



NEXT MEETING:
Saturday, January 10,
2009

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 & Students:
\$5.00

PROGRAM:
"Organization or Asset
Management For
Quilters Led by
member Ann Foss"

WORKSHOP: No
Workshop this Month

VENDOR: Cultured
Expressions

QUILTER OF THE
MONTH: RaNae Merrill

FOCUS GROUPS:
"2009 Show Boutique
Group" and "Quilters
Rulers 101"

THIS MONTH: Show &
Tell, Library, Scrap
Table, BOM, Raffles

QUILT ENTRY

REMINDER: Completed quilt entry forms, photographs, and the \$20 non-refundable entry fee — for either one or two quilts — are to be handed in at the **January 10, 2009** Empire guild meeting. There is no entry fee for the President's Challenge quilt. A good color photograph must accompany every quilt entry indicating the following information on the back of the photo: direction quilt is to hang, quilter's name and phone number, quilt title and quilt's width by length in inches. Photos are nonreturnable and quilt substitutions at the March judging day will not be accepted. If you do not have a good photo, please bring your quilt with your submission form and we will take one for you.

If you cannot submit the required information on January 10th, forms, photographs and \$20 entry fee are to be mailed to: Empire Quilters, Old Chelsea Station, P. O. Box 1293, New York, NY 10113, postmarked no later than January 12, 2009.

Quilt submissions/entry fee collection will begin promptly at 11:30am

LET'S GET ORGANIZED

Calling this an Organizing Program was starting to stress me out until I had an A-ha moment. What we want to convey in this program is how to best arrange our assets, know what tools we have in order to promote creativity, and eliminate those annoying questions like, what are you going to do with all this "stuff?"

Organize, de-clutter, toss it out. If these terms put you into a cold sweat, this meeting is for you. We will: share some "arranging" tricks that you can easily and effectively work into your routine; arm you with reasons and justifications (if required) why all this "stuff" is necessary to your art (or craft—take your pick); ways to recycle common things we might otherwise toss; a new way to hide fabric in plain sight; even a medical justification for why your spouse, partner, significant other should buy you even more fabric or batting. AND a free raffle! Plus a Contest: Take a photo of your work area/studio/stash. Enter in either the most organized or the most disorganized for a prize (put your name on back of photo).

You will receive handout with patterns, notes, where to find what we discuss. Bring pen or pencil and scissor (for a 3" cut into copy-weight paper).

If you're stressed with post-holiday blues, need to attack the mess you made finishing last-minute gifts, leave it. Pack up the leftover cookies, a thermos of coffee, join us, and come away with a different attitude.

Ann Foss with Aleeda Crawley, Judy Doenias, Janet Randolph, Diane Rode Schneck, and Pat Yamin.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy holidays and Happy New Year — that's my wish for all of us. Thanks to all who participated in our December holiday party / fund-raiser / charity meeting. It was a splendid success on all accounts. Some have asked me how I maintain my energy in a meeting like we had — with so much to do. I think I gather energy from those around me — those with kind, generous hearts who brought stockings and gifts for needy children; those who made time in a busy schedule to make food to share with their quilting friends; those who donated items for the auction and sales. The day was filled with a wonderful excited energy.

We are only 3 months away from our 2009 show. There are many people who have been working for months behind the scenes to prepare. We need every member to take part in

making this event the best show we can have. *So, please, whether or not you put a quilt in the show, volunteer to assist in some way.*

The next 'event' related to the show happens in January. The deadline for quilt submissions is mid January (rain, snow or shine!) - Either at our January meeting or postmarked by the Monday right after the meeting. Please see separate article on the submission process. I know it seems early to have to submit in January for a show in March. But there's a lot of planning work to do in those two months, including planning for judging, writing the program, and planning for the hanging of the quilts. I know we're going to have many quilts for the show - but it's my personal hope that many of you have also planned to make a President's Challenge quilt.

I can't wait to see what quilts we'll have in the show... I can't wait for our next meeting! **Jennifer**

SHOW ENTRY REMINDER

Just a quick reminder- if your name does not appear on the membership list, you are not a member in good standing and will not be able to enter a quilt in the Urban Inspirations show. You can, however, re-join in January and still enter a quilt. To check your membership, you can send a query to info@empirequilters.net

QUILTER OF THE MONTH

RaNae Merrill found her calling as a quilter after previous careers as a professional pianist, a photographer and a travel writer. These days she satisfies her wanderlust by traveling to quilt shows and guilds as a teacher and lecturer. She has designed fabrics for Blank Quilting and has published patterns in a variety of quilt magazines. *Simply Amazing Spiral Quilts* is her first (but probably not her last) book.

LIBRARY NEWS

Thanks to the members who have helped with the library -- Tina Barth, Nancy Castel, Debby Chen, Nancy Rabatin, Sandra Samaniego and Susan Stauber. Hopefully we can find wonderful new books for our library (with the help of our members), I wish you all a good year for 2009, and see you on January 10. **Sylvia Hughes**

DECEMBER CHARITY REPORT

Over the last few months, our members have been donating stockings, teddy bears and stocking stuffers for our December Holiday Stocking Stuffing Event. The total is as follows: 342 stockings, 130 teddy bears, 73 stuffed toys, two boxes of assorted toys, 4 crochet afghans, 15 quilts, 48 coloring books and crayons, hats, gloves, scarf's, socks, tee shirts. I made up 130 stockings with teddy bears, 73 stockings with stuffed toys; I rolled and wrapped the quilts and afghans with a Christmas ribbon, stockings with coloring books and crayons, and a toy. Stockings with hat, mitten, scarf sets and some of the toiletry items and then made up brown bags with goodies for the Moms; toiletries and earrings that one of our members made up. I took a vacation day on Monday and delivered everything to the shelter in the afternoon. Have a nice holiday; see you all in January. **Denise Walsh-Horowitz**



JANUARY 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

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 by the January meeting. 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 January 10, 2009 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. 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.



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SHOW & TELL

At our December meeting we were treated to a great variety of colors and styles during Show & Tell. Thank you to the following members for sharing their projects: Helen Beall, Jane Broadus, Mary Cargill, Anna Faustino, Anna Foss, Freida Hoyett, Marilyn Korn, Karen Monath, Alice Palmer, Martha Phillips, and Sandra Samaniego.

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 January meeting, or submit your pictures to: info@empirequilters.net so we can include them on the guild website.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Eloise Edwards (Jan 01), Charlene Stinson (Jan 01), Judith Klein (Jan 02), Viola Brown (Jan 02), Myrna Williams (Jan 03), Dorothy Williams (Jan 03), Claudia Woodroffe (Jan 04), Lorraine Macia (Jan 06), Wanda Young (Jan 06), Lisa Grasso Benson (Jan 07), Thomas Cruz (Jan 09), Paula Cruz (Jan 09), Alicia Cruz (Jan 10), Denise Bradley (Jan 10), Pauline Hazard (Jan 11), Anita Murphy (Jan 11), Gardy Nadler (Jan 11), Diane Collier (Jan 12), Fannie D'Avino (Jan 13), Gayle Gross (Jan 15), Wendi Higginbotham (Jan 17), Carol Lipton (Jan 18), Anne Townley (Jan 18), Ruth Chow (Jan 21), Pat Yamin (Jan 21), Mary Hawley (Jan 22), Meagan Cuffy-Netty (Jan 22), Barbara Dilsner (Jan 22), Anna Faustino (Jan 25), Barbara Feinstein (Jan 26), Emily Klainberg (Jan 26), Wilma Steuer (Jan 27), and Julie Fei-Fan Balzer (Jan 27).

JANUARY FOCUS GROUPS

All focus groups take place in our 8th floor meeting space and are open to all members

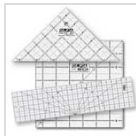


2009 Show Boutique Focus Group

Saturday, January 10, 2009 from 11:00am-12:00pm

Group Leaders: Dorothy Arkell and Sheila Molitz

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.



Quilters Rulers 101

Saturday, January 10, 2009 from 10:30am-11:30am

Group Leader: Janet Randolph

Accuracy in cutting is the first step to perfect piecing. Get acquainted with rotary-cutting tools and rulers specifically for speed cutting and quick and easy quilt making.

FEBRUARY FOCUS GROUP



"Color, Color, Color"

Saturday, February 14, 2009 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Group Leaders: Sandra Cain and Diane Rubenstein

Learn how to choose fabric for quilt making by using a color wheel and matching fabrics to make your quilts all blue-ribbon winners.

Bring: 1) A good supply of 4" or 6" squares of various prints, tone-on-tone and solid.

2) Fabric scissors

3) A handful of safety pins

Our scrap table is a good source for fabrics. We will mix and share.

If you are interested in conducting a focus group, please contact **Janet Randolph** at **610-874-3721** or e-mail her at: janetrandolph@verizon.net

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Reports 12/12/2008			
Guild		Show	Total
Beginning Balance	\$46,162.10	(\$1,321.52)	\$44,840.58
Income	\$2,233.37	\$458.00	\$2,691.37
Expenses	\$1,657.98	\$323.73	\$1,981.71
Ending Balance	\$46,737.49	(\$1,187.25)	\$45,550.24

This does not include figures from the December meeting. 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 February 14, 2009 newsletter is:

Wednesday, January 14th. Please send information to: Linda Lee Kelly, 950 Oaks Drive, Franklin Square, NY 11010 or e-mail:

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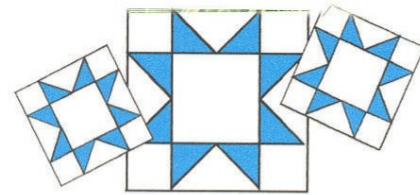
Sunday, April 26, 2009

12:00Noon

**Speaker and Author, Meg Cox will do a
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recent publication *The Quilter's Catalog*.**

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**MEMBER ANNE BARRY HAS SOLO
QUILT EXHIBIT**

**Empire Quilters member Anne Barry has a solo quilt exhibit
at The Center for Remembering & Sharing
(CRS) through 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)**. **Hours:** Meet the artist
every Thursday 3 pm – 7 pm. Other days, by appointment.
Call 212-677-8621 to schedule. CRS is located at 123 Fourth
Avenue, 2nd Floor, New York City. (That's between 12th and
13th Streets, 1½ blocks south of Union Square). For more
information about the venue, visit www.crsnyc.org.

**Note: There is a closing reception on Friday, January 30,
2009, 5:30 – 7:30 pm at the gallery.**

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

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JANUARY BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Block of the month is back this month. If you didn't pick up a pattern at the December meeting, you can download a copy from the website or contact Anna Krassy at 212-242-3253 to send you a copy.

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NEW JERSEY FOLK

FESTIVAL JURIED CRAFT SHOW

The 35th Annual New Jersey Folk Festival will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2009. It is an outdoor event held on the Douglas campus of Rutgers State University in New Brunswick, NJ.

There will be a juried craft show at this event. The craft jurors look for quality crafts representing a wide variety of folk traditions. Work must be original, designed and executed by the applicants, and the finished product must reflect a high level of skill. Absolutely no craft kits or mass produced items will be accepted.

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LOCAL MUSEUM EXHIBITS

English Embroidery, 1580–1700

December 11, 2008 — April 12, 2009

English Embroidery from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1580–1700: "Twist Art and Nature" Presented by The Bard Graduate Center for Studies in the Decorative Arts, Design and Culture, 18 West 86th Street (between Central Park West and Columbus Ave), New York City - Hours: Tue – Sat, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm; Thurs 11:00 am -8:00 pm – Cost: \$3.00

general public (\$2.00 seniors and students with valid ID). Free on Thursday evenings after 5:00 pm - More Information: Bard Graduate Center website: www.bgc.bard.edu.

This third exhibition resulting from a collaboration between the Bard Graduate Center and the Metropolitan Museum of Art (MMA) is composed of approximately 80 objects from the MMA's collection of embroideries and comparative supplemental material from the museum and other institutions and private collections.

Color & Light: Embroidery from India and Pakistan

December 12, 2008 – March 16, 2009

Exhibit Presented by Rubin Museum of Art, 150 West 17th Street, New York City

Hours: Wed – Mon (closed Tuesdays). See the museum's website for specific hours: www.rmanyc.org. Cost: \$10 museum admission (\$7 senior/student)

The exhibition shows the extraordinary stylistic diversity apparent in the wide range of colors, patterns, and imagery of South Asian textiles.

Identity by Design: Tradition, Change, and Celebration in Native Women's Dresses

September 26, 2008 – September 27, 2009

Exhibit Presented by National Museum of the American Indian, New York City. The George Gustav Heye Center in the Alexander Hamilton U.S. Custom House, One Bowling Green, New York City - Hours: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm daily. Thursdays until 8:00 pm

Cost: Free to the public - More Information: www.nmai.si.edu.

This show is a perfect reason to visit (or revisit!) the National Museum of the American Indian downtown. This large and comprehensive exhibit covers the connections between dress and identity — individual, communal and cultural. There are colors and beads and patterns and dresses and accessories — an overall stunning and educational exhibit.

The Essential Art of African Textiles: Design without End

September 30, 2008 – March 22, 2009

Textile Exhibit Presented By: Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1000 Fifth Ave, New York

Hours: Tuesday – Sunday. See www.metmuseum.org for specifics - Cost: \$20.00 suggested admission to museum

Highlights of the Metropolitan's own holdings along with some 20 works from the British Museum. This exhibition illustrates the diverse classical textile genres created by artists in West Africa through some of their earliest documented and finest works, and relates these genres to contemporary art form by exploring how textile traditions resonate in works by seven living artists.

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