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Next Meeting: October 9, 2004 11 AM to 12 PM -- Board Meeting 1 PM to 5 PM -- General Meeting Fashion Institute of Technology (F.I.T.) David Dubinsky Center, 8th Floor 27th Street & 8th Avenue, New York Guest Fee: \$5

PROGRAM: Does It Hurt When You Quilt? Ergonomics and quilting: Anthony Howley

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PROGRAM

DOES IT HURT WHEN YOU QUILT? Ergonomics and quilting A program by Anthony Howley, OTR, Hand Specialist at the Rusk Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine, NYU Medical Center, Manhattan.

Fingers sore? Back ache? Need more light on the subject? Do your scissors pinch your left hand? How can I choose a worktable?

Anthony Howley will help solve problems and offer guidelines for your quilting comfort. Our guest is an expert in the application of proper body mechanics to prevent stress, strain and injury. This informative program will include adaptive equipment, demonstrations, handouts, and a PowerPoint presentation (Cont. on p. 6)

WORKSHOP

BONNIE LYN MCCAFFREY: "Face Painting" Sun. 10/3 9:30-4 343 8th Ave. \$75 ** NOTE: THIS WORKSHOP IS ON THE SUNDAY BEFORE OUR OCTOBER MEETING. **

Back by popular demand, Bonnie Lyn will show us how to create a face on fabric. She works from a photo and teaches techniques that allow you to transfer a family member, friend or dream lover to a quilt. Bring yourself and your enthusiasm. Bonnie brings the kit with everything you need. This is a NO MACHINE workshop. Make your check out to: EMPIRE QUILTERS and mail to M. Butler, 10 W. 95 St., NYC, NY 10025. **Pre-registration is required in order to have enough kits prepared.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At the September 11th meeting, Ellen Knudsen spoke for the Executive Committee and announced that plans for a 2006 quilt show have been cancelled (see page 8).

The sale of the kimono raffle guilt tickets and December auction are part of our fund raising campaign (see page 9). We are seeking a volunteer to head a Ways and Means Committee which entails fund raising. Please remember we are voluntary. non-profit а organization and should not and cannot pay for anyone to work on a show. Instead, we all have to pitch in and do whatever we are able to do--every little bit contributes to the whole.

The 2004-2005 season started off with a bang. There was a large turnout for the meeting and the speaker Cathie Hoover was great. --- Sylvia Zeveloff

BUS TRIP

Fran is planning a shopping trip to Lancaster, PA during the last weekend in October, including Sauders and Zooks, for \$40 (tentatively). Invite your friends to come along. If you are interested, please contact Franziska-Riede at 631-805-0621 or friede@optonline.net.

MEMBERSHIP

This will be your **last issue** of the newsletter if you don't renew your membership by October 9th! *Missing Newsletter? Has your address or email changed since you renewed your membership?* Tell a member of the Membership Committee. Let us know!

WEBSITE

It's been a while since our website was last updated but now **thanks to Cindy Russell**, our new webmaster, our website has a fresh new look with up-to-date information. Take a look – <u>www.EmpireQuilters.net</u>. Maybe you will be there next month with a photo from Show & Tell.

If you have information to include on our website, please send it to webmaster@empirequilters.net.

IMPORTANT DATES

** Mark Your Calendars **

10/2 (Sat) – American Folk Art Museum **10/3 (Sun) – "Face Painting"
Workshop with Bonnie Lyn McCaffery 10/9 (Sat) - Does It Hurt When You Quilt? Ergonomics and quilting – Anthony Howley

11/13 (Sat) – Karen Kay Buckley: "To Border or Not to Border" (<u>www.karenkaybuckley.com</u>).

11/14 (Sun) – Workshop with Karen Kay Buckley – *Details will go up on the website shortly.*

12/11 (Sat) – Auction

1/8/05 (Sat) – Harriet Schiffer: Kente Cloth

2/12 (Sat) – Charity Day



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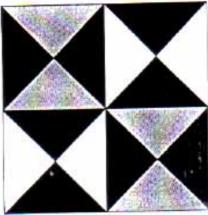
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BLOCK OF THE MONTH

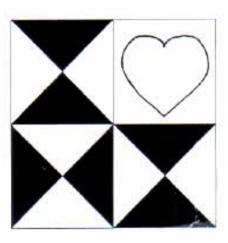
I am very pleased to be the new Block of the Month person, being ably assisted by **Rhona Triggs**. I am trying to make these blocks interesting and hope that many more people will make the BOM so that the winner can fashion a quilt. Remember last May when the BOM was never collected? Well, bring

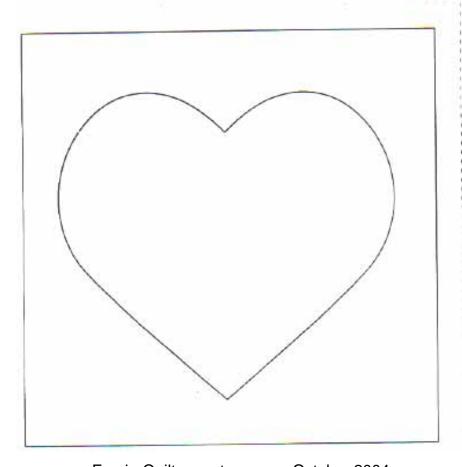
those blocks in next month and we will raffle them off. In September the following people donated blocks: Marian Webber; Dorothea Hahn (2); Rhona Triggs (2); Mary Ferry (2); Diane Paul; Barbara Rose; Leila Lieberman and Joanne Downes who won the blocks.

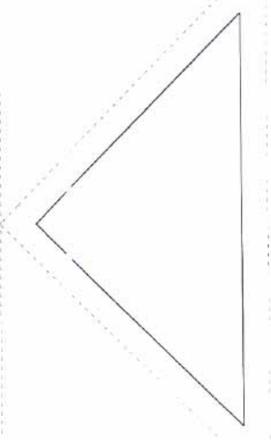
--- Leila Lieberman



Here is the block for November. Use the triangle below to make it: choose 2 darks and 2 lights of any color, or make one square with a heart (see picture). The finished block will measure 8 ½".







AMERICAN FOLK ART MUSEUM

American Folk Art Museum will be honoring Cuesta Benberry, a historian, author and curator. dedicated more than 40 years of her life to quilt study and research. There will be workshops on October 1 and 2, a roundtable discussion on October 2, and demonstrations by various local guilds, including Empire Quilters, on October 2. For more details, please contact Lee Kogan, director of the Folk Art Institute. 212-265-1040 105 at ext. or Ikogan @folkartmuseum.org.

We will have our kimono raffle quilt on display at our guild table. Volunteers are needed to bring hand projects to demonstrate quilting to museum visitors, help sign up new members, and sell raffle tickets.

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SHOWS & EVENTS

"Quilts Uncovered: Treasures from Genesee Country Village & Museum" Thru 10/31 Mumford, NY. Info: Linda Z 585-538-6822 or <u>Lzwierzynski@gcv.org</u>.

"The Ties That Bind: A Sampler of Litchfield County Quilts" Thru 11/25 Litchfield History Museum, South St., Litchfield, CT. Info: 860-567-4501

Quilt Weekend in Honor of Cuesta Benberry 10/1-2. American Folk Art
Museum, 45 W. 53 St., NYC Info: Lee
Kogan, 212-265-1040 ext. 105 or
<u>www.folkartmuseum.org</u>.

"Quilt Celebration VIII" 10/2-3 The Village Squares Quilters Guild, YWCA of White Plains, 515 North St., White Plains, NY 10605 Info: 914-725-3399 or seagodds@cs.com.

"Quilters Showcase IV" 10/2-3 The Hartford, 200 Hopmeadow St., Route 10/202, Simsbury, CT. Info: Send SASE to Bonnie J. Llopis, 3 Richmond Dr., Plymouth, CT 06782 or www.fvgi.com.

"Quilt in the Mill" 10/1-3 The Courthouse Quilters of Hunterdon County, NJ, Prallsville Mills, Route 29, Stockton, NJ. Info: Elizabeth Borrelli, 908-996-3487 or epborrelli@hotmail.com.

"The Ocean's the Limit" 10/16-17 The Smithtown Stitchers Quilt Guild, Stony Brook University Student Activity Center. www.quiltsmith.org.

Shoreline Quilter's Guild Show 10/16-17 Old Stone Church, 251 Main Street, East Haven, CT.

www.shorelinequilters.netfirms.com.

Annual Quilting Weekend 10/29-31 Frost Valley YMCA, Claryville, NY. Info: 845-985-2255.

"Evening Star Quilters" 11/6-7 Mineola Community Center, 155 Washington Ave., Mineola, NY. \$5 or \$3 for sr. & under 12. Exhibit, vendors, member boutique, quilt raffle and sewing machine raffle. www.eveningstarquilters.org.

"Quilting Party" 11/6-7 Old Sturbridge Village, MA. Info: Cheryl Lapierre 800-SEE-1830 or <u>www.osv.org</u>.



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Empire Quilters Guild is dedicated to the art and craft of quilting. The collaboration promotes equally creativity and charity as it seeks to give the group a presence in the quilting and larger communities.

Annual Membership entitles you to attend all meetings, receive newsletters, discounts at area quilt shops, use of the lending library, the opportunity to serve on a volunteer committee and priority on bus trips.

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OCTOBER 9 PROGRAM

(Cont'd from p. 1) created for Empire Quilters. Our speaker is a highly trained and experienced **Occupational**Therapist. He has served at Stamford Hospital, and is now in his fourth year as a Hand Specialist at Rusk. The practical advice he offers, backed by solid research, will enable each of us to practice our beloved needle arts for many years to come.

SHOW & TELL

I'm so glad I didn't miss September's Show & Tell. I got to see beautiful guilts and hear wonderful stories from Janina Hannum-One large guilt & 2 small quilts, Carole Hoffman-Patterns from "American Folk Art Garden", Susan Louis-Peek-a-boo quilt & Senior Center top, Debra Levin-Kaleidoscope wall Diane Paul-Luke's Quilt. hanging, Conversation's Ribbon Tina Quilt. Barth-Convention Comfort quilt, Mary Butler-Yvonne Porcell sample, Marge Geary-Jewel Tone Strip Quilt top, Leila Lieberman-Barn raising, Teresa Vega-Black Madonna, Janice Hairston-Jungle Stack & Whack, and Lauren Smetko-Dragon & Wizards baby quilt and Bright Squares quilt.

QUILTING RETREAT

If you want to go on a retreat, please let the Board know so that funds will be allocated for a deposit.

LIBRARY NEWS

Our thanks for the many donations of magazines, and to Barbara Jackson and Stefanie Sheehan for their books. We will be collecting books next month for the November book sale and raffle. Why donate. why buv the magazines? I found the 50th issue of a magazine called Quilting Today, that I had never seen before. In it was a visit to Nancy Crow, an article on pressing and ironing (and the difference), and a fascinating guilt called Smoothing Irons. There were articles on how to finish your lap quilt, and my next next project called Leaves on a Patio. Where else could I get all this for a quarter? Only thru my membership in the Guild and characteristic sharing SO of our members.

Please review your shelves for books borrowed from the Guild. We will begin charging overdue fines of \$1 per book, per month, starting in November. Spend your \$1 on raffles, not fines.

The streets of New York have been damaging to our book cart. We hope the repairs will be finished by the next meeting. Please thank **Tina Barth** for continuing to bring books to the meeting. And we need a few hours from our members to help finish the cataloging by December. Would you like a listing on the new Website??? Please let us know.

---- Catherine Bancroft

FOCUS GROUP

"Bead-o-Mania" (11:30 AM - 12:30 PM) Using lots of color, trims, yarns, braids, beads and imagination, make a small abstract wallhanging or jazz-up your existing projects. A project plan will be provided and demonstrated. For further info, call Pat Decker at 212-725-5345.



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CHARITY

So many generous quilters were busy over the summer! Marge Geary-24 baby hats; Fannie D'Avino-12 baby hats; Denise Walsh-17 crocheted lap quilts; Marie Annoual-1 baby quilt and 4 lap quilts; Larry Gifford-3 lap quilts; Carmen Caldeiro-3 quilts; Joan Hellmann-2 quilts; Marion Weber-1 quilt; Mary Ferry-1 quilt; Anita Duncan-1 quilt; and Mary Butler-1 quilt.

Fabric was donated by Sylvia Zeveloff; Evelyn Berkowitz; Judy Isaacs and Susan Louis. The following people are delivering quilts to facilities: Denise Walsh, Marie Annoual, Anna Krassy, Joanne Downes, Lisette Zichlinsky and Helene Pachtman.

TREAURER'S REPORT

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July 1, 2004 - September	r 16, 2004
Income	
Advertising	1,465.00
Guest Fees	35.00
Guild Sales	15.00
Library Income	11.75
Membership Fees	2,655.00
Mtg Raffle	144.00
Scrap Table	92.75
Workshop Fees	925.00
Total Income	5,343.50
Expenses	

Total Expenses	3,180.92
Wrkshp Exp	200.00
Subscriptions	44.90
Rent @ FIT	2,500.00
Raffle Quilt Exp	104.14
Postage	111.00
Newsltr Printing	220.88
<u>Expenses</u>	

QUILT SHOW REPORT

At our September guild meeting, an announcement was made about the proposed show in 2006. The Executive Committee met in August to discuss the feasibility of having a show. Finances play a major role in our decision to NOT have a show in 2006. We have approximately \$18,000 in the bank. A group of volunteers spent considerable amount of time exploring venues for our show. When the costs were presented, it was clear that we did not have enough money to move forward with the show at this time.

We are now looking at ways to raise money. A group of our members recently organized the entire guild to make kimono blocks which have been designed into a beautiful raffle quilt. It will be important that ALL members sell tickets for the raffle. You will receive your raffle tickets and pictures of the quilt soon. We are also working to create a Ways and Means committee to raise funds on a regular basis.

Our previous show was in March of Many of you exhibited and attended that show. Leading up to the show, the membership indicated the desire to have a show. It was a year overdue, based on the schedule of the previous shows. Unfortunately, at that time there were not enough leadership volunteers to produce the show and the Executive Committee in office at that time agreed to pay to have the show produced. It might have been a better choice to cancel the show instead of paying for the production, but the result was a show that we were all proud of. The current Executive Committee and the Board have agreed that as a volunteer organization, we will not pay someone to produce our show in the future.

Many of you have attended the show in Somers, New York. The Northern produce their Star Quilters annually. In their recent newsletter, I counted 32 members on the show leadership committee. We have not gotten to the point where we have enough volunteer leaders to do the work needed to produce our show. members are scattered around the tristate area which makes it logistically difficult to get people together to do the tremendous amount of work a show requires.

The board will be working this year to create a strategic plan which will provide the direction to strengthen and enhance the mission of our guild. You will be called upon to contribute your ideas and your time. Empire Quilters is our guild and we must all work together to continue to share our love of guilting.

---Ellen Knudsen



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KIMONO RAFFLE QUILT



KIMONO QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

The raffle tickets for our beautiful kimono quilt will be handed out at the October meeting. Please stop by the Membership table to pick up yours. Every member should sell at least 4 books of tickets at \$5 for 6 or \$1 per ticket. This money will be used for our quilt show. The more tickets you sell, the closer we will be to having a show! You contributed gorgeous blocks so it is only fitting that you help make this raffle the most successful in Guild history.

You may view the quilt and pickup/purchase raffle tickets on Oct. 2nd at the Folk Art Museum. A color photo is on the website.

DECEMBER AUCTION

** Please read this carefully. **

Volunteers: A few members have stepped forward to take responsibility for finance, the silent auction, and flowers/decorations. Several members have signed on as "water carriers" for December. Many volunteers are still needed: Chair for the auction day is critical; chair for the bidding; chair for the flea market/baked goods area. Others are needed to do pricing, paper work, handle cash, set up goods, sell Empire goods, get out publicity, etc.

The Empire Board asked me to "kick start" auction donations over summer. I agreed to work on this only until September when an Auction Day Chair would be found. My efforts will cease at the October meeting when I turn it over to the Auction Day Chairperson. A chair for the auction day must be in place by the Board meeting on the morning of October 9th. If no one steps forward at the October board meeting to accept this project, the auction will abandoned and we will have no program for December.

Step forward now, step forward with a friend, work as a duo. It only leads to one thing: a successful show and a stronger guild! (Contact: brbhull@aol.com with subject line: Empire auction)

Donations for Auction:

We did not have sufficient volunteers for the phone bank. Please note some changes.

Board and committee members have responded generously to my request for donations. **Eve Winer, Evelyn Berkowitz, and Leila Lieberman** have generously offered to work the phone bank. They have already called some of you for donations. The rest of you have received a general E-mail from me. Your electronic response will be clipped to your donor record.

What to donate: Crafts (rugs, bags, pictures, wall hangings, pillows, clothes, accessories, stained glass, elegant knitting or crochet, decorative items, jewelry cases, baby items, seasonal items, table linens, lap robes, etc.); services (finish a UFO, teach a private class, machine or hand quilt a project); supplies/tools/equipment (quilt frame; quilter's basket) etc. You may add additional items to your Donor Record at the October meeting.

--- Barbara Hull

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