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PROGRAM: CATHIE HOOVER – “A Truly Moo-ving Experience”
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PROGRAM

CATHIE HOOVER – “A Truly Moo-ving Experience”

The new season opens with a retrospective by quilt artist, Cathie Hoover. Cathie comes to us from California by way of England, Morocco, Houston, and more. She says that using cows in her innovative designs was a natural even before relocating to the city of Moo-desto!

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WORKSHOP

CATHIE HOOVER - Create a 17 inch Eight-Point Star Quilt with Machine Reverse Applique

Sun., Sept. 12th 9:30 - 4 343 8th Ave.

Expand your technique. Enjoy a day of fun and learning with an outstanding quilt artist. You don't have to travel to Tetons, Asilomar, or Houston. We've got it here! Contact workshop chair: Mary Butler: CityMary@aol.com or 212-662-7771 for reservations and supply list.

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Please renew your membership for 2004-2005 by completing the Membership Form and returning it with your membership dues.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Time goes by so quickly, it seems so recent that I took over as President of the Empire Quilters Guild. I was quite worried that it would be too much of an effort for me but my worries were needless --- with a staff of great, hardworking committee workers it went smoothly, efficiently with nearly everything going as planned.

With the summer nearly over and I am starting my second year, I want to express my gratitude to those committee chairwomen and thank them in advance for the coming year.

My dear friend Cathie Hoover is coming from California to be our speaker at the opening meeting on September 11th. She is an experienced quilt teacher and lots of fun. I know you will enjoy her talk and workshop so I hope there will be a good turnout for both. See you all in September.

--- Sylvia Zeveloff
sylviazev@rcn.com

BUS TRIP



Our annual trip to the Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza in Fort Washington, PA is on September 18th. \$35 per person includes bus transportation and admission. There are still a few seats available. If you are interested, please contact Franziska Riede at 631-805-0621 or friede@optonline.net.

IMPORTANT DATES

**** Mark Your Calendars ****



9/11 (Sat) - Cathie Hoover

(www.cathiehooverstudios.com)

9/12 (Sun) – Machine Reverse Applique Star Workshop with Cathie Hoover.

****10/3 (Sun)** – “Face Painting”

Workshop with Bonnie Lyn McCaffery

10/9 (Sat) – To be finalized

10/10 (Sun) - NONE

11/13 (Sat) – Karen Kay Buckley: "To Border or Not to Border"

(www.karenkaybuckley.com).

11/14 (Sun) – Workshop with Karen Kay Buckley

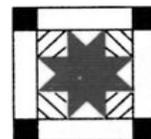
12/11 (Sat) – Auction

RAFFLES

Did you buy something 5 years ago at a quilt show because you “needed” it but discovered that you never used it? Well, bring in those quilting-related treasures for the Guild's raffle prizes! Don't forget to buy a few tickets for a chance to win someone else's treasures. Good Luck!

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(Continued from page 1) Cathie has a humorous story to go with it. And with 44 years of sewing experience, she's ready to answer any questions you have about they items you'll see.

Cathie Hoover is best known to the guilds of California where she travels and teachers regularly. A perpetually in-motion teacher and lecturer, Cathie has shared her skills and techniques all over the American and European quilting communities. She is Co-Editor of the magazine American Quilter and is active with AQS, Houston, Bernina Fashion Show, and is the quilt artist in residence at Empty Spools at Asilomar, CA. Our president, Sylvia Zeveloff, attends Asilomar each year. We're delighted that Sylvia extended the Empire invitation to a long time quilt artist and friend.

As I suggested that my very good friend Cathie Hoover be invited to speak to our guild, I thought I would write a few words to introduce her as she usually teaches out west and is not as well known here in New York.

I met her in a Nancy Crow workshop class at Asilomar in Monterey, California more than 15 years ago. We sat near each other and I discovered she was witty, humorous, helpful and fun to have a class with (this was my first quilting workshop). After that year we met several times at these seminars and we became friendly although we lived at opposite ends of this country.

I have seen her in action and her talks are dynamic, informative and fun. I am sure you will enjoy both her Saturday talk and her Sunday workshop and I hope that there will be an enthusiastic response for her workshop.

---- Sylvia Zeveloff

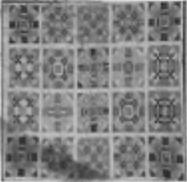
The Charity Committee is in need of more help at each meeting. If you are interested, please see **Alice Oberstein, Denise Walsh-Horowitz** or **Marion Webber** at the Charity Table before any meeting. The following items were donated at our June meeting: **Barbara Hull** - 1 quilt, **Beth Pile** - 1 quilt; **Betty Chen** - 4 quilts; **Linora Hoffman** - 1 quilt; **Jessie Grant** - 2 quilts; **Doreen Lynn Saunders** - 2 quilts; **Marge Geary** - 6 hats; and 2 bags of fabric were donated by **Evelyn Berkowitz**. We would also like to thank **Lisette Zichlinsky, Anna Krassy** and **Alice Oberstein** for delivering quilts.

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SHOW & TELL

We got to see the following members' quilt projects at our June meeting: **Martha Phillips:** Silk Shawl; **Rhona Triggs:** Northside Center Quilt; **Lee Ebs:** Class Reunion Crazy Quilt; **Marge Geary:** Stack A Deck Placemats and Christmas Bulls Eye Block Swap; **Pat Decker:** Color Me Crazy; Log Cabin; and Round Robin; and **Janet Randolph:** 2 Bags; Bowl; and Quilt.

TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 2003 - August 17, 2004

Income

Advertising	1,343.50
Member Flea Mkt	155.60
Guest Fees	220.00
Guild Sales	1,148.87
Library Income	366.10
Membership Fees	11,115.00
Mtg Raffle	787.00
Retreat Income	7,024.00
Scrap Table	634.06
Vendors	834.40
Workshop Fees	1,945.00
Total Income	25,573.53

Expenses

Cost of Guild Sales	628.02
Insurance	1,168.00
Misc Mtg Exp	702.10
Newsltr Printing	2,324.58
P.O. Box	125.40
Postage	1,177.83
Raffle Quilt Exp	104.14
Rent @ FIT	7,000.00
Retreat Expenses	7,041.49
Speaker Exp	1,137.26
Speaker Prog Fee	1,625.00
Subscriptions	21.95
Website	370.35
Wrkshp Exp	2,245.00
Total Expenses	25,671.12

RAFFLE QUILT COMMITTEE

On June 13th, members of the **Raffle Quilt Committee -- Kitty Squier, Alice Brody, Betty Chen, Sylvia Hughes, Paula Kenney, Anna Krassy and Dawn Rhodes -- together with Marie Annoual, Liz Burpee, Mary Butler, Sandra Cain, Anna Lega, and Veronique Milliez,** completed the assembly of the kimono quilt top. Almost 200 blocks were collected from the guild members, making the final editing process quite difficult.

The quilt has already been beautifully machine quilted by **Lauren Smetko.** The end result is a truly stunning quilt.

Wondering what became of the "extra" kimono blocks? Well...they will either be assembled into another quilt or several smaller items. Volunteers willing to put the remainder blocks together should contact Sylvia Zeveloff. We don't want all those wonderful kimono blocks to become a guild "UFO".

Special Thanks to **Kitty Squire, Alice Brody, Anna Krassy, Paula Kenney and Sylvia Hughes** for the wonderful Guild Sales Table at the June meeting which netted \$444.85 in profit for the Show fund. There are still t-shirts and lanyards available for purchase.



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Empire Quilters Guild is dedicated to the art and craft of quilting. The collaboration promotes equally creativity and charity as it seeks to give the group a presence in the quilting and larger communities.

Annual Membership entitles you to attend all meetings, receive newsletters, discounts at area quilt shops, use of the lending library, the opportunity to serve on a volunteer committee and priority on bus trips.

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Raffle:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Membership:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ways & Means:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Library:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Archives:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Charm Swap:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bus Trips:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Block of the Month:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Programs:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quilter of the Month:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Share Table:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scrap Table:	<input type="checkbox"/>

Are you a member of the National Quilting Association? _____ Yes _____ No

Do you have special skills that you'd like the guild to know about? (i.e. grant writing, lawyer, public relations specialist, graphic designer, etc.). If so, please describe here:

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LIBRARY NEWS

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. Our next 'quilting season' promises to be a busy and exciting one because of the many activities planned for our meetings and the preparations for our Empire Show. Now is also the time to select your activities on behalf of our organization. All of the standing committees have need of members to prepare activities and to plan for next year. Working on these committees is a great way to meet new friends and to assure the future of our activities. The Library Committee would love to have more members join us each month to help with the distribution of our great books and magazines. Only 60-90 minutes a month is needed. Please sign up at the September meeting.

At the June meeting our members once again shared their books and magazines and we thank **Betty Chen, Anne Townley, Diane Rubenstein, Carmen Perez, Joanne Downes, Stefanie Sheehan, Arlene Wiozyk, Andrea Tebesceff, Franziska Riede, and Sr. Cynthia Cunningham** for their donations. I hope that everyone enjoyed the book sale that was so well run by **Tina Barth, Pearl Chow, and "Cookie" Hodges** with the proceeds going into the Empire fund for the Show.

Our Book Cart has been suffering from 'sore feet' but new wheels are on order. We hope to see everyone in September. ---- *Catherine Bancroft*

SHARE TABLE

After sewing all summer, scrap bags got full, so...bring those scraps in and drop them off at the Share Table before the start of the meeting.

GUILD SHOW

The Empire Quilters Guild is a voluntary organization. It can succeed or not depending on how many members choose to volunteer on our various group projects. Our biggest project has always been a quilt show. With our current available funds, a show will not be possible. But, we can work on raising money.

We made a start by working on the kimono blocks that many members made. Those blocks were then made into the full size quilt that we plan to raffle off later this year. Now we need to sell at least four books of chances per member to continue the fund raising we started in June. But, if we want to have a show at some point down the road, we will need to come up with additional ways to raise money. That can't be done by just a few members, everyone needs to be involved.

The guild is at a crossroads. Members can either step up to the plate and use their many skills to have an active and vibrant guild or we can sit on our hands and wait for someone else to do something. If members choose to just sit on their hands, the guild might survive but it will certainly not thrive.

---- *Sylvia Hughes*

FOCUS GROUP

"Bead-o-Mania" (11 AM - 12:30 PM)
Learn to make a small wall-hanging or pillow top using color, color, color, trims, beads and imagination. First meeting will focus on fabric selection and design. Projects can be done by hand or machine. For further info, call Pat Decker at 212-725-5345.

DECEMBER AUCTION

THE AUCTION IS COMING!!! THE AUCTION IS COMING!!!

The auction raffle quilt group has done a grand job with the first phase of raising funds for a future show! Their summer has been devoted to the number one prize in our fundraising effort. Now it's time for the rest of us to pitch in to make it a grand success. **What will you contribute to the auction?**

There's a wide variety of items that make attractive auction items. The best suggestions come straight from the members themselves.

In order to list the items that you will share, we are setting up an **AUCTION PHONE BANK**. Skill: Enjoy talking with other quilters. Willing to do it from home. Task: Contact members. Write out a list of their commitments. Needed: Six people to make the phone calls. One captain to collate all the results. It must be finished in the next 30-40 days. All help is welcome. Even if you cannot always make it to the meetings, this is a great way to serve on an Empire activity.

To volunteer: Sign up at the membership table or e-mail Barbara Hull (Program Chair) at BrbHull@aol.com with subject line: "Empire Auction" or call Barbara or a board member.

Other skills needed: Auctioneers; manage silent auction; run flea market tables; set up/take down; refreshments; accounting. Friends and family are welcome.

Don't carp. Get out there and call! And quilt, quilt, quilt! Let's all get on board and make this a rousing success on December 11th!!!

OCTOBER WORKSHOP

**** NOTE:** THIS WORKSHOP IS ON THE SUNDAY **BEFORE** OUR OCTOBER MEETING. ******

FACE PAINTING with Bonnie Lyn McCaffery OCTOBER 3, 2004 343 EIGHTH AVE. 9:30 AM - 4 PM \$75.

Back by popular demand, Bonnie Lyn will show us how to create a face on fabric. She works from a photo and teaches techniques that allow you to transfer a family member, friend or dream lover to a quilt. Bring yourself and your enthusiasm. Bonnie brings the kit with everything you need. This is a NO MACHINE workshop. Make your check out to: EMPIRE QUILTERS and mail to M. Butler, 10 W. 95 St., NYC, NY 10025. **Pre-registration is required in order to have enough kits prepared.**

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WELCOMING COMMITTEE: Do you remember how it felt at your first meeting when you didn't know anyone? Well, let's all try to make an effort to make new members feel welcomed. Introduce yourself and don't just chat with old friends, make new ones! Just help at one meeting or all year long. Speak to Sylvia Zeveloff, Marilyn Korn or Joan Hellmann to find out what else you can do.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH COORDINATOR: This entails choosing a block to be featured each month, drawing it up for printing, and preparing one sample block for the month. **Dorothea Hahn** is kindly helping us out for September but we need someone to take over for October and the rest of the year. It's easy, speak to Sylvia Zeveloff at the September meeting if you're interested.



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BLOCK OF THE MONTH

For each block you make, you get a chance to win ALL the blocks made. September's block of the month is printed in your June newsletter.

Here's a simple block for October: **Crazy 9-Patch in Fall Colors** made from nine 3-1/2" squares to end up with a 9-1/2" unfinished square.

Unless someone steps up to serve as the BOM Coordinator, we can't continue this feature.

SHOWS & EVENTS

"Art of the Needle: 100 Masterpiece Quilts" until 10/31 Shelburne Museum, Shelburne, VT. 802-985-3346 or www.shelburnemuseum.org.

"Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza XI" 9/16-19 Fort Washington Expo Center, Ft. Washington, PA. 215-862-5828 or www.quiltfest.com.

"Bennington Quiltfest" 9/18-19 Mt. Anthony Union High School, Park Street, Bennington, VT. Quiet Valley Quilt Guild. Featuring Sylvia Einstein. Info: Judith Smith at 802-823-4631 or www.benningtonquiltfest.com.

"Quilters Showcase IV" 10/2-3 The Hartford, 200 Hopmeadow St., Route 10/202, Simsbury, CT. Info: Send SASE to Bonnie J. Llopis, 3 Richmond Dr., Plymouth, CT 06782 or www.fvqi.com.

"The Ocean's the Limit" 10/16-17 The Smithtown Stitchers Quilt Guild, Stony Brook University Student Activity Center. www.quiltsmith.org.

Shoreline Quilter's Guild Show 10/16-17 Old Stone Church, 251 Main Street, East Haven, CT. www.shorelinequilters.netfirms.com.

"Evening Star Quilters" 11/6-7 Mineola Community Center, 155 Washington Ave., Mineola, NY. \$5 or \$3 for sr. & under 12. Exhibit, vendors, member boutique, quilt raffle and sewing machine raffle. www.eveningstarquilters.org.

SPEAKERS

In the wake of 9/11, travel restrictions limit the size and weight of objects that passengers carry. Many of us experienced this during our summer vacation. Due to these restrictions, teachers/lecturers in the quilting world can no longer carry the same number of items. Most have developed alternative audiovisual presentations. Programs at Empire Quilters include a mix of local, regional and national speakers. These restrictions will affect some of the Empire Programs. Please remember the circumstances. Be sure to offer every speaker/teacher your warmest welcome.

--- Barbara Hull

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We want to say "THANK YOU" to City Quilter for their generosity in donating the batting and a big discount on fabrics used to make the kimono raffle quilt!

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Deadline for the October 2004 issue: **September 15, 2004**. Please send information to: Betty Chen, 67-75 Fleet St., Forest Hills, NY 11375 or email BettyChenESQ@Hotmail.com.

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