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NEXT MEETING:
Saturday, February
9, 2008

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

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

PROGRAM: Pat
Yamin of "Come
Quilt With Me"

WORKSHOP:
"Quilter's Fan" with
Pat Yamin

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**QUILTER OF THE
MONTH:** Nancy
Rabatin

**THIS MONTH'S
HIGHLIGHTS:**
Raffle, Library,
Show & Tell, Scrap
Table, Charity

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ONE-PATCH SCRAP QUILTS

Pat Yamin is the creator of cutting-edge tools for quilters, including her Back-to-Basics patchwork templates and **The Brooklyn Revolver** — the original revolving turntable. She is the author of *Back to Basics*, a best-selling book on quilting templates and patterns, and *Look What I See* a popular instruction book for I-Spy quilts. She is also a founding member of **Empire Quilters!**

Pat's newest book *One-Patch Scrap Quilts* came out in September 2007. The book focuses on making quilts with just one or two simple shapes and a stash of fabric — something we all need to be able to do! This is an

updated approach to creating a modern version of a classic quilt. There are three dozen templates to choose from. Pat will lecture us with a trunk full of one patch quilts. She will bring antique quilts from her collection as well as new ones made from the book. You will be inspired by the traditions of the old — and the newest of the new! Bring your camera. *Note that Pat's book will be available for purchase at the meeting.*

Raised in the Midwest, Pat learned to sew and knit in 4-H clubs. After college, she married and moved to Brooklyn, New York. While pursuing her master's degree in guidance and counseling she needed a creative outlet, so she taught herself to quilt while she became familiar with our wonderful city. At that time quilting supplies were a bit hard to come by, but she learned that **Jeff Gutcheon** had a studio in SoHo where he sold a few books, batting, and his line of American Classic cotton fabrics especially for quiltmakers. Pat was working as a vocational counselor to high school seniors and quilting kept

her sane in the evenings. She moved from an apartment to a Victorian-style home and began teaching quilting classes in the evenings. Pat's classes became popular, and in no time, she was teaching four nights a week in Manhattan, conducting workshops in her home studio on the weekends, and working full time in counseling. Pat started a mail-order company called **Come Quilt With Me** in 1981 and it is still going strong today!

For more information about **Pat Yamin**, her quilting products and books, visit her website: www.comequiltwithme.com. Note that Pat will be conducting a full-day workshop on **Sunday, February 10, 2008**.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a wonderful way to start the new year - - spending time with your friends on a warm January afternoon, enjoying a speaker who made us laugh while he presented a very down-to-earth perspective on quilting and having quilts in our lives. Further we welcomed many new members and guests, including the lovely ladies from Connecticut Piecemakers, with their beautiful quilt show raffle quilt. I look forward to seeing their show, which Lana made sound so interesting.

Speaking of shows, our next show is only a little over a year away, in March 2009. the 'Big Apple' quilt will be raffled in April. Please be sure to sell your tickets, and know that you can get more from Larry. We're making excellent progress on the quilt for the 2009 show - remember that your completed blocks are due by the next meeting. If you are willing to help with show planning for any of the committees, please contact Paula Kenney or Larry Gifford, and you'll be welcomed with open arms (and probably a list of things to do). My work this month is to confirm the space and dates for the show - we want to work with FIT again, since it was so successful last time.

One of your jobs is to start planning what quilts you'll want to have in the show. If there is a technique or tool that you'd want to have a focus group about, or about which you'd be willing to run a focus group, please let me or Anna Faustino know. Some topics to consider are hand-quilting, machine quilting basics, embellishing,

putting on a binding, putting on a sleeve, etc. Also, please keep in mind that you might find a class to suit your interest at any of our many vendors, including City Quilter, Sew Right, The Quilt Cottage, A Quilter's Notion, and The Quilt Shop – or any other shop in your area.

Your other job this month and next is to start making tops (or finished quilts) for our March Charity meeting. I know the date conflicts with the Brooklyn show, but I sure hope you'll come to the meeting ready to work for a few hours, and then take in the show. Keep warm and safe this month, as winter settles in. I can hardly wait to see you all in February. **Jennifer**



QUILTERS FAN WORKSHOP

Date: Sunday, February 10, 2008

Time: 9:30am–4:00 pm

Instructor: Pat Yamin

Location: 343 8th Avenue, at 27th Street, NYC

Cost: \$50 (+ \$10 template)

Sign up: Send your check made out to Empire Quilters to Mary Butler. Call Mary at **212-662-7771** to save your spot and to get her mailing address. Pat Yamin is a founding member of Empire Quilters. She will be conducting a day-long workshop on the Quilter's Fan. This is a great 4" block to hand piece or sew on your machine. Pat will be teaching accurate rotary cutting and piecing techniques. Learn to piece both concave and convex seams to make your block lay flat every time. The Fan was a popular Kansas City Star pattern and we continue to love it today.

For more information about Pat Yamin, her quilting tools and books, please visit her website:

www.comequiltwithme.com.

WORKSHOP SUPPLIES:

Basic sewing supplies

28mm rotary cutter (a new blade is a must)

6" x 12" ruler

Mat to cut on (a 9" Brooklyn Revolver is available for \$36)

1 yard flannel for design wall

Assortment of light and dark 100% cotton fabrics — 3½ yards total
–OR– FAN FABRIC KIT (available for \$30)
Fan Template (available for \$10)

2009 SHOW RAFFLE QUILT UPDATE

We now have a total of 20 triangles and 95 blocks finished! They are looking great. Please be sure you contact Kitty Squire either by email or phone if you are not going to be able to do the blocks you have taken. You can give us just the block number and we will find someone else to complete it. If you need additional fabric to finish the block, please contact Kitty as well.

We hope to get all the finished blocks back by the February meeting. If you are not going to be there, please mail the completed block to the Guild or give it to a friend to return.

Thanks to everyone for all their help in completing these.



LIBRARY NEWS

In February we will have a Sashiko book "*Sensational Sashiko, Japanese Applique and Quilting*", written by Sharon Pederson who will be our speaker in April. Also available in February will be the new "*NQA Quilting Quarterly, for Winter 2007*"; "*Miniature Baltimore Album Quilts*"; "*Miniature Quilts With Vintage Style*"; "*Small Scale Quilting*" and two Kaffe Fassett books, "*Passionate Patchwork*" and "*Welcome Home*".

Thanks for magazine and/or book donations from: Helen Chin, Maureen O'Neill, Stefanie Sheehan and Margaret Simmons. Remember those of you who borrowed books in November and have not yet returned them, there will be a one dollar fine for late books.

I will be away from the Guild and the Library after our February meeting (I'll be having a knee replacement). But Susan Stauber will take my spot in the Library, helped, as always, with our other librarians Tina Barth, Marilyn Korn and Nancy Rabatin.

And remember that there will be no Library in March, which is our Charity meeting, so there will be no donations and no returns.

Sylvia Hughes

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QUILTER OF THE MONTH

This month's quilter of the month is Nancy Rabatin. As a young girl Nancy learned to sew on her mother's treadle machine and made lots of doll clothes. Next she switched to sewing clothes for herself instead. Eventually Nancy found that she was often unhappy with the results, as they either fit badly or were just not flattering so she stopped making them. But she missed the creativity from sewing and needed to find a new venue. Fortunately a friend suggested she attend the quilt show at the pier; and there Nancy saw the great versatility in quilts and realized their real beauty. Nancy bought a kit and made her first quilt. From there, she searched and found Empire! Quilting then took over her life. Nancy took lots of classes and focus groups at the guild and also read lots of books on quilting. Quilting is her true love and has gotten her through many rough times as well as keeping her warm on cold nights.

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type of embellishment you can think of to attach to the face.

In February, the group will work towards embellishing, embroidery and finishing touches.

Supply List: Bring background and face fabrics (8½ x 11) plus lots of scraps, embellishments and pins so you can play and create facial features.

NQA NEWS

If you are a member of NQA, you may need to renew your membership. The date for renewal is on the back of your quarterly magazine. The Guild's renewal date is in March. If you are renewing your membership, let me know so I can record your membership number. Our chapter number is 494. Any questions call **BethPile 631-286-5532** or bpile@optonline.net.

CHARITY REPORT

The Charity Committee would once again like to thank everyone who participated in the December program. We left one of our members

FOCUS GROUP



Face Studies

Date: Saturday, February 9, 2008

Time: After the general meeting (approx 3:30 – 5:00 pm)

Group Leader: Sandra Naval

Location: Fashion Institute of Technology (F.I.T.), David Dubinsky Center, 8th Floor Open To: All guild members.

Face studies is an informal study of creating facial expressions and moods to represent our full range of feelings using a variety of approaches in the journal quilt size format of 8½ x 11 inches.

Group participants will experiment with different backgrounds and face colors using solids and textures and prints. You will create the face using fused fabrics and embroidery, top stitching, ribbons, beads and any

off the list - Marilyn Lutzker who made 5 stockings. Thanks Marilyn. We would like to thank our members who donated quilts the month: Marge Geary - 1 quilt, June Calender - 3 quilts, Helen Chin - 3 tops, Joan Hellmann - 2 quilts and fabric, Diana Buchman - 8 quilt tops, Lee Ebs - 1 quilt, Susan Louis - quilt tops, Nancy Castel - lots of fleece. Thanks to our members for their continued support.

As you all know, March is Charity Month. Please bring your completed tops and/or quilts and we will have batting available. Please also bring your sewing supplies - pins, scissors, etc. We will have available embroidery floss, a cutting mat, rotary cutter and iron. To help make Charity Day a success, we will also need our faithful members who bring along their sewing machines to help sew the quilts together. Please let me know if you plan on bringing your machine. Come ready to have fun - Let's try and beat last year's total of 120 Quilts!! **Denise Walsh-Horowitz**

I just wanted to say "Thank you for all the love and support before, during and after my father's illness and death. Quilters are some of the best people to have as friends and I'm proud to be a member of such a wonderful guild! Gratefully, **Betty Chen**"



PLEASE SEND CARDS

We are sorry to report that past guild president, **Sylvia Zeveloff**, is currently house-bound with an illness. Please send some cheery wishes her way — cards and letters and notes — so she knows how many of her guild friends are thinking about her. Sylvia's address is: 3 Peter Cooper Road, Apt. #2G, New York, NY 10010.

WELCOMING/SUNSHINE

We had a wonderful meeting in January. So many new ladies joined the guild. Our new members are Susan E. Acevedo, Edie Angioletti, Jody Beitzel, Olga Botwinick, Mary A. Clarke, Cheryl Delbridge, Claudette Fetsco,

Ellen Foster, Chantal Levallois, Cathy Peterson, Elsa Posner, Susan Slater, Marie Spodek, Beverly Smith and Michele Wang.

I also recorded sixteen guests. We are growing so quickly. Our group has so much to offer with all you friendly ladies and gentlemen welcoming all the new members into the guild. Keep up the good work. Any questions call **Beth 631-286-5532** or bpile@optonline.net.

JANUARY 2008 SHOW & TELL

What a beautiful start to 2008! Thank you to the following members for sharing their recent works:

Mary Cargill (*Mariner's Compass*), Debbie Croft (*Turning 20 Again*), Lee Ebs (*Paisley Paradise*), Anna Faustino (*Fishermen's Widows, Winter Sunshine, and Candle Light*), Karen Griska (*Selvage Basket and Selvage Apron*), Lethia Johnson (*It's Hip to be Square*), Karen Monath (*Hugs and Kisses*), Pauline Myers (*Daisies*), Diane Paul (*Ovarian Lone Star*), Rite Reid (*Indigo Bejeweled Masks*),

Barbara Rose (*Kimono Nights*), Lea Williams Rose (*Japanese Harvest*), Sandra Samaniego (*Goddess Circle Weaving, Winter Curvy Weaving and Robot Tote Bag*), Naomi Shelnut (*Recycled Tie Wearable*), Anna Sinityna (*Sprint*), Lorna Spence-Ellis (*Tote Bag*), and Lucy Torres (*Spring Flowers*).

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 February Meeting.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Gloria Abramowitz, (Feb 01), Rossanna Wells, (Feb 05), Ellen Foster (Feb 06), Mindy Wexler-Marks, (Feb 06), Melanie Hill, (Feb 09), Gloria Bletter, (Feb 10), Barbara Fridie, (Feb 10), Elaine Fineman, (Feb 12), Liliane Akyali, (Feb 16), Joan Hellmann, (Feb 17), Agneta Moller Noe, (Feb 19), Debra Levin, (Feb 20), Dao Spencer, (Feb 20), Verna Fitzgerald, (Feb 21), Ida Kellebrew, (Feb 22), Jennifer Bigelow, (Feb 23), Gloria Jean Johnson, (Feb 23), Diane Rubenstein, (Feb 23), Michael Clifford, (Feb 26), Susan Knaster, (Feb 26), Jane Rosenthal, (Feb 26), Rita Segarra, (Feb 26), and Debra Heller, (Feb 28).

CITY QUILTERS 10TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW OPENS

Congratulations to **The City Quilter** as they celebrate their 10th anniversary, and to all of the **Empire Quilters** members whose quilts were chosen to be displayed in *The City Quilter 10th Anniversary Exhibition*. This special exhibition is open now through March 2, 2008 at **The Williams Club**, 24 East 39th Street, Manhattan. Hours are daily, 8:00am – 8:00pm.

The show is open to the public and admission is free.

The exhibit showcases 46 quilts that were started in a class at **The City Quilter**. The shop has had over 3,500 students to date, so to be included in this select group is a very special honor. The following **Empire Quilters** members have quilts on display:

Gloria Bletter, Jane Broaddus, Mary Cargill, Judith

Hoffman Corwin, Lindsay Davis, Renee Fields, Elaine Fineman, Jackquelynn Jones, Linda Lee Kelly, Paula Kenney, Anna Krassy, Laurinda Liang, Gardy Nadler, Jane Rosenthal, Ligaya Siachongco, and Ellen Yamaguchi.

Congratulations to each of you!

The reception for the opening of the show was held at the club Monday night, January 14th. Among the guests were the teachers who taught many of the classes represented as well as the students who had quilts in the exhibit. Special guests at the show were the wife of UN Secretary General Ban, and Epatha Merkerson, Law & Order star, who is now starring on Broadway in William Inge's "Come Back Little Sheba".



For more information about **The Williams Club**, see www.williamsclub.org Don't miss this great show at this unique venue.

DYCKMAN QUILT ARTICLE



Be sure to pick up your copy of *Quilt Almanac* 2008. There is an article about the **Dyckman Farmhouse Museum Quilt** that was made by members of **Empire Quilters**. We're extremely proud of our members who participated in this meaningful collaboration with the museum.

The article shows a picture of the finished quilt along with the pattern, fabrics used and the original quilt block. There is also a group photo of the members who participated.

The *Quilt Almanac* is on newsstands now.

More information about this project can be found on the internet at the following sites:

View the guild's **Report with pictures** on the Empire website www.empirequilters.net

Read an article about the collaboration on www.quilting.about.com

Visit the Dyckman Farmhouse Museum Website: www.dyckmanfarmhouse.org

BROOKLYN GUILD QUILT SHOW

The Quilters Guild of Brooklyn is sponsoring its eighth show, the *Brooklyn All Stars*, on, March 8-9, 2008. We want to support this show, so help spread the word. We encourage all Empire Quilters members to see this show **BUT** we also want you to attend our own guild's annual Charity Quilt Work Day on Saturday, March 8, 2008. We know this is a conflict, but we're asking members to **come to our guild Charity Work Day on Saturday, then go to the Brooklyn Show on Sunday**. A whole weekend of quilts – what could be better?

The *Brooklyn All Stars* show will be held at the Block Institute, 376 Bay 44th Street, Brooklyn, New York, just off Shore Parkway and the Belt Parkway. The Block

Institute is accessible by train and subway (B or Q to Ave. J, then B6 bus to Shore Pkwy and 26th Ave. or D to 25th Ave., then U bus to last stop, Harway Ave.) and there is ample parking. For detailed travel directions, go to www.blockinstitute.org or call 646-884-1212. Admission is \$7, \$5 for seniors. Hours are: Sat, March 8, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; Sun, March 9, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.



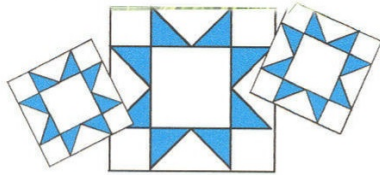
More than 150 member-made traditional, modern and art quilts (many for sale) will be on view. In addition there will be vendors, a Members' Boutique and a Silent Auction with the proceeds going to a Brooklyn charity. Complete show information is available online:

quiltbrooklyn.org

The two-day event concludes on Sunday at 4 p.m. with the raffle of

the beautiful 93x96-in. *Star Jewels* quilt. Second prize is a Baby Lock Quest premium sewing/quilting machine. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each, or 6 for \$5.00. *You will be able to purchase raffle tickets at our February 9, 2008 guild meeting.* You can also purchase tickets by mail: send your money and complete contact information to: QGB Raffle Quilt, c/o Julie Cornely, 25 Plaza Street, #4F, Brooklyn, NY 11217.

Help Wanted Notice ... Empire Quilters will be selling raffle tickets for our **Big Apple Quilt** at the Brooklyn Show. We need guild volunteers to man the raffle table and sell tickets. Please contact **Larry Gifford** if you can help on either day. Larry can be reached via email: lawgifford@msn.com or telephone: 212-717-0892.



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Russell (212-414-9201).
The catalog is \$45
(which includes
shipping).

STONE SOUP QUILT

My name is Julia Detar, I am a relatively new member here at Empire. This is my first quilting guild and I am so excited to be among so many talented and energetic quilters. I am also passionate about giving back to the city and helping people less fortunate than I am. Every Monday after work I head up to All Soul's (it's a Unitarian Universalist church on 80th St. and Lexington) and help out with their soup kitchen also known as Monday Night Hospitality. It is hardly a soup kitchen for we serve a three course meal to about 400 people. We have all different people from many backgrounds and from young children to the elderly who show up at our tables. I always thought of quilting as a way to express our services to someone we care very much about and to dedicate ourselves to our community. I'd like to



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ask for your help in creating a raffle quilt that will support this soup kitchen. The funds raised by the quilt will go toward purchasing food. I will provide the fabric and patterns for a sampler/Dear-Jane® type quilt. I would need people to volunteer to make a block. The quilt will be auctioned off sometime in February of next year (2009). I'll have more details on the quilt for the February meeting. If you are interested in this project or would like to find out more about Monday Night Hospitality, please contact me julia@thedancingfridge.com or my friend Li Yu who is a board member for Monday Night Hospitality at li.yu@earthlink.net or www.allsoulsnyc.org.

Thanks, **Julia Detar**



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

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.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report
1/14/2008

Beg Balance-
December 12,2007 \$51,186.23

Guild Income	Month	YTD
Apple Quilt	\$429.00	\$444.00
Bags, Lanyards & Pins	\$15.00	\$397.00
Donations	\$100.00	\$100.00
Fundraiser	\$250.00	\$3,225.00
Guests	\$80.00	\$130.00
Interest	\$13.82	\$105.40
Library		\$246.00
Member's Flea Market		\$200.00
Membership	\$645.00	\$6,118.00
Membership Deferred		\$6,097.00
Newsletter Ads		\$2,050.50
Misc		\$100.00
Misc Show Income		\$221.49
Monthly Fundraisers		\$608.00
Program Grant-Deferred		\$10,000.00
Share Table	\$139.25	\$421.50
Trips		\$300.00
Vendor Sales	\$90.45	\$369.90
Welcoming Committee		\$42.00
Workshops		\$3,336.92
	\$1,762.52	\$34,512.71

Guild Expenses	Month	YTD
Apple Quilt		\$1,170.86
Auction		\$168.67
Bags, Lanyards, Pins		\$89.00
Donations		\$50.56
Insurance	\$84.00	\$1,385.00
Library		\$380.16
Misc	\$190.00	\$298.44
Monthly Fundraiser	\$474.00	\$474.00
Newsletter Printing	\$294.49	\$1,343.24
Postage	\$25.99	\$308.79
Postage-Newsletter	\$125.00	\$715.99
Printing/Lamination		\$254.13
Program Expenses	\$146.96	\$1,428.02
Rebates		\$188.00
Rent	\$400.00	\$9,020.00
Speaker	\$500.00	\$1,475.00
Storage Facility	\$81.00	\$567.00
Trips		\$19.78
Ways and Means		\$201.35
Website		\$153.65
Welcoming		\$21.70
Workshops	\$450.00	\$1,975.00
Workshop Expenses	\$497.35	\$2,189.27
	\$3,268.79	\$23,877.61

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**Dates: January 13 –
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Location: York College
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Admission: Free

**Hours: Mon - Fri: 1:00
pm – 8:00 pm; Sat:
1:00 – 5:00 pm;**

**Sun (February only):
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

More Information:

www.york.cuny.edu

The Quilt Fest of New Jersey

**Date: Thu – Sun, Feb
28 – Mar 2, 2008**

Location: Garden State
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**Hours: Thurs 11:00
am – 6:00 pm; Fri–Sat
10:00am-6:00pm, Sun
10:00 am – 5:00 pm**

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Information:

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**Author Meg Cox at
The City Quilter**

**Date: Friday,
February 29, 2008**

Book signing, author talk, trunk show (and door prizes!)

Presented By: The City Quilter

Location: The City Quilter, 133 West 25th Street,
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Hours: 5:00 – 7:00 pm.

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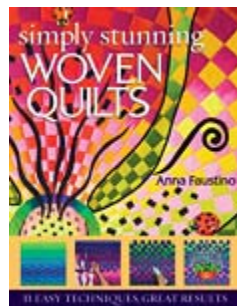
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The Quilter's Catalog: A Comprehensive Resource
Guide, and will show some of the projects featured in it.
Meg is a former Wall Street Journal reporter, and she
spent six years working on this book. The book is
scheduled for publication in January 2008. Early reports
about the book are very enthusiastic — The Quilter's
Catalog promises to be a valuable addition to any
quilter's library. You won't want to miss this opportunity
to meet the author.

For more information about Meg Cox and The Quilter's
Catalog, visit www.megcox.com



Anna Faustino's soon-to-be-published book

We've all been waiting (not-so-patiently!) for Anna Faustino's book *Simply Stunning Woven Quilts*. We're happy to announce that the book will be published in March 2008 by C&T Publishing. The book covers the basics of Anna's fabric weaving in three step-by-step lessons, then moves on to eight more techniques for weaving and combining fabrics. There are full-size patterns for her circle weaving technique, and cutting diagrams for 26 different quilts. We all know what a wonderful teacher Anna is. This book is a must-have for every quilter's library. Specific information about

purchasing the book will be published as soon as it is available.

Meanwhile, make some space on your bookshelves for this beautiful book. See some of Anna's quilts on her website:

www.newtechquilts.com

Congratulations Anna!




Exciting News from Karen Griska

Guild member Karen Griska has a new website and a new book coming out in June 2008. The website: www.selvagequilts.com is the online headquarters for lovers of selvage quilts, selvage handbags, selvage wearables, and all things "Selvage." You will be amazed at the number of ways to use selvage in your projects. The website has instructions, definitions, and many fun pictures of quilts, bags, scarves — you name it! — all made from selvages. You can also add pictures of your projects to her website.

Karen's book *Quilts from the Selvage Edge* is being published by the American Quilter's Society, and is due to be out in June 2008. You can find information about the book on Karen's website (www.selvagequilts.com) and also on the AQS site:

www.americanquilter.com. Congratulations Karen!

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

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

SHOWS & EVENTS CONT.

Creating a Fabric Company

Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2008

What: Talk by Donna Wilder of FreeSpirit Fabrics

Presented By: The City Quilter 212-807-0390

(www.cityquilter.com)

Location: The City Quilter 133 West 25th Street,
NYC

Hours: 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Cost: Free to the public – Advanced registration
required

Donna Wilder is the creator of Free Spirit Fabrics. Under her leadership, that company has helped change the face

of the quilting industry. Come hear her fascinating story! In addition to her work with Free Spirit, this busy lady has been involved in the International Quilt Study Center, the New England Quilt Museum, Quilt Market and the Museum of the American Quilter's Society. Donna was inducted into the Quilter's Hall of Fame in 1990.

**Breaking New Ground
Date:** Sat–Wed, April
5–9, 2008

What: Symposium,
Tour and Workshop
Co-sponsored by:

**Surface Design
Association and Studio
Art Quilt Associates
Location:** Wayne Art
Center Wayne,
Pennsylvania

Cost: various packages
available: \$235 – \$480.

**Note that membership
in either SAQA or
Surface Design
Association is required
for attendance.**

More Information:

Surface Design
Association or Studio
Art Quilt Associates
April 5, 2008:
Symposium: keynote
speakers, concurrent
sessions, trunk show;
April 6, 2008: Tour of

several textile exhibits in the Philadelphia area; April 7–9, 2008: Choice of seven 3-day workshops, 9:00am – 4:00 pm each day. Keynote speakers include Susan Brandeis of North Carolina State University, Michael James of the University of Nebraska and Judith James of Lincoln, Nebraska. The complete conference brochure is available online from Surface Design Association or Studio Art Quilt Associates.

A Spring Shower of Quilts XII

Date: Sat–Sun, April 5 – 6, 2008

Presented by: Connecticut Piecemakers' Quilt Guild

Location: Seymour Middle School, 211 Mountain Road, Seymour, Connecticut

More Information: Connecticut Piecemakers'

Website: www.ctpiecemakers.org

This biennial quilt show will feature over 300 quilts, over 30 vendors, quilt appraisals, door prizes, a beautiful raffle quilt, and a blockbuster invitational: MAN-TASTIC: Fantastic Quilts from the hearts and hands of men.

They brought their raffle quilt to our January meeting.

It's A Jungle Out There!

Date: Sat – Sun, April 12–13, 2008

Presented By: The Long Island Quilters' Society

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

Hours: Sat: 10:00am – 5:00pm, Sun 10:00am – 4:00pm

Cost: \$8.00

More Information: www.liqs.org

Quilt exhibit, raffle quilt, fashion show, demonstrations, vendors and food.

Sharing the Quilts XXV

Date: Saturday, April 5, 2008

Presented By: Harvest Quilters of Central Jersey

Location: Terrill Road Bible Chapel, 535 Terrill Road, Fanwood, New Jersey

Hours: 8:00am–5:00pm

Cost: \$6.00 (adult) / \$3.00 (child)

More Information: harvestquilters.com Quilts, demonstrations, historical exhibits, friendship quilts, vintage clothing display, tea room.

Franklin County Quilt Show

Date: Sat–Sun, April 5–6, 2008

What: 10th Annual Quilt Show

Presented By: Franklin County Quilter's Guild

Location: St. Albans City Hall, 100 N. Main Street, St. Albans, Vermont

Hours: Sat: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm; Sun: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Cost: Free to the public

More Information:

Franklin County Quilter's Guild

Website:

www.vtmooses.us/fcqq.html

Over 100 quilts on display, door prizes, vendors, demonstrations

27th Annual Peconic Quilt Show

Dates: Sat–Sun June 7 & 8, 2008

Presented By: Eastern Long Island Quilter's Guild

Location: Suffolk Community College, Speonk Riverhead Road, Riverhead, New York

Hours & Cost to be announced ...

More Information: Eastern Long Island Quilters' Guild

Website:

www.eliqg.com

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the March, 2008 newsletter is: **Wednesday, February, 13th**. 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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