



Empire Quilters Board Meeting Minutes June 13, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM.

Attendees: Gail Lefton, Kitty Squire, Helen Beall, Sylvia Hughes, Linda Kelly, Ann Foss, Lee Ebs, Beth Pile, Denise Walsh Horowitz, Veronique Milliez, Jennifer Bigelow, Anna Krassy, Paula Kenney, Gail Lefton, Rita Reid, Mary Butler, Sandy Howell, Naomi Shelnut

Minutes: *Kitty Squire made a motion to accept the minutes of the May meeting as written. Lee Ebs seconded the motion which was passed by the board.*

Treasurer's Report: Kitty Squire reported that the last few bills have been received for the 2009 Show. The FIT invoices were a little higher than we thought they would be, but after everything was tallied we made \$5,240.00 on the Show. We have also received a \$10,000.00 grant for next year's programs. *Gail Lefton made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Mary Butler and passed by the Board.*

Programs and Workshops: Mary Butler reported that the cost of the room in which we hold our workshops has increased to \$150.00. How much to charge for a workshop was discussed. The general rule is to add together the cost of the room and the teacher (and the kits, if applicable) and divide by the average number of persons who take a class. In addition Mary reported that many speakers and workshop leaders have already signed contracts for next season's meetings. We are awaiting contracts from a few others. Treasurer Kitty Squire requested that a copy of the contracts be sent to our new Treasurer Anna Krassy.

It was announced that Calico Quilters, a Pennsylvania group, as well as LIQS have contacted us regarding sharing speakers.

Library: Kitty Squire announced that someone has bequeathed books to the Guild. They were shipped to Kitty, and the Library will choose the books it wants to keep. There will be a book sale in October.

Raffle: Chair Naomi Shelnut reported that the raffles are looking good. She will be donating another sewing machine for the raffle next year. Michael Greenberg donated a Quiltopoly game which will be raffled off in a special raffle today.

Share Table: Gail Lefton reported that she is still getting requests from persons who want to donate fabric to the share table and who cannot wait until the Fall to do it. Lee Ebs volunteered to take it for the Summer only if necessary.

Welcoming: Chair Rita Reid is concerned about the table that is reserved for new members and guests. She wants us to make sure that no one else sits at that table since it prevents the new members from having a place to get to know each other. It is also a concern that some guests come in and do not pay their guest fee. Kitty has changed the location of the welcoming table to try to stop this. It would help if members wore their ID's.

Miscellaneous: Anna Foss has cut 92 stockings out of non-Christmas fabric to donate to the Service Committee. Beth Pile made a quilt for the NQA Little Quilt Auction. We passed the quilt around, and admired Beth's wonderful work.

In order to raise funds for the International Quilt Study Center, Judy Doenias and Diane Rode Schneck will each be doing a full day class in November. Judy's class will be "Funky Fractured Logs" and Diane will present "String Quilting." We are grateful to these wonderful teachers for their contributions.

"Fabric Trends" magazine has highlighted our own "Broadway Jane" and other quilts from the 2009 show in their latest magazine. A photo is attached.

Gail Lefton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

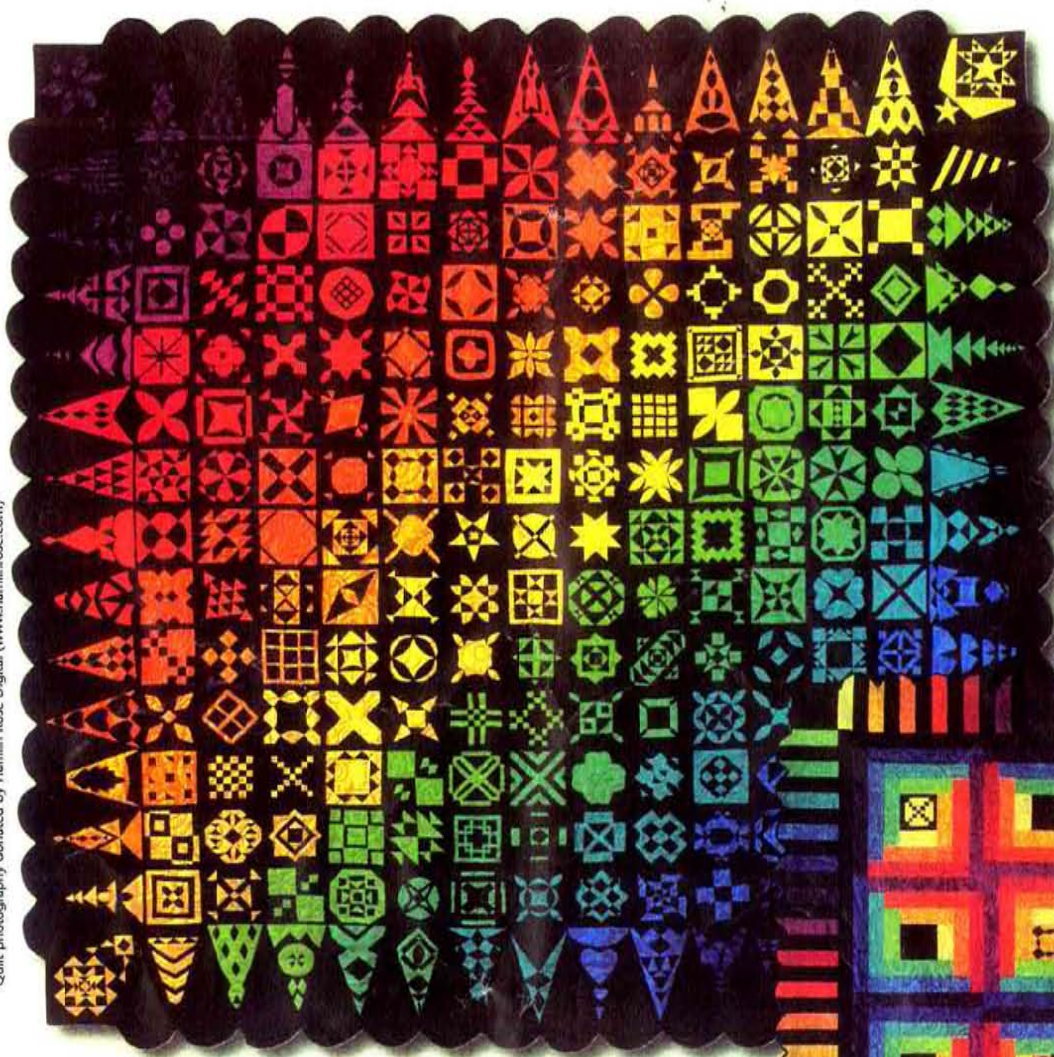
The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Submitted by: Gail Lefton, Secretary

See next page for the "Fabric Trends" article.

Parting Shot

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Broadway Jane

83" x 83", by Empire Quilters

"Broadway Jane is our interpretation of the quilt made by Jane A. Stickle in 1863," explains Jennifer Bigelow, president of the Empire Quilters, a New York City based guild. The design committee of the Empire Quilters brainstormed ideas for a raffle quilt that would honor the traditions of quilters everywhere—a traditional pattern with a modern, graded-rainbow color scheme using Moda Marbles fabrics and a black Hoffman batik.

Broadway Jane made its debut at the Urban Inspirations 2009 Quilt Show in Manhattan on March 21-22 at the Fashion Institute of Technology. Over eighty members of the Empire Quilters pieced 169 four-inch blocks for the quilt center and 52 intricate blocks for the border. The patterns for each piece came from Jane Stickle's original quilt which was made famous by Brenda Manges Papadakis' book *Dear Jane: the Two Hundred Twenty-five Patterns from the 1863 Jane A. Stickle Quilt*. A packet, which included a pattern and fabric for each block, was put together by the raffle quilt committee and given to all who volunteered. Every block returned was used in the quilt top and back—it's reversible! The back of the quilt, just as stunning as the front, was designed and made by Jennifer. *Broadway Jane* was machine quilted and bound by Mark and Janice Roy, who generously donated their time and service. The whole endeavor, from the design phase to the finished quilt, took approximately eight months! The quilting pattern in the scalloped border is the same design that appears on the Empire Quilters Logo.

