

Old Chelsea Station P.O. Box 1293 New York, NY 10113

Next Meeting: February 12, 2005 11 AM to 12 PM -- Board Meeting 1 PM to 5 PM -- General Meeting

Fashion Institute of Technology (F.I.T.) David Dubinsky Center, 8th Floor West 27th Street & 8th Avenue, NYC Guest Fee: \$5

PROGRAM: Charity Day **VENDOR:** None **QUILTER OF THE MONTH: None**

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PROGRAM

CHARITY DAY

Our annual Charity Day is here once again. Please bring your sewing machine (if you can), sewing supplies, extension cord (if you are using a machine), iron, fabric, tops, bottoms, and yarn for tying.

The City Quilter is once again donating the batting for our charity guilts. THANKS SO MUCH to City Quilter!

Please do you best to attend this funfilled day. There are lots of adults and kids waiting for your quilts.

See you at Charity Day.

--- Denise Walsh-Horowitz Chair, Service Committee



CANCELLED FOR FEBRUARY

During February, all our energies will be focused on making charity quilts. Therefore, the following regular activities are being cancelled:

- No Focus Groups, other than the one related to making charity quilts.
- No Library, other than accepting books for returns.
- No Show & Tell
- No Raffles
- No Scrap Table
- No Block of the Month
- No Quilter of the Month
- No Workshop on Sunday Don't worry . . . everything will be back in March.

If you've never come to a Charity Day meeting, you should. It's the only meeting where you can talk the whole time without anyone shushing you!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The February meeting will be our annual charity workshop and I am hoping that there will be a large turnout so that we can complete as many quilts as possible.

We have had such success in the past that the Guild is getting more and more requests for any and all the quilts we can provide. Even if we are unable to grant all these requests, we can try our best to make as many as possible. We can be proud that we are helping to the best of our abilities.

When the news we read and hear about each day is so tragic and sad, it feels more satisfying to know we are doing the best we can.

See you at the February 12th meeting.

--- Sylvia Zeveloff

IMPORTANT DATES

** Mark Your Calendars **

2/12 (Sat) - Charity Day. No vendor.

2/13 (Sun) - No Workshop

3/12 (Sat) - Vendor: Prints Charming

3/13 (Sun) – Workshop: TBA

4/9 (Sat) - Vendor: TBA

5/14 (Sat) – Vendor: Bailey & Murphy **6/11 (Sat)** – Members' Flea Market







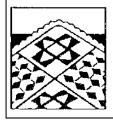


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WELCOMING COMMITTEE

I think the Welcoming Committee is going to be a positive thing for the Guild. I will be working on more ideas to welcome folks. If you would like to help, contact me at *bpile @optonline.net*.

--- Beth Pile

KIMONO RAFFLE QUILT WINNER

Helen Repsted, from Howard Beach (Queens), quilts with the Brooklyn Guild where she is the photographer for their "Show and Tell". She is a very gifted photographer and besides buying the winning raffle ticket also contributed two framed photographs for our December Auction. Congratulations!

SHOW & TELL

Once again our members showed off their stuff at our January meeting: Evelyn Martin-Designer unknown from Tina Charity Table; Barth-Isabelle Rose: Sandra Cain-Vest from Empire Workshop: Claire Leffel-NY Beauty/Reversible; Janet Randolph-Scarves & Name Tag; Betty Chen-Cross Quilt; Sylvia Zeveloff-Japanese Collage 2 & 3; Teresa Vega-Under the Crystal Moon; and Drummer; Jackie Basoco-Reggae Music; and Untitled; and **Anna Faustino**-6 quilts.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

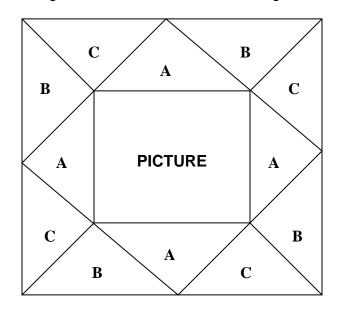
January's Blocks-of-the-Month were made by Marian Webber (1), Marie Annoual (1), Mary Ferry (2), and Rhona Triggs (1) who was the winner of the blocks.

As February is Charity Month there will be no Block of the Month so you will have lots of time to make the one for March, which I think is not only beautiful but very easy to make.

--- Leila Lieberman

MARCH 2005 BLOCK OF THE MONTH Picture Perfect

- First, cut a 6-1/2" square from a fabric you like to make a picture in the center of your block. Look at the colors in your picture and choose three of them.
- Find these colors in your stash.
- Cut a 7-1/4" square from each of them. (All measurements are including the seam allowances.) For simplicity's sake, call one square A, one B and one C.
- Now, cut these 7-1/4" squares diagonally into triangles.
- Last, arrange the triangles as shown in the diagram and you have your Picture Perfect block.
- Bring the block to the March meeting.





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FOCUS GROUP

"Make a Charity Quilt" (10:30 am – 12 pm) Learn how to put together a quick quilt to donate to a charity.

"Regarding the Focus Group on January 8, 2005, on behalf of myself and the group that attended the session "Yo, Yo, Yo", I would like to thank **Mrs. Janet Randolph** for her wonderful presentation. I also would like to thank her for material that she provided. Thank you one more time."

---Alicia Cruz

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The current Executive Board and Committee members will soon be completing their two-year term. A Nominating Committee is being formed to seek out members willing to take over these positions. PLEASE SERIOUSLY THINK ABOUT IT!

If you are curious about the responsibilities, please speak to the current position-holder(s) or a member of the Board. Some jobs require time during meetings (e.g. Scrap Table, Show & Tell, Raffle, Library), some require time commitments before and/or after a meeting (e.g. Newsletter Editor, Newsletter Advertising, By-Laws), while others involve both (e.g. Executive Committee, Membership, Programs).



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SHOWS & EVENTS

The LowerTown Arts District Quilt Walk Juried exhibition of art quilts in Paducah, KY. Entries due by 2/1/05. Cash prizes. Art quilts: Max. size is 40" in any dimension; no min. http://quiltwalk.bluefrogdesigns.com/.

"Faith Ringgold at ACA Galleries" Until 2/5 ACA Galleries, 529 West 20 St., 5th Fl. www.acagalleries.com; 212-206-8080.

"6th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. & Black History Month Art, Memorabilia, Poetry, Quilt Exhibition and Celebration" Until 2/28 York College, Performing Arts Center, 94-45 Guy R. Brewer Blvd., Jamaica, NY. Evelyn Pervis 718-262-3810. FREE.

"The Quilt Fest of NJ" 3/3-6 Garden State Exhibit Center, Somerset, NJ. www.quiltfest.com.

"Hands All Around X Quilt Show" 3/19-20 LeFrak & 'The Cage' Gymnasiums, Amherst College, Rt. 116/South Pleasant St., Amherst, MA Carolyn Croteau 413-584-0845 or croteau71@charter.net.

"Art of the Quilt" Until 3/20 Morris Museum, Morristown, NJ. <u>www.morrismuseum.org</u>; 973-971-3700.

"18th Annual Quilters' Heritage Celebration" 3/31-4/3 Lancaster Host Resort & Conference Center, Lancaster, PA. 217-854-9323; www.ghconline.com.

"The Quilters' Guild of Brooklyn Block Party" 4/9-10 Pratt Institute's Activity Resource Center (ARC), 200 Willoughby Ave., Brooklyn, NY. www.quiltbrooklyn.org. "Our Garden of Quilts" 4/16-17 County Line Quilters, Archbishop Wood High School, 655 York Rd., Warminster, PA. www.countylinequilters.org.

"A World of Quilts XXVI" 4/30-5/1
Northern Star Quilters' Guild, JFK H.S.,
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"NJ Quilt Convention 2005: Garden Party" 6/9-11 NJ Convention & Expo Center, 97 Sunfield Ave., Edison, NJ. www.NJQuilts.org; Deb Stanley 732-591-0257; NJQuilts2005@aol.com or 2005convention@njquilts.org.

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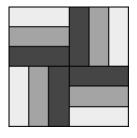
"THANK YOU" BLOCK

Rail Fence Batik Block

We would like to request interested members to donate a block (or more) to a quilt being made for our guest auctioneer at December's Fundraiser - **John McCall**. John did a superb job and he made the afternoon fun and exciting while donating his time to come up from Washington, DC to be our auctioneer. In gratitude we'd like to make him a quilt. John is totally unaware of this gift. He expressed a liking for the batik fabrics at the fundraiser. So, let's take the simplest block in the world - the three-rail fence - and see who can make it in less than ten minutes using a smidgeon of their batik stash.

The Fundraiser chairperson, **Michael Greenberg**, will collect the blocks at the February 12th meeting (our charity quilting bee) and put them together with black sashing and something for borders. Any blocks collected beyond the number needed for the quilt top will be used for another Guild purpose (raffle, auction, etc). Ten minutes of your generous time might bring John back to next year's auction!! Finished four-patch block size: 9"

1) Cut three 2" wide by 22" long strips of 3 different batik fabrics, ranging from light to dark in value. No predominantly black fabric since that will be the sashing color.



- 2) Stitch the strips together along their lengths arranging the strips from light to dark. Use a ¼" seam allowance.
- 3) Press the seam allowances to the darker fabric. You should now have one long block made of three strips.
- 4) Cut this into four equal 5" blocks.
- 5) Rotate each block so that all the darks meet in the middle like the above picture. Stitch together the four-patch and you are done!

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

The following members have volunteered to work on revising our bylaws: Mary Butler, Ruthe Karlin, Pearl Chow, Jill Dube (reviewer), Gail Lefton, Mary Levins, Susan Louis (Chairperson), and Kitty Squire.

If you are a committee member and have not been listed, please notify me.
---Joan Hellmann, 2nd VP
(718) 229-0017

CHARITY

This is the list of quilts donated in January by our members: Rhona Triggs, 2 quilt tops and 1 baby quilt; Veronique Milliez, 2 quilts; Anna Krassy, 1 quilt; June Calendar, 2 quilts; Evelyn Martin, 1 quilt; Elaine Mauceli, 6 baby hats; and Denise Walsh, 6 baby hats.



LIBRARY NEWS

Once again I have to thank our wonderful members for their generosity in donating books and magazines. donations are not just 'cleaning house' but a sharing process with their fellow guilters. By donating to the Library you make it possible for members to experience other books, publications and techniques at low cost. So I thank Rhona Triggs for Quilters Newsletter. Dorothea Hahn for The Love of Quilting, and Susan Stauber, Nancy Gulisano. Towley. **Priscilla** Ann Blakemore and Jane Keller. Also, from November, thanks to Cynthia Currier, Aline Wiczyk, and Joe and Ruby Horansky. And the best news...when you have finished reading we will take them back. No storage problems!

Welcome to **Sylvia** "Cookie" Hodge who has joined us at the Library. If you would like to do your service obligation at the Library table please join us. We have begun cataloging our books. I will place our survey on the registration table in February. The Guild is responsive to its members but we can only respond when *you* provide the information. The Fons & Porter magazine subscription offer is over but I am going to try some of the other publications to see if they will make the same kind of offer.

Amnesty is over. Fines for overdue books begin now! \$1/month. If you can't return a book on time please call me to renew before the meeting, or e-mail me at clbrbny@yahoo.com. --- Catherine Bancroft



TREASURER'S REPORT

| | 12/19/04- | | |
|---------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| | 1/10/05 | YTD | YTD |
| Income | | | |
| Advertising | 0.00 | | 1,589.50 |
| Auction Income: | | | |
| Bake Sale | | 284.90 | |
| Cash Raffle | | 221.00 | |
| Flea Market | | 586.90 | |
| Live Auction | | 4,125.00 | |
| Silent Auction | | 1,836.00 | |
| _ | 0.00 | | 7,053.80 |
| Guest Fees | 85.00 | | 130.00 |
| Guild Sales | 0.00 | | 15.00 |
| Library Income | 18.75 | | 142.85 |
| Membership Fees | 245.00 | | 5,155.00 |
| Mtg Raffle | 105.00 | | 498.00 |
| Raffle Quilt Income | 0.00 | | 1,874.00 |
| Scrap Table | 45.50 | | 271.76 |
| Mtg Vendors | 0.00 | | 360.40 |
| Workshop Fees | 0.00 | | 1,740.00 |
| Total Income | 499.25 | | 18,830.31 |
| Expenses | | | |
| Auction Expenses | 165.95 | | 165.95 |
| Insurance | 0.00 | | 1,054.00 |
| Library Exp | 0.00 | | 143.20 |
| Newsltr Printing | 458.52 | | 1,095.32 |
| P.O. Box | 0.00 | | 118.00 |
| Postage | 13.32 | | 494.47 |
| Raffle Quilt Exp | 0.00 | | 752.48 |
| Rent @ FIT | 0.00 | | 2,500.00 |
| Speaker Exp | 152.78 | | 366.01 |
| Speaker Prog Fee | 550.00 | | 1,050.00 |
| Subscriptions | 0.00 | | 44.90 |
| Website | 0.00 | | 97.75 |
| Wrkshp Exp | 0.00 | | 844.40 |
| Wrkshp Teacher Fee | 0.00 | | 1,050.00 |
| Total Expenses | 1,340.57 | | 9,776.48 |

FRIENDSHIP QUILT TOP

I had an encouraging response to the signing of the friendship quilt top. There is still space to sign. The friendship quilt will return in March. This quilt top was made and is being raffled to make money for the Guild's activities. Join in the signing.

--- Beth Pile

BUS TRIPS

The Quilt Fest of New Jersey
Sat., March 5th to Somerset, NJ. Cost: \$40 per person includes the bus, tip for the driver and admission. We will meet at 31st St & 8th Ave at 8:30 am. We will leave Somerset at 5 pm and should get back to Manhattan by 6 pm, weather & traffic permitting.

Quilters Heritage Celebration Our trip will take place on Sat. & Sun., April 2nd & 3rd. Cost: \$155 per person (double) or \$195 for a single. Singles will be limited, please inquire early. The price includes: the bus, tip for the driver, room & tax, multi-day admission to the show, and dinner on Saturday at Shady Maple Smorgasbord (all-you-can-eat Amish buffet).

If you are interested, please contact me as soon as possible at <u>friede@optonline.net</u> or 631-805-0621. I do need to pay the deposits right after the February Meeting and need sufficient sign-ups by then; otherwise these trips will be cancelled. Both trips are open for members as well as non-members. Strictly first come-first served. Please spread the word to other quilters and friends.

--- Franziska Riede

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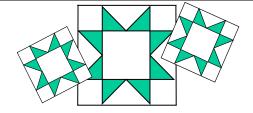
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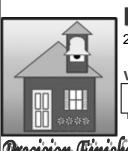
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