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Next Meeting: April 9, 2005
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
West 27th Street & 8th Avenue, NYC
Guest Fee: \$5

PROGRAM: Irma Gail Hatcher: "Designing
Your Own Traditional Quilt"
VENDOR: Quilt Essentials
QUILTER OF THE MONTH: Rhona Triggs

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PROGRAM

WORKSHOP

IRMA GAIL HATCHER: "DESIGNING YOUR OWN TRADITIONAL QUILT"

Irma Gail Hatcher is a former elementary school teacher who fell in love with quilts after attending a quilt show in 1981. This talented and busy quilter has won numerous ribbons, and her quilts have appeared on magazine covers and inside many books and magazines.

She has written eight books, teaches classes, and lectures nationally. We are delighted that she will be speaking at our April meeting.

Don't miss this chance to see and hear some tips, secrets and stories from this fascinating quilter! Bring your friends — they're sure to thank you.

Find out more about Irma Gail Hatcher at www.irmagailhatcher.com.

Baltimore Album Applique with Irma Gail Hatcher (\$50 class fee + \$2 fee for pattern): Sunday, 4/10 9:30 am – 4:30 pm, 343 8th Ave. (at 27 St.), NYC

At long last Empire will host Irma Gail Hatcher, world-renowned appliqué artist, for a workshop. We have persuaded her to hold off her retirement to join us. In the AM, we design a block with her flower and leaf patterns arranged on a square, circle, heart, lyre, or diagonal. In the PM, students will make samples of the basic appliqué stitch, 3-D rosebuds, yo-yo and ruched flowers plus other appliqué techniques to finish the block at home. So sign up for this very special workshop. Call 212-662-7771 or send a \$50 check made out to "Empire Quilters", Park West Finance Sta. Box 20673, NY, NY 10025. (Cont. on page 3)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I have taken many diverse workshops (at Asilomar and Quilting by the Lake) and even if I decide that a particular style or method is not my cup of tea, I have learned something I can use at another time. It is learning that is so stimulating and enjoyable so I never tire of it.

The reason I write about this is to encourage my fellow guild members to take advantage of a workshop whenever it is possible for you---it is a way to become the best quilter you can be and also socially it is enriching while having fun at the same time.

In case anyone is wondering---I am NOT being paid or getting a discount for this plug--I am just an enthusiast trying to share that enthusiasm with you.

--- Sylvia Zeveloff

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It would be greatly appreciated if you paid your dues for the 2005-2006 season prior to or at the June meeting. As an incentive, we are offering a gift and a chance! You will have a choice of one of three items --- *while supplies last*. Also receive a Special Library Raffle Ticket for a bag of goodies.

IMPORTANT DATES

4/9 (Sat) – Irma Gail Hatcher: “Designing Your Own Traditional Quilt”. Vendor: Quilt Essentials

4/10 (Sun) – Workshop: Baltimore Album Applique with Irma Gail Hatcher.

5/14 (Sat) –Vendor: Bailey & Murphy.

5/15 (Sun) – Workshop: TBA.

***6/5 (Sun)** – Workshop: African Mosaic Quilting with Lisa Shepard Stewart. (*Note: First Sunday of the month)

6/11 (Sat) – Mary Anne Ciccotelli: “The Legacy Lives On: Five Generations of Quilters”. Members’ Flea Market. Library’s Book Sale and Holiday in June Fundraiser.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



“Happy Birthday to You” to everyone celebrating a special day in April!

Ligaya Siachongco, S. Nancy Castel, Dolores Hojnowski, Carmen Caldiero, Joan Curry, Carole Hoffman, Alma Scher, Sonia Rieber, Judy Doenias, Elizabeth Adorno, Lisa Posey Krakowsky, Doris Julis, Regina Nordquist, and Franziska Riede.

RAFFLES



Special thanks to everyone who donated items for the monthly raffle. **Nancy Castel**, thank you in particular for consistently donating large amounts of fabric for raffle prizes.

This month the selling of raffles topped \$200, the best ever, so please keep those donations coming.

SHOW & TELL

Once again our members shared their beautiful creations with us: **Michael Greenberg** - Guild Batik Quilt; **Teresa Vega** -The Warrior and His Magic Stick; **Anna Krassy** – It Doesn’t Need To Be Symmetrical; **Rhona Triggs** – Market Ladies; **MJ VanLoon** – Pinwheels; **Susan Knaster** – Hugs & Kisses; **Anna Faustino** – 2 quilts & 5 sweaters.

CHARITY REPORT



Many thanks from the Service Committee for the many quilts and baby quilts donated by our members this month:

Rhona Triggs - 4 quilts; **Nancy Castel** - 4 quilts; **Margaret Morris** - 40 baby hats; **Marilyn Lutzker** - 1 quilt; **Lee Ebs** - 1 quilt; **Mary Levins** - 1 quilt; **Bette Ann Sheganoski** - 1 quilt; **Marian Webber** - 2 quilts; **Fannie D'Avino** - 6 baby hats; **Pamela Leonard Wexler** - 5 baby quilts; **Doris Minkel** - 9 baby hats; **Anna Krassy** - 1 quilt; **Mary Butler** - 1 quilt; **Mary Fran** - 30 baby hats; **Pearl Chow** - 1 quilt.

An important message to our baby hat makers - PLEASE DO NOT PUT POMPOMS ON THE BABY HATS - Nursery units in the hospitals cannot use hats with pompoms as they may present a risk to the babies, although they look very cute. We have taken them off before bringing them to the hospital for the babies. Thanks to our members for their work - keep quilting and knitting. Thanks - *Denise, Marian and Alice.*

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

I want to thank **Janina Hannum** for helping with the Welcoming Committee. More helpers are needed. I have made name tags for new members and guests. Say hello to someone who is wearing a name tag. I encourage the members to wear their name tag at meetings too. You can be friendlier if you know someone's name. Any ideas? Contact me at bpile@optonline.net

New members: **Thyra Schubert, Gail Malis, Camie Berube, Suzanne R. C. Berry, Jane Broaddus, Janice Beeby, Hildegard J. Nadler, Catherine McNamara, and Cynthia Spurles.**

We also had many guests from the **United Nations** visit during our March meeting.

--- *Beth Pile*

APRIL WORKSHOP

(Continued from page 1)

Supply List:

- Paper and fabric scissors
- Glue stick, transparent tape
- See-thru ruler with 1/8" lines
- Template material
- 1 Fat Quarter for background
- Colored fabrics with thread to match
- 2 sheets paper marked with 12" square
- Wash-out marking pen to work on colored fabric
- Needles/pins (I use a #9 quilting needle for my appliqué)
- \$2 supply fee for copies of flowers, leaves, shapes, etc.
- Sheet of medium/fine sand paper (Keeps fabric stationary while drawing around template)
- Black felt-tip marking pen
- (Ott) Light & extension cord (Optional)

Come early to set up. Class will begin on time.

FRIENDSHIP QUILT TOP

The friendship quilt top is being signed. There is still room for your signature. The quilt top will be raffled at the June meeting. Join in for this fund raising project for the Empire. --- *Beth Pile*

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The names of the nominees for Officers and Chairs for the 2005 - 2007 terms were printed in the March newsletter and are on the website under "Notices". The nominee for Newsletter Advertising is **Cynthia Spurles**. Voting will take place at the April 2005 meeting. Thank you to the Nomination Committee: **Susan Louis, Marilyn Korn, Lee Ebs, Joan Hellmann,** and chairperson **Sylvia Hughes**.

BY-LAWS

The By-Laws Committee convened for the second time at our March meeting. Besides fine tuning the by-laws, we discussed how better communication can be fostered between the Board and the membership.

The minutes of the Board will be posted at the Membership Table at each meeting. Everyone is welcome to the Board meetings and to the By-Laws Committee meetings. If you have an issue or any questions for the Board, call the President first and get your name on the agenda. Only Board members may vote but everyone is encouraged to voice their opinions. This is our Guild and we all have the collective responsibility to make it into the kind of organization that each of us wants it to be. --- Susan Louis

MEMBERS' NEWS/ITEMS



Susan Louis: She has two quilts showing at the Lancaster Quilters' Heritage Celebration.

Diane Rode Schneck: Catch Diane on "Queer Eye for a Straight Guy" when she teaches basic embroidery to an ex-Marine and two of the "Fab Five".

Mary Louise Smith: Five of her quilt projects from "A Page from My Journals 2004" were exhibited at International Quilt Festival in Houston in Nov. 2004, and will also be at IQF in Rosemont, Illinois from April 7-10. Three of her Journal Quilts, Muses for the months April, May and July will be featured in the upcoming Spring Quilting Quarterly of National Quilting Association (page 26). Visit <http://community-2.webtv.net/MaryLouiseSmith/MaryLouiseSmith/>

Cathy Hoover Vest Workshop: Sat. July 16 and Sun. July 17 at Sonny Rieber's house in Scarsdale. Please call Judy Isaacs 718-969-1696 if you are interested in being added to the wait list.

FUTURE WORKSHOP

June 5: First Sunday BEFORE Empire's meeting. Lisa Shepard's AFRICAN MOSIACS This workshop is based on a watercolor-type quilt she showed at our January meeting (photo on our website). The cost is \$75 including the kit with all the needed fabrics. The kit will be handed out at the May meeting so you will have time to sort the fabrics into color families. You will need to pay the Guild by that meeting. Please call Mary Butler if you plan to take the workshop. No need to bring a sewing machine unless you wish to finish the piece at the workshop.

QUILTER OF THE MONTH

Rhona Triggs

Before Rhona found sewing and quilting she was sent by her mother to the Museum of Modern Art in order to learn pottery. At the beginning her mother took her from Brooklyn to the museum and back to Brooklyn. As time went on, she was able to go back and forth alone. During elementary school Rhona began learning how to sew, yet she continued her pottery, until she went college. After college Rhona purchased an original Dover book about quilting and began her first quilt some time during the 70's. In the 80's she learned about Empire Quilters.

During the fall of 1994 Rhona met Catherine Smith who became her teacher and mentor. Together the two made two quilts – the second quilt was an appliqué for which they both won first place for appliquéing. Her quilts were shown in Central Park, John Jay College, and Prospect Park.

Rhona is always reading, learning, and watching other quilters. She is always taking in quilting things and getting better.

---- Natalie Garfinkle

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

In March we did not have many entries, but what we lacked in quantity we made up in quality. I hope you all saw them before **Janet Randolph** won them. Entries were made by **Marian Webber (1), Carole Hoffman (1), Alicia Cruz (1), Janet Randolph (2) and Naomi Shelnut (1).**

May's Block of the Month - Finished block should measure 8-1/2 inches.

For all you lovers of appliqué I have two blocks. Spring is finally here so I thought a butterfly and a flower would be appropriate. Make one or both. You can see the blocks I made on our website at www.empirequilters.net and download the patterns there also. As the patterns would not fit in the newsletter I am bringing them to the April meeting. If you cannot make it to the meeting just call me (212-662-6181) and I will send you the patterns. --- *Leila Lieberman*

LIBRARY NEWS

The Guild has once again received a special offer from Fons and Porter for discounted subscriptions to their magazine *The Love of Quilting*. The cost to members thru the Guild is \$15 for one year's subscription. To subscribe, send me a check, payable to **Empire Quilters**, with your mailing address or you can give it to me at the April meeting. The offer expires April 15th. If you need information please call me (best after 7 pm).

The Library has been receiving many fine donations for our Library and Book Sale. Thank you for your support of your fellow quilters! **Nancy Castel, Anne Townley, Sylvia Hodge, Millicent Lana, Anna Lega, June Calender, Michael Greenberg, Evelyn Berkowitz, Anna Faustino, Sandra Samanigo, Stefanie Sheehan, Sr. Cynthia Cunningham, Jane Kelton, Rita Reid, Rossanna Wells,** and **Andrea Tebesceff** for her intriguing gift. --- *Catherine Bancroft*

SHARE TABLE

As usual our members were generous with their fabric for the Share Table. We would like to thank **Joe & Ruby Horansky, Marie Claire Foss, Nancy Castel, Stefanie Sheehan, Susan Louis and all the anonymous donors.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

	2/13/2005	YTD	YTD
	3/14/2005		
Income			
Advertising	650.00		2,239.50
Auction Income:			
Bake Sale		284.90	
Cash Raffle		221.00	
Flea Market		586.90	
Live Auction		4,125.00	
Silent Auction		1,836.00	
	0.00		7,053.80
Friendship Quilt	0.00		30.00
Guest Fees	15.00		145.00
Guild Sales	0.00		15.00
Library Income	36.61		179.46
Membership Fees	405.00		5,735.00
Mtg Raffle	207.00		705.00
Raffle Quilt Income	0.00		4,477.00
Scrap Table	133.05		404.81
Mtg Vendors	0.00		460.40
Workshop Fees	740.00		2,480.00
Total Income	2,186.66		23,924.97
Expenses			
Advertising Exp	100.00		100.00
Auction Expenses	100.00		265.95
Insurance	0.00		1,054.00
Library Exp	0.00		143.20
Newsltr Printing	225.82		1,646.62
P.O. Box	0.00		118.00
Postage	107.30		794.17
Raffle Quilt Exp	0.00		752.48
Rent @ FIT	0.00		5,000.00
Speaker Exp	12.34		378.35
Speaker Prog Fee	200.00		1,250.00
Subscriptions	0.00		44.90
Website	0.00		141.65
Wrkshp Exp	120.00		1,164.40
Wrkshp Teacher Fee	350.00		1,400.00
Total Expenses	1,215.46		14,253.72



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Are you a member of the National Quilting Association? _____ Yes _____ No

Are you interested in being an officer or a committee chair of the Guild? _____ Yes _____ No
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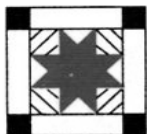
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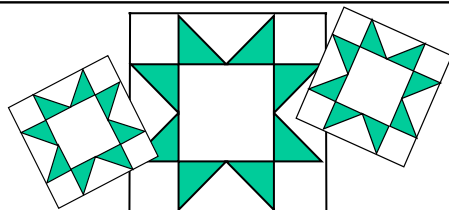
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“18th Annual Quilters’ Heritage Celebration” 3/31-4/3 Lancaster Host Resort & Conference Center, Lancaster, PA. 217-854-9323; www.qhconline.com.
** **EMPIRE BUS TRIP** **

“The City Quilter Challenge” 4/1-10 The City Quilter, 133 W. 25 St., NYC. Exhibit of NY-themed quilts using challenge fabric. Quilts due 4/1/05. 212-807-0390 or www.cityquilter.com.

“OPEN HOUSE-The Studio Art Quilt Association of New York ” 4/8 (12-2 pm & 6-8 pm) The City Quilter, 133 W. 25 St., NYC. www.saga.com. Lisa Chipetine 1-800-742-7792x319 (9-5), 516-857-3228 (after hours), lisa@threadplay.com

“The Quilters’ Guild of Brooklyn Block Party” 4/9-10 Pratt Institute’s Activity Resource Center (ARC), 200 Willoughby Ave., Brooklyn, NY. www.quiltbrooklyn.org.

“Girl Scout’s Quilt-In” 4/9-10 Make quilts for the Westchester Medical Center’s Pediatric Cardiology Unit. Needs quilting supplies. Girl Scout House, Wayman Ave., Scarsdale, NY. Raven Valdes 914-664-6450.

“Machine Quilters Exposition” 4/14-17 The Center of NH/Radisson Hotel, Manchester, NH. Mary Schilke 802-757-2200 or www.MachineQuiltersExpo.com

“Richmond Hill Piecemakers Annual Quilt Show” 4/17 (10 am-4 pm) Holy Child Jesus School Auditorium, 86 Ave & 111 St., Richmond Hill, NY. \$2.

“American Quilter Society (AQS) Show” 4/20-23 Paducah Expo Center, Paducah, KY. 270-898-7903 or www.americanquilter.com

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

“Great Catskill Mountain Quilt Show” Submit quilts with Native American themes by May 31. Catskill Mountain Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 924, Hunter, NY 12442, 518-263-4908, www.catskillmtn.org, or catskillmtn@yahoo.com

“SAQA Trunk Show Exhibitions” Submit quilts less than 18” x 18” by May 12. Must be SAQA member. Lisa Chipetine c/o Sharp Decisions, Inc., 55 W. 39th St, 4th Fl., NY, NY 10018; 1-800-742-7792x319 (9-5); After hours 516-857-3228; lisa@threadplay.com

“ArtQuilts at the Sedgwick” Submit quilts completed after 1/1/03 for juried exhibition April-May 2006. Applications due by October 1. Contact: Deborah Schwartzman, 215-438-5109, quiltist@comcast.net, www.aqats.com

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