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**Next Meeting: January 8, 2005**  
**11 AM to 12 PM -- Board Meeting**  
**1 PM to 5 PM -- General Meeting**  
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**Guest Fee: \$5**

**PROGRAM:** Dr. Harriet Schiffer –  
Kente: Cloth of the Asante Kings  
**VENDOR:** Sue's Fabric World  
**QUILTER OF THE MONTH:** Lee Ebs  
**\*\* RAFFLE QUILT DRAWING \*\***

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## *HAPPY NEW YEAR!*

### PROGRAM

**DR. HARRIET SCHIFFER – KENTE:**  
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Dr. Harriet Schiffer is a specialist on African textiles. She has designed and implemented educational programs on cultural diversity in African History, Art and Culture presented from an African-centered perspective. Dr. Schiffer uses Kente cloth as a vehicle for teaching cultural diversity and for valuing differences. For centuries the Asante of central-west Africa have created special textiles to identify royal status and ritual associations within society. Kente (literally, "basket") cloth is the most widely known and recognized of these textiles. **We need volunteer models.**

### KIMONO RAFFLE QUILT

The big day is approaching!! By now you should all have SOLD all your raffle books for the Kimono Raffle Quilt. If you need additional books, please contact Paula Kenney at 917-327-7483 or email her at [PdKenney44@aol.com](mailto:PdKenney44@aol.com).

**Be sure your raffle ticket stubs and checks payable to "Empire Quilters" arrive at: Paula Kenney, 245 East 19th St., NY, NY 10003, BEFORE the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting!** This will ensure your chances are in the basket at drawing time. Come and see if you're the lucky winner of this beautiful quilt!

### WORKSHOP

There will be NO workshops in either January or February.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Auction went very well indeed. Michael Greenberg and his volunteers (including John McCall, an excellent auctioneer) did a terrific job in planning and executing the sale. They are all due our grateful thanks.

There were a great variety of excellent items for sale in both the live and silent auctions. The bidding was lively. It really was lots of fun.

The sales were such a great success that it is a shot in the arm for the guild's bank account and our financial well-being that I must reiterate "Thank you" to all those who worked to make this meeting a great success--those who donated the items for sale, those who worked to organize it, and those who were the buyers. This shows what we can achieve by working together for a common goal.

The drawing for the Kimono Quilt is to be held at our January meeting, so it is most important that everyone sends all the raffle ticket stubs to Paula Kenney in time for the meeting so all those who purchased the tickets get their chance to win in the drawing.

It is now 2005 so I wish all a healthy, happy and prosperous new year.

--- *Sylvia Zeveloff*

## IMPORTANT DATES

### \*\* Mark Your Calendars \*\*

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

**1/9 (Sun)** - No Workshop

**2/12 (Sat)** – Charity Day

**2/13 (Sun)** - No Workshop

**3/12 (Sat)** – Vendor: Prints Charming

**3/13 (Sun)** – Workshop:TBA

**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.

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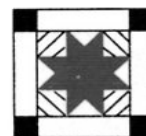
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## WELCOMING COMMITTEE

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## FOCUS GROUP

**“Yo, Yo, Yo”** (10:30 am-12) Sew Traditional, Origami-folded & Diamond yo-yo's and explore how to use them in quilts and other fabric items. Bring hand needle (thimble if used), scissors, pins, and a spool of any color thread (no white or black). Fabric/printout supplied. Janet Randolph 973-744-0933

**“Bead-o-Mania”** (11:30 am-12:30 pm) Using lots of color, trims, yarns, braids, beads and imagination, make a small abstract wall-hanging or jazz-up your existing projects. A project plan will be provided and demonstrated. Pat Decker 212-725-5345.

**“Add a Touch of Class”** (10:30 am – 12 pm) Accent a collar or cuff of any woven garment. Brainstorm using beads, sequins and metallic thread. This will be an ongoing workshop until June. Dorothy Arkeell 212-675-2438.

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## QUILTER OF THE MONTH

### LEE EBS

Lee was born in Ohio and grew up in Kentucky. At an early age she began to learn how to sew on her great-grandmother's treadle sewing machine. As she grew older the machine became hers.

Her college years were spent in North Carolina and so was her sewing machine. The day after Lee's last college test she packed her things and headed for New York City. During the day she worked for Pan Am. In the evening and during the weekend she would try to spend some time sewing.

In 1993 Lee obtained a job with American Express in Phoenix. However she was able to stay in NYC and work with American Express. In a short time she was able to purchase a new sewing machine and she became interested in quilting. Lee watched quilting on the TV, bought quilting books and quilting magazines.

Then came “Empire Quilters” and soon Lee served as Newsletter Editor, taught a Focus Group on redwork embroidery, made many charity quilts, and hosted many of Empire Quilters' speakers. She is currently teaching quilting to the blind at “Viscones” and is our Secretary. --- *Natalie Garfinkle*



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## FUNDRAISER 2004

It was prompt and punctual, it was pleasurable, and it was profitable! The Empire Quilters Guild fundraiser was well-attended with nearly 200 people picking up bidding guides and well-supported with over 300 items donated by guild members and commercial sponsors!

The afternoon raised just over \$7,000 for the Guild - proceeds that are earmarked towards our being able to put on a Manhattan-based Quilt Show some time in the near future. The Live Auction included 48 lots jam-packed with wonderful quilts and quilting-related items. Guest auctioneer, John McCall, kept the bidding lively and brisk. Lucky member Winifred Saunders received half of the 50/50 cash raffle ticket proceeds.

Notably generous guild members were Susan Stauber, Janet Randolph, Judy Isaacs, and Diane Rode Schneck who went above and beyond the call of duty and donated so many wonderful items to the auction. Even the flea market had a huge number of items donated such as 30 pairs of costume jewelry earrings contributed by Gloria Abramowitz or framed paper-cutout artwork by Stefanie Sheehan (to name only a couple!). Even last-minute commercial donors such as Free Spirit Fabrics, Quilt Pro Software, and Sew Right Sewing Machines were greatly appreciated.

There were some "glitches" too - someone walked off with the quilt from Silent Auction Lot 855 - a black and white wedding ring quilt. Perhaps they thought it was the quilt in their nearby lot number. So if you found out you have it by mistake please let us know. Also, several members were planning to bring their items on the day of the event - but for whatever reason they didn't make it - nor did their items. This resulted in bidding on a lot that didn't have all the items anticipated - leaving unhappy bidders.

These pitfalls aside, the event could not have happened without the superb efforts of the following volunteers: Barbara Hull, Betty Chen, Cindy Russell, Judy Shapiro, Michael Greenberg, Lee Ebs, Debra Levin, Eve Winer, Evelyn Berkowitz, Leila Lieberman, Gail Lefton,

Mary Levins, Robin Tribble, Rita Schramm, Marge O'Neill, Beth Pile, Dorothy Arkell, Emma Green, Mary Butler, O. Betty Ford, Linda Lee Kelly, Neida Bonilla, Melanie Hill, Joanne Downes, Ellen Knudsen, Marilyn Korn, Priscilla Blakemore, Alice Palmer, Claire Leffel, Carole Hoffman, Susan Louis, Judy Isaacs, and Kitty Squire.

--- Michael Greenberg

The Bake Sale and Flea Market were a great success. Thanks to all the donors and volunteers! Donor List: Joann Montalbano, Priscilla Blakemore, Beth Pile, Sylvia Hughes, Alice Palmer, Kitty Squire, Mary Butler, Maggie Williamson, Veronique Milliez, Joan Hellmann, Olga Binert, Judy Isaacs, Leila Lieberman, Dorothy Williams, Gloria Abramowitz, Rhona Triggs, Natalie Garfinkle, Sandra Samaniego, Anna Krassy, Liz Burpee, Marie Annoual, Jan Jenicek, Winifred Sanders, Terri Gavin, Ruthe Karlin, Anita Duncan, Anna Lega, Florence Silverman, Diane Rubenstein, Marjorie Kruty, Lauren Smetko, Carolyn Djokoto, Stephanie Sheehan, Janis Comerford, Rossanna Wells, Mary Jane Van Loon, Lisa Belle, Debbie Martinez, Andrea Kelly, Jackie Johnson, Janice Fongkin, Elaine Mauceli, Pearl Chow, Doris Julis, Neida Bonilla, and Sandra Cain.



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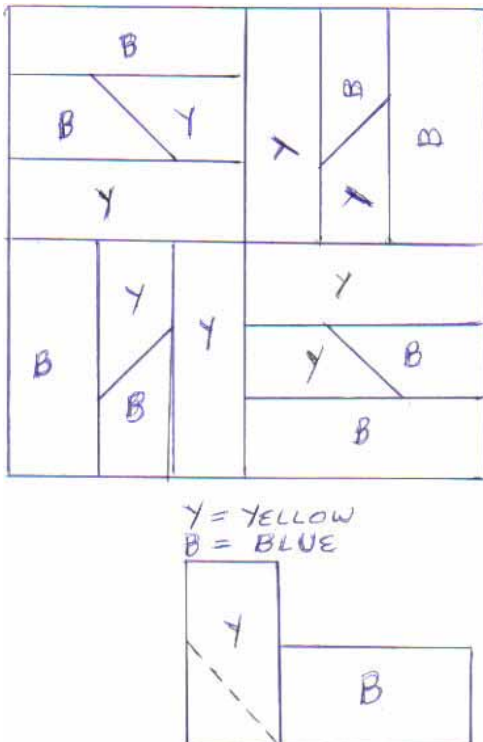
### January 2005 Block of the Month Tesselated Stars - a 9" block (9-1/2" unfinished) by Leila Lieberman

The block is made of 4 mini-blocks each measuring 4-1/2" square. The fabric colors are blue and yellow of medium to dark values. The block is easy to assemble if you make the angled strips first.

- Cut 4 strips each of blue and yellow 5" x 2"
- Cut 4 strips each of blue and yellow 3-1/2" x 2"

Place the short blue strip horizontally on your cutting board. Then place a short yellow strip vertically on the left side of the blue strip, being sure that right sides are facing. Draw a 45° angle diagonally from the left top to the right bottom of the part of the yellow strip which crosses the blue strip (see drawing). Sew, trim and iron open. Make all four of these pieces. Sew the larger yellow strip on top of this angled strip and the larger blue strip beneath. Then arrange the four mini-blocks as shown in the drawing.

This block is called a tessellation because the mini-blocks can be combined and arranged in many different ways to make other interesting blocks.



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Welcome 2005! Empire Quilters has many plans for this special year. The Library will be preparing for the special activities at the June meeting with the Book Sale. Collections will begin with the February meeting so please check your bookshelves for donations.

Be sure to return your library books at the meeting...it is better to buy a raffle ticket than to pay a fine. If you can't get to the meeting please call me to renew. The new books by Linda Poole are circulating and Quilting Arts Magazine is also very popular. The Guild is a member of the American Quilting Society and we circulate their magazine as well. Membership forms will be at the Library table.

--- Catherine Bancroft

## WEBSITE UPDATE



If you have Internet access, be sure to visit the guild website at [www.EmpireQuilters.net](http://www.EmpireQuilters.net). The site contains a wealth of information and inspiration! Guild notices are posted as they are received, so the website is the place to get the most up-to-the-minute information. There is a comprehensive Calendar of Guild Events, and a listing of upcoming Shows and Exhibits of interest in the region.

Show & Tell pictures are posted soon after each meeting, so if you miss a meeting, you can still see the beautiful work of members.

There is a page of Quilting Related Links that will keep you in touch with the greater quilting community. To date there are links to websites of over one hundred quilt artists -- each one a source of inspiration. Feel free to submit your favorite links, suggestions and notices to [info@empirequilters.net](mailto:info@empirequilters.net) -- the Empire Quilters website should be "Information Central" for the guild.

Be sure to tell your friends to visit the site. We're already getting new members because they found us on the Web! Happy surfing and happy quilting!  
*--- Cindy Russell*

## GUILD QUILT SHOW

Show ideas urgently needed. Please send your suggestions (place, time, size, etc.) to: Empire Quilters, Park West Finance Station, P.O. Box 20673, NY, NY 10025 or come to the January meeting and join the Show Committee.

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## SHOW & TELL



Each "Show & Tell" is photographed for the Guild's archives and website. Mary Levins develops double prints so please pick up your FREE copy from her at each following meeting. She has photos from last year and this year. Unclaimed photos will soon be discarded.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

	11/15/2004	YTD
	12/11/2004	
<b>Income</b>		
Advertising	124.50	1,589.50
Auction Income:		
Bake Sale	284.90	
Cash Raffle	221.00	
Flea Market	586.90	
Live Auction	4,125.00	
Silent Auction	1,836.00	
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Guest Fees	0.00	45.00
Guild Sales	0.00	15.00
Library Income	0.00	124.10
Membership Fees	130.00	4,910.00
Mtg Raffle	0.00	393.00
Raffle Quilt Income	1,874.00	1,874.00
Scrap Table	0.00	226.26
Mtg Vendors	191.40	360.40
Workshop Fees	135.00	1,740.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>9,508.70</b>	<b>18,331.06</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Insurance	0.00	1,054.00
Library Exp	0.00	143.20
Newsltr Printing	0.00	636.80
P.O. Box	0.00	118.00
Postage	11.10	481.15
Raffle Quilt Exp	111.00	752.48
Rent @ FIT	0.00	2,500.00
Speaker Exp	0.00	213.23
Speaker Prog Fee	0.00	500.00
Subscriptions	0.00	44.90
Website	0.00	97.75
Wrkshp Exp	200.00	844.40
Wrkshp Teacher Fee	0.00	1,050.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>322.10</b>	<b>8,435.91</b>

## SHOWS & EVENTS

**“6<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. & Black History Month Art, Memorabilia, Poetry, Quilt Exhibition and Celebration” 1/9-2/28** York College, Performing Arts Center, 94-45 Guy R. Brewer Blvd., Jamaica, NY. Evelyn Pervis (718)262-3810. **FREE.**

**“The Quilt Fest of NJ” 3/3-6** Garden State Exhibit Center, Somerset, NJ [www.quiltfest.com](http://www.quiltfest.com). (Rumor: There may not be any Lancaster Show this year)

**“A World of Quilts XXVI” 4/30-5/1** Northern Star Quilters’ Guild, JFK H.S., Route 138, Somers, NY. [www.northernstarquilters.com](http://www.northernstarquilters.com).

**“NJ Quilt Convention” 6/9-11** The State Quilt Guild of NJ, NJ Convention & Expo Center, Edison, NJ. [www.NJQuilts.org](http://www.NJQuilts.org), Deb Stanley (732)591-0257, [NJQuilts2005@aol.com](mailto:NJQuilts2005@aol.com).

## SIGNATURE QUILT TOP

Just a reminder about the new fundraising project of Empire scheduled to begin in January 2005. Each signature signed in the block space will cost \$2.00. You may sign more signatures or quotes of a quilting nature if so desired. But you may only sign one member’s signature per block. For example, you may like to sign a friend or relative's name *in memorium*. By signing more times, you give yourself more chances to win the top. There will be approximately 80 to 90 signatures depending on how the blocks are set. I am still deciding on the design.

Looking forward to meeting more Empire Quilters and sharing the creation of a signature friendship quilt top.

--- Beth Pile



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