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NEXT MEETING:
December 8, 2007

BOARD MEETING:
11:00A.M - 12:00P.M.

GENERAL MEETING: 1:00P.M.
- 5:00P.M.
Guest Fee: \$10.00
Seniors: \$5.00

PROGRAM: "Holiday Auction and Stocking Stuffer"

WORKSHOP:
"Flower Weaving"
with Anna Faustino

VENDOR: No Vendor

QUILTER OF THE MONTH: No QOM

THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS:
Auction, Raffles,
Stocking Making &
Stuffing, Show &
Tell

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HOLIDAY AUCTION AND CHARITY STOCKING STUFFING

As you all have heard, the December meeting will have many parts to it. We will have our first fund raising event for the **2009 URBAN INSPIRATIONS QUILT SHOW** in the form of an auction and raffles. We will be making holiday gifts for the needy, and we will be sharing holiday treats. SOOOOO here's the deal:

The Auction: we will have a number of items to be auctioned from vendors and members.

From our vendors, we have received a quilt kit from the **Quilt Basket**; a panel from **Batik Tambal**; a bundle of fabric from **Louise Ludecke**; and more to come.

From our members, we have received a quilted jacket; a full size quilt from **Jennifer Levin**; a quilt from **Anna Faustino**; a doll from **Jane Broaddus**; a Jinny Beyer

quilt kit; a Jacobean quilt kit; bundles of batik fat quarters; possibly a Singer® sewing machine and more to come.

The Raffles: We have received a number of items from our vendors which include a gift certificate from **Cultured Expressions**; fabric from **Woodstock Quilt Supply** and more to come. A member has given us a number of quilting notions.

From a friend of the guild, we are expecting two (2) tickets to a Broadway Show.

The raffles will be a regular raffle, 50/50 raffle and a fish bowl that we found so successful at our 2007 show.

HOLIDAY STOCKING STUFFING

For the Holiday Gifts for the needy we would like to include small personal items for homeless teens such as tooth brushes and paste, soaps, brushes, combs.

Come to the December meeting, bring a friend, your check book, dollar bills and a **HOLIDAY TREAT** to share. Beverages will be supplied.

Members wishing to donate items: These can be delivered to Kitty Squires' or Jennifer Bigelow's offices or to Larry Gifford. Larry can be contacted at **212-717-0892** or by e-mail at lawgifford@msn.com. Please do not bring items to the December meeting without communicating with Larry by phone or e-mail.

We will launch our Apple Quilt Raffle at the meeting. You will be given your envelope with raffle tickets for the **"BIG APPLE"** quilt to be raffled at the April, 2008 meeting.

Larry Gifford

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello everyone. As I write this, it's a week before Thanksgiving Day, and I'm happily anticipating a visit with my sisters and their families. The end of a year always seems a rush of activities, starting with this

holiday. Most of us have experienced (and will again this year) the pressure and anxiety of getting everything done on time, and getting everywhere we want to go and seeing all the folks we want to see. It hardly seems possible that there's time for more – time to be charitable.

As a 501(c) (3) organization (a not for profit) we have an obligation to do something charitable. I'm so proud of Empire Quilters because we are charitable by nature – not just because we're obligated to be. Yes, we have a meeting each year set aside for charity quilting, but every month members donate quilts, and hats and booties for babies, and other things – because it feels good to do so. And this year, we're going further, taking up a suggestion made by Denise Walsh - -we are devoting ourselves to providing holiday gifts for children who have very little in their lives. We know we cannot take care of every need of these children – but we can let them know that there are people in the world who are

thinking of them and who want them to have a little bit of joy and comfort.

If you have an idea for a charity project that the Guild might participate in, that you're willing to lead, please let someone on the Board know, and we'll discuss it with you. Whether you look for broad participation from members (as with the holiday stockings and bears) or limited (like with the Dyckman House Museum quilt) we'll help get the word out.

I'm thankful to be a member of Empire Quilters, and proud to be your President. Thank you for your friendship and support. I look forward to celebrating the beginning of the winter season with many of you at the December meeting.

Please remember – this meeting is our first major fundraiser for the 2009 Show, and it's a party, and it's a charity event. If you're able, we can use some more people to help during the day. No job will keep you occupied all day – unless you want it too. We all want to have time to relax with our friends. Please let Larry Gifford, Anna Foss or me know if you can help.

Best wishes to you all for a peaceful and joyous end of 2007.

Jennifer

WORKSHOP

Flower Weaving with Anna Faustino

Date: December 9, 2007

Place: 343 Eighth Ave at 27th Street

(Near McDonalds)

Time: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Cost \$60.00

Sign up: Send your check made out to Empire Quilters to Mary Butler. Call Mary at 212-662-7771 if you are interested. Her address is in the directory.

Anna returns with a new twist on her famous, fabulous weaving technique which turns winter into spring. Her kit includes all the materials necessary. You will need to bring: *Cutting board, *Rotary Cutter, *18"+Ruler,

*Pencil, *Red Marker.

*Light color flowers (white, pink, yellow) – enough to cover a 12" x 12" space. They can be: silk flowers, fabric cut flowers, from bridal shop, from scrap booking department.

*scissors, *90 Pins,

*Iron with extension cord.

2007 QUILT SHOW CATALOG - IN PRINT

The Empire Quilters 2007 Urban Inspirations Quilt Show Catalog is now available in print! The catalog is available in soft cover at cost from the photographers for \$45.00 (which includes shipping). Order forms are available on the guild website, and will be available at the December guild meeting. You can order a catalog via telephone with a credit card by calling guild member **Cindy Russell: 212-414-9201.**

BY LAWS AND BUDGET

The membership passed both the By Laws revision and the Budget

for 2007-2008 at the November meeting. To view them in detail, please go to our website or contact Kitty Squire to have them sent to you.

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2009 SHOW RAFFLE QUILT

We have 35 completed blocks! Thanks to everyone who returned them at the November meeting. We also were able to give out all 52 triangles and 4 corner pieces! Don't forget, all blocks are due back as soon as possible, but no later than the February meeting. If you have any questions on blocks or triangles that you took, you can contact Betty Chen, Anna Krassy, Jennifer Bigelow, Pam Leonard Wexler, Alice Brody, Anna Foss, Diane Rode Schneck or Kitty Squire. If you have looked over the block/triangle you took and really do not feel that you can complete it, please return the block/triangle at the December meeting. Based on the blocks we have received, the quilt is going to look terrific!



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Lynette Baker, Kathleen Beirne, Sherry-Dawn Brown, Tedi Brown, Mary Butler, Mildred Castro, Betty Chen, Mary Anne Ciccotelli, Debbie Croft, Lee Ebs, Michelle Flamer, Nancy Gulisano, Judy Haveson, Frieda Hoyett, Lethia Johnson, Alexandra McLeod, Sheila Molitz, Paulette Myers, Pauline Myers, Sara Niego, Marcia Regen, Cindy Russell, Judy Shapiro, Helen Supcoff, Mary Jane Van Loon, Sheila Walpin, and Pamela Leonard Wexler.

NOVEMBER 2007 SHOW & TELL

Our guild members were very busy and very creative this month. Happily some of them shared their work with us at the November meeting.

Congratulations to the following members for their beautiful pieces.

Helen Beall (*embellished sweatshirt*), June Calender (*quilted jacket, Small Pieces Quilt #1 and Small Pieces Quilt #2*), Shirley Clark (*Circles*), Liz Curtin (*several small quilts*), Lauren Dieterich (*Flip Flop Triangles*), Anna Faustino (*Flowers #1, and Flowers #2*), Marge Geary (*Sudoku quilt*), Barbara Hull (*Emerald Fields variation*), Kate Iscol (*Hollywood Cowgirl*), Agneta Noe (*Untitled*), Constance Phillips (*Fish in the Trees*), Jane Rosenthal (*quilt for the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network*), Diane Rubenstein (*4 Blue Plate Specials, Independent Daze, and Knitted Quilt*), Arline Rubin (*Circles*), Sandra Samaniego (*Sweatshirt Jacket*), and Anna Sinitsyna (*Autumn Leaves*)

If you missed the meeting, look for pictures of these items on the guild website. And be sure to bring your Show & Tell items to the December Meeting.



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WELCOMING

The Guild welcomed four new members in November into our membership. They are Liz Curtin, Alicia Hart, Sara Busby, and Bozena Aptekar. It is wonderful our membership grows each month. Everyone is doing such a great job. Any comments? Contact bpile@optonline.net or call 631-286-5532.

Beth Pile



LIBRARY NEWS

Remember that there will be **no library** in December, so please don't bring in any donations. But get ready

for great new books in January.

Jane Broaddus, our November Quilter of the Month, talked about English paper piecing. In January, the library will have a book on English paper piecing, "Quilts from Grandmother's Garden". And since that book is a one-patch technique, we will also bring "Beyond Charm Quilts" and "Charm Quilts with Style". Pat Yamin's talk in February is about one-patch scrap quilts. Also in January, we will bring the wonderful "Gee's Bend The Women and Their Quilts" -- donated by Kitty Squire, "Signs and Symbols, African Images in African American Quilts", "Pepper Cory, Quilting Pattern Collection", Alex Anderson's "Baby Quilts with Love" and "Making Welsh Quilts" -- remember what a wonderful presentation Cassandra Thoreson gave us on Welsh quilts.

Plan to see those and other books in January, just remember that the Library works only from 12 to 1, and to borrow a book you need to have your current membership card.

In November, books and magazines were donated by members Sherry-Day Brown, June Calender, Lauren Dieterich, Sara Niego, Carol Gray, Winifred Sanders, and Kitty Squire. Thanks.

See you all next year when the library will be ready to go on January 12, 2008.

Sylvia Hughes



Charity Quilt Demonstration And Workshop

Date: Saturday, December 8, 2007

Time: 11:00 am

Group Leader: Marilyn Korn

Location: 8th Floor Meeting Room, FIT,

Open to: All guild members

This is the next step in making a charity quilt. There will be fabric on hand for the borders to finish the quilts that

were made from the packets of cut squares given out at the November workshop. Instruction will be given on how to make the quilt "sandwich" (top, back, and batting) for the sew-and-turn quilt.

Looking forward to seeing all the wonderful quilt-tops you've put together from the squares you were given!

There also will be a demonstration of making a quilt-top using "sashing" between the squares. Easy and fun!

Even if you missed the November workshop, you're welcome to come and learn these techniques, which can help you put together your own quilts as well as charity quilts.

Vardhman Inc., located at 269 West 39th Street between 7th & 8th Avenues will give guild members 10% off if they show their membership card. The store sells buttons, trimmings, zippers, knitting and sewing supplies. **212-840-5056**

JANUARY BLOCK OF THE MONTH



Wish Upon a January Snowflake

- 1 – 4 inch square of white-on-white fabric
- 1 – 6-1/2 square of blue fabric
- 1 – 4 inch square of Steam-A-Seam

This one is a real challenge because you need to go back to your childhood. First you should work with a 4 inch square piece of paper to remember how to make a snowflake. Fold the paper in half diagonally to form a triangle. Fold it two more times to get a smaller triangle. Then cut into the paper to form your version of a snowflake. It took me quite a few tries before I got it half way to my liking and then a few more tries before I liked the result, so don't get discouraged.

When you are satisfied with your creation, use the 4 inch square, white-on-white piece of fabric and attach it to the 4 inch square piece of Steam-A-Seam, removing the backing piece of paper to make the folding and cutting easier and cleaner. Fold the fabric diagonally three times to form the final triangle, as indicated above. The finished snowflake should then be ironed onto the blue 6-1/2 square of fabric.

Have fun with this and I hope to see quite a few snowflakes on fabric, not on the street, in January.

Anna Krassy

Victoria Hoffman - Antique Quilts

Liz Curtin - Jewelry

16th Annual P.S. 321 Craft Fair

Saturday December 8th

11 am to 4 pm

Victoria will have antique quilts, sewing objects and other smalls.

Liz will have her line of unique handmade jewelry: limited editions using unusual and vintage beads, and one-of-kind found object jewelry.

LOCATION: entrance on 7th Ave. between 1st & 2nd Streets in Park Slope, Brooklyn

TRAINS: 2/3 to Bergen or Grand Army Plaza; B/Q to 7th Avenue; M/R to Union Street

Victoria Hoffman: victoriaquilts@verizon.net Cell: 917-741-8554

Liz Curtin: lizcurtinartist@yahoo.com Cell: 917-974-4188

SHOWS & EVENTS

**A Legacy in Quilts:
Cyril Irwin Nelson's
Final Gifts to the
American Folk Art
Museum**

Date: October 31, 2007

– February 24, 2008

**What: Display of
Quilts**

Presented By:

**American Folk Art
Museum**

**Location: Museum's
Lincoln Square
Branch, 2 Lincoln
Center**

**(Columbus Avenue
between 65th and 66th
Streets)**

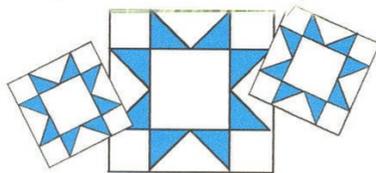
**Hours: Tues–Sat, noon
– 7:30pm; Sun: noon–
6:30pm**

**Cost: Museum
admission: \$9.00**

More Information:
American Folk Art
Museum website:

www.folkartmuseum.org

Display of quilts from Cyril Irwin Nelson's quilt collection. Nelson, who died in 2005, was a great collector of quilts ranging from the sophisticated to the sentimental. Most of these quilts are being exhibited at the museum for the first time.



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SHOWS & EVENTS CONTINUED

Prospect Park Quilt Exhibit The Quilter's Kitchen

Date: Nov 3 – Dec 30, 2007

What: Quilt Exhibit

Presented By: The Prospect Park Alliance and the Quilters' Guild of Brooklyn

Location: Nov 3–25: Lefferts Historic House;

Dec 1–30: Prospect Park Audubon Center

Hours: Weekends and holidays, 12:00 – 4:00 pm

Cost: Free to the public

More Information: Isak Mendes, co-coordinator

(Prospect Park): 718-789-2822 x11, or

isakmendes@prospectpark.org or Kirsten Fisher

(Quilters' Guild of Brooklyn): 718-243-2667 or

kf7willows@aol.com

This year's annual exhibit will highlight the diverse styles, techniques, patterns and fabric recipes that local quilters use in the art of quilt making. Both literal and abstract interpretations of the theme will tell a different

story and will help to introduce Prospect Park visitors to the world of quilting.

For more information about the Lefferts Historic House or Prospect Park, visit www.prospectpark.org

and for more information about the Quilters' Guild of Brooklyn, visit:

www.quiltbrooklyn.org

Fiber Art Quilt Exhibit and Sale

Date: Nov 30, Dec 1 & 2; Dec 7–9, and Dec 14–16, 2007

What: Quilt Show and Sale

Sponsored by: The Nutmeg Quilters Guild of Ridgefield,

Connecticut and JT Trading Corporation

Location: White Silo Farm & Winery, 32 Rt 37 E., Sherman, Connecticut

Hours: Weekends, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm

Cost: Free to the Public

More Information:

White Silo Farm &

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report

11/14/2007

Beginning Balance-Oct 12	\$52,809.28	
Guild Income	Month	YTD
Bags, Lanyards & Pins		\$382.00
Guests	\$50.00	\$50.00
Interest		\$58.71
Library		\$210.00
Member's Flea Market		\$200.00
Membership	\$697.00	\$5,213.00
Newsletter Ads		\$2,010.50
Misc		\$100.00
Misc Show Income	\$115.00	\$205.72
Monthly Fundraisers	\$186.00	\$608.00
Share Table	\$114.75	\$282.25
Trips		\$300.00
Vendor Sales	\$279.45	\$279.45
Welcoming Committee	\$14.00	\$35.00
Workshops	\$780.00	\$2,976.92
	\$2,236.20	\$12,911.55
Guild Expenses	Month	YTD
Bags, Lanyards, Pins		\$89.00
Insurance		\$1,301.00
Library	\$345.00	\$380.16
Misc		\$100.00
Newsletter Printing	\$332.05	\$664.10
Postage		\$281.57
Postage-Newsletter	\$100.00	\$448.00
Printing/Lamination		\$204.60
Rebates		\$188.00
Rent	\$720.00	\$8,000.00
Speaker	\$250.00	\$975.00
Speaker Expenses	\$832.28	\$1,281.06
Storage Facility	\$81.00	\$405.00
Trips		\$19.78
Ways and Means		\$201.35
Website		\$153.65
Welcoming		\$21.70
Workshops	\$425.00	\$1,525.00
Workshop Expenses	\$832.27	\$1,291.92
	\$3,917.60	\$17,530.89
Balance as of 11/14/07	\$51,127.88	

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DYCKMAN FARMHOUSE MUSEUM QUILT

The finished reproduction quilt for the Dyckman Farmhouse Museum was on display at the November meeting. It is now on the bed at the farmhouse replacing the original quilt which has been on the bed since 1916 when the farmhouse became a museum.

You can see the finished quilt at the museum which is located at Broadway and 204th Street in Manhattan.

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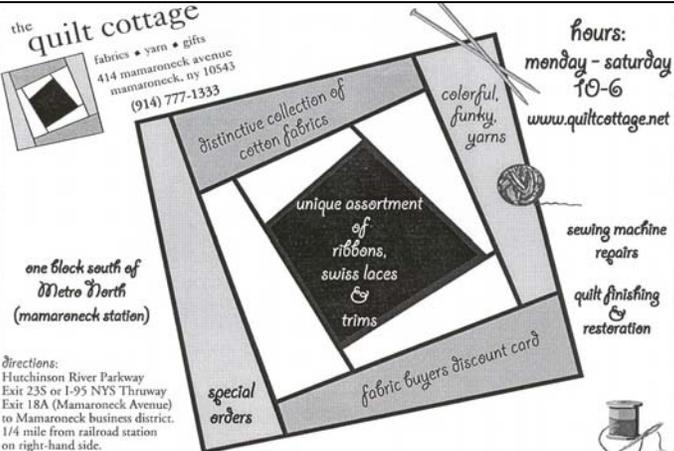
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JUST A REMINDER

There will be no Scrap Table, no Vendor, no Library, no QOM, and no BOM this month. There will however, be Show & Tell. Please bring in any holiday themed works to show if you can. Non-holiday show and tell pieces are welcome too.

***Meetings are the second Saturday of each month.**
Meeting dates for the 2007–2008 season are:

Sat Jan 12, 2008 speaker Mark Lipinski of Quilters Home Magazine

Sat Feb 09, 2008 speaker Pat Yamin – One Patch Scrap Quilts

Sat Mar 08, 2008 Charity Quilting Day

Sat Apr 12, 2008 speaker Sharon Pederson – Sensational Sashiko

Sat May 10, 2008 speaker Barbara Barber – Cat's Tales and Other Quilts

***Sat Jun 7, 2008 (First Weekend)** speaker Lenora Raikin – African Folklore Embroidery



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the January, 2008 newsletter is: **Wednesday, December 12th**. 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.

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

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.

Gail Lefton, Secretary

EMPIRE 25TH ANNIVERSARY TOTE BAGS \$20.00, PINS \$5.00 AND LANYARDS \$4.00

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