



**NEXT MEETING:**

Saturday,  
December 13, 2008

**LOCATION:** Fashion  
Institute of Tech.  
27<sup>TH</sup> ST. AT 8<sup>TH</sup> AVE. -  
8<sup>TH</sup> 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:** "Holiday  
Auction and Charity  
Stocking Stuffing"

**WORKSHOP:** "Diamonds  
in the Round" with  
Anna Faustino

**VENDOR:** No Vendor

**QUILTER OF THE  
MONTH:** No QOM

**FOCUS GROUPS:**  
"2009 Show Boutique  
Group"

**THIS MONTH'S  
HIGHLIGHTS:** Show &  
Tell, Charity Quilt  
Collection, Holiday  
Auction, 50/50 Raffle,  
Quilter's Dollar Table.  
NO scrap table.



**HOLIDAY FUND RAISER AND GIFT GATHERING**

Our December meeting will be a combination holiday party, fund raiser and charity event. We also encourage everyone to bring Show and Tell Holiday items!

The fund raising activities will consist of an auction of donated items including, but not limited to, jewelry hand made by Jennifer Bigelow, Barbara Feinstein and Emily Klainberg; coordinated fabric donated by Joan Hellmann, a terrarium donated by Paula Kenney, hand made scarves and jewelry donated by Felicia Ingram, an original Anna Faustino doll/sculpture, a handmade Hanukah table runner by Emily Klainberg, and a bolt of gridded Pellon® interfacing donated by Debra Levin. In addition, we will be auctioning off 6 gorgeous handmade, decorated Christmas stockings made by some of our incredibly talented members. The opening bids on the table runner and stockings will be \$20.00. When they are gone, they are gone! There will also be a quilter's dollar-store table where you will be able to find some wonderful bargains. We will also have all of our Empire Guild items for purchase. They will make wonderful Holiday gifts-either for your friends who are quilters (or for yourself!). The tees, mugs, pencils, tablets, bags (yes, we do still have some of these), lanyards and pins will be available at a Guild table.

We are still looking for items to be donated for both the auction and the dollar table. If you have any items you are willing to part with, please contact Larry Gifford at [lawgifford@me.com](mailto:lawgifford@me.com). This is one of our major money-makers each year, so please consider donating something special! Also, please make sure you bring your check book and/or cash as we **cannot** accept credit cards.

To help with the celebration, we ask that all members bring Holiday goodies to eat! Cookies, chips, dips, fruits, vegetables, sweets are all welcome. The Guild will provide cold beverages.

**And there is even more to be excited about!**

In addition to our own fun and games, we will be finishing and assembling holiday items for children. We are asking for as many teddy bears, stuffed animals and Holiday stockings as you can make! There are so many children in the New York City area who have little or nothing for the holidays. Please help brighten their holidays by contributing. Every item will go to a child or family who has little else for the holidays. The patterns are easy and are available on our website for downloading (in PDF format).

The stockings can be decorated any way you would like. On the teddy bears, if you are not sure about embroidering or drawing the face on the teddy bear, just bring it to the meeting and the Service Committee will paint the face on for you. Please **DO NOT** use buttons on the bears (for child safety reasons). If you are not able to make stockings or bears, another option is to donate an inexpensive toy (small enough to fit into the stocking) as stocking stuffers. The organizations that distribute these items specifically request hats, gloves, mittens, socks, combs, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, coloring books, and Teddy bears. (No food or candy items, no makeup or perfume.) Please do not donate any used items.

If you have any questions about the charity items, please email [info@empirequilters.net](mailto:info@empirequilters.net) or contact one of the Service Committee members: Denise Walsh-Horowitz or Pam Leonard Wexler. If you have items to donate, but will not be at the December meeting, you can send the items to Denise Walsh-Horowitz, Kitty Squire or to the Guild mailbox. You can get the addresses in the Membership Directory.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the meeting with your checkbooks/cash/donations in hand! Let's make it a very Happy Holiday season for as many people as we can!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello and happy holidays to all. This is a busy time for most of us as we get ready to celebrate the end of year holidays. On top of that many of us are working feverishly to finish our quilts for the 2009 show. And with all that, many of us will make time to give something more to our communities. Last year Denise Walsh suggested a special holiday charity program, which I'm so pleased we are repeating this year. Each of us has an opportunity to do something that could bring a bit of joy and pleasure to children who don't have much of that in their lives right now. Please make a toy or a stocking (templates can be found on our website) – or bring something that can be put in the stockings as gifts. Denise has described items that are needed.

It's only a few months until our show in March. Are you as far along with your quilt as you hoped you'd be by this time? Are you going to make a quilt for the President's challenge? The submission deadline is the January meeting...the good news is that you don't have to have the quilts finished by that time. BUT... you do need to have the top finished and photographed as part of your submission. Also, when you submit a quilt for the show, you need to sign up for your volunteer time and activities. Of course you don't need to have a quilt in the show to help. This is a very big undertaking and we really do need all members to help. If you haven't yet completed a volunteer form, go on-line to find out how to contact Barbara and Emily and sign up. More hands make the work lighter and faster. See you in December. **Jennifer**



## WORKSHOP

**Diamonds in the Round with Anna Faustino**

**Sunday, December 14, 2008 from 9:30 am – 4:00 pm – Cost: \$65.00 which includes kit**

**343 8th Avenue, at 27th Street (near McDonald's)**

**Send your check made out to Empire Quilters to Mary Butler at 10 West 95<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10025 or contact Mary at 212-662-7771 if you are interested.**

Back by popular demand, Empire Quilters' own Anna Faustino has devised yet another incredible weave,

Diamonds in the Round. She provides the kit with everything needed except sewing supplies (appliqué optional). Join her for a class you will never forget and return home with a 21" x 21" piece you will always enjoy.

**SUPPLIES:** Cutting board, Rotary Cutter, and 18" Ruler; Pencil: Water-soluble Marker; Scissors; 90 Pins; Iron with extension cord. For more information about Anna Faustino visit her website: [www.newtechquilts.com](http://www.newtechquilts.com) or see her Quilter of the Month page on the Empire website.

## CHARITY REPORT

The Charity Committee would like to thank the following members who kindly made donations to the Guild this month - Judy Klein - 9 stockings; June Calender - 2 quilts and 4 teddy bears; Anna Krassy - 1 quilt; Mary Ferry - stocking stuffers; Mary White - 5 stockings; Paula Kenney - fabric; Catherine Bancroft - stocking stuffers. Once again, I would like to remind our members that December is our annual Holiday Teddy Bears and Stockings for our local shelters. If you picked up fabric to make a teddy bear or a stocking, please make sure you return them to the December meeting. I look forward to a really great turnout of Holiday goodies for the kids. I have at home over 100 stockings and stuffers. Just to let you all know, I MUST LEAVE THE DECEMBER MEETING NO LATER THAN 2:30 PM, due to a family commitment, so please drop off your contributions to me as soon as you get to the meeting. Thanks very much and I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving. **Denise Walsh-Horowitz**

## TRIAL RUN - PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

The board has approved a one year experiment to integrate Programs and Workshops. I will be chairing both. Managing this will require the assistance of other guild members. Several have already expressed interest. The tasks include: Identifying quilters and others who offer topics for both programs and/or workshops; locating them and scheduling variety, i.e. traditional quilting techniques, beading, portraits, etc.; coordinating appearances with other local guilds; greeting and escorting them to the meeting and workshops; handling details, hotel, transportation, kits, etc. as necessary. We will have one or two committee meetings before assigning tasks. You may volunteer to set up dates, or escort the speaker/teacher. It may be for one month or more depending on your availability. This is a very rewarding volunteer effort. Will you join for the good of the guild? If you are interested in getting to meet and know the experts in our field, please contact me, 212-662-7771 or by e-mail: [citymarv@aol.com](mailto:citymarv@aol.com). **Mary Butler**



## MEMBER NEWS

Empire Quilters member **Anne Barry** has a solo quilt exhibit at The Center for Remembering & Sharing (CRS) December 7, 2008 – January 31, 2009. Anne's work is abstract, geometric, and graphic, composed of clear, strong colors. Her quilting line is part of the design element. Each piece is a celebration of its own creation — the embodiment of the liveliness and pleasure of the creative process itself and a reflection of the colorful world in which Anne works.

The show is located in the lobby gallery of The Center for Remembering & Sharing (CRS) and can be viewed any afternoon with an appointment. Call CRS to let them know you are coming to view the exhibit: 212-677-8621. CRS is located at 123 Fourth Avenue (between 12th and 13th Streets, near Union Square), 2nd Floor, New York City. For more information about the venue, visit [www.crsnyc.org](http://www.crsnyc.org). There is an artist reception on Sunday, December 7, 2008, 3:00 – 5:00pm at the gallery. Artist Anne Barry will be at the gallery 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm every Thursday during the exhibition.

We congratulate Anne on this beautiful exhibit, and hope many of our members and friends will view the exhibit.

Empire Quilters member **Benedicte Caneill** is one of the artists represented in the 28th annual Quilts=Art=Quilt Exhibit. This juried quilt exhibit takes place at the Schweinfurth Memorial Art Center in Auburn New York, November 2, 2008 – January 4, 2009. This year's exhibition features 87 contemporary quilts by 68 artists from around the country, Canada, Uruguay and Japan. The 2008 jurors Cynthia Corbin, Bruce Hoffman and Denyse Schmidt reviewed 367 quilts by 215 artists. There are many events scheduled surrounding this exhibit. Visit the Art Center's Website for complete information: [www.schweinfurthartcenter.org](http://www.schweinfurthartcenter.org). Congratulations, Benedicte for this honor.

We are pleased to announce that Empire Quilters member **Anna Faustino's** Book *Simply Stunning Woven Quilts* is an Award-Winning Finalist in the Crafts/Hobbies/How-To category of the National Best Books 2008 Awards, sponsored by USA Book News. In this category that encompasses so many topics, Anna's book is one of only eight award-winners.

USABookNews.com is an online magazine and review website for mainstream and independent publishing houses. Nominated books came from all across the industry, from publishers like Simon & Schuster, Harper-Collins, McGraw-Hill, and hundreds of independent publishers. To see the complete list of winners, see the USABookNews website: [www.usabooknews.com](http://www.usabooknews.com).

Anna's book is available from C&T Publishing ([www.ctpub.com](http://www.ctpub.com)) and Amazon ([www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)). The book covers the basics of Anna's fabric weaving in 3 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.

We offer our hearty congratulations to Anna on this simply stunning accomplishment. Be sure to visit Anna's new website: [www.newtechquilts.com](http://www.newtechquilts.com).



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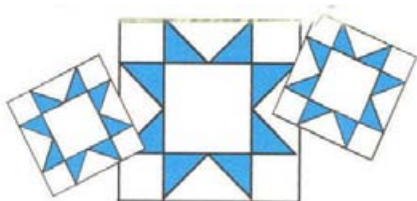
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The 2009 Urban Inspirations Show Committee would like to invite all members (and friends) who have made a Dear Jane® quilt, or a partial one, to submit photos of their quilts to be shown in a slide/power point presentation at the **Katie Murphy Amphitheatre** during the show. We would like to have as many photos as possible, so this is open to any quilter in the New York area.

Send your photos to [quiltshow@empirequilters.net](mailto:quiltshow@empirequilters.net). If you do not have a digital picture of your quilt, you can bring the quilt to one of our meetings, and we will make sure one is taken — preferably with the quilter! To qualify, the quilts must have one or more Dear Jane® blocks in them. Please send the photos with short written remarks regarding the quilt and the maker. Also please include your name and contact information in case of any problems. The photos and text should be submitted no later than **January 10, 2009**.

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## BUS TRIP

Our next bus trip will be on **Saturday, January 31, 2009** to the Winterthur Museum & Country Estate in Delaware. The estate is the former home of the DuPont family. The trip will feature a customized *two-hour Textile Focus tour*. This is a review of furnishing fabrics, bed covers, quilts, needlework and floor coverings used in home decorating and interior design from the historic and Colonial Revival perspectives. We will have lunch in the area (perhaps at the Estate). You will have time to explore on your own as well.

The cost of this trip is \$75, for members, \$83 for guests, including admission to Winterthur and the private tour. The bus will depart New York City at 8:00 a.m. and depart the Winterthur area at 3:00 p.m. For more information about the Winterthur Museum & Country Estate, visit their website: [www.winterthur.org](http://www.winterthur.org)

Here are a few details about signing up for this trip:

- A completed registration form with full payment is due to reserve your spot on this trip.
- We accept cash (at meetings only), checks and money orders. Make checks payable to Empire Quilters.
- **Please note the trip destination ("Winterthur") on your check.**
- Turn in your registration form at the December 13, 2008 guild meeting, or mail your registration form and check to **Aleeda Crawley at 35 Midland Blvd., Maplewood, NJ 07040.**
- Trip registration forms are available at guild meetings, or can be downloaded from the website.
- A waiting list will be created if necessary.
- Registration is first-come, first served. Non-members are welcome to join us.
- The bus will depart from the Southeast corner of 31st Street and 8th Avenue, directly across from Penn Station.
- You will **ONLY** be contacted in the event of a cancellation or other problem. **No news means the trip is ON.**
- Please register as soon as possible. *Trips may be canceled if we do not have enough participation.*

If you have any questions, contact guild trip coordinator **Aleeda Crawley** at **973-313-0844** or e-mail at: [acquiltsv@yahoo.com](mailto:acquiltsv@yahoo.com). This is definitely a trip that should not be missed. It will be a wonderful mid-winter break! Many thanks to Aleeda for organizing such a terrific outing.

## FOCUS GROUP

### 2009 Show Boutique Focus Group

**Saturday December 13, 2008, and Saturday, January 10, 2009 from 11:00am-12:00pm**

Group Leaders: Dorothy Arkell and Sheila Molitz

8th Floor meeting space - open to all guild members.

Discussion of ideas for items to sell at the Show Boutique. Suggestions regarding pricing and set-up. All interested in making craft and quilt-related items for the boutique are welcome to participate.

## LIBRARY NOTES

The library was slow in November (compared with the \$300 plus book sale we had in October), but we did get donations from members RaNae Merrill who donated her new book *"Simply Amazing Spiral Quilts"*, Priscilla Blakemore, Kelly Rusinek and Winifred Sanders. And our guest speaker Philippa Naylor also donated her new book *"Quilting in the Limelight"*.

Both of those new books will be available for loan at the January 10, 2009 meeting. Remember there will be no library in December. I will accept books **ONLY** from members with **overdue** books. These are books that were borrowed in September, and there is a one dollar (\$1.00) fine for each late book. Those are the books that I will schlep home via subway. All books borrowed in November will be due in January. In January Tina Barth will have the rolling suitcase that she uses to carry books from her house to the meeting and back.

Remember that the library has over 450 books, you can look at the book list on the Empire web site (both by title and by author), and I will bring a copy to keep at the membership desk. You can reserve a book (at least two weeks before the meeting date), or you can ask if the library has certain types of books. I was happy to see that a couple of members asked if the library was planning to carry two specific new books. One is a new Alex Anderson book and the other a fascinating book on embroidering textiles, and after looking at them, they will be added to our library. This is our library and we can all take advantage of this asset.

See you all for the Holiday party in December, **Librarian Sylvia Hughes**

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Judy Shapiro (Dec 06), Marcia Regen (Dec 08), Nancy Gulisano (Dec 09), Myrna Klapwald (Dec 10), Pamela Leonard Wexler (Dec 10), Cindy Russell (Dec 10), Mildred Castro (Dec 11), Mary Butler (Dec 12), Mary Anne Ciccotelli (Dec 13), Paulette Myers (Dec 14), Pauline Myers (Dec 14), Sheila Molitz (Dec 15), Helen Supcoff (Dec 16), Marguerite Renz (Dec 18), Sara Niego (Dec 18), Sherry-Dawn Brown (Dec 19), Frieda Hoyett (Dec 25), Michelle Flamer (Dec 25), Alexandra McLeod (Dec 27), Roz Manor (Dec 29), Tedi Brown (Dec 30), Betty Chen (Dec 31), and Lee Ebs (Dec 31).

## NOVEMBER SHOW & TELL

At the November meeting we saw dogs, and giraffes and tote bags and holiday themes, and traditional quilts and contemporary quilts — every piece was unique and beautiful! Thank you to the following individuals for showing their work: Jane Broaddus, Alice Brody, Mary Cargill, Karen Griska, Sandi Howell, Marilyn Lutzker, Roz Manor, Janet Randolph, Rita Reid, Jane Rosenthal, Sandra Samaniego, Carolyn Schloupt, and Claudia Weiner.

If you missed the meeting, be sure to visit the website to see pictures of the pieces that were shown. Bring your projects to the December meeting, or submit your pictures to: [info@empirequilters.net](mailto:info@empirequilters.net) so we can include them on the guild website.

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## MD ANDERSON QUILT AUCTION

In October, 2009, MD Anderson will hold it's second quilt auction to benefit the Blanton-Davis Ovarian Cancer Research program. Quilts need to be finished by July 2009 in order to be photographed for the auction. Full information can be found at: [www.mdanderson.org/departments/ovarianquilt/](http://www.mdanderson.org/departments/ovarianquilt/). If you would like to make a block instead of a whole quilt, please contact Diane Paul at: [Funnylady93@earthlink.net](mailto:Funnylady93@earthlink.net)

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Reports 11/13/2008			
Guild		Show	Total
Beginning Balance	\$49,109.88	(\$2,015.16)	\$47,094.72
Income	\$2,835.00	\$1,044.00	\$3,879.00
Expenses	\$3,787.78	\$350.36	\$4,138.14
Ending Balance	\$48,157.10	(\$1,321.52)	\$46,835.58

Due to space limitations, the treasurer's report is condensed. A complete version is on the website or you can contact Kitty Squire to have a copy mailed to you.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the January 10, 2009 newsletter is:

**Wednesday, December 17th.**  
Please send information to: Linda Lee Kelly, 950 Oaks Drive, Franklin Square, NY 11010 or e-mail:

[LKELLY20@OPTONLINE.NET](mailto:LKELLY20@OPTONLINE.NET)

## SAD NEWS

We're sorry to report that Anna Faustino's mother passed away on November 6, 2008. Her mother was about 87 years old, but it was somewhat unexpected. Anna went to Russia to be with her family and loved ones. Losing a mother is a hard thing for everyone, especially when you are so far away. We as a guild send Anna our sympathy and our love. Anna, remember all the good memories. They will keep her with you always.



## VOLUNTEER FOR THE QUILT SHOW

Volunteer to Participate! In order for this show to run smoothly and to be a pleasant experience for all show visitors and quilt artists, we need many, *many* volunteers. All guild members are welcomed and encouraged to participate even if you are not submitting a quilt in the show. There are many opportunities for volunteering, so everyone should find something that is fun to do. Guild members who submit quilts are required to volunteer a minimum of four hours prior to, or during the show. Everyone should sign up for a job as soon as possible in order to get your preferred assignment and time.

If you have any questions about the tasks or what is still available to volunteer for, contact the committee chairs or the Show Volunteer Coordinators Barbara Feinstein or Emily Klainberg via [Volunteer@EmpireQuilters.net](mailto:Volunteer@EmpireQuilters.net). Volunteer sign-up sheets are available at the meetings or on the website.



## JUST A REMINDER FOR THIS MONTH'S MEETING

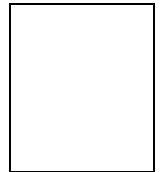
Since this month is our fundraiser and stocking stuffing event, there **will not** be a regular raffle, scrap table, library, vendor, block of the month or quilter of the month. These activities will resume in January.

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