

# EMPIRE NEWSLETTER

May 2011

## President's Letter

Spring has finally arrived. The calendar says March 21st is the first day of Spring, but even now, the flowers seem reluctant to burst into bloom. For me Spring is nature's gift to us; it's New York at its prettiest.

Our 2011 Urban Inspirations Quilt Show has been quite successful. We have received praise (and deservedly so) from our vendors and visitors. The speakers and judges were quite complementary in their congratulations. Most of our membership seemed happy with the results. I applaud each and every one of you who helped out, led a committee, brought your friends and relatives, and gave of yourself. Currently we await the final bills from FIT. It will be then that we can tell you if we made or lost money.

After much deliberation, I am most pleased to announce that as of September 10th we will be holding our monthly meetings at the Church of the Holy Apostles at 296 Ninth Avenue. We will continue to meet the second Saturday of the Month. The Church is spacious and well suited for our meetings. Church of the Holy Apostles has an interesting history as well as a current day-to-day mission. I have invited one of our members to give a short presentation regarding this unique Church. Included in our rental agreement is coffee and tea service at no additional cost. While the transition may be difficult, I am hoping that people will be helpful and will try to work with us in making suggestions. In speaking with the staff of FIT, they wish us well in our new venue, for they, too, knew that we had outgrown our present accommodations. I look forward to seeing all of you in September at the Church of the Holy Apostles.

Meanwhile, a list of nominees for Board members and committee chairs is available in this newsletter and online. You will be asked to vote for the slate at the May meeting.

In addition, please be advised that the raffle for the Japanese fabric will be held in May. In June, we will be having our Member's Flea Market. Large tables are \$20.00 and the small ones are \$10.00. Please see Larry Gifford or Kitty Squire to reserve your spot.

Looking forward to seeing you in May! —*Paula Kenney*

### Membership for 2011-2012

It's here again — time to renew your Empire membership for next year! You will not want to miss the exciting slate of speakers and workshops scheduled for next year! You will find an easy to fill out form in this newsletter. Don't forget to include the extra amount if you want your newsletter mailed to you! Please send a SASE along with the form if you would like to have your membership card mailed to you.



### MEETING INFO

SATURDAY,  
MAY 14, 2011

#### TIME:

10:30 am: Focus Groups  
11 am - 12pm: Board Meeting  
1pm - 5pm: General Meeting

#### LOCATION:

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

#### PROGRAM:

B.J. Adams

#### VENDOR:

None

#### QUILTER of the MONTH:

None

#### FOCUS GROUPS:

Sewing Machine Clinic, 10:30  
am  
Elm Creek Sampler Club, 12pm

#### BOM:

Red & White Sampler

#### LIBRARY: Open

#### SHARE TABLE: Open

#### SHOW & TELL: Open

#### GUEST FEE: \$10

# May Meeting

*Program and Workshop with B.J. Adams*

## PROGRAM — IS IT A PAINTING OR WHAT?

B.J. Adam's artistic life began with painting and drawing. She also always designed and made her own clothes. These two pursuits found a common end with fiber art. B.J. reports: When I discovered fabric and thread as a medium, a whole new textural world opened and ideas poured forth. The sewing machine has become my brush and pencil; hundreds of colors of thread have become paint for realistic and abstract images set on various backgrounds.

We are honored to have B.J. visit our guild and talk about her art and share her artistic process with us. Her artwork began with representation, developed into abstraction, and now goes back and forth between the two, sometimes combining elements of both, as well as surrealism, in the same work. She aims at presenting the viewer with a surprise — an out of context image, size, or viewpoint.

For more information about B.J. Adams and her work, visit her website: [www.bjadamsart.com](http://www.bjadamsart.com)



## WORKSHOP WITH B.J. ADAMS

**Location:** 343 8th Avenue, at 27th Street

**Date/Time:** Sunday, May 15 from 10 am - 5 pm

**Cost:** \$60

**Sign up:** Contact Mary Butler at [citymary@aol.com](mailto:citymary@aol.com) or 212-662-7771

### Shading with Thread: A Free Motion Machine Embroidery Workshop

The achievement of subtle changes in shading requires an understanding of thread colors and the way they interact. In this free-motion machine embroidery workshop led by B.J. Adams, participants will work with a variety of thread colors to obtain these combinations of desired shading. Light and shadows give shapes, form and depth in your artwork, the mist or haze in a landscape or sky can give way to explosive vibrancy at sunset, soft or hard edges of images, and rough or smooth textures can all be developed with the layering of thread colors. We will spend time working with blending thread colors to develop the gradations you need to give that subtle shading effect.



## FOCUS GROUPS

### Sewing Machine Clinic

**Group Leader:** Janet Randolph

**Questions:** [janetrandolph@verizon.net](mailto:janetrandolph@verizon.net)  
or 610-874-3721

**10:30 am - 11:30 am**

Get to know your sewing machine! We will review quality stitching, ¼" seam stitches, using a twin needle, decorative stitches, finding correct tension, and first aid for machine problems.

*Sewing machines are NOT required for this focus group. This is a demonstration/lecture and discussion only.*

*Supply List:* Bring paper and pen to take notes.

### Elm Creek Sampler Club

**Group Leaders:** Lisa Belle and Lisa Kehrle,  
[lbinnyc@yahoo.com](mailto:lbinnyc@yahoo.com) or 212-962-0990  
**12 noon - 1 pm**

**6-inch block:** Orange Peel, found on page 57 of SBS. The additional (optional) block is Kaleidoscope, on page 41.

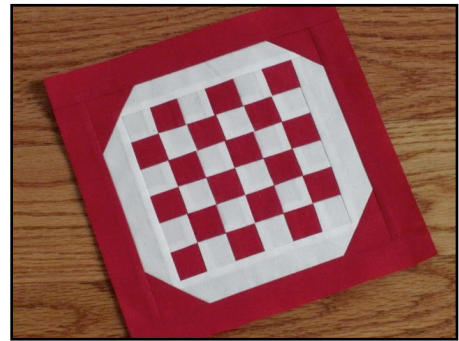
**12-inch block:** Mother's Favorite block with the Orange Peel center. The alternate block will be the Mother's Favorite block with a Four Patch center. The centers are found on page 83 of *More Elm Creek Quilts*, the Mother's Favorite is on page 84.

## BLOCK OF THE MONTH: RED & WHITE SAMPLER

For May let's make a red and white block, ANY PATTERN! Your block could be pieced, appliqued, or both. Whatever your heart desires. Just use red and white. (The reds and whites will differ a little from block to block, but this will add an antique style charm.) Make it 8 1/2" square. Finished size in the quilt will be 8" square. Wasn't the "Infinite Variety" exhibit at the Armory wonderful? I feel a series of red and whites coming on! I just stocked up on turkey red thread in anticipation. See you at the May meeting. I can't wait to see your blocks.

For full instructions, visit [www.empirebom.blogspot.com](http://www.empirebom.blogspot.com).

—Karen Griska, Helen Beall, Lisa Belle, Shirley Clark, Lisa Kebrle




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## LIBRARY

Thanks for donations from Mary Butler, Mary Cargill, Verna Fitzgerald, Mary Gillette, Sylvia Hughes, Janice Jenicek, Margaret Kelly, Linda Miller, Sheila Molitz, Alice Palmer and Rita Reid. We sold \$21 worth of magazines at the April meeting.

Added to the library was the Spring 2011 Quilting Quarterly (the magazine of the Journal of the National Quilting Association), and the December 2010/January 2011 Down Under Quilts magazine, with a photo of our Subway Series raffle quilt.

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## CHARITY

Thanks to all the quilters who brought in charity quilts this month – whether they were items brought home in March to complete or they were new quilts. A number of the quilts will be donated to a Japanese earthquake relief organization. Others will be donated to Project Linus, which is a charity that as it has received fabric donations, it has generously passed the donations on to Empire Quilters. In gratitude, we have periodically donated quilts that go to children in the greater NYC area. We've received numerous thank you notes from organizations that received quilts from our Charity Day event — never doubt the work we do is appreciated. [Editor note: See thank you excerpts in the Notices Section.]

As we wind down this Guild season, it's not too early to start thinking about the next season. We're glad to welcome Marilyn Korn as a co-chair for Charity, working with Jennifer. Also, Tina Barth and Carole Hoffman have agreed to work on a special new activity starting in September.

Beginning in September, we will start a new monthly activity called Charity Coach and Chat. We want to bring together members with all levels of experience and time in the Guild to buddy up and coach each other on all sorts of quilting skills, to develop a 'live' social network through friendly chatting, and hopefully create more quilts and other items for our various charity efforts. Look for more details in the next newsletters. Mark your calendars to come early to the meeting and participate in this lively group. Finally — it's not too early to start making those adorable teddy bears and holiday stockings for the 2011 holiday season.

—Denise Walsh-Horowitz and Jennifer Bigelow, Service Committee Co-Chairs

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

At press time, the Treasurer's report was unavailable. When it is available, a complete version will be posted on the website. You can contact Anna Krassy ([quilterme@gmail.com](mailto:quilterme@gmail.com) | 212-242-3253) with questions or to have a copy mailed to you.

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## ASIAN/JAPANESE FABRIC RAFFLE

At the May meeting, there will be a special Fabric Raffle of thirteen one-yard pieces of Asian/Japanese fabric. Tickets will be sold at the beginning of the meeting for \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00.

# Notices

## OUR CONDOLENCES

Lorna Spence-Ellis recently lost of her husband. Lorna will be absent in coming months from our meetings. Messages of condolence can be sent to her home.

## CHARITY THANK YOU NOTES

Numerous organizations are the recipients of quilts made by our members. Here is a sampling of their thank you notes:

**Americares:** "...between the economy and the weather, this winter has been particularly difficult for these patients and their families, so your gifts of kindness really mean a lot to both the staff and the families they are serving."

**Family Homelessness:** "A hand-stitched quilt is a gift that will continue to provide warmth to these families even as they move into stable housing."

**Room-to-Grow:** "As ever, the quilts are so beautiful and we greatly appreciate the care and love that went into making them for the families and children we serve."

**The Firemen's Home:** "On behalf of the members of the Firemen's Home, ... thank you for the donation of four (4) handmade quilts ... for our retired volunteer firefighters, ladies auxiliary members, and spouses."

## JUNE FLEA MARKET

The next Members' Flea Market will take place at the June 11, 2011 guild meeting. For all of you enjoying your spring cleaning, now is the time to get a table to help with your downsizing! As usual, tables are \$10.00 for small and \$20.00 for large. To reserve a table, please contact Larry Gifford at [lawgifford@me.com](mailto:lawgifford@me.com). He will be collecting money at the May meeting. Due to the flea market activity, there will be no scrap/share table at the June 11, 2011 guild meeting.

For full details, please see the [website](#).



## **Renew your guild membership!** 2011 – 2012 Empire Quilters Guild Membership Renewal

**1. Dues for Guild Meeting Season Sep 2011 – Jun 2012: \$55.00** (all ages)

**2. Contribution:** Additional tax-deductible contribution (optional):

**3. Newsletter:** Select *one* method to receive your newsletter:

- Email to email address: \_\_\_\_\_
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**5. Submit Form:**

Bring completed form to a meeting, or mail to: **Empire Quilters, Inc.**  
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- ▶ Enclose a check for your annual dues, payable to: *Empire Quilters*, or bring cash to a meeting (no credit cards accepted).
- ▶ Please pick up your membership card at the next guild meeting.
- ▶ *Memberships are not acknowledged by mail. If you want to have your membership card mailed to you, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.*
- ▶ For more information see: [www.EmpireQuilters.net](http://www.EmpireQuilters.net)

## 2011 Show

We hope that everyone has recovered by now from the exciting weekend of our Urban Inspiration Show! It was a fun weekend and was quite a success. We had five bus trips as well as many visitors who were in town for the Infinite Variety show at the Armory. We even had a visitor from "The Quilt Show" with Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims.

Our website has photos of all the quilts. Thank you Cindy and Ed!

The Show Committee would like to thank all of the volunteers for all of their incredible work on it. We had a huge number of volunteers who did not have a quilt in the show and we want to thank them particularly. The Guild is very lucky to have so many members who volunteer regularly for all of our different endeavors.

Although we will not have the final figures available until we get our final bills from FIT, we can give you some of the initial numbers. We had approximately 2200 attendees, which is about the same number as for the 2009 show. Our total income for the show exceeded \$63,000 if you include the December 2010 auction, \$55,000 without. As soon as we have the total expenses, we will let you know the final numbers.

—Mindy Wexler-Marks, Lisa Kehrle and JoAnn Gatch, 2011 Show Co-Chairs

## 2011 - 2013 Officers & Committee Chairs

We are delighted to present the following slate of proposed officers and committee chairs for 2011–2013. We will be voting to elect these new officers and committee chair persons at the May meeting. Please plan to attend. If you have any questions about any of these nominations, please contact guild president Paula Kenney at [president@empirequilters.net](mailto:president@empirequilters.net).

<b>President:</b>	Paula Kenney	<b>Newsletter Editing:</b>	Earamichia Brown
<b>First Vice President:</b>	Alice Brody	<b>Newsletter Mailing:</b>	Kitty Squire
<b>Second Vice President:</b>	Beth Pile [2010-2012]	<b>Nominating:</b>	Paula Kenney (Chair) Lauren Dieterich Renee Fields Michael Greenberg
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Anna Krassy	<b>NQA Coordinator:</b>	Beth Pile
<b>Secretary:</b>	Denise Walsh-Horowitz [2010-2012]	<b>Program:</b>	Susan Acevedo
<b>Block of the Month:</b>	Karen Griska	<b>Quilter of the Month:</b>	Debra Levin
<b>By-Laws:</b>	Jennifer Bigelow	<b>Service Committee:</b>	Jennifer Bigelow (co-chair) Marilyn Korn (co-chair)
<b>Donations Coordinator:</b>	Diane Harris	<b>Show &amp; Tell:</b>	Sandi Howell
<b>Focus Groups &amp; Members Teaching Members:</b>	Janet Randolph	<b>Share Table:</b>	Veronique Millez (co-chair) Anna Krassy (co-chair)
<b>Historian &amp; Archivist:</b>	Position Open	<b>Sunshine:</b>	Beth Pile
<b>Library:</b>	Mary Cargill	<b>Trips:</b>	Mindy Wexler-Marks
<b>MAQNET Coordinator:</b>	Jennifer Bigelow (co-chair) Aleeda Crawley (co-chair)	<b>Ways &amp; Means:</b>	Lisa Kehrle (co-chair) Kitty Squire (co-chair)
<b>Membership:</b>	Kitty Squire	<b>Website:</b>	Cindy Russell
<b>Monthly Fundraisers:</b>	Susan Louis (co-chair) Judy Isaacs (co-chair)	<b>Welcoming:</b>	Gail Lefton
<b>Newsletter Advertising:</b>	Mindy Wexler-Marks	<b>Workshops:</b>	Mary Butler

**LOCAL SHOW INFORMATION**

**New York Fiber in the 21st Century**

Open through May 12, 2011  
 Lehman College Art Gallery, 250 Bedford Park Blvd West,  
 Bronx, New York  
[Lehman College Arts](#)

**Fiber Plus**

Open through May 21, 2011  
 Blue Door Gallery, 13 Riverdale Ave  
 Yonkers, New York  
[Blue Door Gallery Website](#)

**New York Fiber in the 21st Century**

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 250 Bedford Park Blvd West, Bronx  
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**Daphne Taylor's Quilt Drawings**

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 The Art Quilt Gallery NYC  
 133 West 25th St, New York, NY  
[Art Quilt Gallery in NYC](#)  
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## Reminders!

- \* We will be voting on the slate of officers and committee chairs for the next two seasons (2011–2013) at this meeting. Please plan to attend. See the full list of nominations on the Notices page.
- \* **Asian/Japanese Fabric Raffle:** Purchase tickets at the beginning of the meeting to participate in the drawing!
- \* **Membership for 2011-2012:** We are now accepting new and renewal memberships for the 2011–2012 guild season. Stop at the Membership Table and complete your form.
- \* **Members Flea Market:** Reserve your table for our June Members Flea Market. See the Notices section for details.
- \* **Library Books Deadline: May 5**  
For the May meeting, please be sure to order your library books by May 5.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

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### 2010-2011 Calendar

**May 14, 2011**  
B.J. Adams

**June 11, 2011**  
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