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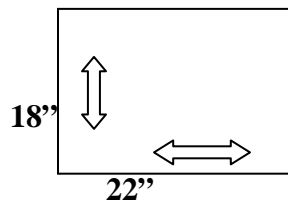
**NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 10, 2005
11 AM TO 12 PM – BOARD MEETING
1 PM TO 5 PM – GENERAL MEETING
Fashion Institute of Technology (F.I.T.)
David Dubinsky Center, 8th Floor
West 27th Street & 8th Avenue, NYC
GUEST FEE waived this month**

**PROGRAM: “HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER BAZAAR”
VENDOR: NO VENDOR THIS MONTH
QUILTER OF THE MONTH: NONE
WORKSHOP: “GATHERING DAY”**

PROGRAM

This month’s program will be our “**Holiday Fundraiser Bazaar.**” The event is essentially a “four-patch”: The first block will be a “**Progressive Ballot Box Raffle.**” The second block will be the “**Bake Share and Coffee/Tea.**” The third block will be “**Carnival Games of Chance.**” The fourth block will be “**Tickets in a Super Raffle.**” See **page 4** for full descriptions of all four blocks. This meeting will be open to guests without a guest fee. However, admission will be a donation to the fundraiser, even if it is only a piece of fabric. Bring along a project to work on while the afternoon progresses. We ask that you please bring a fat quarter or more

to the meeting for prizes in the games of chance. Tie a ribbon or rubber band around them if you can. Pretty is always good. Please donate fat quarters that you would not mind receiving yourself. For anyone who is not sure what a fat quarter is, the dimensions are **18” x 22”**. This gives more area for cutting big pieces than 9” x 44” will.



“Pretty Fabric”

WORKSHOP

This month’s workshop will be “**Gathering Day.**” Please see **page 5** for details.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Empire Quilters.

“Over the river and through the woods to Grandmother’s house we go.” I’ve always loved this song because for me it signals the beginning of an exciting, magical time of year. Many of us will travel to visit family for the various holidays we have between now and the end of the year. I hope that all of us will have safe and joyful celebrations, but want to acknowledge that some of us have difficulties – even tragedy – to contend with. For those folks, I wish you good friends and family to support you, as you need.

I think we’d all agree that there are far too many people who have suffered terrible losses during the last year, all over the world - from natural disasters like tsunamis, earthquakes and hurricanes, as well as from manmade disasters, like terrorist activities, wars, and day-to-day crime. It’s been heartwarming to see the outpourings from so many who donate time and money and supplies to those in need. I’ve been so pleased to see that Empire Quilters has stepped up and given generously. I hope that as we go about our celebrations of the next 2 months, that we all remember that the need continues - and will continue for a long while - and as best each of us is able, please continue to give lovingly and generously.

Our December meeting is intended to be both a holiday festivity and a fund-raiser in support of our March 2007 Quilt Show. I know that March 2007 seems like a long way off, but just a couple weeks ago, the end of this year seemed a long way off too – now it seems like it’ll be here tomorrow. You’ll see a full description of the planned activities on a separate page. We received a number of donations at the November meeting, and ask that others who have donations bring them to the meeting early. Without a doubt the Guild needs your support – both by donating items, and by participating in the various events.

Please remember to donate a fat quarter (18” X 22”) or two ... the more fat quarters we receive, the more prizes we’ll be able to award in the games of chance

A lot of work goes into planning and executing a meeting like this. Anyone who is willing to volunteer on that Saturday is encouraged to contact Paula Kenney or me – you can e-mail at the Guild’s website, or telephone us to let us know your availability.

In addition to the fundraising activities some of our usual activities will still carry on. We will have **Show and Tell** – with a focus on items with a holiday theme, though all items are welcome as usual. Also some **focus groups** will continue, including a re-run of the focus group on foundation piecing the New York Beauty block. The December workshop is going to be an informal ‘gathering’ – we’ll work on the Raffle quilt, and people are encouraged to bring other items they want to work on, or get help with.

I look forward to seeing you all next month. Meanwhile – keep safe and warm.

Jennifer

SHOW AND TELL

The following people shared projects with us at the November meeting.

June Calender (*Cardinals in the Winter*), Mary Anne Ciccotelli (*Stripes & Triangles*), Diane Collier (*Walk of Faith*, a communication quilt), Anna Faustino (several different quilts), Marge Geary (*Tom's Christmas Quilt*), Larry Gifford (several different quilts), Sylvia "Cookie" Hodge (*It's No Fancy Me*, made for her father) Marilyn Korn (*Where do fairies come from?*), Rhona Triggs (*4H Club Quilt*), and Teresa Vega (*A River Runs Through Us*).

If you missed the meeting, you can see these works on the guild website. Look for the

Show & Tell link. There WILL be a show and tell in December. Please bring holiday-themed items for December's Show & Tell. *New or old!* We'll take some time during the festivities to show those items.

BOOK REVIEW

This is something new for our newsletter. June Calender has submitted her review of a book she felt others would also enjoy.

Art Quilts, a Celebration, 400 Stunning Contemporary Designs, published by Lark Press at \$24.94, in large paperback format is one of the best bargains I've come across in many years of collecting art quilts books. Whether for yourself for inspiration or as a gift for a friend or family member who doesn't know quilts can be art, but think all are nine-patches made by grandmothers, this book is a beauty. The introduction by Robert Shaw is enlightening as are the artist's notes. All the quilts were shown at Quilt Nationals between 1995 and 2003. I got mine at Barnes & Noble, but you can probably get it for less from Amazon.com. Carol Taylor (November Program) has two quilts in this book.
June Calender

BOARD MEETING MINUTES ON WEBSITE

Our board meeting minutes are posted on our website at:
WWW.EMPIREQUILTERS.NET They can be found on the Committees page of the website and are in .pdf format. A password is required to open the file.

If you've forgotten the password, e-mail info@empirequilters.net. When your membership is verified, the password will be e-mailed to you. Additionally, the minutes can be perused at our meeting; they are to be found at our membership table.

Joan Hellmann, Secretary



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SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

It's not too early to be thinking about our upcoming annual *Charity Quilting Day*. It is **Saturday February 11, 2006**. Please plan to spend some time during the holidays making some quilt tops that can be assembled that day. If you need ideas, visit the guild website. The Service Page is new this year, and has quilt patterns, stuffed animal patterns, and some general guidelines for you to follow. There are also some easy quilt assembly suggestions. If you need fabric or extra help, stop by the Service Table at the December meeting. Our Service Committee is fabulous – they are dedicated, hardworking and helpful. This year the need is greater than ever, and you'll be glad you took the time to participate.

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RAFFLES




The raffle committee would like to thank all the members who have donated items to the raffle table as well as everyone who bought raffle tickets. Thanks, **Pat Decker, Anita Duncan and JoAnn Montalbano**.

Empire Quilt Guild Holiday Fundraiser Bazaar December 10th

This year's fundraiser will be a "fun"-raiser. It will not be as elaborate a production as prior year's but will still give everyone a chance to get together, socialize, bid/buy a few tickets to win some great items, and try your hand at a couple games of chance. This meeting will open to guests (no guest fee) but admission will be a donation of a raffle item (see below) -- even if it is just one piece of fabric. Bring along a project to work on while the afternoon activities take place.

So, First – the ask/plea. We would like EQG members to donate Something towards the fundraiser. Ideally it is something useful and of value that you have on hand and wouldn't mind donating it to the Guild. We will then bundle it with a few other items to make a unique "package" to raffle off. We'd like you to consider "re-gifting" something you might have received and know that you will never use, or perhaps some new quilting supplies or notions where you have extra on hand. Now is the time to look in your closet for that gift you received two years ago that has not made it out of the box. For this event we'd like to take a "pass" on finished quilts or craft projects (unless you have a superb piece of work!) or "flea market" items. You can hold onto them for a meeting later in the year. For this December event we would like to receive more "upscale" donations – sorry in advance, no offense intended, but "no junk". Last, we want Fabric -- fat quarters!! Bring as many as you can since they will be the main prizes for our games of chance. Roll/elastic band or fold/ribbon them if you can. Pretty is always good.

The event is essentially a four-patch:

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>First Block</u></p> <p>Progressive Ballot Box Raffle</p> <p>This is not your ordinary auction – ticket sellers will be walking the floor selling special Progressive Ballot Box Raffle tickets for \$1 each. On these tickets you will print your name and phone number. You then take your purchased tickets and drop them into the ballot boxes in front of the prize packages that you hope to win. We hope to have between 30 and 40 "lots" of prizes in this area. For you clever ones – you can swing the odds in your favor by loading up the ballot boxes in front of items you really like – and pass over the ones that don't interest you. The drawings will start taking place by early afternoon.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Second Block</u></p> <p>Bake Share and Coffee/Tea</p> <p>Bring along some baked goods to share with everyone else. This is not a "bake sale" – this is free munchies for all attendees. Here's your chance to show off your ability with a cookie sheet/cake pan and get everyone buzzing with sugar for the day. For those of you who are oven-challenged – bring along a few sodas, coffee or teas, or paper plates/cups/napkins are always welcomed.</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Third Block</u></p> <p>Carnival Games of Chance</p>  <p>We will have a couple carnival-type games of chance to get everyone in the swing of things and having a good time. There will be a thread-spool toss. Pay for a "chance", toss the spool at an array of plastic cups and win yourself fat-quarter fabrics if your aim is any good. The other game of chance will be to win some of the 60+ different quilting books and patterns generously donated by Ann Logan.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Fourth Block</u></p> <p>Tickets in A Super-Raffle</p>  <p>You know this familiar routine – however this raffle will have some "kick" to it. We hope to have some really super prizes in the raffle to push up the numbers of tickets purchased. People will be selling tickets and numbers will be drawn for the pick of the prize table during the course of the afternoon,</p>

So there you have it! **In summary:** find something and maybe a guest to bring to the December Bazaar. For those who can't attend, but want to donate, you can bring your items to the November meeting and we will have someone collect them for the Holiday Fundraiser. Gather together some fabric fat-quarters, come along in December, and have some fun.

WORKSHOP CONTINUED

“Gathering Day”

Place: 343 8th Avenue

Time: 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Members are invited to join an Empire workspace to: finish holiday gifts; assemble and/or complete a quilt project; get answers to your quilt questions —Tina Barth will demonstrate quilt-as-you-go, Mary B. will show how Carol Taylor faces her quilts (neat); AND join in working on the blocks for our fabulous show raffle quilt “*All Around the Town.*” Foundation and focus fabric will be ready to go and machines if you can't bring yours. Come for an hour, two or more. Free to members If interested or have any questions, call **Mary Butler 212•662-7771.**

There is no supply list for this workshop as it is your projects. Bring what you need to work on your projects. If you want to work on the raffle quilt, bring basic sewing supplies.

FUTURE WORKSHOP'S SCHEDULE

January 14— Folded Flower Bag/Mary Anne Cicotelli

**Saturday before the meeting at 9AM -12PM \$20

February 4 — African Mosaics/Lisa Shepard

**Saturday 9:30AM -PM \$75 includes Kit

March 12 — Cutwork Embellishment/Anna Faustino Sunday 9:30AM-4PM

May 14 — Fabric Folios/Leslie Levinson Sunday 9:30AM - 4 PM

June 11 — African Trails/Dorothy Scalice Sunday 9:30AM - 4PM

JANUARY WORKSHOP

“**Folded Hexagon Bag**” presented by Mary Anne Ciccitelli.

Place: F.I.T. – 8th floor meeting space

Date: January 14, 2005

Time: 9:00AM – 12:00PM (Before Meeting)



Supply List: *Version A* square or *Version B* extended flap. Using batik fabric, (they look almost identical on either side with a very tight weave) **cut 7" hexagons*** *Version A:* 17 hexagons/*Version B:* 20 hexagons. Using traditional or low-loft polyester batting (100% cotton batt makes a *very flat* hexagon) **cut 3" hexagons*** *Version A:* 16 hexagons/*Version B:* 20 hexagons. **Pre-cut all hexagons and bring to the workshop due to time constraints.** Also •Sewing kit (needles, scissors, pins, etc.)•Neutral colored thread •Thimble (optional)
•Lead pencil +chalk pencil•Sharpie® permanent marker Complete the bag after the workshop with:•Buttons/beads (embellishments for hexagon centers)
•*Version A:* 16 •*Version B:* 19
•Coordinating thread for quilting lines (optional)
•1 yard of cording for bag handle (optional)
•Magnetic clasp* **Complete Kit available for purchase \$27** (20 pre-cut 7" hexagons (each a different batik),20 pre-cut 3" 100% poly batt hexagons,1 magnetic clasp. •**Batting/clasp kit: \$5** (20 pre-cut batting hexagons, 1 magnetic clasp)
Magnetic clasp only: \$2.00
You can contact Mary Anne at mac1998ny@yahoo.com or (914-738-2783) at least one week prior to the workshop to order a complete kit so

enough are available. Supply list and hexagon templates can be downloaded from the Empire Website. www.empirequilters.net. Go to the workshops page.

FEBRUARY WORKSHOP

Alert: The African Mosaic workshop with Lisa Shepard is being given again on Saturday, February 4. All those interested please sign up during the December meeting. The cost is \$75 which includes the complete kit with fabrics. **Payment is required no later than January 23.** Make cheques out to **Empire Quilters** and send to **M. Butler, c/o Empire Quilters, 10 West 95 St. NYC 10025.**

FOCUS GROUPS

“In the Process” (10:30 am-12:30 pm)

This is an opportunity to work on your projects. Come share your ideas with others. Any questions, call **Dorothy Arkell** at 212-675-2438.

“On Going Crazy Quilt Group”

The crazy quilt focus group will start again in **January**. We will continue to make our blocks plus learn new embroidery stitches. Bring your block in January to show to the group. New ladies always welcome. Questions call: **Natalie 212-877-4702 or Beth 631-286-5532.**

“New York Beauty Raffle Quilt Block” (3:30 pm – 5:00 pm)

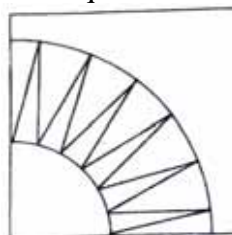
Following the November meeting, the Raffle Quilt Committee will host a focus group to teach members how to make a New York Beauty Block.

We will provide the foundation, and ask that you come with 4 fabrics, 2 of which should

have good contrast for the pointy section. Dark and light scraps could be used too.

This block can be hand pieced or machine pieced. There will be a limited number of machines available, so you may want to bring your own. For hand-piecing, bring your usual sewing kit. The blocks made in the focus group session are yours to keep and practice with. If you are interested in attending this focus group, please contact **Paula Kenny** – at 212-982-8043. – so that she brings sufficient materials and instructions.

Finally, please join Raffle Quilt Committee members at the December “Gathering”, when we will be there to work on the blocks for the raffle quilt.

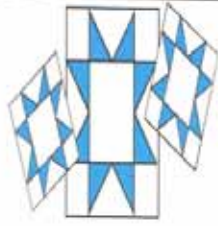


Please note that we will be working on the raffle quilt during the December meeting since there will be down time between the days events. Members are also encouraged to bring their own projects to work on as well.

SUNSHINE/WELCOMING

We have had several of our members and members loved ones ill this month. We wish all of them a speedy recovery. Anyone wanting a card sent to a member of Empire please let me know. **Beth Pile 631-286-5532 or bpile@optonline.net.**

“HAPPY HOLIDAYS”



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Date: Sat-Sun, March 25 – 26, 2006

Presented By: Long Island Quilters Society

Location: Freeport Recreation Center, 130 East Merrick Road, Freeport, New York.

More Information: www.liqs.org

Machine Quilters Exposition

Date: April 19 – 22, 2006

Location: The Center of New Hampshire, Radisson Hotel, Manchester, New Hampshire

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Date: Sat-Sun, May 5 -- 6, 2006

Presented By: Northern Star Quilter’s Guild

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Lowell Quilt Festival “A Citywide Celebration of Quilts”

Date: August 3 – 6, 2006

Presented By: New England Quilt Museum Auxiliary

Location: Tsongas Arena, Lowell Memorial Auditorium and New England Quilt Museum, Lowell, Massachusetts.

REGIONAL SHOWS

Fiber Revolution: A Survey of Styles

Date: November 3, 2005 – January 7, 2006

Location: New England Quilt museum

Location: New England Quilt Museum

More Information: www.nequiltmuseum.org

Marilyn Henrion’s “Silk Road Journey’s”

Date: December 1 – 31, 2006.

Location: Treasure Room Gallery at the Interchurch Center, 475 Riverside Drive (120th Street), New York, NY

Time: Mon – Fri, 9:00AM – 5:00PM

Quilts=Art=Quilts

Date: November 5, 2005 – January 8, 2006

Location: Schweinfurth Memorial Art Center, Auburn, New York

Hours: Tues-Sat, 10:00AM – 5:00 PM Sun, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

BIRTHDAYS

Jennifer Gregory, Judy Shapiro, Nancy Gulisano, Pamela Wexler, Mary Butler, Mary Anne Ciccotelli, Hetty Doldron, Pauline Myers, Mary Jane Van Loon, Sara E. Niego, Lynette Baker, Wendy O’Flaherty, Lee Ebs.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report
10/14-11/13

Income as of 11/13	Month	Y-T-D
Fons and Porter	\$15.00	\$15.00
Guest Fees	\$0.00	\$75.00
Katrina Auction		\$200.00
Library Income		\$69.00
Membership	\$265.00	\$3,545.00
Monthly Raffles		\$267.00
Newsletter Advertising	\$538.20	\$2,174.70
Share Table		\$243.00
Vendor Sales	\$130.00	\$204.00
Workshops		\$65.00
Total Income	\$933.20	\$6,842.70

Expenses as of 10/12/05	Month	Y-T-D
Fons and Porter Subscriptions	\$0.00	\$80.00
Insurance		\$1,122.00
Newsletter Expense	\$259.69	\$826.25
Newsletter Mailing	\$111.00	\$527.80
Printing and Reproduction		\$16.23
Postage-Show		\$58.85
Post Office Box	\$48.00	\$48.00
Raffle Quilt-Show	\$64.13	\$64.13
Refunds on Membership		\$75.00
Rent		\$2,500.00
Speaker		\$200.00
Speaker Expenses		\$62.46
Stationery		\$396.88
Website	\$21.95	\$65.85
Welcoming Committee		\$30.14
Workshop Expense		\$400.00
Workshop Teacher Fees		\$200.00
Total Expenses	\$504.77	\$6,673.59

Current Bank Balance as of 11/13/05	
Quilt Show Checking	\$11,267.49
Guild Checking	\$22,404.52
	\$33,672.01

BLOCK OF MONTH

Our November Block of the Month was a rousing success. I certainly hope that I can continue to find blocks that you will be interested in making. Entries were from: CarmenCaldeiro (1); Doris Julis (3); Anna Krassy (1); Veronique Milliez (1); Marian Webber (1) and Rhona Trigg (4) who was the lucky winner.

As December is party month there will not be a Block of the Month, so here is the one for January.

Block of the Month -- January, 2006
PATCHWORK HEART Finished size 9" x 9" (9-1/2" unfinished).

To get a head start for Valentine's Day I have borrowed this Patchwork Heart from the Fraser Valley Quilter's Guild. I have made mine from flowers, but I expect that you will find other interesting fillings for your heart. Think outside the box! Here are the very simple instructions:

Cut:

1. 15 - 2" x 2" squares of white or cream colored background fabric.
2. 17 - 2" x 2" squares of your pattern fabric
3. 2 - 2-3/8" x 2-3/8" squares of background fabric, and cut these in half diagonally
4. 2 - 2-3/8" x 2-3/8" squares of pattern fabric, cut these in half diagonally and join with the other diagonal triangles to make 4 half-square triangles
5. Assemble block in rows referring to diagram

Once again, if I can be of any help to you in making this block, please do not hesitate to call me.

Leila Lieberman



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	\$18,721.95	\$19,250.00
CURRENT BALANCE		\$33,672.01
MONIES FOR SHOW		\$11,267.49
ACTUAL BALANCE		\$22,404.52

UPCOMING MEETINGS

January 14, 2006 (Program to be determined)

February 11, 2006 (Charity Quilting Day)

March 11, 2006 (Rhonda Johnson—copy right issues)

April 8, 2006 (Program to be determined)

May 13, 2006 (Leslie Levinson)

June 10, 2006 (Program to be determined)

LOST AND FOUND

Sylvia Hughes lost her black silk scarf with fringe at the November meeting. There was a black silk scarf with fringe on the scrap table last month. If anyone may have found it, please bring it to the December meeting. Thanks, **Sylvia Hughes 212-665-5036.**

LIBRARY NEWS

There will be no library this month. The library will return in January.

SCRAP TABLE

There will be no scrap table this month. Please bring your scraps to the January meeting.

QUILTER OF THE MONTH

There will be no quilter of the month this month.

VENDOR

There will be no vendor this month. The vendor will return in January.

2005 – 2005 BUDGET

GENERAL FUNDS	Nov. 19, 2005 2004-2005	2005-2006
CATEGORY		
ADVERTISING		
EXPENSE	\$100.00	\$200.00
AUCTION	\$265.95	\$0.00
BLOCK OF MONTH		\$100.00
HISTORIAN/ARCHIVIST		\$150.00
INSURANCE	\$1,180.00	\$1,200.00
LIBRARY	\$143.20	\$150.00
MEMBERSHIP COMM.		\$100.00
MEMBERSHIPS		\$100.00
MISCELLANEOUS		\$500.00
NEWSLETTER EXP	\$2,338.81	\$2,500.00
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POSTAGE	\$1,016.17	\$1,000.00
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For the latest up to the minute info about what's going on in the guild, go to the Empire Quilter's Website at:

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New York Disaster Interfaith Services (NYDIS) has opened a Katrina Evacuee Clothing Mart at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church on Church St between Barclay and Vesey. (The A/C/E to Chambers St. or the 2/3 to Park Place.). They will accept the donation of new quilts **Monday-Saturday, 10 am-6 pm**. Their number is **347-387-3678**.

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