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NEXT MEETING:

**Saturday, May 10,
2008**

**LOCATION: F.I.T.
W27TH ST. AT 8TH
AVE. - 8TH FLR. DAVID
DUBINSKY CENTER**

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

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

**PROGRAM: "Cat's Tale
& Other Quilts" with
Barbara Barber**

**WORKSHOP: Barbara
Barber Says Aloha!**

**VENDOR: Pat Yamin of
Come Quilt with Me**

**QUILTER OF THE
MONTH: Sandra
Samaniego**

**THIS MONTH'S
HIGHLIGHTS:
Library, Raffles, Show
& Tell, Share Table**

**CAT'S TALE AND OTHER QUILTS WITH BARBARA
BARBER**

Author and award-winning quiltmaker Barbara Barber will share the story of her quilt "Cats". Barbara is internationally known for her machine skills and workmanship. Her quilts feature all aspects of machine work including piecing, appliqué and quilting and she teaches classes in all of these areas. Barbara is a self-taught quilter who started quilting in 1991 — and won her first quilting award in 1992. She also has the distinction of being named "One of the 30 Most Distinguished Quilt Artists of the World."

For more information about Barbara Barber, her quilts, videos, books and family pets, visit her website:

www.barbarabarberbritishquilts.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone. We're finally feeling the warmth of spring and delighting in the vivid colors of blooming trees and flowers. Spring is absolutely my favorite time of year because I feel enlivened and inspired by the new growth I see in the landscapes, and certainly by what we can all see and enjoy in the many quilt shows that are available this time of year. If you are able, I recommend going to the shows of other guilds – both to see what other quilters in our area are doing, but also to show support of their work and their shows, as we hope they'll show for ours.

We are preparing for our 2009 show, now less than a year away. There's lots of work to do, and though we have a number of people working on nearly all committees, I want to ask every member of this guild to think about how and when you can help with this show. This isn't a show just for the quilters who chose to have their work hung. This show represents the entire guild, and needs the support of the entire guild, now and at the time of the show. Later in this newsletter you'll find the description of the 2009 Show President's challenge.

We are also preparing for our meetings next year. Lee Ebs has already contacted a number of speakers – it'll be another very interesting year of programs. But as you know, we also have other activities, for which we need members to step up and participate. In preparation for the show we might want to have some focus groups on topics related to quilting, finishing and show preparation. You don't need to be an 'expert' to run a focus group – just knowledgeable and willing. Contact Anna Faustino if you are willing to run a small focus group, or if you have a particular topic you'd like to see covered. Also, if you're willing to strut your stuff, Debra Levin mentioned she's looking for volunteers to be Quilter of The Month.

I look forward to seeing you at the May meeting. **Jennifer**

MAY WORKSHOP

Barbara Barber says Aloha!

Sunday, May 11, 2008; 9:30am – 4:00pm Cost : \$50.00

343 Eighth Ave. at 27th St. (near McDonald's)

A multi-technique class which encompasses several aspects of machine work. The circle is manipulated and used in fun and ingenious ways. Learn a whole new approach to appliqué that guarantees smooth curves in simple shapes. The appliqué is simple but effective and can be done before quilting or later using the "appli-quilt" technique. Sewn in any colour scheme it's lots

of fun because it somehow feels like a bit of a cheat but it's not – you are simply creating a really fun quilt in super quick time!

SUPPLY LIST:

Sewing machine, Thread to match fabric, Usual sewing kit, Foolproof Circles® for rotary cutting, Square ruler for rotary cutting that is at least 7" square, Rotary cutter- mat- ruler, A variety of fabrics, all pre-starched to give a crisp finish. See website for starching instructions.

QUILTER OF THE MONTH

In 1994, Sandra Samaniego took an adult education quilting class in Jersey City and made a sampler quilt. A year later she joined the Jersey City Quilters Guild, a small group (20 or so members still), and then joined Empire a few years later. She is also a recent member of Quilters of Color Network in New York. Sandra has always liked work that was "outside of the box"-- non traditional, contemporary, art quilts -- the best. Sandra's training is as a clinical psychologist. This past September she was able to work 4 longer days a week instead of 5 days at Lenox Hill Hospital Out Patient Center for Mental Health where she has worked for the past 28 years. Consequently, she has been able to complete lots of projects. Sandra is a much happier camper as a result. She also encourages and teaches patients with whom she works who express an interest in crafts to make quilts, dolls, etc. and provides them with fabric and yarn (from her stash). They find it helps them psychologically to feel less depressed, less anxious, have improved self esteem and to beautify their homes and lives. Sandra is largely self taught but learns much from books and magazines as well as from craft and quilt shows on TV. She also visits lots of art galleries, quilt and craft shows. In addition to quilting Sandra creates altered books, dolls (she belongs to the Manhattan Doll Guild which meets at City Quilter monthly) and incorporates other art/crafts techniques into her quilts (beading, painting, found objects, etc).

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE – 2009 SHOW: COLOR MY WORLD

In keeping with the bright colors of our 2009 Show Quilt – Broadway Jane – I'm proposing a colorful challenge for the members for the 2009 Show that I hope will bring out a child-like enthusiasm and sense of possibilities.

Select a color from a box of crayons. Then use this as the focal point for your quilt. You could choose to use the color as the principal color in your quilt, or use the name of the color as a theme. The title of your quilt must include the crayon color name. **Size:** not to exceed 22 inches on any side. **Media:** any media - but this must be a quilted item.

I will bring a box of crayons to the May and June meeting for you to select from – or if you have your own box of crayons, you can pick from your box.

CHARITY REPORT

Veronique Milliez donated 9 tops, Nancy Spatafora 7 tops and 4 pieces of material, Sandy Syken donated 35 baby hats and Verna Fitzgerald donated material.

The following people brought back finished quilts :

Lee Ebs-2, Diane Paul-5, Gloria Johnson-1, Rhona Triggs-1, Verna Fitzgerald-1, Veronique Milliez-1, Freida Hoyett-2, Beth Pile-2, Paula Cruz-4, Rae Hollenberg-2, Denise Walsh-Horowitz-10. That means 31 quilts were made in addition to the 96 in March for a to-date total of 127!!!

Thanks again to Marian Webber for her help. **Denise, Joan and Pam**

APRIL, 2008 SHOW & TELL

The following members showed some great work at the April meeting:

Sara Pantos Busby, Shirley Clark, Anna Faustino, Karen Griska, Frieda Hoyett, Jackquelynn Jones, Debra Levin, Karen Monath, Alice Oberstein, Constance Phillips, Rita Reid, Arline Rubin, Sandra Samaniego, Ligaya Siachongco, Anna Sinitsyna, Kitty Squire, Rhona Triggs, and Mindy Wexler-Marks.

If you missed the meeting, look for pictures of these items on the guild website. Bring your work to the May meeting!

Old cell phones should be recycled. A postage paid envelope can be obtained at www.gooddeedfoundation.org. This will help the environment.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance: \$51,899.73
Income: \$ 5,572.50
Expenses: \$ 3,413.61
Ending Balance: \$54,058.62

***Meetings are the second Saturday of each month. Final meeting date for the 2007–2008 season is:**

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



Renew your Empire Quilters Guild Membership for 2008–2009

Individual renewal notices are **not** mailed to members. Please use this form.

1. Yearly Dues Category: Regular \$45 Senior \$30 (65 and over)

2. Contribution: Additional tax-deductible contribution (optional): \$ _____

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• Please pick up your membership card at the next guild meeting .

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

Naomi Shelnut, May 02; Marie Annoual, May 02; Dorothy Vasil, May 04; Judith Greenstein, May 04; Carolyn Wollen, May 05; Betty Donerson, May 05; Patricia Kozu, May 07; Helen Beall, May 07; Anna Krassy, May 08; Helma Reid, May 09; Cynthia Cunningham, May 09; Nancy Spatafora, May 10; Barbara Hull, May 10; Agatha Guzman, May 11; Patricia Decker, May 12; Lawrence Gifford, May 13; Rena Rappaport, May 14; Cheryl Kulakoff, May 17; Rita Reid, May 17; Amy Weber, May 18; Ellen Yamaguchi, May 19; Sandy Syken, May 19; Joan Goodsell, May 19; Mary Galgan, May 20; Anna Lega, May 20; Carol Maybar, May 22; Annette Garland, May 23; Ann Strauss, May 24; Michael Greenberg, May 25; Linora Hoffman, May 25; Barbara Jackson, May 26; Susan Swan, May 26; Dawn Rhodes, May 27; Jody Beitzel, May 30; Evelyn Martin, May 30; Shirley Clark, May 30.

MAY FOCUS GROUPS

Focus Groups are open to all members and take place in our 8th floor meeting space.

Embroidery


Date: Saturday, May 10, 2008 and Saturday, June 7, 2008

Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 noon

Group Leader: Ligaya Siachongco

Come learn from a master of embroidery. Guild member Ligaya Siachongco does amazing work, and she will be sharing her know-how at this focus group. This is a treat you won't want to miss. Ligaya will teach basic and advanced embroidery, including surface stitchery and evenweave embroidery.

Supply List: Bring 1 (12"x12") piece of muslin; 1 (12" x 12") piece of Aida cloth (cross stitch fabric) 12- or 14-count; an embroidery needle and some embroidery floss (any color). Ligaya will provide the design.



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Embellish!

Dates: Saturday, May 10, 2008 and Saturday, June 7, 2008

Time: starting at 10:30 am

Group Leader: Anna Foss

Anna Foss will once again be leading this lively share your ideas focus group on "no limits embellishment!" Learn how others have embellished bags, T-Shirts, Sweats — you-name-it! — and share your tips.

Bring in what you've been working on, what you've finished, and what you're planning for spring and summer. We'll have a Focus Fashion Show for the June meeting, so get stitching.

Supply List: Bring your ideas, a notebook and basic sewing supplies.

Face Studies

Date: Saturday, May 10, 2008

Time: starting at 3:30pm

Group Leader: Sandy Naval

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

What we will need for step 2 is:

- * one piece of background fabric, 9x11 1/12", not solid - a fabric that will set a mood; * piece of batting or flannel ironed on its back, * an oval face shape, wonder-undered; and either sewn or basted to backing fabric. *an assortment of small pieces of fabric on wonder-under for face features. * fabric or embellishments for hair and other details, * scissor, * iron, * a willingness to play!!!!

DYCKMAN FARMHOUSE MUSEUM DAY - "COUNTRY IN THE CITY"

Sunday, May 4, 2008 – 10:00am-4:00pm. Admission and all activities are FREE for the day

Empire Quilters are invited to the formal introduction of the Dyckman Quilt Reproduction made by members to the Farmhouse Museum and the neighborhood. Trees and flowers will be blooming and visitors will also get a view of the historic quilt that members replaced. Activities for the day will include Empire Quilters demonstrating their quilting prowess on the porch, exhibition of other old quilts in the Dyckman collection, and, for children, quilt story telling and making some quilt patterns with paper. The Farmhouse is the last remaining Dutch colonial style farmhouse in Manhattan and a treasure to enjoy.



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LIBRARY

May will be our last Library meeting until September, so remember to return any outstanding books. Thanks, by the way, to Susan Stauber for taking over the Library while I was having my knee replaced. And as always, thanks to Tina Barth and Marilyn Korn, the other Library ladies for their help. Speaking of help, we could use a couple of additional members to work in the library. See me at the meeting, or call me if you are interested. See you in May. **Sylvia Hughes - 212-665-5036**

URBAN INSPIRATIONS 2009

Do you feel the excitement building? We are 11 months from our next show and the pieces are beginning to fall into place! The show will be held on March 21 and 22 here at FIT in the Great Hall and Katie Murphy Amphitheatre as in 2007. We will have Paula Nadelstern www.paulanadelstern.com speaking on Saturday and on Sunday, Brenda Papadakis www.dearjane.com will speak as well as pick the winning ticket for Broadway Jane-Empire Quilter's version of Dear Jane@.

In your June newsletter, we will be giving you the submission process as well as the judging criteria and categories. In September, there will be packets for every member that will contain the submission forms as well as the raffle tickets for Broadway Jane-our show raffle quilt.

Volunteers are needed for all committees for the show. We still need a chair for the Set-up/Take-down, but there are also many opportunities to help out on everything from the boutique to charity to admissions to raffles. The list is enormous. We are anxious to have everyone in the Guild volunteer-not just those with quilts in the show. Our Volunteer chair, Denise Walsh-Horowitz, will be happy to take your names, numbers and job preference. You can reach her via email at lazvdogz@earthlink.net. The earlier you volunteer, the more likely you are to get your choice!

At the June meeting, we hope to preview our Broadway Jane-just to keep the excitement building over the summer. We have a lot of tickets to sell next year to exceed our last show raffle quilt. It can be done, but it is going to be a lot of work. We hope to take her on tour to various quilt shops and guilds in the area as well. If you belong to another guild or have a specific shop where you would like to see her appear at, please let Kitty Squire kesquilts33@msn.com or Paula Kenney pdkenney44@aol.com know and we will try to book her appearance.

Due to space limitations, we have to keep the size of the show quilts to no more that 93" wide by 100" long. In addition, as in 2007, each member will be able to submit up to 2 quilts. However, we may only be able to hang one of

them. We were able to hang all submitted quilts at the last show and hope to do so again, but this will have to be determined after the quilts are submitted.

Have a great month and keep your eyes out for the June newsletter for more details. **The Show Committee**

BIG APPLE QUILT RAFFLE

Big Apple Quilt Raffle-what a success- Our raffle of the Big Apple Quilt won by Debra Levin at the April meeting added approximately \$4,200.00 to the start up funds for the Urban Inspirations Quilt Show 2009. Many thanks are in order – Lee Ebs for the concept, the organization, the construction and the completion of the quilt. To Debbie Croft who did the quilting and to each of you who sold tickets. Congratulations on a job well done.

FLEA MARKET

Please sign up if you would like a table for our Member Flea Market at the June meeting. The tables will be \$10.00 for a small table or ½ a large table if you would like to share. The large table will be \$20.00. Set up will be at 10:30 am and sales can take place from 11:00am to 1:00pm. We will close during the meeting and can reopen from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. **Contact Larry Gifford at 212- 717- 0892 or by e mail at: lavgifford@msn.com.**

QUILT ENTRY CRITERIA - URBAN INSPIRATIONS QUILT SHOW - MARCH 21 - 22, 2009

Empire Quilters members should be working on their quilts. We encourage members to plan to submit a quilt(s) to the show. The more quilts from members, the better our show! Quilts must fit into one of the following size categories:

Category #	Size: W x L (in inches)	Desc.
100-149	60-93 x 80-100	Bed / Wall – Pieced
150-199	60-93 x 80-100	Bed / Wall – Appliqué
200-249	60-93 x 80-100	Bed / Wall – Mixed
250-299	60-93 x 80-100	Bed / Wall – Pictorial
300-349	25-60 x 25-80	Small Wall – Pieced
350-399	25-60 x 25-80	Small Wall – Appliqué
400-499	25-60 x 25-80	Small Wall – Mixed
450-499	25-60 x 25-80	Small Wall – Pictorial
500-549	24 x 24 Maximum	Miniature – Pieced
550-599	24 x 24 Maximum	Miniature – Appliqué
600-699	24 x 24 Maximum	Miniature – Mixed
650-699	24 x 24 Maximum	Miniature – Pictorial
700-749	Up to 93 x 100	Other (Whole Cloth, Crazy Quilt, etc.)
750-799	Up to 93 x 100	Group Quilt

More information about quilt judging criteria and award categories to follow.
Quilt submission entry forms will be available to guild members in **September 2008**.

NEWSLETTER

As members can see from the last two months editions, we are making changes to the newsletter. These are for two main reasons-to make it more reader friendly for those who receive it via e-mail and, to cut the size and cost of printing it. We are one of the few guilds in the area who publish their newsletter both monthly and on paper. In order to continue doing this, we really need to find a way to cut the costs. We are asking that as many Guild members as possible receive their newsletter via e-mail. If you have not yet signed up to do so, please e-mail **Kitty Squire** at kesquilts33@msn.com to do so. If we cannot get enough members to sign up for e-mail, we are going to have to seriously consider changing the number of issues we publish.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the June 7, 2008 newsletter is: **Wednesday, May 14th**. Please send information to: Linda Lee Kelly, 950 Oaks Drive, Franklin Square, NY 11010 or e-mail: LKELLY20@OPTONLINE.NET

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