



NEXT MEETING:

Saturday, March 7,
2009 (1st weekend)

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: No Guest Fee
This Month - all are
welcome to help make
quilts for charity

PROGRAM: "Charity Quilt
Day"

WORKSHOP: Next
Workshop is in May

VENDOR: No Vendor

QUILTER OF THE
MONTH: No QOM

FOCUS GROUPS: Resume
in May

THIS MONTH: There
will be NO Show & Tell,
Library, Scrap Table,
Raffles. Most activities
will resume in April. The
Library will resume in
May. All books due back
then.

QUILT JUDGING DAY

Reminder: Bring quilts to be judged on Saturday, March 7, 2009, our guild meeting day. We will be hanging all quilts submitted. Quilts must be brought on site by 9:00 a.m.; intake will begin at 8:30 a.m. Receipts will be given. Quilts soiled in any manner (dirt, animal hairs, etc.) will not be accepted. Judged quilts should be picked up on Sunday, March 8, 2009 between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. **Your receipt will be required for quilt pickup.**

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE JUDGING DAY

Reminder: Bring quilts to be judged, along with a good color photograph for the layout committee, on Saturday, March 7, 2009 by 9:00 a.m.; intake will begin at 8:30 a.m. The color photograph of the presentation side of the quilt should be marked on the back with the quilter's name, quilt title, crayon color, contact phone number, as well as the quilt's width by length in inches. Indicate which side of the quilt hangs at the top. If you do not have a good photo, we will take one. For this quilt, you will need to apply no more than a 2 - 2 1/2 inch sleeve. **All quilts can be picked up Saturday from 2:00-3:30pm or Sunday from 1:00-3:00pm. Your receipt will be required for quilt pick up.**

CHARITY DAY

It's time for our annual Charity Quilting Day! Throughout the day we will be putting our efforts into making as many quilts as possible for the charities that the guild supports. The activities go on all day — beginning at approximately 10:00 am. Please come as early as you can.

Don't miss this opportunity to participate in one of the main activities of the **Empire Quilters**. You will learn, laugh and get to know your fellow guild members at this once-a-year activity. Bring your ideas, sewing machine (if you can), sewing supplies, fabric, quilt tops, quilt backings, and needles and yarn for tying. We can also use some large cutting mats and sharp rotary cutters. Those who are going to bring their sewing machines, please make sure you bring along an extension cord. But most importantly — bring yourself! There are plenty of experienced quilters on hand who are able and willing to show everyone how to participate. Bring quilt tops you have for charity quilts. The charity committee saves large pieces of fabric from the scrap table, so we will do our best to match your quilt top with a quilt back. If you have fabric that you would like to donate for charity, please bring it with you. The more we have, the nicer the quilts will be. Denise Walsh-Horowitz will have an iron available.

If you want some ideas of how to make some easy charity projects, visit the [Service](#) page on the website. The Service Page has quilt patterns, stuffed animal patterns, and some general guidelines for you to follow. There are also some easy quilt assembly suggestions. Let's make this a great day and try and beat last year's 135 quilts!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone. As I write, there are only 5 weeks left until our 2009 Urban Inspirations quilt show. I'm very proud of and grateful to the many people who have worked for hundreds of hours, and continue to make all their best efforts to stage a show that will present the first-rate quilting arts of our members. We have well over 200 quilts – including over 40 quilts in response to my President's Challenge.

Whether or not you are displaying your work I encourage all members to attend the show and celebrate being part of this extraordinary group of people. Also – since we are, after all, a volunteer, not-for-profit organization - I ask each member to volunteer to help with the show, and to sell raffle tickets for our show quilt, the sales of which are crucial to paying for our show.

March will be a busy month for all of us. Our meeting on **the 1st weekend of the month** is our Charity Quilting meeting. Denise Walsh and a team of others will be overseeing the many activities of the day to complete as many quilts for charity as we are able. Last year we were able to complete over 100 quilts. I encourage each person who brings a quilt (or more than one) for judging to stick around and helps with charity day. More hands working on these items, means more completed quilts – and many more happy recipients. Also – remember that guests are VERY welcome, and will not be charged the usual guest fee.

I will be the President of our guild for only a few more months. I've been supported and encouraged by you, and have been delighted and sometimes surprised. I may sound like a broken record, but I want to ask for your continued support of the guild – please volunteer to help with the month-to-month guild activities. We only have the programs and events we enjoy because others have been willing to work to make it all happen. Several people are stepping down from current activities, and unless we have new people willing to step in, some activities may be eliminated. Please contact me or Paula Kenney for more information about open positions. Thanks. See you at the meeting and the show. **Jennifer**

*** * Bylaw Changes Voted at February, 2009 Meeting * ***

At the February 2009 meeting, two amendments were agreed to by majority membership vote. First, in Section I, a temporary, 1 year extension in 2009 - 2010 is given to the terms of the Second Vice President and the Secretary to set the stage to stagger elections for the Executive Board. Second, in Section III Membership, text is inserted to more clearly state the consequences of having membership revoked when voted on by the Board of Directors of the guild. The amended Bylaws can be found on the Guild website.

URBAN INSPIRATIONS 2009

Our show is fast approaching! By the time you get this, it will be between 3 and 4 weeks away! We will be hanging over 200 quilts and we need everyone's cooperation for this to run smoothly.

It has been determined that there will be enough space to hang all quilts submitted for the show. Therefore, if you have submitted two quilts for the show and want them to be judged, you should bring both quilts to the March 7th meeting.

If you do not want your quilt judged for the President's Challenge prize, please bring a photo for the layout committee. If you do not have a photo, one will be taken for you. The sleeve must be attached when you bring it in on the Friday before the show.

To try to avoid some of the lines at the admission's desk, we are going to pre-sell the wristbands. This will take place at the March 7th Charity meeting from 8 am to 3 pm. You can see either Anna Foss or Kitty Squire to obtain the bands. The show costs \$10 per day/\$18 for 2 days. Seniors/Students are \$8/\$15. Children under 12 are free (these must be picked up at the door). Please bring either exact change or a check. And, yes, you can buy for guests as well.

On the Friday before the show (March 20), we will be receiving quilts from 8 am to 10 am. Please bring them to the Reeves Great Hall-28th and 7th Avenue. You will be given a receipt for your quilt/s. In order to pick them up (on Sunday, March 22 between 4:30 and 6:30), you will need the receipt. You can have friends deliver them as well as pick them up-as long as you use the receipt.

If you took posters at the February meeting, please be sure you hang them-probably starting around March 1. If you need additional posters, please let Kitty Squire know. I will either bring them to the March 7 meeting or mail them to you.

If you need more postcards and/or raffle books, please contact Kitty Squire or Paula Kenney and we will be happy to send them to you! See you at the Show!

JUNE FLEA MARKET

The June 13, 2009 Meeting of the Guild will again be an opportunity for members to sell items at the flea market. This market will be limited to fourteen (14) 30 x 72 inch tables. The price will be \$20.00 for a full table or \$10.00 for a 1/2 table. **The deadline for reservations is May 1, 2009**, however, reservations will be taken at the March and April meetings. Priority will be given to those members who have not sold at prior flea markets. This is being done to give as many members an opportunity to sell at the two markets each year. You are welcome to sell pretty much anything — *as long as it fits on your reserved table*. We don't have room for over-flows, and we need to keep things off of the floor for fire-safety reasons.

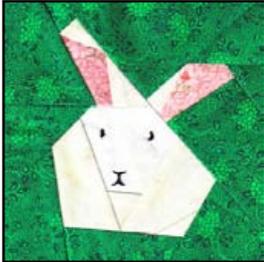
Reservations may be made with Larry Gifford by email at lawgifford@me.com or by phone at **212 717 0892**. Payment may be made at the May meeting. **Larry Gifford**

LIBRARY NOTES

We were a little late putting out the books on Saturday, but the magazine sale was going gangbusters as usual. Magazine and books donations came from: Priscilla Blakemore, June Calender, Alicia Cruz, Mary Ferry, Kate Iscol, Barbara Jackson, Sheila Molitz, Sonia Rieber, Sandra Samaniego, Anne Townley and Dorothy Vasil.

Remember there will be **NO LIBRARY** on March 7 (our Charity Quilt meeting) or April 4. Both of those meetings are the first Saturday of the month. Please do not bring in donations or returns for those two months. The library will resume in May (May 9) and all books out on loan at that point will be due. You will be able to borrow books in May, but those must be returned in June.

Hope to see all at our Charity Quilt meeting and also at our Urban Inspirations show. **Sylvia Hughes**



BLOCK OF THE MONTH

There will be a Block of the Month in April. It will be a paper pieced bunny. Patterns and instructions will be available at the March meeting or can be downloaded from the website.

If you have any questions about the block, you can contact **Anna Krassy at 212-242-3253** or e-mail her at: Annak_88@yahoo.com



MEMBER NEWS

Member Michelle Flamer's Quilt for Obama

Member **Michelle Flamer** has a quilt in the show *President Obama: A Celebration in Art Quilts*. The show runs February 9 – March 5, 2009 at the Cafritz Foundation Arts Center of Montgomery College in Silver Spring, Maryland. This show includes the work of 60 fiber artists from all across the United States and as far away as Australia. This is a quilt show of amazing diversity — among the quilters and their art. The work is in tribute to our new President. The exhibition was also featured in *Quilting Arts* online extras. Congratulations, Michelle!

Member Anna Krassy's quilt accepted to Mid-Atlantic Quilt Fest

Member **Anna Krassy** will have a quilt in the upcoming **Mid-Atlantic Quilt Fest**. Anna's quilt is a Kaffe Fassett pattern Hat Box quilt, which she calls, *Where's My Easter Bonnet*. She used all different colors and fabrics in unique combinations. The background shelf is pieced and the hat boxes are applied.

Anna reports *"In 2008 I thought I'd take a chance, and I submitted a request to the Mancuso Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival XX to have this quilt considered for the show. Much to my surprise and delight, I received a letter informing me of the selection of my quilt for inclusion and judging. This show takes place near Williamsburg, Virginia February 26 to March 1, 2009. Needless to say, I will be there."*

We congratulate Anna on this exciting accomplishment, and look forward to her follow-up report from the show.

Guild Member Diana Berthold organizes Quilt Project

Member **Diana M. Berthold** has been busy organizing a community project aimed at promoting peace in the community, and harmony for all people. The **Patchogue-Medford Healing Project** *Piece-maker's for Peace*, invites all interested individuals to participate in the creation of a quilt (or quilts!). The themes of hands and hearts are the suggested motifs to represent healing. You can join a group that meets at the library, contribute a block, or a quilt, or start your own group to create a quilt.

The project was conceived and started by Diana, and is a joint effort by the **Patchogue Village of Parks and Recreation**, in conjunction with the **Patchogue Medford Library** and the **Patchogue Arts Council**. The group will meet at the Patchogue Medford Library, and the completed piece/s will be exhibited in the **Patchogue Medford Theater for the Performing Arts**.

For more information, email patmedquilt@gmail.com. There is additional information about the project (and about guild member **Diana M. Berthold**) on Diana's website: www.distinctivedesignsbydiana.com.

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Marybeth Berlemann (Mar 02), Ofra Katz (Mar 03), May Eason (Mar 05), Karla MacKesson (Mar 08), Marilyn Lutzker (Mar 09), Wanda Yap (Mar 12), Tina Barth (Mar 13), Evelyn Berkowitz (Mar 13), Lisa Belle (Mar 14), Maggie Williamson (Mar 14), Susan Williamson-Coke (Mar 14), Kate Iscol (Mar 19), Benedicte Caneill (Mar 20), Audrey Lewis (Mar 22), Jessie Grant (Mar 23), Laura Catlan (Mar 24), Jackquelynn Jones (Mar 24), Joann Montalbano (Mar 24), Andrea Tebesceff (Mar 24), Michael Fung (Mar 25), Judy Isaacs (Mar 25), Annie Jeffrey (Mar 25), Ulla-Britta McCarthy (Mar 25), Alice Palmer (Mar 25), Sandi Howell (Mar 26), Lorna Spence-Ellis (Mar 27), Bernadine Heller-Greenman (Mar 31), Ellen Knudsen (Mar 31) and Beverly Smith (Mar 31).

FEBRUARY SHOW & TELL

Thank you to the following members for showing their work at the February meeting: Mildred Castro, Anna Krassy, Roz Manor, Karen Monath, and Sandra Samaniego.

If you missed the meeting, be sure to visit the website to see pictures of the pieces that were shown. *There is no Show & Tell in March.* Bring your projects to the April meeting, or submit your pictures to: info@empirequilters.net so we can include them on the guild website.

FEBRUARY GUESTS

The following people came as guests to our February meeting: Kathy Francos, Nina Rosinec, Leslie Garrett, Masayo Kitao, Rae Hollenberg, Helga Pfeffer.

CHARITY REPORT

I would like to thank all our members who donated tops, backs and quilts this month. Judy Shapiro - 1 quilt, Viola Brown - 1 quilt, Marilyn Korn 3 tops and backs, Marge Geary - 15 tops and backs, Joan Hellmann, tops and backs, Lee Ebs - top and back; Anne Townley - 1 quilt, Kate Iscol - 1 quilt, Anna Sinitsyna - 1 top, and there were some quilts left at the Charity Table with no name, so please stop by and see me at the next meeting. **Denise Walsh-Horowitz**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Reports			
2/16/2009			
Guild		Show	Total
Beginning Balance	\$48,106.19	\$382.22	\$48,488.41
Income	\$4,970.69	\$10,262.00	\$15,232.69
Expenses	\$1,300.67	\$2,146.27	\$3,446.94
Ending Balance	\$51,776.21	\$8,497.95	\$60,274.16

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the April 4, 2009 newsletter is:
Wednesday, March 11th. Please send information to: Linda Lee Kelly, 950 Oaks Drive, Franklin Square, NY 11010 or e-mail: LKELLY20@OPTONLINE.NET

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 it mailed to you.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2009 — TRIP TO QUILT FEST OF NEW JERSEY

While we typically attend The Quilt Festival of New Jersey in Somerset on Saturday, this date conflicts with our March guild meeting, and so the trip date is now scheduled for ****Sunday, March 8, 2009.** The cost is \$45. If you are interested and haven't signed up already, please RSVP to **Aleeda Crawley** at her home phone number **973-313-0844** or via email at: acquiltsv@yahoo.com. We will depart at 9:00 a.m. from the corner of 31st Street and 8th Avenue and depart Somerset at 4:00 p.m. Full payment for this trip is due immediately if you didn't pay in full at the February meeting. ****NOTE: you must have someone pick up your quilt from judging on Sunday, March 8 between 1:00pm and 3:00pm if you go to this show.**

BUS TRIP TO PADUCAH

It's official — we're going to Paducah! On **Wednesday, April 22, 2009** we will head down to Paducah for the American Quilter's Society (AQS) show. The room rate is between \$330 - \$360, and seats are **VERY LIMITED**. If you did not sign up at the January 10, 2009 meeting, you must contact **Aleeda Crawley** at her home phone number **973-313-0844** or via email at: acquiltsv@yahoo.com to find out if there is space available. The first deposit of \$175.00 was due at the February meeting. The second payment of \$175.00 is due at the March meeting with final payment due at the April meeting. We accept cash (at the meetings only), checks and money orders.

Make checks payable to Empire Quilters. Please note the trip destination ("Paducah") on your check. You can mail your registration form and check to **Aleeda Crawley, 35 Midland Blvd., Maplewood, NJ 07040.**

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TRIP TO WINTURTHUR, AN AMERICAN COUNTRY ESTATE

Winterthur is the former home of Henry Francis du Pont (1880-1969), an avid antiques collector and horticulturist. In the early 20th century, H. F. du Pont and his father, Henry Algernon du Pont, designed Winterthur in the spirit of 18th- and 19th-century European country houses.

Determined to share with the public his vast collection of Americana, Henry Francis du Pont founded Winterthur Museum in 1951. He built the house with the idea that it would one day become a museum housing his vast collection of Americana. Every room in the mansion was filled with tapestries, embroideries and quilts. He liked to recycle quilts into chair cushion covers and drapes.

When we arrived, we were broken up into groups of four and given a guided tour of the mansion. One room was more breathtaking than the next. There were so many beautiful textiles such as embroidered samplers, silk tapestries, wool and cotton quilts and bed canopies. The workmanship on the embroideries was spectacular. Most of the bed quilts were whole cloth quilts in solid cloth or prints, some with trapunto work. The tour lasted about two hours. We then had time on our own to explore the grounds.

The gift shop had quite a collection of books on every subject you could imagine – art, glass, textiles and quilting, paper, furniture, metal work, etc. It was very interesting. At the end of the tour, we were taken to the storage area where all the quilts are kept. There are more than 20,000 textiles, approximately 300 of which are quilts in their collection. They took out eight quilts for us to look at. There was even a tumbling blocks cheater cloth quilt dating back to the 1880's.

It is truly wonderful that he put together this amazing collection of textiles and antiques to share with everyone for years to come. We then gathered at the bus and headed off to the Old Country Buffet for lunch with it's all you can eat buffet. Once we had our fill, we set off for home with a sense of history and nostalgia. Thank you, Aleeda for making this trip possible.

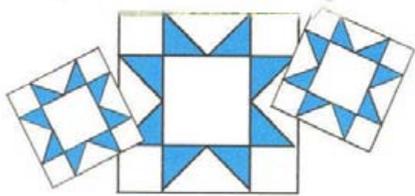
Submitted by Linda Lee Kelly

DYCKMAN FARMHOUSE MUSEUM DAY

Empire Quilters are invited to demonstrate quilting at the **Dyckman Farmhouse Museum** on **Saturday, May 2, 2009**. Members should bring some hand work and some samples and be prepared to chat with visitors. The setting is beautiful and unique — the front porch of the museum is inviting and relaxing. Guild members demonstrate the various aspects of quilting to the many visitors who walk through the museum and its lovely gardens.

Take the A train to 207th Street, stay at the back of the train and exit to the street. Turn right two blocks to the Museum. If you have questions, please contact **Mary Butler** via citymary@aol.com or call her at **212-662-7771**.

For more information about the museum — which is the last remaining Dutch colonial style farmhouse in Manhattan — visit their website: www.dyckmanfarmhouse.org



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can be added for \$75/person (breakfast and lunch).

*Please call or e-mail for dates and more information. We
can schedule a weekend for your group.*

MAY WORKSHOP

Sunday, May 10, 2009 - Divide and Conquer © with Sue Dennis. If you are interested in exploring original design work — but don't know where to start, this is the workshop for you. Use of color, design principles and cut and paste methods will be explained and demonstrated.

Consider this as a play day to explore your artistic side. **Sue Dennis** promises a gentle class for those wishing to explore original design work but don't know where to start. During the day you will create one or more small quilt tops using easy design exercises. Use of color, design principles and cut and paste methods will be explained before you cut your fabric and fuse a design in place. No stress. This is a day to have fun! NO sewing machine needed!

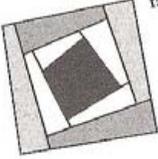
For more information about **Sue Dennis**, visit her website: www.suedennis.com.

Supply list is posted on the website and will be in the April newsletter. **Cost: \$50.00**

If you are interested in taking this workshop, contact **Mary Butler** at 212-662-7771 or e-mail her at: citymarv@aol.com

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