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NEXT MEETING: MAY 13, 2006

11 AM TO 12 PM – BOARD MEETING

1 PM TO 5 PM – GENERAL MEETING

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GUEST FEE \$5.00

PROGRAM: “FOCUS ON THE FUTURE”

VENDOR: TO BE DETERMINED

QUILTER OF THE MONTH: DEBRA LEVIN

WORKSHOP: “TWO-SIDED FABRIC PAGE/FABRIC FOLIOS” WITH LESLIE LEVISON

PROGRAM

May Meeting – Focus on the Future

I think this is a very important meeting for our Guild, and hope all members will make an earnest effort to attend and actively participate. I know our members have many ideas about how the Guild can better achieve the goals of promoting the understanding of all aspects of quilting and fostering good fellowship among persons in the greater New York area who are interested in quilting. But not all of your ideas make their way to the board or to the larger membership to discuss. I really hope you'll all see this as the opportunity to share what you've been thinking about (**continued page 2**).

WORKSHOP

Date: Sunday, May 14, 2006

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Place: 343 8th Avenue, New York

**“Two-Sided Fabric Page/Fabric Folios”
with Leslie Levison. Cost: \$50.00 (includes
tea for Mother’s Day).**

If you liked her presentation in April, you will want to take her workshop in May. Leslie will be teaching many of her techniques while showing us how to make fabric folios. She will be teaching thread choices, embroidery stitches, beading, stamping, photo attachments, and the general way to make a piece sing. If you are interested, contact **Mary Butler** at: **212-662-7771** or send a cheque

made out to **Empire Quilters** to Mary Butler
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York, NY 10025.**

Supply List: Fabric scraps (like a color,
theme around it), copy of a photo to
incorporate into the piece, embroidery thread
to compliment your piece, embroidery needles
and beading needles if you will be using
beads, small piece of muslin and small piece
of batting (fat 1/8 is enough), any
embellishment you enjoy working with such
as charms, beads, buttons, found objects,
rubber stamps and pad, foils, etc.

PROGRAM CONTINUED

how to improve what the Guild offers.

**This meeting will be set up in the form of
discussion groups** of 10 – 15 people,
depending on table size. If enough Board
members are available, each group will have a
board member to help get the discussions
going, and to answer questions if possible.
This will be a four-step process:

1. General discussion in small groups of the
programs, activities and services the Guild
provides, or might provide;
2. The entire membership then hears from
each group the top 3 or 4 programs or
resources they think are important to
provide and plan for. I expect there'll be
over lap, and we'll look to consolidate to a
list of about 10 discussion topics that we
consider the highest priority for further
discussion.
3. Groups re-form to discuss planning ideas –
each group focusing on one particular
topic
4. The entire membership hears from each
group regarding the suggestions for the
topic the group discussed

**Here are some questions to think about
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1. What activities and resources do you use
(e.g. program, library, focus groups, Block
of the Month)? What would you try that
you haven't before?
2. What programs and activities offered by
the Guild (or another Guild) have I
especially enjoyed, and why?
3. If you could personally plan a program or
service for the Guild to offer, what would
it be? For example, would you want more
focus groups or programs on techniques –
and would you want more 'traditional' or
more contemporary techniques – or both.
(you don't have to have a detail plan)
4. What sorts of books or resources would
you want in the Library; raffle; etc.
5. What sorts of events can we have to raise
money to support our programs, including
our show?
6. What activities will increase the sense of
fellowship – how do we get to know one
another better? **(Continued page 11).**

EQG Yahoo Group

Empire Quilters has set up an online Yahoo group. Many of the Guild's members are familiar with a Yahoo newsgroup and an equal number haven't a clue how these things work or what takes place in one. If you are in either of these categories now is your chance to jump into the online community because you will have your fellow Guild members there to guide you and help you along the way.

In summary, this Yahoo Group is open to paid-up members of Empire Quilters and is meant to encourage discussion and collaboration between members. You can post messages and share photos and much, much more. It is hoped that all Empire Quilters members will eventually join the Yahoo group to provide another way of communicating within the Guild membership. At press time there were 46 members of the Guild who have signed on since the Group was launched in mid-March. We invited all persons who had an email address on the membership list but some of these invitations might have been seen as "spam" or at least "unfamiliar" since you would not be used to getting Yahoo emails from this Group. We will be conducting future invites but you don't have to wait to join. It is as simple as sending us an email to EQG-subscribe@yahoogroups.com, mention your name and that you are an Empire Quilters member. That's all you need to get going.

After you have joined you can determine how you interact with the Yahoo Group. You can elect to receive all posted messages individually, as a summary of the day's activity, or not at all. If you chose the latter option you can always go online to read the postings. The messaging is the best feature of the EQG Yahoo Group. You can ask for quilting advice, share ideas or news on Guild

activities, mention upcoming Quilt Shows or pretty much anything else that is "on topic". Besides the messages from the EQG Yahoo Group you can also post pictures, upload files relevant to quilting, or contact other Group users. This is a closed group (not open to non-Guild participants) and this "by invite only" criteria means you will be safe from spam and unwanted advertisements. It is the ideal place to get to know your other Guild members other than our monthly meetings.

If you have signed up you can always access the Group through the Yahoo Groups home page at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/EQG/>. Here you will need to log in with your User ID and Password that you set up at the time of the invitation. You can also request an invite by clicking the "Join This Group" button. See you online.

LIBRARY NEWS

Although the April Meeting was smaller in attendance than usual (think April Holidays) it was an enthusiastic one as far as the focus groups were concerned, great subjects and a great opportunity to see some member's interests. Be sure to check the listings for May and June. The library thanks Dorothy Nasil, Marie T. Annoual, and Sr. Cynthia Cunningham and Leila Leiberman for their donations of magazines and books. Please check your bookshelves for any borrowed books and return them before we close for the summer. Thanks to Ginny Russell we have a copy of the presentation of last month on the copyright issues that can be borrowed.

The Library committee would also like to thank C&T Publishing for very graciously donating two brand new books to our library: **"Puzzle Quilts" by Paula Nadelstern** and **"At Play With Appliqué" by Dilys A. Fronks.**

SHOW & TELL

Thank you to the following guild members for sharing their colorful works on a soggy April day.

Tina Barth (*Anonymous Charity Quilt*), Jennifer Bigelow (*Psychedelic Twists*), Jane Broaddus (*Haiku Frog*), Lauren Dieterich (*Controlled Chaos, Rag Quilt, Jungle Friends, and Unnamed*), Anna Faustino (*Lost Freedom, Stress, and On Top of the Quilters World*), Barbara Hull (*Going to Pieces? Certainly Knot! and Crocus*), Beth Pile (*Happy St. Patrick's Day*), Svetlana Popikova (*Amazon Jewels*) and Rhona Triggs (*Fireworks*).

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.

This is a great incentive to renew early. To make this easy, we've inserted a copy of the 2006 – 2007 membership form on the facing page. Good luck to all.

UPCOMING WORKSHOP

"African Trails" with Dorothy Scalice. This is the workshop you voted for after Dorothy showed us the quilt when she visited Empire last fall. Dorothy will show us how to make our own version. Hers was made using

African fabrics, but you can use whatever you wish. By using this free-wheeling process, you'll create randomized blocks that are positively liberating and colorful. You will also learn the technique of sewing down Quick Bias Tape with a double needle. **\$40.00.** Supply list will be in June newsletter. If interested, contact **Mary Butler at 212-662-7771. Pre-cutting instructions page 13.**

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Yearly Dues: _____ Regular \$35 _____ Senior \$25 (65 and over)

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

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Which of the committee activities interest you?

- Block of the Month
- Bus Trips
- Charity/Service
- Focus Groups
- History/Archives
- Hospitality
- Library
- Membership
- Newsletter Advertising
- Newsletter Editing
- Newsletter Mailing
- Programs
- Public Relations
- Quilt Show
- Quilter of the Month
- Raffles (Monthly)
- Share Table
- Show & Tell
- Ways & Means
- Website
- Workshops
- Other: _____

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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CONGRATULATIONS!

"Congratulations to Ligaya Siachongco and Jane Rosenthal for their second and third place wins in The City Quilter's annual challenge! All of the quilts that were displayed at the shop were incredible, creative, beautiful, fun and well-executed. If you missed the exhibit, be sure to plan to visit (or even participate!) next year. Good job, Ligaya and Jane!" Maybe they will bring them to "Show and Tell" for those who missed the exhibit.

QUILTER OF THE MONTH

Debra Levin will be the Quilter of the Month in May. Debra began quilting in 2002 while taking a break from working in the corporate world. She has since returned to work but the quilting has stuck and she now views quilting as her second job! Debra views herself as a contemporary art quilter who has fallen in love with traditional quilting -- but as one of her favorite teachers Diane Rode Schneck says -- "It's All Good"!

Debra Levin

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report
3/12-4/12

Income as of 4/12	Month	Y-T-D
December Fund		
Raiser		\$1,494.00
Fons and Porter		\$15.00
Guest Fees		\$85.00
Interest on Money		
Market		\$84.39
Katrina Auction		\$200.00
Library Income		\$157.00
Membership	\$820.00	\$5,515.00
Monthly Raffles	\$106.00	\$767.00
Newsletter		
Advertising		\$2,547.70
Share Table	\$92.00	\$643.50
Quilt Show		
Sponsor		\$250.00
Vendor Sales	\$190.00	\$552.81
Workshops	\$90.00	\$2,740.00
Total Income	\$1,298.00	\$15,051.40

Expenses as of 4/12	Month	Y-T-D
December Fund		
Raiser Expenses		\$250.00
Fons and Porter		
Subscriptions		\$80.00
Insurance		\$1,122.00
Newsletter		
Expense	\$276.21	\$2,474.63
Newsletter Mailing	\$117.00	\$1,108.40
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	\$250.00	\$825.00
Speaker Expenses	\$400.42	\$1,256.19
Stationery		\$396.88
Website	\$43.90	\$219.80
Welcoming		
Committee	\$10.38	\$60.04
Workshop		
Expense	\$140.00	\$2,121.40
Workshop Teacher		
Fees	\$200.00	\$1,910.80
Total Expenses	\$1,437.91	\$17,173.29
Current Bank		
Balance		
as of 4/12		
Quilt Show		
Checking	\$12,954.55	
Guild Checking	\$19,276.46	
		\$32,231.01

CHARITY COMMITTEE

Once again, we would like to thank everyone who brought in quilts:

Quilts: Anna Krassey (1), Catherine Bancroft (1), Pat Decker (1).

Hats and Booties: Gladys Alonzo (45) hats and (15) pairs of booties.

Fabric: Evelyn Berkowitz and Sylvia Zeveloff.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Marie Annoual, Cynthia Cunningham, Pat Decker, Larry Gifford, Michael Greenberg, Linora Hoffman, Barbara Hull, Shirley Ingram, Barbara Jackson, Jacqueline Johnson,

Ruthe Karlin, Patricia Kozu, Anna Krassy, Anna Lega, Evelyn Martin, Rita Reid, Naomi Shelnut, Sandy Sykien and Amy Weber.

SUNSHINE/WELCOMING

We continue to welcome new members and guests each meeting. I enjoy welcoming them to the meeting. There is always so much going on. Thank you Michael for the neat business cards you had made for Empire. Pass them along to your friends. Empire Guild is a great guild to join. **Beth Pile**

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

We had quite a nice assortment of blocks this month - all using different color combinations and looking quite lovely together. The entrants were Tina Barth (2), Sylvia Hughes (2), Anna Krassy (1), Beth Pile (1) and Mary Ferry (2) who was the lucky winner.

There will not be a Block of the Month in June so watch for the next newsletter to find out about the September Block of the Month. Enjoy your summer, which is a good time to make charity quilts. **Leila Lieberman**

FOCUS GROUPS

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

Bring the CQ block that you have been working on this year. We will help you decide how to finish it and turn it into a quilt. This will be our last focus group of the year. We hope all have gained or renewed an interest in crazy quilting. We have enjoyed sharing. Any questions call **Beth Pile 631-286-5532 or Natalie Garfinkle 212-877-4702.**

“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 Godwin-Ternbach Museum at Queen's College:** The Fabric of Cultures: Fashion, Identity, Globalization.

February 14 – June 1, 2006

Displaying 30 garments and many textiles from the collections of the museum and Queens College costume collection..

For more information, call the Hotline for the Arts **(718) 997-4724.**

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

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A QUILTER'S NOTION

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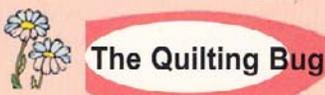
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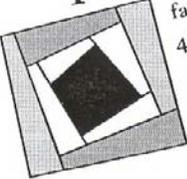
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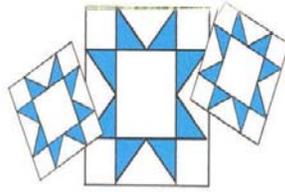
1st Place: Deanna Williams

2nd Place: Ligaya Siachongco

3rd Place: Jane Rosenthal

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(Program continued from page 2).

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.

Jennifer

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I don't know anyone who doesn't love the spring. It's wonderful to see the flowers and trees in bloom, to hear the birds trilling their songs, and of course, to feel the weather getting warmer. There's something about the earth's reawakening that stimulates our own creative spirit. It's Spring Quilt Show season – already I've been to 4 shows – and I find it

wonderful to see all the wonderful work that members of our peer guilds are doing. The breadth of techniques and the use of color and patterns are so stimulating – like having the extra cup of coffee that gives a little buzz. Each show makes me more excited about our own show – which is now LESS than one year away.

I want to thank the Show committee for the work they've been doing to plan the show. Larry, as usual, will keep us all updated on the scope, the categories, and what volunteer opportunities there are for all the membership. I want to thank as well, the Raffle Quilt committee who put in many long hours on the quilt. Paul and her team have done wonderful work – and we hope to have it ready to show to you all very soon.

FOCUS ON THE FUTURE:

As mentioned last time, we'll be presenting a different sort of meeting in May. This is a working meeting for our members – but hopefully work you'll enjoy participating in and consider a valuable contribution to the Guild. As a guild in the largest city in the

country we have the potential to offer an extraordinary array of programs and activities encompassing the interests of a very diverse membership. The Board and I want to hear what each of you hopes to get out of the Guild, as well as how best to engage more members in the activities we present. So, please take time to look at the section titled 'Focus on the Future' and come prepared to share your ideas with us so we set a course that interests and excites you.

I look forward to seeing you in May, and hearing what you have to say.

Jennifer

Shows and Events continued from page 8.

At Historic Richmondtown, 441 Clark Avenue, Staten Island, NY, **Patches and Pieces** presented by **Moonlight Quilters of Staten Island**. Cost is free. **Sunday, June 4, 2006 from 11: a.m. – 5:00 p.m.** Over 100 quilts on display plus a quilt raffle, proceeds going to the **Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation of Staten Island**. For more information, e-mail Sue Quadrino at: wag12@aol.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.eliqg.com.

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

In Essex VT. **The 30th Annual Vermont Quilt Festival – June 29 – July 2, 2006**. For more info, go to www.vqf.org.

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

Sponsored by State Quilt Guild of New Jersey, Inc., this event features over 500 quilts in a judged competition, wearable art, workshops with John Flynn and others, a vendor mall, dinner lecture, luncheon fashion show, free lectures and demos, *and more!*

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.

At the Shelburne Farms Coach Barn, Shelburne Vermont **Saturday – Sunday, November 4 – 5, 2006 “A Symphony of Quilts”** presented by the **Champlain Valley Quilters Guild**. This is their 24th annual show featuring a spectacular exhibition of quilts. For more information, go to www.members.aol.com/cvqgvt.

Up to date show information is always on the Empire website. www.empirequilters.com.

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

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

June 10, 2006 (Joy Seville-“The Creative Process”)
July and August: No meetings. Have a great summer.

JUNE WORKSHOP

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Date: Sunday, June 11, 2006

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Place: 343 8th Avenue, NY

Fabric and Pre-Cutting Preparations:

- **BACKGROUND FABRIC:** 3 yards total
 - Cut 16 strips 6" x width of fabric
- **PATTERNED FABRICS:** 9 to 12 FAT QUARTERS
 - Use different colors and patterns. Try not to select directional patterns.
 - Stack 2 or 3 fat quarters, all right side up, and cut strips along the **LONGEST EDGE** as follows: 1½", 2½", 3½", 4", 5½"
 - Pin together all 5 of the strips from each color grouping.
 - Repeat until all fat quarters are cut.

- **BORDERS AND BINDING** will be discussed in class.

For a picture of the quilt, go to the Empire website and click on the **Workshop's** link.

Workshop information is always on the web at www.empirequilters.net.

SHARE TABLE

This is the time of year for spring cleaning. Get all those scraps together that you've been meaning to get rid of and bring them to the scrap table. This is a great monthly fund raiser for the guild. It's a great place to find that little piece you were looking for.

RAFFLES

Remember, if you wear your nametag, you get a free raffle ticket. It's a great way to get to know your fellow guild members by name. Tickets are \$1.00 each. The more you purchase, the greater your chance to win.

SERVICE COMMITTEE

Now that summer is almost here, it's a great time to make charity quilts, knitted and crocheted preemie hats and booties, wheelchair bags, and stuffed animals.

There are patterns for all the above on the Empire website that can be downloaded in PDF format. There is also a link to download Adobe® Reader if you don't already have it.

Not only are there patterns, but there are cutting and assembly instructions, and supply lists for quilt patterns featured on the site.

Just go to the Empire website at: www.empirequilters.net and click on the **Service** link.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the June, 2006 newsletter is: **Wednesday, May 17, 2006**. Please send information to: Linda Lee Kelly, 950 Oaks Drive, Franklin Square, NY 11010 or e-mail: LKELLY20@OPTONLINE.NET.

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION POLICY

Payment in full for workshops is required by the date of the workshop. Members who cancel up to 7 days prior to the workshop will be refunded in full. If you cancel after that, refunds will be made **only** if a replacement student can be found.

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 318-449-3109**. Any questions, you can contact **Teresa Vega at: (212) 942-9310**

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