

Empire Newsletter



December 2011



President's Message

Dear Fellow members,
I wish you the very best for this holiday. Please be sure to bring your friends, baked goods, quilts and charity items to our

meeting in December to help celebrate the season. Have fun quilting and celebrating!
Paula Kenney, President



NEXT MEETING

Saturday
December 10, 2011

LOCATION

Church of
the Holy Apostles
296 Ninth Avenue,
(@28th St.), NY
Open 9:00 am-4:00pm

Focus Groups

12:00 pm-1:00pm
Charity Coach and Chat

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Elm Creek Quilters

Board Meeting
11:00 am-12:00 pm

General Meeting
1:00 pm-4:00 pm

Program
Auction and Holiday
Charity Gift Collection

Vendor
None

Quilter of the Month
None

Block of The Month
None

Scrap Table: Closed
Show & Tell: Open
Library: Closed

Guest Fee:

Guild Members Head to the North Pole.

Greetings my fellow guild members. Each issue I have so many ideas for articles and ideas to present for your reading pleasure. However, there are also so many wonderful things that happen in the interim that causes me to table my original ideas. In this instance, I will save my Quilt Festival 2011 features for slower news months. Instead, I want to take you all on a trip to the North Pole. Many of the guild members hopped in Santa's sleigh and ended up in a wonderful toy shoppe. (Yes I know we could never have made it there and back, but humor me, smiles)

On Saturday, November 19, 2011 beginning at 6pm members of the Empire Guild took over City Quilter and turned it into Santa's Workshop. We had a full house, filled with yummy snacks and sweets, laughter and giggles, glitter and glue, with machine's a whirring, scissors cutting, and a cocktail or two. It was an amazing evening all for the holidays well deserving boys and girls.

As I always say, what's more fun than Cocktails and Thread. (Yes that is my brand's name.)

Enjoy,
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MD Anderson Quilt Auction, by Diane Paul

The Md Anderson on-line quilt auction which benefits research in gynecological cancers at the center concluded on Nov 7. Empire members Karen Monath and Diane Paul had quilts in the auction. Karen's Twirling Stars (number 34) was sold for \$326 and her Bellas Buttons (number 103) brought in \$175. Diane's 4 Hawaiian wall-hangings (number 129) were sold as a lot bringing in \$425. There will be another auction in 2013. Maybe we can have more Empire quilters send in donations.

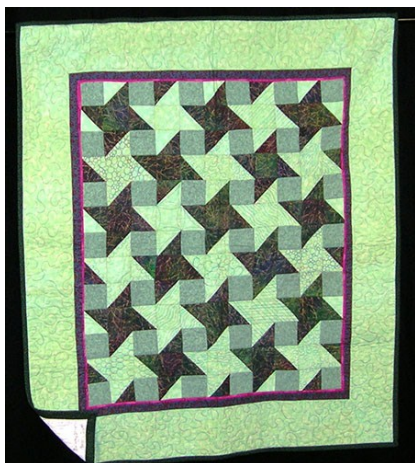
To see all the quilts go to www3.mdanderson.org/auction/quilt



Mana'olana I II III and IV (Hope in Hawaiian) above.

Grand hand quilted needle turned appliqué series of four blocks. Designed by Elizabeth Root of Quilts Hawaii.

Hand Quilted by Diane Paul
Size: Each block is 18 x 18



Twirling Stars, above.

Sweet Friendship Star blocks in batik fabrics with free motion quilting. By Karen Monath.
Machine Quilted, Size: 45 x 50



Bella's Buttons, above

Wonderful red and white quilt using Drunkard's Path blocks; made mostly from red aprons and clothing belonging to quilter's mother in Iowa.

Machine Quilted
Size: 37 x 38



The Survivor, above.

Cherrywood Challenge Quilt
Masterfully created mother and daughter sewn lying on teal quilt. Made by Carolyn Crump.
Machine Quilted, Size: 25 x 33
This was featured in Houston, 2012.

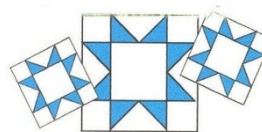
Treasurer's Report



November 2011

Guild	Month	YTD Total
Beginning Balance	\$ 73,900.81	\$ 57,090.66
Income	\$ 2,553.07	\$ 29,049.05
Expenses	\$ 2,450.26	\$ 11,963.26
Ending Balance	\$ 74,003.62	\$ 74,176.45
Show Income		\$ 25.00
Show Expenses		\$ 197.83
Grand Total	\$ 74,003.62	\$ 74,003.62

A detailed version of the report is available by contacting Anna Krassy, quilterme@gmail.com (or at 212) 243 3253 to have a copy mailed to you.



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Seasons Greetings From Your Service Committee

Our holiday charity projects - making stockings and stuffed animals – are well underway. I'm pleased to report that in November we received donations from over 50 members, including stockings, drawstring totes, stuffed animals, other toys, toiletries and various types of clothing for children of various ages. On Saturday, November 19 nearly twenty members gathered at The City Quilter to make stuffed animals and stockings. Armed with glitter and glue the stockings were joyfully decorated. I thank Cathy Rizzo for so generously donating the use of her shop and providing snacks and drinks. We all had a great time and couldn't believe how quickly the 4 hours passed.

As you get ready for your winter holidays I hope you will continue to make stockings and animals and bring them to the December meeting. The more we get the more we can give to the holiday festivities for the children and families in NYC shelters, who otherwise might not have other gifts this year. In addition to the handmade articles we're glad to collect and distribute other items. So, for those who would rather buy a gift (or more than one) here are some of the things we are permitted to include in the stockings: toiletry items such shampoo, conditioner, moisturizer, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, soap; playing cards, coloring books and crayons; paper and pencils or pens; other small toys, stuffed animals; hats, gloves, mittens, socks; books for all

ages of children. Please donate only new items (not used or hand-me-downs – they won't be accepted). Do not contribute any opened toiletries or makeup, as they won't be accepted. Any food items that are donated must be individually wrapped so they can be distributed at the three shelters' holiday parties. It will be helpful if you place toiletries in Ziploc bags, which will eliminate a great deal of work for the committee in assembling toiletries into bags/stockings. You can begin bringing in your contributions at the November meeting.

As mentioned last month we are asking for members to help put together the stockings and gifts following the December meeting. Mary Butler has secured a work space for us at 339 West 24th Street (between 8th and 9th Avenue), Community room 2B.

This is a FREE workshop! We'll start at 10 a.m. and we have the space until 5 p.m. With lots of helpers I expect we can get all the stockings stuffed, and the other gifts packaged in a few hours. Bring friends and family – the more the merrier. We'll provide snacks and some soda. You can let us know if you're coming, or just drop in for a spell. It will be fun and we'll all feel so happy.

December Workshop: City Scape Silhouette



City Scape Silhouette

Instructor: **Anna Faustino**

Date: **Sunday, December 11, 2011**

Time: **10:00 am – 5:00 pm**

Location: **343 8th Ave, (near 27th St)**

New York, NY 10001 [[Map](#)]

Cost: **\$75.00 (includes kit)**

Anna Faustino is a multi-award winning quilt maker, designer, fine artist and author. For more information about Anna Faustino visit her website: www.newtechquilts.com or see her Quilter of the Month page.

You will need the following supplies for this workshop.

- Cutting board
- Rotary cutter
- Ruler 18"+
- Pencil
- Red marker
- Scissors
- 90 pins
- Iron with extension cord
- Craft Knives with new blades

Sign up: To reserve your place in this workshop, send a check made out to Empire Quilters to Mary Butler. Contact info@empirequilters.net if you need Mary's address.

Heather Holtz, *Temporary Shelter*—A Quilt Installation, From the Editor

It is funny how this newsletter has a mind of its own. I was asked to include information about this exhibit by Heather Holtz, and it has turned into a mini piece. Why, you may ask. Simply put, it reminds me of all the things that we must be thankful for, especially during this overly commercial holiday season.

Heather's installation entitled *Temporary Shelter* is an installation piece that tells the stories of homeless New Yorkers. As I went through the gallery, I found myself drawn to the stories of the pieces. For instance, she has a piece called "Temporary Shelter" that tells the story of homeless New Yorkers ages 4-75. She says that the panels within are representative of individuals staying in NYC's faith based shelters. Most touching is that the outside walls are made from fiber art that was created by children living in NYC's family shelters.

As we go about our busy holiday lives, we should take a moment and reflect on all those that do not have. That is another reason why it was so much fun to travel to the "North Pole" with my fellow guild members.

December 1-8, 2011

Church of the Holy Trinity (316 East 88th St)

Sunday, December 4: Heather will give a presentation following the 10:30am and 6:00pm services

December 10-18, 2011

Church of St. Frances Xavier (46 West 16th St)

Sunday, December 11: Heather will be available to answer questions 10-11:30am and 12:30-1pm

December 19-26, 2011

Congregation Shaare Zedek (212 West 93rd St)

Program details TBA

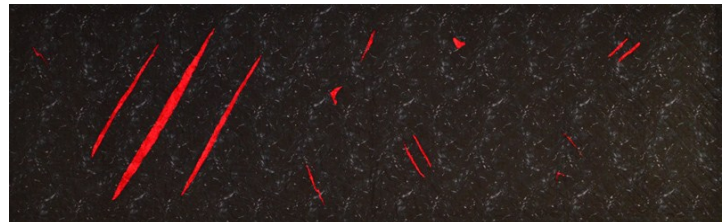


Temporary Shelter
(approx. 8' x 8' x 7.5')



John, The Trucker

After getting his truck stuck under a bridge, he lost his job and soon after, could no longer afford rent.



Kim,

"tired of fighting for her home and her safety."

These are all excerpted from Heather Stolz's website, www.sewingstories.com.



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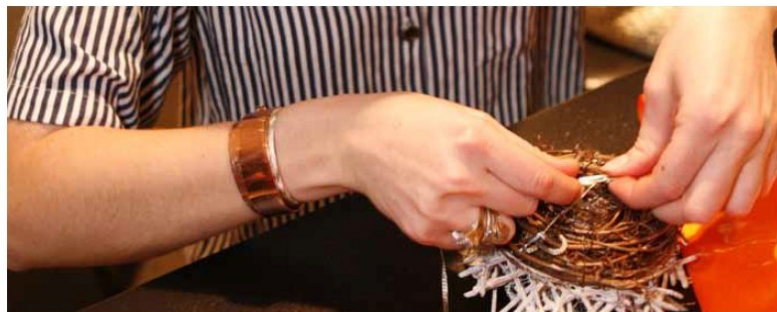
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Come to the museum each Thursday for hands-on workshops and discussions with leaders in the DIY community. Enjoy a glass of wine, meet fellow craft enthusiasts, and spend a creative evening with us!

- 10/27 Craft Activism: The book and the movement
- 11/3 Make Your Own iPod Case with Mathmystic
- 11/10 The Knitted Worlds of Anna Hrachovec
- 11/17 Making Wearable Accessories with Fabric Scrap Rosettes
- 12/1 Origami Star Books with Esther K. Smith
- 12/8 Diana Schoenbrun's Beasties
- 12/15 An Evening with Burda Style

Lineups subject to change

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Newark Museum:

Patchwork from Folk Art to Fine Art

There is still time to see the exhibit at the Newark Museum which opened on September 14th and will run through the end of the year.

Accompanying this exhibition is *The Global Art of Patchwork: Africa and Asia*, showcasing work of patchwork traditions outside the world of quilts, also drawn from the Museum's holdings.

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T Shirt: \$15.00

These 100% cotton T-shirts come in a rainbow of colors. The guild logo and name are printed on the shirt

Tote Bag: \$15.00

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Guild Members Showcase at the International Quilt Festival, Houston

The International Quilt Festival 2012, Houston was an incredible experience. I attended my first ever International Quilt Festival, took classes, salivated over all of the gorgeous quilts that were on display, and spent ohh so much money with the vendors. I am happy to report that our very own guild members were featured as well. CAVE-AT: I do not have a list of all members that had a quilt that hung this year, so if you are not here, send an email and I will mention you with your picture in a future newsletter.

A World of Beauty
Third Place Winner
Innovative Appliqué

Empire Star
 by Anna Faustino
 of Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania, *below.*



A World of Beauty
Second Place Winner
 Art-Abstract, Small
Funky Reef
 by Anna Faustino
 of Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania, *left.*

On Display, Houston 2012
New York City Lights,
 created by Ellen Yamaguchi,
 New York, NY, *below.*



A World of Beauty
Second Place Winner
Starring Beads
 by Ellen Yamaguchi



On Display, Houston 2012
A Tree's Nature
 by Lucia Chan of New York, NY,
above.

We Need Your Feedback

The Guild Board of Directors is discussing whether or not we should have another quilt show. However, in order to go forward with a show, we really need feedback from the membership on whether or not there should be a show. Please answer the following survey questions for us regarding a future show.

Would you support another quilt show? YES NO Indifferent

If you answered yes, please answer the following questions:

- Should the show be every 2 years? YES NO
- Would you like to see a longer period between shows? YES NO

If you think we should have another show, do you think it should be:

- Similar to the 2011 Show? YES NO
- Smaller than the 2011 Show? YES NO
- Bigger than the 2011 Show? YES NO

Do you think a future show should have:

- More quilts? YES NO
- More Vendors? YES NO
- More Presentations? YES NO
- Member Boutique YES NO

What show committee would you like to serve on for the next show?

What have you seen at other shows that you would like to see at our show?

Name: _____

Please fill out and give this survey to either Jennifer Bigelow or Lisa Kehrle at the December 10th Guild Meeting. Or, if you prefer, please e-mail Lisa Kehrle at Lisank2010@gmail.com with your responses. Thank you for your feedback.

On the Road....

Shopping Trip to Lancaster Area

We met as planned at 8:00am and headed out to the Lancaster, PA area on a beautiful fall day. We visited Sauders, Buckholders, The Old Country Store and Quilt Museum and Zooks. Driving around Amish country was truly lovely and we passed many horse and buggies. The fabric stores were owned and run by the Amish and we literally had miles and miles of fabric to choose from and we shopped and shopped and shopped. We arrived back in New York City with all our bags and bundles ready to begin projects that will last us through the winter and perhaps several winters.

Trip to Parsons Meares Costume Shop Set for January 17, 2012

Our next trip is planned for Tuesday, January 17th at 4:30pm. We will have a guided lecture and tour of this design facility where we will have an opportunity to see how costumes are produced from sketch to final fitting. This studio produces costumes for stage, film, dance and opera. The cost for this tour will be \$25. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are planning to participate. We are limited to 20-25 individuals.

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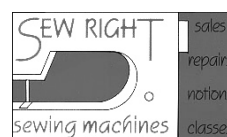


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Things to Remember....

Holiday Meeting - December 10, 2011

Don't forget to bring your holiday themed quilts as well as any baked goods, and charity items in December. Also remember to bring cash and/or checks as these quilts will make wonderful gifts! You are also welcome to bring any guests you like as there will be no guest fee.

Please drop off your quilt at the membership table on your arrival. The baked goods should be taken to the area by the coffee service. The charity items should be delivered to the charity tables. The quilts will be sorted into separate lots and will be spread throughout the church so that you can look at them before the meeting.

After a short business meeting, we plan to have a quick show and tell for the donated quilts (and any other holiday quilts you want to bring in to show). It will be fun to hear about the various holidays our members have come up with. After that, we will proceed with the auction. Many thanks to our auction volunteers, Emily Klainberg, Barbara Feinstein and Michael Greenberg!

If you have any questions, please contact either Kitty Squire (kesquilts33@msn.com) or Lisa Kehrlé (lisank94@aol.com).

Quilters of the Month Needed

We are looking for Volunteers to be Quilter of the Month. What is Quilter of the Month? It's a short (10 minute) presentation of your work that you present at the monthly guild meeting. Typically we do the presentation after the guest speaker or after Show & Tell. Presenting 10 - 15 pieces works best. They do not have to be finished -- tops are fine. You can show a range of your work or a group of themed pieces. The work can be quilts or quilting/sewing related. We aim to have five Quilter of the Month presentations this year and are looking for volunteers. There are openings in 2012. If interested, please contact Debra Levin at deblevin@verizon.net

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2011-2012 Calendar

December 10, 2011

*Holiday Fundraising
& Charity Gift Collection*

January 14, 2012

Karen Gibbs

February 11, 2012

Members Teaching Members

March 10, 2012

Charity Work Day

April 14, 2012

Rayna Gillman

May 12, 2012

Rami Kim

June 9, 2012

Linda Warren

January Newsletter Deadlines

Ads: **December 26, 2011**
Article Submission: **December 27, 2011**

Empire Quilters encourages members to write articles about quilt related subjects — even to toot their own horn if they've taken part in a show — and to send them to the Editor: newsletter@empirequilters.net

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