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Next Meeting: November 13, 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
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Guest Fee: \$5

PROGRAM: Linda Poole – “Turkish Tiles-American Style”: Slide Lecture & Trunk Show

VENDOR: Trish Hodge of Batik Timbal
QUILTER OF THE MONTH: Pamela Leonard Wexler



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

PROGRAM

LINDA POOLE: “Turkish Tiles-American Style” – Slide Lecture and Trunk Show

Venture to the amazing country of Turkey where Linda will show and guide you to her inspirations from different mediums of art and the ever infamous Iznik Tiles that inspired her book "Turkish Delights to Applique". She will have a slide lecture followed by a trunk show.

She has taught in the USA, Germany, Turkey, Italy and the UK. Linda believes that language is never a barrier in the translation of quilts.

Her website is www.lindampoole.com.

WORKSHOP

LINDA POOLE: “Bended Bias Butterfly” Sun. 11/14 9:30-4 343 8th Ave. \$45 (Plus \$15 kit)

No machine required. Just bring basic sewing supplies.

Feel as free as a butterfly as you learn a fool-proof method to appliqué and embellish a gorgeous butterfly. Linda will teach you the glue stick appliqué method along with her bended bias techniques, and once you've learned and tried, you'll find you can't stop at one butterfly and will want to try another. Workshop description at <http://www.lindampoole.com/class-bendedbiasbutterfly.htm>.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

October has been a lucky month for us at Empire and I am grateful for these things:

The December auction is coming along well and Michael Greenberg has volunteered to head up the auction and I want to thank him as this is a very important job.

Everyone who heard our speaker, Anthony Howley of the Rusk Institute, speak about ergonomics, because this concerns every member of the Guild. He told us how to recognize, avoid and help reduce injuries caused by our work as quilters. I've been doing his hand exercises and they really WORK. We should also thank Barbara Hull for scheduling this speaker. It was a great idea.

Finally, Pat Farace, who designed the kimono pattern used for our raffle quilt has generously waived any fee for the use of her copyrighted pattern.

--- *Sylvia Zeveloff*

IMPORTANT DATES

** Mark Your Calendars **

2004

11/13 (Sat) – Linda Poole: "Turkish Tiles - American Style". Vendor: Trish Hodge of Batik Timbal.

11/14 (Sun) – Workshop with Linda Poole: "Bended Bias Butterfly"

12/11 (Sat) – Auction

2005

1/8 (Sat) – Harriet Schiffer: Kente Cloth. Vendor: Sue's Fabric World.

2/12 (Sat) – Charity Day

3/12 (Sat) – Vendor: Prints Charming

4/9 (Sat) – Vendor: TBA

5/14 (Sat) – Vendor: Bailey & Murphy

6/11 (Sat) – Members' Flea Market

Empire Quilters, Inc. is a non-profit organization founded in 1982 to preserve and promote the tradition, culture, and history of quilt-making, and to foster good fellowship among persons interested in the art of quilting in the greater New York area. The Guild has a continuing commitment to raising the level of appreciation of quilts among the general public, to using our talents in service to our community, and to the exchanging of our skills, ideas, and visions with one another. NQA Chapter 494. Old Chelsea Station, P.O. Box 1293, New York, NY 10113.

QUILTER OF THE MONTH

PAMELA LEONARD WEXLER

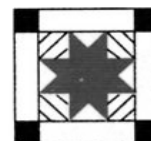
Pam learned to sew as a teenager and worked in the theater department costume workshop at college. She took up quilting in 1981, joined Empire in 1987 and has been thrilled to win several ribbons in Empire's past shows.

A confirmed "Janiac", she is in her second year of Dear Jane classes, is working on her sixteenth "Dear Jane" quilt, and does alterations to support her quilting habit – some quilters do do buttons.

She does excellent handwork. You will have the pleasure of seeing some of her wonderful work at the November meeting.

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BLOCK OF THE MONTH

We had a great response for the October BOM. The following people made the blocks: **Betty Chen** (2); **Rhona Triggs** (2); **Barbara Rose** (1); **Constance Ricks** (1); **Marie Annoual** (2); **Lorna Spence-Ellis** (1); **Marian Webber** (1) and **Carmen Caldeiro** (2). Carmen won all the blocks.

Please forget the heart applique for the November Block-of-the-Month as it turns out that the block looks better when used on point.

We will not be having a BOM for December because we are having the auction. The January BOM will be printed in the December newsletter and will also be online at www.empirequilters.net.

--- Leila Lieberman
--- Rhona Triggs

SHOWS & EVENTS

"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 www.osv.org.

"QUILTS=ART=QUILTS" 11/6-1/9/05
Schweinfurth Memorial Art Center, 205 Genesee St., Auburn, NY. (315)255-1553; mail@schweinfurthartcenter.org;
www.cayuganet.org/smac.

"Common Threads: Quilts Past to Present" Nov.-Dec.
www.TourAuburnNY.com.

"The Quilt Fest of New Jersey" 3/3-6/05 Garden State Exhibit Center, Somerset, NJ. www.quiltfest.com.

We received an invitation for our members to enter a quilt contest. See rules at www.konacoffeequiltcontest.org or email rozemazyn@yahoo.com.

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SHOW & TELL

At our October meeting we were treated to many gorgeous quilts and recycling ideas! The following members showed us their finished projects: **Michael Greenberg**: Sampler Quilt and Velvet Quilt; **Pat Decker**: Baby Bears; **Janet Randolph**: Turning Leaves Table Runner, Chenille/Yo-Yo Flag, and Juice Pack Tote; **Barbara Rose**: Slash & Dash; **Evelyn Martin**: Zig Zag (a group endeavor from Quilters of Color of NY); **Marilyn Korn**: Wall Hanging; **Lynette Baker**: Wall Hanging; **Joe Horansky**: Totem #1 and Totem #2; **Sandra Cain**: One of a stack of unfinished first quilts; and **Diane Holland**: Sofa Throw "Gatherings".

LIBRARY NEWS

We had a great day in October with many, many magazines and books donated by **Susan Louis** and **Judith Klein** (a shopping cart full) and from **Ulla-Britta McCarthy**, **Alice Oberstein**, **June Calender**, **Jane Kelton**, **Arlene Wiczyk**, and **Rita Reid**. If you gave and didn't sign the donor list, we thank you also.

Pearl, Tina, Cookie and I welcome **Regina Nordquist**, both to Empire Quilters and to the library volunteers. Say hello at our next meeting.

If you are not a member of American Quilters Society and wish to take advantage of Empire's membership you may check their catalogue of books at the next meeting. With a large enough order the price per book may approach that of the e-com vendors.

---- Catherine Bancroft

PAT FARACE

Our vendor for the October meeting was **Pat Farace** of Quilt By Number. Her copyrighted kimono design was used by Empire Quilters in our raffle quilt. Only after the quilt was made did we discover that she was the owner of the pattern. Pat has generously allowed us to use her design without paying her customary fee.



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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.

“4-Seasons in a Teapot” I apologize to those members who had wanted to be part of my "4-Seasons" Focus Group this Fall. I am not renewing my membership in the guild at this point. Should you be interested in having the patterns for this project, please give me a call (516-883-2164) and I will gladly mail them to you. *Dorothea Hahn*

TREASURER'S REPORT

	9/16/04- 10/12/2004	YTD
<u>Income</u>		
Advertising	0.00	1,465.00
Guest Fees	0.00	35.00
Guild Sales	0.00	15.00
Library Income	91.35	103.10
Membership Fees	1,195.00	3,850.00
Mtg Raffle	111.00	255.00
Scrap Table	73.65	166.40
Mtg Vendors	169.00	169.00
Workshop Fees	395.00	1,320.00
Total Income	2,035.00	7,378.50
<u>Expenses</u>		
Insurance	1,054.00	1,054.00
Newsltr Printing	220.88	441.76
Postage	129.65	240.65
Raffle Quilt Exp	537.34	641.48
Rent @ FIT	0.00	2,500.00
Speaker Exp	213.23	213.23
Speaker Prog Fee	500.00	500.00
Subscriptions	0.00	44.90
Website	43.90	43.90
Wrkshp Exp	340.00	540.00
Wrkshp Teacher Fee	1,050.00	1,050.00
Total Expenses	4,089.00	7,269.92

CHARITY

Quilts donated were from **Arlene Wicyzk** and **Susan Knaster**. Hats were donated by **Fannie D'Avino** and **Carmen Caldiero**. Fabric was donated by **Susan Louis**, **Marge O'Neill**, **Lisa Belle**, and **Jane Kelton**.

A special thanks to **Barbara Hull** for bringing in a rolling suitcase full of fabric. Almost all the fabric was taken by our members for future charity quilts.

Please remember to make your quilt so we can distribute them to those who need them. Thanks to **Alice Oberstein**, **Marian Webber** and **Lisette Zichlinsky** for delivering our quilts and hats.

Please be sure to drop off your quilts before the meeting starts. If you are picking up quilts to be delivered, please let someone on the Charity Committee know (before the meeting starts) that you are present and would like some quilts for your organization.

FUNDRAISING

A new fundraising idea is being presented to the guild.

I have made friendship quilt tops out on LI for several years for our quilt show. I make a quilt top for all members and guests to sign for \$2 a block. It will contain 80 spaces for signatures. The members signing the blocks will fill out a ticket for a raffle. When the top signature squares are filled the top will be raffled at the meeting. If this is a popular fund raising idea, then more than one top can be raffled each year. It is a good way to get to know your fellow guild members *plus* win a quilt top. This fundraiser will start at the meeting in January of 2005. I hope all members like the idea and participate in the fundraiser.
--- *Beth Pile*



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KIMONO RAFFLE QUILT

The raffle ticket sales for the Kimono Quilt got off to a good start at the Museum of American Folk Art on October 2nd. You should have received your books of tickets at the October guild meeting. If you need additional books, please contact **Paula Kenney** at 212-982-8043. She will be happy to send you out as many books as you need.

Once you have sold all your books, the money and the stubs should also be returned to Paula. You can return them either at the Guild meetings or you can send them to her by mail. Please do not mail cash. Make a check out to "Empire Quilters" for the amount and mail it and the stubs to: Paula Kenney, Apt 17N, 245 E. 19th St., NY, NY 10003. Remember, the more books you sell, the more money the Guild will have to use for a show.
--- *Kitty Squire*



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EMPIRE QUILTERS GUILD FUNDRAISER 2004



At the December 11th meeting the Guild is hosting several fundraising activities that we ask you to participate in. There will be a Live Auction, a Silent Auction, a Bake Sale/Flea Market, and a Raffle. We'd like you to help out in three ways: (1) donate items to the auctions and sales, (2) volunteer to help manage the event the day of the December meeting, and (3) bring along guests (*and your or their wallet*) to help buy some of the great items for sale. With the holiday season it will make a great gift shopping opportunity.

Live Auction: We are looking for items of value that you feel another person in the Guild may be interested in bidding on and purchasing. It can be quilting or handicraft-related but may also be any item or service that you would like to contribute. It can be a finished item or new quilting material – it can be a re-gifted item you received but cannot use or a service you could provide.

Silent Auction: These items will be displayed on a table along the side of the meeting room. You will have a chance to bid on them during the course of the meeting and during the Live Auction. The highest bidder wins! You can then pay for your winning bid at the end of the meeting.

Bake Sale/Flea Market: Please consider donating at least one baked selection to the Bake Sale table. Bring it packaged to sell. Our volunteers will price it and take it from there. For example, you could bring in a dozen cookies, assorted holiday baking on a foil tray or a small cake. Let your

imagination run. For the Flea Market, you may want to contribute a completed holiday handicraft or decoration. These items will be attractively priced by our volunteers to ensure they sell. Any leftovers will find their way to the following month's raffle table.

Volunteer: Besides donating items to the Guild's fundraisers above, we could also use a few abled volunteers on the day of the event. We need a live auctioneer with *gusto*, 4 spotters and item runners, 2 cashiers, a recorder/scribe, 3-4 bidding assistants for the Silent Auction and subsequent check-out of winning bidders, and 2-3 staff for the Bake Sale/Flea Market table. Guild member **Michael Greenberg** is coordinating this fundraiser and he would like you to contact him if you can help or if you have questions. You can email Michael at ML.Greenberg@verizon.net or telephone him at 646-638-2826.

Bid Big, Bid Often: Ideally we would like to have successful bidders pay for the item at the time of the sale. They can pay the bid spotter/runner as the item is delivered to them. If you plan on buying several items, you can have an IOU recorded until the end of the event. Then you can pay for your multiple purchases all at once with cash or a personal check. Bid spotters/runners will have IOU's and the auction recorder will also have your winning bid written down.

How to Donate: You can do this in several ways: You can bring the item to the November meeting and Michael will collect the donated item and bring it to the Auction/Sale. Or there will be two drop-off locations in the City at Guild members' apartments with doormen to receive packages (information below) or you can notify Michael (see his email and phone number above) as to what
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you are donating and bring it directly to the December meeting. If you choose this latter option, please arrive a little earlier to the meeting and don't forget to contact Michael so that your donation can be listed in the auction catalogue.

Lee Ebs lives at 148 West 23rd St, Apt 6K (between 6th and 7th Aves.), and **Debra Levin** lives at 200 East 57th St, Apt 12A (corner of 57th & 3rd Ave.).

Please be sure to include your name, as well as a short description and suggested minimum bid for the item being dropped off.

MESSAGE FROM BARBARA HULL

I turned over the donor record to the Board. I wish to express my special thanks to **Eve Winer, Evelyn Berkowitz, Leila Lieberman, and Beth Pile** who collected information from auction donors. My deepest appreciation to **Michael Greenberg** who will be chairing the auction day...which is in very good hands!

October Program: Ergonomics was well received with a great deal of vital information for quilters. Members especially enjoyed the questions and answer period; the handouts; the tools, demonstrations and catalogs; and the chance to speak to **Anthony Howley** personally. This program was provided by the Hand Clinic at Rusk Institute, NYU Medical Center as an outreach project to the quilting community.



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RAFFLES & SCRAP TABLE



Thank you to all the members who brought in items for our Raffle Table and Scrap Table, as well as those who

spent money! As you can see from the Treasurer's Report on page 4, the Guild received almost \$185 at last month's meeting just from these two activities!

We appreciate **Pat Decker** and **Veronique Milliez** maintaining order at the Scrap Table and collecting contributions. **Susan Louis** and **Judy Isaac** are a great team when it comes to organizing the raffle prizes and selling chances.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the December 2004 issue: **November 17, 2004**. Please send information to: Betty Chen, 67-75 Fleet St., Forest Hills, NY 11375 or email BettyChenESQ@Yahoo.com.