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NEXT MEETING:
Saturday, May 9, 2009

LOCATION: Fashion
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BOARD MEETING:
11:00A.M - 12:00P.M.

GENERAL MEETING:
1:00P.M. - 5:00P.M.
Guest Fee: \$10.00
Senior/Student: \$5.00

PROGRAM: "Outback
Travels with My Sewing
Machine" with Sue Dennis

WORKSHOP: Divide and
Conquer® with Sue
Dennis

VENDOR: Hand Loom
Batik

**QUILTER OF THE
MONTH:** Mary Cargill

FOCUS GROUP: A World
of Colorful Quilts

BOM: "Four Hearts and a
Star"

This Month: Raffles,
Show & Tell, Library,
Scrap table, Voting for
new Officers and Chairs
for 2009-2010.



OUTBACK TRAVELS WITH MY SEWING MACHINE WITH SUE DENNIS

Sue Dennis is an award-winning textile artist, teacher, quilt judge, and hand dyer of fabric. Sue began her quilting career in 1990 while living in the remote mining town of Mt. Isa, northwest Queensland, Australia. Her artworks encompass many aspects of her interesting background — her Slovakian Grandmother's colorful embroideries, sewing lessons at school, dressmaking, and her many travels around the world.

The work of her geologist husband has taken Sue and her sewing machine to remote corners of Australia and the island of Sardinia, Italy. Sue will take us along on a journey through the beautiful scenery of the Australian outback and will show us the quilts that were inspired by those travels.

For more information about Sue Dennis visit her website: www.suedennis.com. Note that Sue will be conducting a full-day workshop on Sunday, May 10, 2009. See page 5 of this newsletter or the Workshops page on the website for details.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone. Our 2009 Urban Inspirations quilt show was everything I hoped for. We presented an extraordinary group of quilts and we continue to receive enthusiastic response from people who attended, from our judges and from our vendors. Thanks to all the members and friends who helped make this a wonderful show.

In an exciting turn of events, we have been approached by two magazines (*Fabric Trends* and *QUILT Magazine*) and by the American Crafts Council (ACC) who will have feature articles about quilts in our show. Finally, I have reached out to Quilters Heritage (the Lancaster show) about having a special exhibit next year, featuring our President's Challenge quilts.

Fabric Trends will feature our "Broadway Jane" raffle quilt, and *QUILT Magazine* contacted us and wants to feature Anna Sinityna's quilt "Fortune Wheels". The ACC has an on-line magazine and will feature a number of quilts: President's Challenge quilts made by Tina Barth, Mary White and Larry Gifford, and quilts made by Roz Manor, Sandi Howell, Mary Cargill, Julie Fei-Fan Balzer, Anna Faustino, Marianne Ciccotelli and Lucia Chan. They also will show two ribbons: Best Pieced Quilt (made by Beth Pile and Diane Rode Schneck) and President's Challenge (made by Jennifer Bigelow).

Back to our month-to-month business, thanks to the ladies and men who have volunteered to fill positions on our Executive Board and committees for the next term. The only way this organization can continue is by individuals stepping up and taking turns in running the organization. The more people who get involved, the lighter and more fun the work – not to mention it's a great way to stimulate new ideas. Though the slate for committees has been proposed, you are always welcome to join one or more committees and help keep this a vibrant, fun group. See you at the May meeting. **Jennifer**

URBAN INSPIRATIONS 2009

The Show Chairs want to congratulate all Empire members who had quilts in the show as well as everyone who volunteered. The Show would not have been successful without all of your help and support — and then, there were the gorgeous quilts! You can find photos of them on the website. There are also two people we would like to thank who were inadvertently left out of the program: Denise Bradley and Beth Pile. Denise was co-chair of Admissions and was at the desk for both Saturday and Sunday all day. Beth was chair of the Ribbon committee and was responsible for the making of all the wonderful special ribbons. There are many other people who should be thanked, but there is not enough space to do so. However, we really do need to thank all of the spouses, partners, and friends of our membership who helped set up and take down the show. They were terrific!

If any of you have any comments or suggestions to improve the next show, please submit them either through the mail or via email to Kitty Squire, Paula Kenney, Larry Gifford or Jennifer Bigelow. After all, the next show is only two years away!

URBAN INSPIRATIONS 2009 SHOW RIBBONS

The handmade special ribbons made for the quilt show were not acknowledged in the program for the quilt show. As the chairman of the ribbon committee I would like to acknowledge those who participated in the construction of these ribbons: Alice Brody, Franziska Reide, Lee Ebs, Emily Kleinberg, Sandra Cain, Diane Rose Schneck and myself Beth Pile. I would also like to thank Jennifer Bigelow for making the President's Challenge ribbon.

I want to thank these ladies for their wonderful and creative embroidery and beadwork. I know all who attended the show thought the ribbons were special. The ladies who won one thanked me and felt special receiving one.

You can see all of these special ribbons on the website by clicking on the “**2009 Show**” link and then clicking on “**The Quilts**” link. While you are there, don’t forget to look at all the wonderful quilts that were in our show. **Beth Pile, Ribbon Committee Chair**

THANK YOU!

I want to thank all the hard working members, their spouses and friends who worked brilliantly to hang and take down the show. You made the impossible a reality. To those of you who made it through to the bitter end on both nights, a special heartfelt thanks for the extra effort. May your aches and pains be short lived. And what can I say about Michael, our guardian angel. I love you all.

Judy Doenias

CHARITY REPORT

I would like to thank our Empire Quilters for returning the quilts from our annual Charity Day. We have an additional 25 quilts which makes our total **145 quilts** which is an outstanding total so far for a year where everyone was so busy with our Show. We received charity Quilts from the following members: Cheryl Kulakoff-3 quilts, Pam Wexler-1 quilt, Paula Cruz-3 quilts, Freida Hoyett-4 quilts, Sherry Dawn Brown-3 quilts, Laura Fandino-Swedowsky-1 quilt. If you donated a quilt and didn’t sign your name, please stop by and see me at the next meeting so we can record your name. Thanks very much to all our members for such an outstanding response.

Denise Walsh-Horowitz

ATTENTION SCRAPAHOLICS

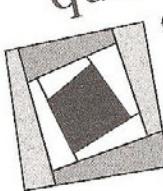
Our May meeting will be your last chance this Guild season to collect those glorious scraps that you all love! Diane Harris tells me that fabric is mounting on her terrace and she is ready to clean it out before the summer. Included in this beautiful collection will be some gorgeous shirting donated by a famous menswear company. Please remember to bring some extra dollars and a tote in which to carry home scraps for your next project.

While I’m at it, I would like to take this opportunity to express a special thank you to Diane for all her efforts in collecting, storing and schlepping these fabrics which bring happiness to so many of our members. She is a joy to work with. I would also like to thank Veronique Milliez and Anna Krassy for running the scrap table every month. They both do a fantastic job. **Gail Lefton**

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LIBRARY NEWS

The Library will be open again in May; from our usual times of 12Noon to 1PM. Remember that all the books borrowed before the May meeting will be due then. And, any books borrowed in May must be returned in June.

I hope you all went to our show, it was great. See you in May. **Sylvia Hughes**



A WORLD OF COLORFUL QUILTS WITH LAUREN DIETERICH

Saturday, May 9, 2009, 10:30 – 11:30 am

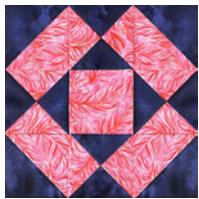
Everyone wants to make beautiful quilts, but it is often a struggle to select the perfect fabrics for the quilt. How can you combine color and patterns to achieve balance and harmony? What makes one color combination more pleasing than another? Lauren will help you understand how to select the color palette for your quilt and she will bring her beautiful quilts for you to see up close. Feel free to bring anything you're working on whose palette you would like to discuss. To see examples of her work, visit her [Quilter of the Month](#) page.

APRIL SHOW & TELL

Show & Tell sparkled this month – even though we didn't have stage lights due to a technical snafu. Thank you to the following members for showing their recent work:

Nicholas Alves, June Calender, Diane Collier, Annie Foss, Debra Levin, Diane Paul, Sandra Samaniego, Teri Scaduto, Rhona Triggs, Valerie Turer, and Marian Webber.

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 May meeting (we're told we'll have lights and a microphone in our normal meeting place!), or submit your pictures to: info@empirequilters.net so we can include them on the guild website.



JUNE BLOCK OF THE MONTH - "TICKLE ME PINK" 9 1/2" SQUARE UNFINISHED

The block instructions are available for downloading from the guild website, and can also be picked up at the May meeting. If you have any questions, contact Anna Krassy at: **212-242-3253** or e-mail: Annak_88@yahoo.com

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 dead line for reservations is May 1, 2009.** 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 **917-513-8351**. Payment may be made at the May meeting. **Larry Gifford**

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



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Nicholas Alves (May 01), Jacqueline Johnson (May 01), Marie Annoual (May 02), Naomi Shelnut (May 02), Dorothy Vasil (May 04), Judith Greenstein (May 04), Marcia Schulman (May 05), Carolyn Wollen (May 05), Patricia Kozu (May 07), Helen Beall (May 07), Anna Krassy (May 08), Cynthia Cunningham (May 09), Helma Reid (May 09), Barbara Hull (May 10), Nancy Spatafora (May 10), Patricia Decker (May 12), Lawrence Gifford (May 13), Rena Rappaport (May 14), Angelica McDermott (May 16), Gladys Fischoff (May 17), Cheryl Kulakoff (May 17), Rita Reid (May 17), Amy Weber (May 18), Adriana Martinez (May 18), Linda Vredenburgh (May 18), Ellen Yamaguchi (May 19), Joan Goodsell (May 19), Mary Galgan (May 20), Carol Maybar (May 22), Ann Strauss (May 24), Linora Hoffman (May 25), Michael Greenberg (May 25), Susan Swan (May 26), Barbara Jackson (May 26), Jody Beitzel (May 30), Shirley Clark (May 30), Nancy Haines (May 30) and Evelyn Martin (May 30).



LOST QUILT

Unfortunately, a 5" x 5" crazy quilt was lost during set up at the show. It may have been accidentally pinned or caught on the back of another quilt. Please check all your quilts to see if it is there. You can contact Renee Fields or Kitty Squire if you find it. The quilt is pictured here, and there is also a color photo of the unfinished quilt on the Notices page of the guild website.

LOST AND FOUND

One of our show visitors lost their newly-purchased *Dear Jane* book at the show. It wasn't just any *Dear Jane* book — this one was autographed by the author and inscribed "To Gail." We'd like to get the book back to its rightful owner, so please contact info@empirequilters.net if you know of its whereabouts. Thank you!

MAY QUILTER OF THE MONTH

Mary Cargill began her fabric buying life as a garment sewer, but eventually realized that she couldn't keep it up when her collection began taking over. According to Mary, in a few years, the Garment District will be China and her apartment! Mary also does a lot of crewel embroidery — basically painting with thread. She has always loved quilts, but was worried about developing yet another hobby. However, once The City Quilter opened, it changed her life.

Mary loves making appliquéd quilts — however she doesn't have the finishing thing down pat yet. She has also taken several classes at City Quilter making scrappy quilts to try to use up some of her fabric, although she never seem to make a dent in it! Mary's two pieces of advice: 1) Support your local quilt shop, and 2) You can never have too many greens!

MAY WORKSHOP

Sunday, May 10, 2009 - Divide and Conquer © with Sue Dennis. **Cost: \$50.00**

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!

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

Mail a check made out to Empire Quilters to Mary Butler, 10 West 95th Street, New York, NY 10025. Write May Workshop on your check.

WORKSHOP SUPPLIES:

Notebook or visual diary, at least page size, 8.5" x 11" , 12" ruler, pen , 6 sheets colored paper , Glue stick, paper scissors, Color wheel, 1 fat quarter & 1 piece 19" x 30" background fabric (dark is best)

Fabrics to contrast with background - brights, prints, etc. , 1/2 yd fusible, Non-stick baking paper or appliqué mat, Rotary cutter and mat + 24" quilt ruler, Pins, fabric scissors, Chalk marker or soap sliver , Spyglass (peep hole viewer) or digital camera, Iron and Ironing mat, Name tag.

WELCOMING

We would like to welcome the following people who recently joined Empire: Laura Stroud, Nancy Haines, Lyn Maggio, Mary Langevin, Sonya Dickerson, Teri Scaduto, Marcia Schulman, Roxanne Greenstein, Pam Williams, Shirley A. Smith. - **Rita Reid**

NEW GUILD OFFICER'S AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

The guild Board of Directors approved the new slate of officers and committee chairs at their April 4, 2009 meeting, and copies of the complete list were available to the membership at the April meeting. The guild will be asked to vote to approve that list at the May 9, 2009 meeting. We are grateful to the guild members who volunteered to take on leadership roles, and we're already excited about the next two years. The officers proposed for a two-year term (2009-2011) include President: Paula Kenney, First Vice President: Alice Brody and Treasurer: Anna Krassy. The officers proposed for a one-year term (2009-2010) include Second Vice President: Lauren Dieterich and Secretary: Gail Lefton. You can find the complete list of proposed Committee Chairs on the Notices page of the guild website.

SAD NEWS

We are saddened to report that long time guild member **Lisette Zichlinsky** passed away on Friday, March 20, 2009. Lisette enjoyed every minute of her time as a member of **Empire Quilters**. We also benefited from her participation in the guild, and we admired her expert quilting. We will miss her. Members who wish to send condolences to Lisette's husband Elliott can write to him at 345 East 86th Street, #11E, New York, NY 10028.

HISTORIAN/ARCHIVIST NEEDS YOUR MEMORIES AND RECOLLECTIONS

I can recall most of the first two years of Empire's history and how, where and why we began. After that I have a couple of gaps. So help write Empire's History by writing down when and why you joined Empire (even if it was only last month), if you quilted before, favorite and not favorite times in the guild, workshops you took, quilt shows — anything you find interesting or anything you can remember. Don't worry about format (write notes, run-on sentences), spelling, punctuation, I can edit all that. If you have newsletters earlier than the 2004-2005 quilting year, I'd love to borrow them.

Think of this as Empire's Written History Crazy Quilt—I need your material, any kind, any shape, embellished as much as you can. I don't know what pattern this will take, but with your input and material, it can be gorgeous. Email to: annamfoss@earthlink.net or send to **Ann Foss, 465-84 Street, Brooklyn NY 11209** or bring to a meeting. Target date: September meeting. **Annie**

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TREASURER'S REPORT 4/8/2009

Guild	Show	Total
Beginning Balance	\$50,657.67	\$3,288.76
Income	\$2,850.00	\$28,155.40
Expenses	\$12,560.63	\$7,211.69
Ending Balance	\$40,947.04	\$24,232.47
		\$65,179.51

Due to space limitations, the Treasurer's report is condensed. The Show figures are not final. We are missing a number of expenses. 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 June 13, 2009 newsletter is:

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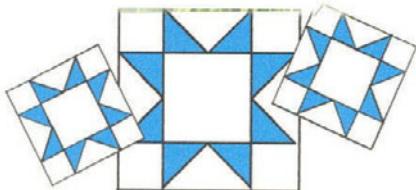


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