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NEXT MEETING:

**Saturday, September
13, 2008**

LOCATION: Fashion

**Institute Of Tech.
27TH 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: Helen Squire

- Quilt Appreciation

WORKSHOP: "Quilting

**UFO'S with Helen
Squire"**

VENDOR: Handloom

Batik

QUILTER OF THE

**MONTH: Marian
Webber**

HIGHLIGHTS: Raffles,

**Scrap Table, Show &
Tell, Library**

**QUILT APPRECIATION: HOW QUILTING MAKES THE QUILT
WITH HELEN SQUIRE**

Quilt teacher, designer, and author Helen Squire is coming to New York! Helen is a graduate of F.I.T. so she will be right at home with our guild. She has been answering quilters' questions for more than three decades via her early quilting book *Dear Helen, Can You Tell Me ...?*, and her popular Helen's Hints column in *American Quilter* magazine.

Helen is one of the top experts in our field. She has developed a tried-and-true quilting philosophy — which she generously shares with quilters around the world. Helen has a talent for educating quilters in an entertaining and light-hearted manner. We're looking forward to her presentation, and hope you will join us.

There are currently seven books and two CD-ROMs in her *Dear Helen* quilting series, and her newest book, *Quilting UFOs with Helen's Hints* is due out in the fall. For more information about Helen Squire visit her website: www.helensquire.com.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I don't know about the rest of you, but this summer seems to have flown by. I can hardly believe it's only a few weeks until our meetings resume. I look forward to seeing you all and hearing and seeing what the Quilters in our Guild have been up to. I know that a number of people have been working this summer on plans for our March 2009 show. We're all very excited as plans are coming together. Once again we will present our show at F.I.T., in their conference center on 28th street.

At the September meeting we'll hand out packets with show information and the "Broadway Jane" raffle tickets. We'll also have listings of volunteer opportunities with descriptions — and I encourage everyone to take a copy and sign-up early to get the task you'd really like to do. Remember, everyone with a quilt in the show is required to volunteer at least 4 hours for the show. Naturally, we encourage all members of the Guild to contribute time since this show represents us all — whether or not you have a quilt on display. If you still have questions after reading the information supplied, please don't hesitate to contact any of the Show co-chairs or me.

I recently received our annual invitation to participate the American Folk Art Museum's 18th annual Quilt Weekend, scheduled for the first weekend in October. There are events on both Friday and Saturday, but the highlight of Saturday is the demonstrations of quilting by area guilds. We are always pleased to participate in this weekend — we promote our guild, and enjoy learning what other area guilds are doing. This year, we'll be showing our exquisite "Broadway Jane" quilt, and will encourage all to come to our show.

Details for the weekend are listed later in the newsletter. Lee Kogan, who organizes this event, also told me that there are 3 exhibits about quilts and quilting scheduled over the next year. I'll let you know about those too.

As you think about the activities and programs you want from the Guild, please keep in mind that there are a number of people who volunteer their time, energy and more to keep us going. There is a lot of work to do, and we always hope more people will join in and lighten the load. This year, there will be a number of people whose terms in their positions will end, and we will need others to step in. I'm always happy to discuss opportunities with you — so please consider what you can do to help keep the programs and activities at the excellent level we expect and appreciate. See you in September. **Jennifer**

LOCAL EVENTS IN WHICH EMPIRE QUILTERS WILL PARTICIPATE

As a prominent quilting organization in NYC, Empire Quilters is invited to participate in a number of events by local organizations. Information about these and other events can be found on the Shows and Events page of www.empirequilters.net. Here are a few autumn events that you are invited to join in.

Morris-Jumel Mansion is holding its annual "Battle of Harlem Heights Remembered" on Saturday, September 20, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Empire Quilters will demonstrate the art and craft of quilt-making.

American Folk Art Museum's 18th Annual Quilt Weekend is scheduled for Friday October 3 and Saturday October 4, 2008. All events will be held at the Lincoln Square Gallery at 2 Lincoln Square, NY. On Friday, from noon to 4:00 p.m., our own Diane Rode-Schneck will conduct a Mixed Media workshop. The schedule for Saturday begins at noon with Sharon Eisenstat speaking on colonial revival quilts with an emphasis on quilts from the Museum's collection. **Guild demonstrations are scheduled on Saturday from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.** Anyone who is willing to come for some or all of that time should let Jennifer Bigelow know when you'll be there. This is a great opportunity to showcase Empire Quilters many talented quilters.

Dyckman Farmhouse Museum and Uptown Treasures Day is Sunday, October 19. The day's events include concerts, poetry reading and much more – and at many locations in addition to this museum. Demonstrations about quilt-making by Empire Quilters have become a valued part of this annual event. Please contact Mary Butler if you want to join in.

SEPTEMBER WORKSHOP

Let's Talk About Quilting UFOs with Helen Squire

Sunday, September 14, 2008, 9:30am-4:00pm - Cost \$50.00

343 8th Avenue, at 27th Street, New York City (near McDonald's)

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Our show is coming soon. Do you want an expert eye to advise on the quilting design for your entry quilt? Or do you have "unfinished objects" waiting a final decision? This is a must take workshop if you hesitate before starting to quilt. Discover what types of quilting patterns are appropriate for patchwork and for appliqué tops. Learn how easy it is to make any quilting pattern fit your quilt. Helen Squire offers her suggestions both for hand and machine quilting and will discuss good work habit and easier design steps for creating your own quilting patterns. Bring an unfinished quilt top for classroom discussion.

SUPPLIES:

Students will be provided with the quilting design booklet. No other small supplies are required. A small stapler and paper scissors are optional items briefly used in class.

SEPTEMBER QUILTER OF THE MONTH

Marian Webber has been sewing since she was 11 years old! She started quilting around 1975 and has made so many quilts that they are simply "too numerous to count". Marion joined Empire about 20 years ago and now belongs to four quilting groups and one craft club. She teaches scrap quilting and makes charity quilts for veterans, day care centers, and church groups. She is the co-chair (with Diane P. Holland and Charles Lilly) of the annual York College Quilt & Art show.

Marian has been married to her husband Milton for 60 years. She has three married sons and 11 grandchildren – most of whom have done some patchwork and quilting!

VERMONT QUILT FESTIVAL TRIP BY SYLVIA HUGHES

About thirty of us left early in the morning of Saturday, June 28 on the way to our over night trip to the Vermont Quilt Festival. Empire members were joined by friends and a very special guest, Shirley Lodington. Shirley is a quilt maker from Melbourne Australia who was vacationing in the States with her husband and kids. She heard about our trip and went along with us before joining her family in Washington, DC on Sunday night.

It was a long trip, but there were enough empty seats that we could move around. Our efficient tour leader Aleeda Crawley, brought along quilt books and magazines to borrow and Shirley brought Australian magazines for us to see. She actually donated one of the books to our Library and gave each member on the trip a needle holder made with Australian fabric. We each gave Shirley a fat quarter.

When we arrived at our hotel, our rooms were not ready so we just went right on to the Quilt Festival. It's their 32nd annual show, actually the oldest and largest quilt event in New England. There were about 250 quilts exhibited and over 220 invitationals including antique quilts, teacher's showcase quilts, and what I enjoyed the most a retrospective of Ann Bird's work, a Canadian who has been quilting for 40 years. Her work included many beautiful six- or eight-pointed stars. Of course there were vendors, and the day was full. Kitty Squire, Anna Krassy and I had dinner with Shirley, choosing to eat at Friendly's so we were able to plan dessert first.

After breakfast on Sunday, we got on the bus and headed for the Shelburne Museum where we spent the rest of the day. Among the many exhibits at the Shelburne (the grounds include 29 buildings, of which 20 are historic), there were many magnificent 19th century American quilts; a small but incredible contemporary quilts "Quilts in Bloom: A Bouquet of Textile Art" -- that included a Velda Newman piece. Kitty and I also loved the Mary Cassatt exhibition and saw some wonderful European and American Dolls. What was best was that everyone on the trip was able to zero in on whatever part of the Shelburne interested them. So soon we were on our way to New York, in time for Shirley to catch her train at Penn Station. By the way, I have Shirley's email address, if anyone wants to keep in touch with her. And even if you weren't on the trip, Shirley is always looking for new chocolate chip cookie recipes.

Finally, thanks Aleeda for making these trips possible. **Sylvia Hughes**

THE ROAD TO LOWELL BY RITA REID

We arrived at Keepsake Quilting on Saturday afternoon and a shopping frenzy ensued. We had at least two hours of shopping delight which was hardly enough for me. There were fabrics galore and lots of books, magazines and notions, so every shopper had a chance to purchase *something*. As a bonus, Keepsake Quilting also gave each of us a free package of fat quarters. I even managed to go to the yarn shop and at least one other area store. We retired to the Marriot Courtyard in Nashua, NH, where we rested for the day ahead at the Lowell (MA) Quilt Festival. On Sunday, we started out early and arrived at the Tsongas Arena before the 10 a.m. opening. My group chose to walk over to the New England Quilt Museum where we also waited for the 10 a.m. opening. I had been to the museum last year, so I was familiar with the layout. I went upstairs to view the quilts and went into its vast quilt library. The library will mail books to members and will also give you a tax receipt for donations of your used books and magazines. In addition to visiting the library there is a store, which had many many books, magazines, patterns and quilt-related items for sale. I quickly perused quite a few of the offerings, and bought a couple of books.

We walked down the block to the Lowell National Historical Park which has a museum and store. After stopping to eat at a local restaurant, we returned to the Tsongas Arena around 12:30, leaving us about two hours to view hundreds of quilts and dozens of vendors. We accepted the challenge with glee. The quilts were marvelous, of course. I got many new ideas and took lots of pictures to refresh my memory after I got home. I supported as many of the vendors as I could, and I only stopped buying fabric because I didn't know how I would get it home. By 2:30, we were on the bus, and a few minutes later, we began our trip home. The monotony of the long bus trip was broken by the very challenging games (with prizes) that Aleeda provided. This was more fun than my trip to Aruba last month. I can hardly wait for the trip next year, (which should be longer!).

BUS TRIPS

Fall Foliage Trip

On Saturday, October 4, we will head up to Schenectady, NY for the QUILTS (Quilters United in Learning Together, Schenectady) show. This show features a raffle quilt, vendors, and door prizes, but I think the main event will be the fall colors on display. QUILTS is presenting its 2008 Autumn Inspirations XI show at Proctor's GE Theater. Tickets for the trip, including tolls, tip and admission to the show are \$55 and must be paid for at the September meeting

Upcoming Trips

In addition to the fall foliage trip, I am planning a President's Day Weekend retreat. One possible location is the Hudson River Valley Art Workshops (artworkshops.com). The cost will likely be about \$350 for a Friday-Monday including a wine and cheese reception on Friday evening, continental breakfast and chef-prepared dinner nightly, and a cookie break. Simple lunches (sandwiches, salads) can be ordered (the chef will be busy cooking our gourmet dinner!). There are a **limited (less than 25) number of spaces**, and Empire members on the list will have priority. If you haven't signed up, please do; reservations will then be on a first-paid basis. I am looking for other retreat options as well. While I have considered Chicago, the weather is just a little too unpredictable to trust to a bus ride, so I am now investigating a bus trip to Paducah, April 22-25, 2009. Many hotels require a minimum 3 or 4 night stay. Winterthur and the Smithsonian National Museum of American History are also possibilities for this year, including our usual show trips. Let me know if you hear of something (Sisters, OR has been mentioned!) that you think a group might want to attend. **Aleeda Crawley**

HELP WANTED: PHOTOGRAPHY

Calling all photographers! We need some people who can help with photography at guild meetings. We need photos for the guild archives, and we need volunteers who can take photos for the guild website when web photographer Cindy Russell can't be at the meeting. We know that many of you get terrific pictures with your digital cameras, so please let us know if we can call on you to take photos at a meeting or two. The more people who are willing to help, the easier it will be for everyone. **Contact Cindy Russell (crr@empirequilters.net or 212-414-9201) if you have any questions, or if you are willing to help. Thank you!**

GUILD YAHOO! GROUP

Welcome back everyone – and a hearty welcome to our many new members! If you haven't yet joined the guild's Yahoo online group, now is a good time. The guild Yahoo group is our "communications central" between guild meetings. News items are posted on the Yahoo group when time is of the essence.

There are many benefits of a Yahoo group. Topping that list is the ability for guild members to post messages directly. There's no need to track down a board member, or ask for someone else to spread the word for you. You can communicate to the guild directly. Yes, technology can be great (and fun!). So if you need advice on a quilting project – ask the group! You're certain to find help from fellow members. Or if you know of a quilting exhibit (or fabric sale!) and you want to share those news tidbits with fellow members – it's as easy as writing an email. Members can also post pictures to the group, so you can show off that finished project before shipping it to your grandchild, or get advice on what sort of border should go on your almost-finished quilt. Some members use the group to highlight an interesting quilting class, or to request quilts for special causes, or for help in locating a particular fabric or gizmo.

The guild periodically receives requests for quilting teachers, and for quilters for a quilting job. We post those requests on the Yahoo group. So if you are interested in some extra income, you will hear about those opportunities through the Yahoo group.

In order to join the group, you need to be a member of Empire Quilters, and you need to have a Yahoo ID. If you already have a Yahoo ID, here's how to join the Yahoo! group:

Send an email to: EQG-subscribe@yahoo.com. Here's what to say in the message: "My name is ___ and I'm a member of Empire Quilters." It's that easy. We'll double check your guild membership and ok your Yahoo group participation.

If you don't already have a Yahoo ID (or if you don't know if you do), you may request a step-by-step "how to" guide from Cindy Russell (212) 414-9201. That guide is also available for downloading on the Guild website's FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) page. If you have troubles, contact one of the group moderators and we'll be glad to help:

Michael Greenberg: 646-638-2826 / MichaelGreenberg@nyc.rr.com or Cindy Russell: 212-414-9201 / crr@qrv.com See you online!

BLOCK OF THE MONTH NEWS

Is your *Camelot / September Star* Block of the Month done? Don't forget to bring it to the September guild meeting. Every person who participates has a chance to win all the blocks. The instructions for the September BOM (and blocks from several previous years!) are available on the guild website. The Block of the Month activity is a great way to learn and practice different techniques. It is also a perfect use for some of that leftover fabric from your last project. *And* you get a chance to win a whole stack of completed quilt blocks! This is definitely a win-win-win activity. Make one block — or several! The more blocks you contribute, the better your chances of winning all the blocks.

Due to space limitations, the Block of the Month instructions do not appear in the newsletter. The next Block of the Month will be in November. The instructions will be available at the membership table in October, and on the guild website. **Contact Anna Krassy (annak_88@yahoo.com or 212-242-3253) if you would like the instructions mailed to you**



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Renew your membership with this form and pick up your membership cards at the meeting – nothing will be mailed to you. This is your only reminder.

SHOW & TELL

What quilting projects did you do on your summer vacation? Bring your latest creation to the September meeting so we can all be inspired! Show & Tell takes place after the featured speaker of the month. We all love seeing the varied and beautiful work by guild members.

A hearty *Thank You!* to the following members who showed some of their projects at the June meeting: Tina Barth, Helen Beall, Mary Cargill, Anna Faustino, Anna Krassy, Debra Levin, Janet Randolph, Barbara Rose, Sandra Samaniego, and Marie Spodek.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Florence Silverman (Sep 01), Lois Balletto (Sep 02), Cathy Peterson (Sep 03), Carolyn Schloupt (Sep 03), Gail Lefton (Sep 04), Muriel Brodherson (Sep 05), Felicia Ingram (Sep 05), Julia Detar (Sep 05), Rhona Triggs (Sep 06), Marie Spodek (Sep 07), Roberta Jacobs (Sep 07), Sandra Samaniego (Sep 09), Constance Ricks (Sep 09), Jackie Smyth (Sep 09), Grace Carroll (Sep 09), Mary Yvonne Bryant (Sep 11), Bente Hamman (Sep 13), Margaret Counihan (Sep 13), Sandra Cain (Sep 14), O. Betty Ford (Sep 14), Mary Louise Smith (Sep 15), J. Royster-Hills (Sep 15), Laura Fandino-Swedosky (Sep 15), Marian Webber (Sep 16), Melanie Vaughan (Sep 18), Nancy Rabatin (Sep 19), Ruth Nobel (Sep 20), Michele Wang (Sep 21), Susan Mendoza (Sep 21), Diana Buchman (Sep 21), Carolyn Djokoto (Sep 23), Arline Rubin (Sep 24), Olga Botwinick (Sep 24), Pearl Chow (Sep 27), Joanne Downes (Sep 28), and Marilyn Korn (Sep 29).

Board Meeting Minutes/Budget on the web: www.empirequilters.net – password: 1982

LIBRARY NOTES

Tina Barth, Susan Stauber and I spent several hours in July weaning out books that we will be selling to our members at the October meeting. There is just no more space at Tina's house, so we will be selling more than 60 great books, all for two dollars. That will, of course add to the Guild's library fund and allow us to add new books to the library.

At the September meeting, you will be able to borrow some of the books just added to the library -- Pat Yamin's donation of her new book "Quilt Savvy One Patch Scrap Quilts" (Pat is not a member, but she always supports the library with her books); "More Elm Creek Quilts" by Jennifer Chiaverini; Alex Anderson's "New Super Simple Quilts"; "Japanese Quilt Blocks to Mix and Match" -- that Susan Briscoe book would be great for some members to use as a focus group; "The Art of Handmade Quilts"; a new crazy quilts book by Cindy Brick that includes the history, techniques and embroidery motifs of crazy quilts and we have a copy of "Australian Quilters Companion" magazine, donated by Shirley Lodington. Shirley is from Melbourne, Australia and she joined us on Empire's trip to the Vermont Quilt Show in June. I also ask you please not to bring any donated books in September or October. Magazines for donation are fine either month.

Please welcome Debby Chen to the Library, and remember, we can also use some help with the Library, and we generally work only from 12N to 1PM. For those members who have overdue books, please return them in September, and bring your membership cards to the meetings if you want to borrow books. See you in September and, let us know if there are books you would like to be in the Empire Library. **Sylvia Hughes**

MEMBER FLEA MARKET

Yes, the popular Member Flea Market returns! The next Flea Market will take place at the November 9, 2008 guild meeting. **Note that this is a Sunday.** Reservations for flea market tables are being taken. Reserve a table and gather your fabric and other treasures that you wish to sell at the November meeting.

Location: 8th floor of Building A at F.I.T. (or usual building/floor) in the room opposite our regular meeting space. (Take a right when you get off the elevator instead of a left.) Set-Up Time: 10:00 am.

Selling Times: As soon as you are set up, you may begin selling your items. Sales must cease during the general meeting activities (starting promptly at 1:00 pm), but can resume at the conclusion of the general meeting (usually around 3:30 or 4:00 pm). Sales can continue until 5:00 pm.


Cost: \$10.00 for a small (4'x4') table, or \$20.00 for a larger (3'x6') table.

Reservation Deadline: Reservations for tables are required, and must be received by Wednesday, October 15, 2008.

How to reserve a table: Contact Larry Gifford to reserve your space. See Larry at the September or October guild meeting, or email Larry at lawgifford@me.com

Due to the flea market activity, there will be no scrap/share table at the November 9, 2008 guild meeting.

The next Member Flea Market will take place at the June meeting: June 13, 2009.



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Treasurer's Reports			
6/30/2008			
Beginning Balance	\$51,936.35		
Income	\$21,583.87		
Expenses	\$11,972.73		
Ending Balance	\$61,547.49		
8/10/2008			
Guild		Show	Total
Beginning Balance	\$57,762.52	\$3,784.97	\$61,547.49
Income	\$1,749.40	\$4,125.00	\$5,874.40
Expenses	\$15,625.20	\$11,440.26	\$27,065.46
Ending Balance	\$43,886.72	(\$3,530.29)	\$40,356.43

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**2009 URBAN INSPIRATIONS
 QUILT SHOW NOTICE**

The 2009 Urban Inspirations Show packets will be available at the back of the meeting space in September. These contain the raffle books for Broadway Jane, the quilt entry rules and form, the boutique rules and entry forms, and the President's Challenge rules and entry forms. Please make sure you pick these up at either the September, October or November meetings. Remember, each Empire member is expected to sell at least 5 books of raffle tickets to hope pay for our show. In addition, you will find a list of Volunteer Opportunities at both the Membership table and the Packet table. If you submit a quilt or plan to sell in the Boutique, you are required to volunteer for four hours. To volunteer, you can contact Emily Klainberg or Barbara Feinstein at volunteer@Empirequilters.net. Even if you are not planning to enter a quilt, you are more than welcome to volunteer!

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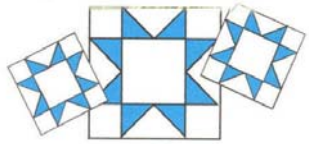
Saturday, December 13, 2008, 1:00 pm - Our December meeting is traditionally a combination holiday party, a holiday charity endeavor, and a fund raising event. We also have a Show & Tell segment of Holiday items (non-holiday items are welcome, too!)

The fund raising activities will include an auction of donated items, a fish-bowl raffle, a 50/50 raffle where the winning member receives half of the proceeds from that raffle, and a more regular raffle for other donated items.

If you have something you'd like to donate for the auction or for a raffle prize, or if you will be making something special for the auction — jacket, scarf, doll, quilt, etc. — please contact Larry Gifford at: lwgifford@me.com or 917-513-8351.

This is one of our major money-makers each year, so please consider donating something special for the auction. And be sure to bring your check book! We take checks and cash (but not credit cards).

We are also planning to make and collect Christmas stockings and stuffed toys at the December meeting. If you are unable to make stockings or stuffed toys, another option is to donate an inexpensive toy (small enough to fit into the stocking) as a stocking stuffer. The organizations that distribute these items specifically request hats, gloves, mittens, socks, combs, soap, shampoo and Teddy Bears. (No food or candy items, no makeup or perfume please.) If you have any questions, please email info@empirequilters.net or contact one of the Service Committee Members: Denise Walsh-Horowitz, or Pamela Leonard Wexler.



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The proposed budget for the 2008-2009 year is available either on the website or by asking for a copy from Kitty Squire. There will also be copies available at the September meeting. We will be voting on this in October, so make sure that you look at it before the October meeting.

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