaids and stripes, all cut on the bias. Linda’s best quote of the night: “A quilt is only good if it pleases those who look at it.” The presentation was followed by a focused show & share which included a “chimney’s & cornershones” pattern, “cabin under the stars” pattern, and more beautiful designs and fabrics.

What I learned:

- Log Cabin blocks are not boring - or easy and can be made to look curved based on strip sizing and placement
- You can use a “block pattern” (i.e. Ohio star) as the “home” square of the block vs. a basic colored square and by adding the first strip of the block in the same color as the “home” block, you can create a rectangle center vs.

the traditional square.

- Your strips do not need to be only 2 sides-light; 2 sides-dark - why not try 3 sides dark!
- Be creative with the borders - use flying geese, partial courthouse steps, star blocks, etc.

Meeting Discussion and Committee Reports

President's Report (Kathleen Karnath) - Saturday, 9/19, is National Jelly Roll Day - a good time to start a Log Cabin quilt! Also, since the Guild has a Accquilt cutting system with a 2-½" die, it's easy to make your own jelly rolls! Please contact Patti Young if interested.

Kathy introduced the idea of the Guild hosting a "Seminar" as was done in years past on the "off year" between Quilt Shows. The concept is similar to an open house with an educational program (open to ALL Guilds), maybe a make-and-take activity, a boutique, etc. This is an opportunity to market our Guild to the community and grow our membership. BNHV is open to hosting the event which would be targeted for April 2027. The current curator is open to the idea of displaying historical quilts at this event, with the potential for Linda Hunter as the keynote speaker. Kathy asked for a show of hands of those wanting to do this. Approximately 50% raised hands in the affirmative. A committee/chair is needed to get things started. Anyone interested should contact Kathy. More information will be in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report (Carol Roy) - August Income = \$874; Expenses = \$562; Guild continues to be under budget for the year.

1st VP (Patricia Ohtake) - Patricia shared info on the upcoming Holiday party which will actually be the "program" for the December meeting. The meeting will start at 6 p.m. There is a \$12 fee for attendance. You may bring a wrapped gift to share (valued at \$15) but participation is optional.

Education (Linda Hunter) - Upcoming Workshops: September 19 - Braided Table Runner. October 3 - Wool Pumpkin Workshop. Sign-up sheets are available.

Sunshine & Shadows (Linda Hunter) - A couple cards to sign.

Community Service - Kits available. Next Community Sew, September 24, 10-2 p.m. at Library.

Nomination Committee - Still looking for the role of President (2 year term)

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 8:15 p.m.

Go Bills!

Refreshments - MaryAnn Braunschiedel

Many thanks to the following members who brought refreshments in 2026: Sue Dray(more than once), Linda Hunter, Kathleen Karnath, JoAnne Kelsch, Amy Fritziger, Sharon Militello, Sharon Teresi, Rebecca Ribis (more than once), Sally Ginsberg, Grace Dunbar, Jean Miller, Sue Kepler, Judy Phillips, and myself(more than thrice). Thank you to those who brought something without signing up. Lovely treats have just magically appeared but I had no idea who brought them, so thank you! If you have enjoyed a treat and a beverage at our meetings but have not been able to contribute, our October meeting is your chance! It doesn't have to be fancy or from your oven. As Ina Garten says, "Store bought is fine!" If you are willing to bring a refreshment for October, please text Maryann at 716-308-3655. Please give your last name too. Thank you!

Sunshine & Shadows - by Linda Hunter

MaryAnn Krafft, our long-time member and Newsletter Chair, is getting a new titanium hip in the coming week. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers as we wish her a speedy recovery from this surgery.

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 October Guild meeting. All rounds should be finished and ready for reveal at the Nov meeting.

Membership by Heather Buechi

Happy October!!

We would like to welcome new members

Patricia Black

Carol Brunger

Kathy Dublinski

Cindy Ellison

Judi Hamelink

Our total membership is at 58.

Please welcome all new members, hope to see and meet you at the October meeting. Don't forget we have a membership drive going on, when new members sign up it's only \$15 for the remainder of the year!

Community Service by Jean Miller

Community Service is on October 22, 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!

For those of you unable to attend during the day, an evening Community Service/Open sew is scheduled for Friday, October 23, at 5:30pm.

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, Oct 15 - AccuQuilt cutting 5:30-6:15

Thurs, Oct 15 Monthly meeting at the Shirley Chisholm Library (formerly the Audubon Library), 6:30-8:30pm

Thurs, Oct 22 - Community Service at the Library 10am

Fri, Oct 23 - Evening Community Service at the library 5:30-8:30pm

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.

Officers

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