
EMPIRE NEWSLETTER

March 2010

President's Letter

On Saturday February 13, over 180 Empire Quilters defied the weather and made their way to our Members Teaching Members program. It was indeed a wonderful meeting, although a bit crowded until we broke up into our six groups!

As I poked around into the different sessions, I was amazed at the attention our members gave to their peers, as well as how professional and prepared the instructors were. Everyone seemed rapt with attention and happy with the class they chose.

There was an amazing amount of good and unusual fabric at the Share table which gave people even more to work with and buy. In keeping with the good time feeling of the day the vendor, Prints Charming, generously donated an auction item, as well as fabric for our charity quilts. They followed up with a thank you note, saying how much they enjoyed the day as well as the interaction with our members. Special kudos to Kitty Squire for organizing the day, and many thanks to our instructors.

March which is our charity month is the month where we work together to see if we can beat last years numbers of Quilts made. We received a large number of some ready to sew packages of fabric from Peggy McGeary of Mile Square Quilting and also from Diane Rubenstein's personal stash. Apologies if I have omitted anyone; these are the donations I know about.

Please come to this meeting with the same fervor you did last month. We will have people at the ready to sew up, or tie the quilts. If you already made quilts, there will be fabric available to make another. As an incentive, I have a cache of small gifts that I will give out during the day, so please sign your name on the designated pad when you come in.

Last month I was able to announce that there will be a quilt show and this month I can tell you it will be: March 26-27, 2011. It seems a long time to wait, but I can assure you there's much to do, if you haven't volunteered yet this is the time to get your choice. Please remember if you wish to put your quilt in the show there is a mandatory four hour period of time that you must volunteer for the show. It will be strictly enforced. Volunteering is a lot of fun, and it's everyone's show, so get out there and volunteer!

--Paula Kenney

WELCOME GUESTS & NEW MEMBERS!

Guests in February: Janet Joseph, Susan Freelund, Rosemari Paykin, Sarah Pearson, Vidya Joshi, Carol Stanis, Lisa Cicchetti, and Lorna Spence-Ellis.

New Members who joined in February: Karin Eckart, Kenny Johnson, Ariana Cooper, Michelle Flamer, Pearl Gill, and Cynthia Spurles.

Our membership is now up to 374 members!



MEETING INFO

SATURDAY,
MARCH 13, 2010

TIME:

11am - 12pm: Board Meeting

12pm: Focus Group

10am - 3:00pm: General Meeting

LOCATION:

FIT, David Dubinsky Center
Building A, 27th St. & 8th Ave.

PROGRAM:

Charity Day

VENDOR:

None

QUILTER of the MONTH:

None

FOCUS GROUP:

Elm Creek Sampler Club, 12pm

BOM:

None

GUEST FEES:

None

March Meeting

Charity Day

PROGRAM

Hello everyone – it's time for our annual Charity Quilting Day. We come together as a guild, as friends, as quilters to make as many quilts as possible for charities that Empire Quilters gladly support. The fun and the work go on all day – starting around 10:00 a.m. Please come as early as you can, and stay as late as you're able. Bring your family and friends – there is no charge for guests on Charity day. Whether you're a new quilter, or an experienced quilter, or you have never made quilt before, we have work you can do. There are many experienced quilters who will be very happy to teach you what to do. You'll have fun with friendly people, and you just might learn something new. One of the best things is that you get to really interact with other guild members who could become good friends.

Bring your ideas; bring sewing supplies such as pins, scissors, needles, and yarn or embroidery floss for tying the quilts; fabric for tops, quilt tops, and quilt-backing fabric. Though the Charity committee takes fabric donations during the year, and pulls larger pieces of fabric from the Share table, we're always glad to have more fabric donated for Charity Day – we often get lots of tops without backs. Also, if you can manage it, we could use some large cutting mats, rotary cutting rulers and sharp rotary cutters for preparing fabrics for the quilts we'll make that day. If you bring your sewing machine or serger (and we hope several people will) remember to bring a long extension cord. Most importantly—bring yourself!

Denise Walsh-Horowitz has an iron available for pressing fabrics and for pressing on Guild donation labels. Jennifer Bigelow and Shirley Clark will be photographing the quilts to show on our website. City Quilter, once again, is donating the batting that we'll use for our Charity Day quilts, and we heartily thank them for that.

If you want some ideas of how to make easy charity projects, visit the Service page on Empire Quilters' website. There are patterns for easy quilts, for stuffed animals and even for knitting caps for preemies. You'll find guidelines to follow if you select to make a different pattern, and some easy quilt assembly suggestions. Last year we made over 100 quilts — and we certainly want to beat that number.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!



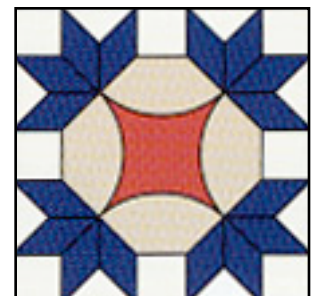
FOCUS GROUPS

Elm Creek Sampler Club

Group Leaders: Helen Beall (htbeall@yahoo.com or 516-365-9257), Lisa Kehrle, and Lisa Belle

12 noon - 1 pm

We had a wonderful turnout in February! Hoping for as many or more in March when we'll be bringing our Hands All Around. This block gives us lots of practice with Y-seams and some more fun with curves. Let's all participate in Charity Day, too — "many hands make light work."



BLOCK OF THE MONTH

There will not be a BOM in March so that we all focus our efforts on Charity Day.

April's BOM is a Double Friendship Quilt. Please visit our blog for more details: www.empirebom.blogspot.com.

--Karen Griska, Helen Beall, Lisa Belle, Shirley Clark, Lisa Kehrle, Nick Alves

LIBRARY

The library went very well on Saturday. We sold \$38.00 in used magazines and collected \$4.00 in late fines.

Thanks for donations from: Mary Butler, Verna Fitzgerald, Caroline M. Hazard, Sylvia Hughes, Jan Jenicek, Karen Monath, Sara Niego, Alice Palmer, Kelly Roimisher, and especially Kitty Squire who donated over 60 *Quilters Newsletter* magazines that were earlier than 1990.

I was so happy to have a chance to be involved in a focus group, that I left my library folder on the membership sign in table. It has my name on it and includes list of the library books. Please give me a call if you picked it up.

Remember that there will be no library in March (no returns and no donations either). So work on your Charity quilts for March and the Library will be open again in April. --*Sylvia Hughes, Librarian*

CHARITY

We would like to thank all our members who brought in fabric, quilts, tops for Charity Day next month. We know that everyone in our guild thinks of others quite a bit of the time, by always bring in items. We would like to thank the following members who brought in quilts: Viola Brown, Mary Ferry, Betty Belford and Marta (whose last name we don't have). There were others who brought in fabric and quilts, but with all the fabric and quilts to be transported after the meeting, we have somehow misplaced the paper with the names, so please see me at the March meeting or e-mail and I will thank you next month.

For all those who brought home some pre-made kits so generously donated by Peggy McGeary, please try and bring them back as soon as you can.

As you all know, March is Charity Month, and we hope everyone can attend and join in the fun day. Our guild touches many hearts in this City with our quilts, teddy bears and everything else we do, so lets keep up the good work and have a great Charity Day. Thanks to our great members. --*Denise, Pam and Jennifer*

TREASURER'S REPORT

Due to space limitations, the Treasurer's report is condensed. A complete version is on the website, or you can contact Anna Krassy at quilterme@gmail.com or 212-242-3253 to have a copy mailed to you.

Guild	As of 2/13/10	YTD Total
Beginning Balance	\$ 47,848.01	\$ 42,802.30
Income	\$ 4,128.47	\$39,240.56
Expenses	\$ 2,143.95	\$ 32,210.33
Ending Balance	\$ 49,832.53	\$ 49,832.53

Upcoming Events

APRIL PROGRAM & WORKSHOP - BETTY PILLSBURY

In April, Betty Pillsbury will give a lecture on "Why I am a Crazy Quilter." Betty is an award winning textile artist and accomplished instructor. She is perhaps best known as one of the foremost experts in Crazy Quilting and embellishments. She is the recipient of almost 200 awards for her pieces, and was the recipient of the Embroiderer's Guild of America Educator's Award of Excellence. Betty has written articles for many publications, and has lectured and taught all over the country.

Betty will teach a workshop on Sunday, April 11. The class is a crazy quilt notebook sampler that will give "crazies" — from beginners to advanced — a little taste of everything. Bead a dragonfly; learn a needle-woven leaf; stitch a spider web; make a bullion rose; create a pansy from wired ribbon. This is a fun sampling of techniques. All by Hand! To register, please send a check to Mary Butler.



LANCASTER BUS TRIP

On Saturday, March 27, we will be taking a bus trip to the AQS Lancaster, PA show. We will leave NYC at 7:30 am and depart from Lancaster at 4:30 pm, aiming to arrive back to NYC by 7:30 pm. The cost is \$72 for members, \$80 for guests, and includes your entry ticket to the show.

We have enough people signed up to proceed with the trip. There are still some seats left. In order to register, payment is due in full at the time of registration. Please remember that payments are non-refundable. You can register (as space allows) by mailing a check (payable to Empire Quilters) and the trip form (available on the website) to Aleeda Crawley.

If you have any questions, please contact Aleeda. --Aleeda Crawley, acquiltsy@yahoo.com, or 973-313-0844

JUNE FLEA MARKET

Mark your calendars! The next Members' Flea Market will take place at the June 12, 2010 guild meeting. Guild members may rent table space and sell their wares. Members may set up their space however they like, but they must keep their wares within their allotted 4- or 8-foot space. Please note, we need to keep things off of the floor for fire-safety reasons. There are no restrictions on what can be sold, so clean out your stash, your closet or your bookcase!

The cost for the selling space is \$10.00 for a 4-foot table space, and \$20.00 for an 8-foot space. We are taking reservations now! To reserve your space, contact Kitty Squire at kesquilts33@msn.com or 718-541-5545.

2011 Show

QUILT SHOW CO-CHAIRS ANNOUNCED

We have our date! Mark your calendars for March 26 and 27, 2011 as we will be presenting our Urban Inspirations 2011 show in the Great Hall of F.I.T. We will need the help of all members of Empire Quilters to make it another rousing success. We already have a core group of members who have volunteered to head various committees, but need much more help to accomplish the various jobs. Mary Cargill is in the process of finishing the "Subway Series" quilt and we will be photographing it and printing up the raffle tickets to include in your show packets which will be handed out in September. Make sure you read your future newsletters for further information. If you have any questions, you can send them to info@empirequilters.com.

Notices

HELP UPDATE THE WEBSITE

The [Quilting Resources](#) page on the Empire Guild's website is an extensive list of local addresses and phone numbers of businesses that support our Guild and/or sell all kinds of fabric, beads, buttons and other quilting supplies. Stores go out of business and relocate. We need to update this information for members as well as for visitors to New York City. Do you have new information from your favorite shop?

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www.morrismuseum.org

Night & Day (Fashion Exhibit)
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F.I.T. Museum, Seventh Ave at 27th Street, NYC
www.fit.edu/museum

Unraveling History: Using Textiles to Date the Past
Open through May 2010
Queens Historical Society, main gallery at the
Kingsland Homestead, 143-35 37th Avenue,
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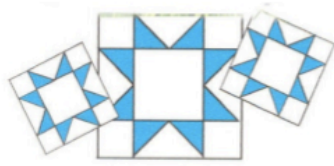
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- * **Charity Day Supplies** - Please remember to bring rotary cutters, cutting mats, pins, scissors, embroidery floss and tying needles. If you bring your sewing machine, please also bring an extension cord. See page 2 for more details.
- * **Lancaster Bus Trip** - If you wish to attend, sign up and pay in full ASAP! See page 4 for more details.
- * **April Workshop** - Please contact Mary Butler to register for the April workshop with Betty Pillsbury. See page 4.
- * **April Newsletter Deadline** - Submit your articles for the April newsletter by Wednesday, March 17, 2010. Late submissions will not be accepted. Please send articles to lauren.dieterich@gmail.com.
- * **June Members' Flea Market** - Reserve your space now! See page 4 for more details.

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Calendar

April 10, 2010

Betty Pillsbury

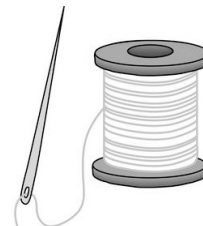
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