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NEXT MEETING: APRIL 8, 2006

11 AM TO 12 PM – BOARD MEETING

1 PM TO 5 PM – GENERAL MEETING

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PROGRAM: QUILT ARTIST, LESLIE LEVISON

VENDOR: LITTLE RED QUILT HOUSE

QUILTER OF THE MONTH: NO Q.O.M. FOR APRIL

WORKSHOP: NO WORKSHOP FOR APRIL

PROGRAM

This month we have quilt artist **Leslie Levison**, one of the founding members of Empire Quilters. Leslie is a very talented “crazy quilter” who is an expert at embroidery, beading and embellishment. She has been quilting for over 20 years. She is a highly respected member of the quilting community and teaches at City Quilter. She has been a frequent contributor to “**Quilting Arts Magazine**.” We look forward to hearing her stories, tips and techniques as well as seeing her beautiful quilts.

If you would like to take an on-line crazy quilt class with Leslie, go to the Caron Thread website at www.caron-net.com and click on **On-line Classes**. Scroll down to bottom and click on **Crazy Quilt Classes taught by Leslie Levison**. This is a two part class. It gives a good overview of crazy quilting for the beginner. If you enjoy her presentation, you will want to sign up for her workshop in May called “**Fabric Folios**.” Details will be under the workshop info in this month’s newsletter or on the on Empire Quilters website. Click on the workshops link.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone. Saturday was a glorious day, and I was so pleased to see so many Empire Quilters attending our March meeting. Though the order of the program was turned around a bit, I hope you'll all agree that Rhonda Johnson's program about the issues surrounding copyright was well worth the wait. It generated a lively discussion, raised questions we all need to consider - in our quilting and our showing of our work - and for which we clearly didn't all have the same answers.

As spring approaches, so do a number of quilt shows in our region. As usual, we're hosting a bus trip to the Lancaster show - which happens to be the same weekend as our next meeting. Fran Riede told us the bus is full. If you haven't paid her yet, please contact her right away. I imagine there's a waiting list of folks who'd be happy to see a seat open up. For other opportunities to see what other quilters are working on, you can find a list of upcoming shows on our Website, on the Shows and Events page. If you know of a show that's not listed, you can send the information to Cindy Russell at crr@empirequilters.net.

FOCUS ON THE FUTURE:

As mentioned at the March meeting, the Board of Directors is presenting a different sort of meeting in May. At this meeting we will ask members to organize into small groups to discuss their ideas about the objectives and future direction of the Guild. Each discussion group will be joined by a Board member to help organize the remarks and suggestions that are discussed. In the next newsletter I'll give more detail about the way the meeting will run.

I think this is a very important meeting for our Guild, and hope all members will make a concerted effort to attend. We have a

remarkably diverse group, with a wide range of interests. I know there are many ideas about what the aims of the Guild could be, and what sorts of activities and resources we want to have as part of our docket. Though the Board oversees the general activities, we have agreed that we'll all benefit from presenting a forum that gives everyone an opportunity to talk about what's important to her/him. Though I expect there'll be a need to register some complaints - my fervent hope is that everyone will see that this is a chance to focus on the future - even learning from past shortcomings. **AND** - I want us to have **FUN** while doing this - it's not a chore. This is a unique opportunity for the entire guild membership to be involved in setting the goals for the next few years.

The weather is getting warmer, and soon the crocuses will push through and proclaim that spring is here. I hope you enjoy.

Jennifer

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ligaya Siachongco, Jane Broaddus, S. Nancy Castel, Carmen Caldeiro, Joan Curry, Carole

Hoffman, Alma Scher, Lisette Zichlinsky, Judy Doenias, Sonia Rieber, Elizabeth Adorno, Terry Hamilton, Doris Julis, Lisa Krakowsky, Judy Schneider, Regina Nordquist.

LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to all the members who donated books and magazines to the library. This month's donations came from Leila Lieberman, Anne Townley, Betty Ford, Jan Jenicek, Helen Chin, Rita Reed, Joan Hellmann, Sheila Molitz, June Calender, and Cynthia Cunningham. Stefani Sheehan brought some textbooks on designs and motifs from Native American peoples as well as magazines, and it was good to see Sylvia Zeveloff back at the meeting. The lecture on "Copyright and Trademarks in Quilting" gave us important information, both for the upcoming Quilt Show, in protecting our own works (designs and creating the quilts) and in using other artists and teachers designs. The next time you use a pattern from a book or magazine read the statement of policy on the contents page concerning the ownership of the designs. It will surprise many of us. Inspiration in creating a design for a quilt can be found in many children's picture books but the rights of the copyright holder must be considered. We are planning a book sale before we break for the summer and donations will be accepted beginning in April. More news about this in April.

Catherine Bancroft

UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 13, 2006 (Focus on the Future)

June 10, 2006 (Joy Seville-"The Creative Process")

July and August – have a great summer, no meetings till September.

MAY'S FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

This meeting will be a very important one for our guild, and we hope all members will make a concerted effort to attend. We will be discussing the future directions of the Empire Quilters. The board of directors wants to hear from all members - we want to hear what is right with the guild, and what could be improved. Guild President Jennifer Bigelow will moderate the discussions throughout the afternoon. This will be an exciting time of sharing ideas. We've proven over and over again that we are generous in sharing our quilting expertise and our quilted creations. Now it's time to share our ideas about programs, workshops, focus groups, shows, service projects, outings, fundraising, education, entertainment, outreach, block of the month, library and more!

This is a unique opportunity for the entire guild membership to be involved in setting the goals for the next few years. Bring a project to work on, and as many ideas as you have for the future directions of Empire Quilters. **Your input matters!**



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SHOW & TELL

The following people shared their wonderful completed projects with us at the March meeting.

Anna Faustino (*Lady Bugs on Flower*), Betty Ford (*3 wall hangings*), Emma Green (*Thank-You Note Quilt*), Joan Hellmann (*Animals on My Quilt*), Carole Hoffman (*Musical Ladies*), Felicia Ingram (*African Mosaic*), Shirley Ingram (*African Mosaic*), Debra Levin (*Cosmic Cowboys Mosaic*), Shirley Levine (*3 Silk Wedding Chuppahs*), Beth Pile (*Crazy Quilt, & Baby Quilt*), Dawn Rhodes (*Quilt as You Go Baby Quilt*), Winifred Sanders (*Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend*), Sylvia Zeveloff (*Abstract #2*)

And Marilyn Korn told us about her terrific experience at the Asilomar workshop. (To learn more about the workshops see www.emptypoolsseminars.com, or talk to Marilyn Korn)

If you missed the meeting, you can see these works on the guild website. Look for the **Show & Tell** link.

WIN A \$25.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE!

In order to encourage members to renew their membership early, we will be raffling off a **\$25.00 gift certificate to the City Quilter**. So get your checks, money orders or cash to Maggie or Emma **before** June of 2006 and be entered in our raffle. Just remember, the Membership Committee must receive the renewals prior to the June meeting for you to be eligible.

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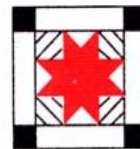
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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

NO WORKSHOP IN APRIL. In May, Leslie Levison will show us all her very special embellishment tricks—beading, embroidery, photos—when she teaches *Fabric Folios*. \$50.00 includes Tea for Mother's Day. In June, Dorothy Scalice leads us along *African Trails*. This is the workshop you (continued page 6).



2006–2007

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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
 If yes, which positions interest you?:

Do you have special skills that you'd like the guild to know about? (i.e. grant writing, lawyer, public relations specialist, graphic designer, etc.). If so, please describe here (or attach an extra sheet):

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voted for after Dorothy showed us the quilt when she visited Empire last fall. **\$TBD.** Workshop information is always on the web at www.empirequilters.net.

Mary Butler

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report
2/16-3/11

Income as of 3/11	Month	Y-T-D
December Fund Raiser		\$ 1,494.00
Fons and Porter		\$ 15.00
Guest Fees		\$ 85.00
Interest on Money Market	\$ 21.13	\$ 84.39
Katrina Auction		\$ 200.00
Library Income	\$ 17.00	\$ 157.00
Membership	\$ 275.00	\$ 4,695.00
Monthly Raffles	\$ 150.00	\$ 661.00
Newsletter Advertising		\$ 2,547.70
Share Table	\$ 120.00	\$ 551.50
Quilt Show Sponsor		\$ 250.00
Vendor Sales		\$ 362.81
Workshops	\$ 1,295.00	\$ 2,650.00
Total Income	\$ 1,878.13	\$ 13,753.40

Expenses as of 3/11	Month	Y-T-D
December Fund Raiser Expenses		\$ 250.00
Fons and Porter Subscriptions		\$ 80.00
Insurance		\$ 1,122.00
Newsletter Expense	\$ 239.60	\$ 2,198.42
Newsletter Mailing	\$ 109.20	\$ 991.40
Printing and Reproduction		\$ 16.23
Postage-Show		\$ 58.85
Post Office Box		\$ 48.00
Raffle Quilt-Show		\$ 120.07
Refunds on Membership		\$ 75.00
Refunds on Workshops		\$ 20.00
Rent		\$ 5,010.00
Speaker		\$ 575.00
Speaker Expenses		\$ 855.77

Stationery		\$ 396.88
Website	\$ 43.90	\$ 175.60
Welcoming Committee		\$ 49.66
Workshop Expense		\$ 1,981.40
Workshop Teacher Fees		\$ 1,710.80

Total Expenses **\$ 392.70** **\$ 15,485.08**

Current Bank Balance
as of 3/11

Quilt Show Checking	\$ 12,954.55
Guild Checking	\$ 19,416.37
	\$ 32,370.92

EMPIRE CHARITY COMMITTEE

The Empire Quilters charity Committee would like to thank the following members for their contributions this month:

Quilts: Carole Hoffman (1); Juliana Kallou (1); Marge Geary (2); Pam Wexler (2); Rhona Triggs (2); Anna Krassy (2); Lorna Spence – Ellis (1); Betty Chen (2); Evelyn Martin (2); June Calender (3); Stephanie Sheehan (1); Jennifer Gregory (1); Diane Rubinstein (1); Rita Reed (1).

Baby Hats: Sandy Syken (7); Marge Geary (8); Blanca Noval (15); Carmen Caldeiro (9); Gladys Alonzo (46) Hats and (17) Booties.*

*Gladys Alonzo was a guest who attended the meeting with member Fannie D'Avino at the March meeting. A big thank you goes out to Gladys Alonzo for donating so many hats and booties to the Charity Committee.

Fabric Taken: Marge Geary, Susan Rebbaj.

Quilt Delivery People: Anna Krassy, Marion Webber, Denise Walsh, Alice Oberstein, Lisette Zichlinsky.

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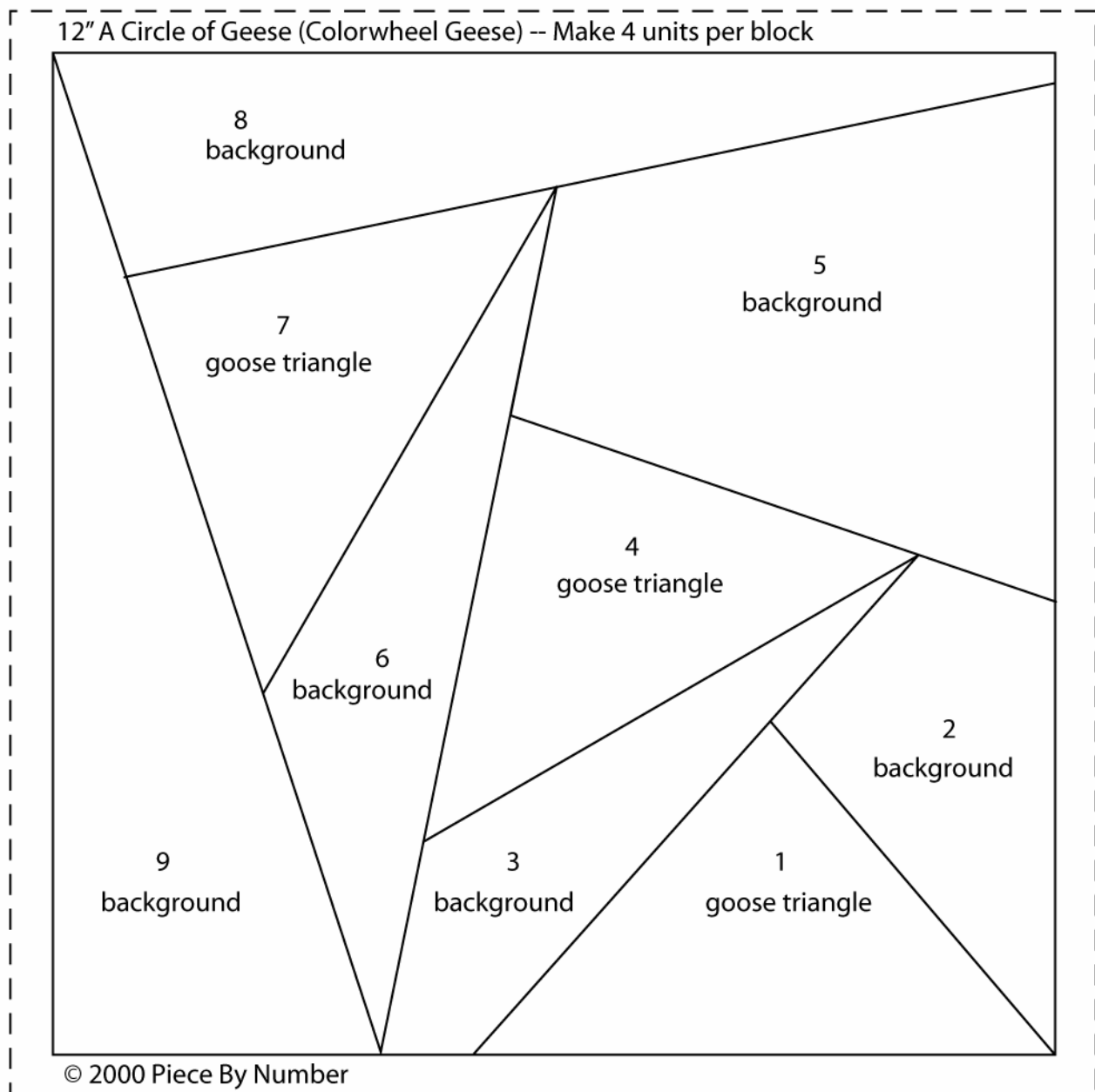
BLOCK OF THE MONTH

We only had a few participants in the March Block of the Month, but they were all outstanding. I hope you all got to see them. I still have copies of the pattern, so if you want it, you can get it from me at the next meeting. The entries were made by Mary Ferry (2) and Carmen Caldeiro (1) who won them all.

For the month of May, I have found a flying geese in a circle foundation pattern which is

not only beautiful but fun to make. I will bring the foundation pattern with me at the next meeting so you can take a copy. It will also be on our internet site www.empirequilters.net if you wish to download it. When printed, paper piecing pattern should measure 6 1/2" x 6 1/2" to make a finished block of 6" square. **Leila Lieberman**

Picture on page 9.





SUNSHINE/WELCOMING

We are having more and more guests each meeting. It is a good feeling to see that ladies who quilt are finding us. Our reputation as a guild is growing. The new members who joined in March need to see me at the April meeting. I have a gift for you. Any requests for cards for members call or e-mail: **Beth Pile 631-286-5532** or bpile@optonline.net

FOCUS GROUPS

“On Going Crazy Quilt Group” (3:30 pm – 5:00 pm)

We will continue to show how to bead on your crazy quilt block. Bring a beading needle and the beads you would like to use. We will also be showing how to embroider your block with a design traced on transparent tracing paper. This is a Victorian technique used on many old quilts. We will provide the tracings. Please bring floss and an embroidery needle to use on your block. Any questions, call **Natalie Garfinkle 1-212-877-4702** or **Beth Pile 1-631-286-5532**.

“Hand Quilting” (3:30 pm – 5:00 pm)

This is a continuation of the focus group from last month but you can jump in right now. **Pam Leonard Wexler** and **Sara Niego** will be demonstrating and discussing the aspects of

hand-work quilting. In this day of machine-quilting this focus group will revive the beauty and skills of hand quilting. This is an ideal focus group for the newer members and beginners to quilting. It will give you an opportunity to improve your technique and learn some helpful hints (or break some bad habits). You can bring a project you are working on now or just watch/follow along with the group. If you have any questions, contact **Pam Leonard Wexler at 212-662-4237.** or **Sara Niego at 718-526-0770.**

“Fabric Postcards” (3:30 pm – 5:00 pm)

Guild member June Calendar will present fabric postcard making instructions. She'll have photocopied instructions and they will be available to people who cannot stay for the workshop. As June said, “it's not rocket science. I am experimenting and finding a trick or two that work for me. It's really getting to be a big nationwide fad, I read about them in just about everything.” June will have a variety of samples to inspire people at a workshop or for those who even just enjoy hearing about them. Any questions, contact **June Calender at: junecalen@aol.com.**

SHOWS AND EVENTS

At the **Lancaster Host Resort & Conference Center:** Lancaster, PA. **19th Annual “Quilter’s Heritage Celebration.”**

For more info go to www.qhconline.com.
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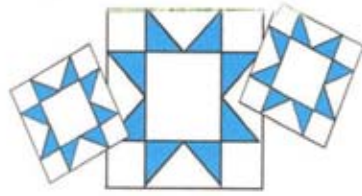
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At **Center of NH in the Radisson Hotel** in downtown Manchester, NH. **April 19 – 22, 2006 – Machine Quilters Exposition**. For more info, go to www.MOXShow.com

At the **American Folk Art Museum**, 45 W. 53rd Street, New York, NY. **March 28 – September 17, 2006 – White on White (and a little grey)** an exhibition of white on white works in quilts and other textiles. For more info and museum admission, go to www.folkartmuseum.org.

At **John F. Kennedy High School**, Rte 138, Somers, NY. **Sat-Sun, May 5 – 6, 2006. A World of Quilts XXVII** presented by **Northern Star Quilt Guild**. Cost is \$8.00/day (\$7.00 for Seniors). This event can be reached by Metro North Harlem/Hudson Line. Get off at Golden's

Bridge Station. There will be a free shuttle bus to the show all day. For more info go to www.northernstarquilters.com

At **Suffolk Community College** in Riverhead, NY. **Sat. – Sun., June 3 – 4, 2006 -- Peconic Quilt Show** presented by E.L.I.Q.G. For more info, go to www.eliqq.com.

At **The NJ Convention & Expo Center**, 97 Sunfield Avenue, Edison, NJ. **June 8 – 10, 2006.**

For more info, go to www.njquilts.org or e-mail: njquilts2006@aol.com

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In Syracuse, NY. **The Quilters Consortium of New York State. June 9 – 11, 2006.** For more info, go to www.gcnyvs.org.

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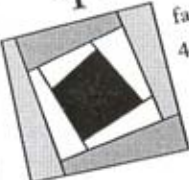
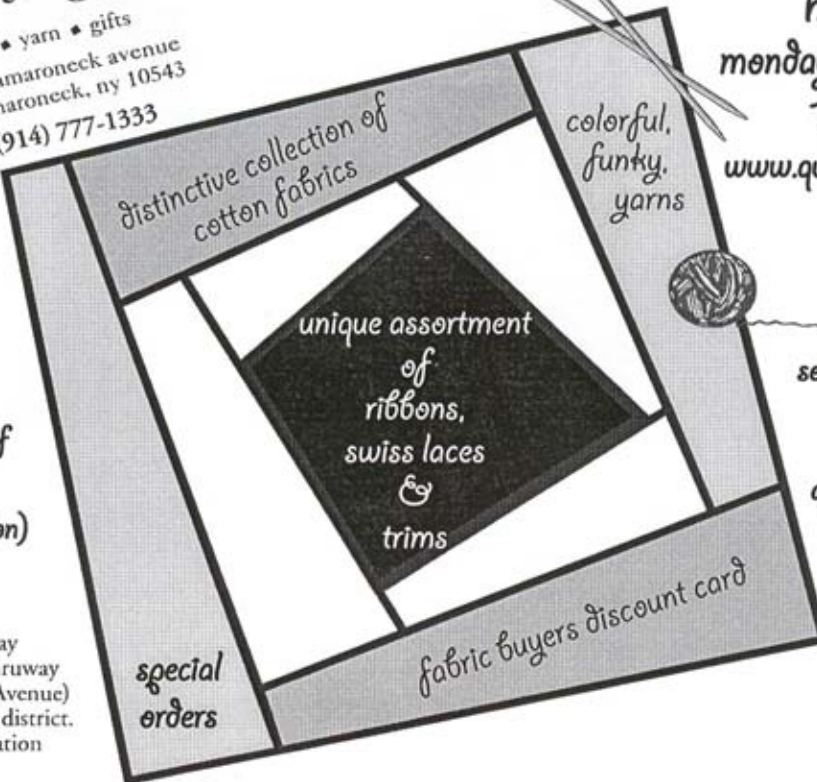

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Shows and Events continued from page 10.
 In Essex VT. **The 30th Annual Vermont Quilt Festival – June 29 – July 2, 2006.** For more info, go to www.vqf.org.

At the **Shelburne Museum** in Shelburne, Vermont. **June 10 – October 31, 2006 – Art and Illusion: Kaleidoscope Quilts At Shelburne Museum.** Features kaleidoscope patterns in 19th and 20th century quilts as well as other works. For more info, go to: www.shelburnemuseum.org.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the May, 2006 newsletter is: **Wednesday, April 12, 2006.** Please send information to: Linda Lee Kelly, 950 Oaks Drive, Franklin Square, NY 11010 or e-mail: **LKELLY20@OPTONLINE.NET**.

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 10113. www.empirequilters.net

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.**

Katrina/Rita Hurricane Relief: Quilts still needed for pre-k to 6th grade. They have over 2,000 student evacuees in Alexandria. Quilts to be sent to: **Rapides Parish School Board**
619 Sixth St., Alexandria, LA 71301
Attn: Karen Lafargue, District Superintendent
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 Any questions, you can contact **Teresa Vega at: (212) 942-9310**

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