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## FIRST CLASS MAIL

**Next Meeting: March 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, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
West 27<sup>th</sup> Street & 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, NYC  
**Guest Fee: \$5**

**PROGRAM:** Elizabeth Rosenberg – My  
Love Affair with the Flowing Line  
**VENDOR:** Prints Charming  
**QUILTER OF THE MONTH:**  
Benedicte Caneill

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### **PROGRAM**

#### **ELIZABETH ROSENBERG – MY LOVE AFFAIR WITH THE FLOWING LINE**

**Elizabeth Rosenberg** uses her sewing machine to create art from fabric and thread. Her award-winning art quilts have been exhibited throughout North America, Europe and Japan. Her carefully crafted pieces feature thread as their focus, creating subtle images formed by lines of free-motion thread work.

Her artwork is inspired by the things that she cares about -- music, nature, literature, and family. Recently, she has become fascinated by the shapes and richly detailed designs found in ancient African rock paintings and carvings, especially those depicting women. She translates them into quilted lines of thread (*continued on p. 2*)

### **WORKSHOP**

#### **QUILTING WITH ANNA FAUSTINO**

**Sunday 3/13 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.**  
**343 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, NYC**  
**\$45 (includes a project kit)**

In January **Anna Faustino** showed us her incredible 'weaving' technique quilts. Members requested a workshop to learn how she strips, curves and weaves fabrics into wondrous quilts. Anna will provide kits with all the fabric needs. You will need to bring an iron, rotary cutter and mat. If you plan to finish the piece, bring your sewing machine, denim or leather needles, the open toe applique foot and yellow, red, gray and black thread. Reservations required. Call 212-662-7771. See you there.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you are reading this I will be in Pacific Grove, on the Monterey peninsula of central California (one of the most beautiful spots in the world), where I come for my annual vacation. I come here to work as hard as possible slaving over a hot sewing machine for hours a day as I enjoy a five-day quilting seminar at Asilomar (a state park and convention center). After this I return home all rested, renewed and ready to work even harder at what I love --- quilting.

Isn't it wonderful that when we are truly passionate about something we can put in hours and hours of intensive work for something we are inspired to do and come out refreshed at the end?

And just to let you know how lucky I am, my younger daughter now lives here in Pacific Grove. Before and after my seminar I visit with her and her darling Old English Sheepdog. I only have to make one cross-country round-trip --- wonderfully efficient.

See you all in April! --- *Sylvia Zeveloff*

## IMPORTANT DATES



**3/12 (Sat)** – Elizabeth Rosenberg: “My Love Affair with the Flowing Line”. Vendor: Prints Charming.

**3/13 (Sun)** – Workshop: Quilting with Anna Faustino.

**4/9 (Sat)** – Irma Gail Hatcher: “Designing Your Own Traditional Quilt”. Vendor: TBA

**4/10 (Sun)** – Workshop: Baltimore Album Style Blocks with Irma Gail Hatcher.

**5/14 (Sat)** – Speaker: TBA. Vendor: Bailey & Murphy.

**5/15 (Sun)** – Workshop: TBA.

**\*6/5 (Sun)** – Workshop: African Mosaic Quilting with Lisa Shepard Stewart. (\*Note: First Sunday of the month)

**6/11 (Sat)** – Mary Anne Ciccotelli: “The Legacy Lives On: Five Generations of Quilters”. Members’ Flea Market.

Empire Quilters, Inc. is a non-profit organization founded in 1982 to preserve and promote the tradition, culture, and history of quilt-making, and to foster good fellowship among persons interested in the art of quilting in the greater New York area. The Guild has a continuing commitment to raising the level of appreciation of quilts among the general public, to using our talents in service to our community, and to the exchanging of our skills, ideas, and visions with one another. NQA Chapter 494. Old Chelsea Station, P.O. Box 1293, New York, NY 10113.

## PROGRAM

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upon cloth, and by doing so, pays tribute to the ancient artists who left their mysterious drawings upon the rock walls of Africa many thousands of years ago.

In the art world, "Line" with a capital "L" is used to create depth and shape. In the quilting world, it can be used the same way, and you don't have to be an artist to understand how! In this interesting, informative and personal slide presentation, Elizabeth will show you how a flowing line can transform a "blah" design into one with a sense of excitement and motion. She will also bring several quilts.

For more information about Elizabeth Rosenberg, visit her website: [www.ElizabethRosenberg.com](http://www.ElizabethRosenberg.com).

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



“Happy Birthday to You” to all those born in March! **Helen F. Lynch, Neida Bonilla, May Eason, Marilyn Lutzker, Nancy Lynch, Pam Williams, Evelyn Berkowitz, Maggie Williamson, Lisa Belle, Arlene Wiczky, Miriam Weintraub, Elaine Mauceli, Benedicte Caneill, Marjorie Kruty, Jessie Grant, Joann Montalbano, Annie Jeffrey, Judy Isaacs, Ulla-Britta McCarthy, Alice C. Palmer, Pat Sanftner, Odell Grant, Ellen Knudsen and Mary Levins.**

## BUS TRIPS



**The Quilt Fest of New Jersey**  
Sat., March 5<sup>th</sup> to Somerset, NJ.  
\$40 per person includes the bus, tip for the driver and admission. Meet at 31<sup>st</sup> St & 8<sup>th</sup> Ave at 8:30 am. Leaving Somerset at 5 pm and should get back to Manhattan by 6 pm, weather & traffic permitting. **A few seats are still available.**

**Quilters Heritage Celebration** Sat. & Sun., April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>. \$155 per person (double) or \$195 (single) 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). **We still need a few more people; otherwise, this trip will have to be cancelled.**

If interested, please contact Fran immediately: [friede@optonline.net](mailto:friede@optonline.net) or 631-805-0621.

**Both of these trips are open to members and non-members.** Bring along a friend or family member. Please help spread the word.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

### PLEASE PAY UP

In order to assist our new officers in an orderly transition, it would be greatly appreciated if you paid your dues for the 2005-2006 season prior to or at the June meeting.

As an incentive, we are offering a gift! Your choice of one of three items --- *while supplies last*.

Membership applications will be printed in the upcoming newsletters. Otherwise you can renew your membership at the meetings.

Thank you for your continued support of this wonderful quilting guild.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

|                       | 1/11/2005<br>2/13/2005 | YTD      | YTD              |
|-----------------------|------------------------|----------|------------------|
| <b>Income</b>         |                        |          |                  |
| 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         |
| Friendship Quilt      | 30.00                  |          | 30.00            |
| Guest Fees            |                        |          | 130.00           |
| Guild Sales           | 0.00                   |          | 15.00            |
| Library Income        | 0.00                   |          | 142.85           |
| Membership Fees       | 175.00                 |          | 5,330.00         |
| Mtg Raffle            | 0.00                   |          | 498.00           |
| Raffle Quilt Income   | 2,603.00               |          | 4,477.00         |
| Scrap Table           | 0.00                   |          | 271.76           |
| Mtg Vendors           | 100.00                 |          | 460.40           |
| Workshop Fees         | 0.00                   |          | 1,740.00         |
| <b>Total Income</b>   | <b>2,908.00</b>        |          | <b>21,738.31</b> |
| <b>Expenses</b>       |                        |          |                  |
| Auction Expenses      | 0.00                   |          | 165.95           |
| Insurance             | 0.00                   |          | 1,054.00         |
| Library Exp           | 0.00                   |          | 143.20           |
| Newsltr Printing      | 325.48                 |          | 1,420.80         |
| P.O. Box              | 0.00                   |          | 118.00           |
| Postage               | 192.40                 |          | 686.87           |
| Raffle Quilt Exp      | 0.00                   |          | 752.48           |
| Rent @ FIT            | 2,500.00               |          | 5,000.00         |
| Speaker Exp           | 0.00                   |          | 366.01           |
| Speaker Prog Fee      | 0.00                   |          | 1,050.00         |
| Subscriptions         | 0.00                   |          | 44.90            |
| Website               | 43.90                  |          | 141.65           |
| Wrkshp Exp            | 200.00                 |          | 1,044.40         |
| Wrkshp Teacher Fee    | 0.00                   |          | 1,050.00         |
| <b>Total Expenses</b> | <b>3,261.78</b>        |          | <b>13,038.26</b> |

## FRIENDSHIP QUILT TOP

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

## NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The following are the names of the nominees -- both Officers and Chairs -- for the 2005-2007 term. Voting will take place at the April 2005 meeting.

**President** - Jennifer Bigelow\*

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**Second VP** - Michael Greenberg\*

**Treasurer** - Kitty Squire\*

**Secretary** - Joan Hellmann\*

**Block of the Month** - Leila Lieberman

**Bus Trips** - Franziska Riede

**Focus Groups** - Dorothy Arkell

**Historian & Archivist** - Mary Levins

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**Newsletter Mailing** - Susan Louis\*

**Programs** - Barbara Hull

**Quilter of the Month** - Natalie Garfinkle

**Raffle** - Pat Decker\*; Anita Duncan\*; Joann Montalbano\*

**Service Committee** – Denise Walsh-Horowitz; Alice Oberstein; Marian Webber

**Share Table** - Veronique Milliez; Anna Krassy\*

**Show & Tell** - Sylvia Hughes\*

**Sunshine/NQA Chapter Coordinator** - Beth Pile

**Ways & Means** – Paula Kenney

**Webmaster** - Cindy Russell

**Welcoming** - Beth Pile

**Workshops** - Mary Butler

\* - indicates new person filing position.

## HOSTING SPEAKERS

The Guild is *extremely* grateful to **Lee Ebs** for hosting several of the past guest speakers, thus saving lots of money for a future quilt show! If you have space available and are willing to host a guest speaker overnight, please let **Barbara Hull** know.

## CHARITY DAY REPORT



Once again, the Empire Quilters have gone above and beyond. On February 12<sup>th</sup>, we estimate that 75 quilts were completed and are being distributed to various organizations.

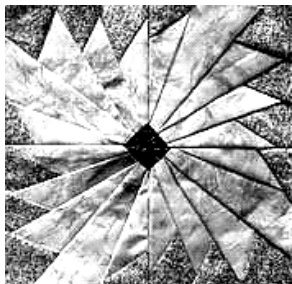
First, Marian and I would like to thank everyone who attended our Charity Day and worked so hard to produce these beautiful quilts. We would especially like to thank those who cut batting (generously donated by **The City Quilter**), lugged in their sewing machines and were busy sewing fronts, backs and batting to each other, our ladies who picked up the batting and delivered it to our meeting, and everyone who tied these beautiful quilts. We would also like to thank our members who are taking home quilts that weren't quite finished to complete and those who are the delivery people.

We know everyone wants to be recognized for what they brought in on Charity Day, so if we forgot some, we are sorry - **Alicia Cruz, Beth Pile, Lee Ebs, Andrea Tebesceff, Ann Faustino, Leila Lieberman, Joan Hellmann, Jennifer Bigelow, Barbara Hull, Naomi Shelnut, Marge Geary, Diane Paul, Betty Chen, Marian Webber, Sylvia Hughes, Carmen Caldeiro, Catherine Bancroft, Paula Kenney, Kitty Squire, Michael Greenberg, Wanda Janicke, Emma Green, Betty Ford, Alice Palmer, Anna Krassy, Judy Shapiro, Mary Butler, Rhona Triggs, Evelyn Martin, Marie Claire Foss, Veronique Milliez, Helen Lynch, Winifred Sanders, Dorothy Arkell, Maggie Williamson, Diane Rubenstein, Pearl Chow**, and our hat ladies, **Fannie D'Avino** and **Anne Townley**. We certainly know the meaning of charity. Thank you.

--- Denise Walsh and Marian Webber

## BLOCK OF THE MONTH

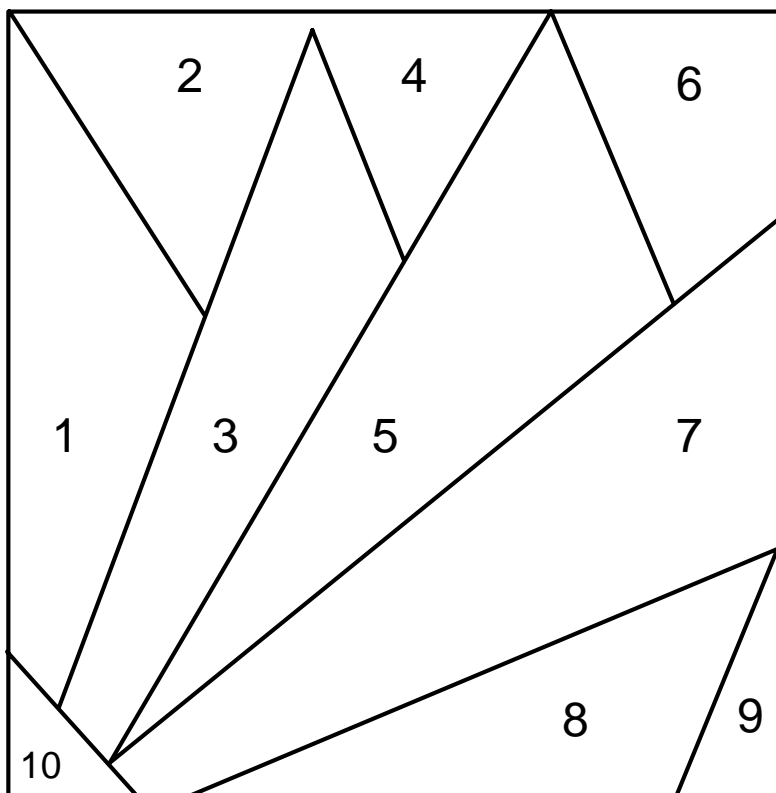
### APRIL 2005 BLOCK OF THE MONTH



Field of Flowers  
Finished size: 8-1/2"

What can be prettier than a beautiful Spring flower? And, what can be easier than piecing by numbers? You can make this flower by sewing four of the 4-1/2" squares shown below (add a 1/4" seam allowance all around each square). Numbers 1, 3, 5, 7 and 8 are the petals of the flower. Numbers 2, 4, 6 and 9 are the background (sky blue) and number 10 is the center. When sewing the 4 squares together make sure that the centers meet. While I made my flower yellow (see [www.empirequilters.net](http://www.empirequilters.net)) I am sure that you will have more imagination and your flower will be unique. Remember, all the flowers in a field are not the same color.

---- Leila Lieberman



## "THANK YOU" BLOCKS

THANK YOU to the **27 EQG members** who donated **50 batik blocks** for a quilt to be gifted to our guest auctioneer at December's Fundraiser - **John McCall**. Members were very generous in churning out a vast number of colorful batik blocks. They will be assembled into a quilt top, sashed, bordered, batted, backed and quilted by **Michael Greenberg** who will bring the quilt to the next Show & Tell after it is finished (hopefully at one of the next two meetings).

Members who kindly participated include: **Betty Chen, Cynthia Russell, Mary Levins, Franziska Riede (3), Mary Butler, Sylvia Hughes (7), Betty Ford, Sylvia Zeveloff (2), Joan Hellmann, Kitty Squire, Emma Green, Lee Ebs (2), Beth Pile (2), Paula Kenney, Carole Hoffman, Naomi Shelnut (4), Sonia Rieber, Alicia Cruz (3), Alice Palmer, Jessie Grant, Janet Randolph, Nancy Castel, Barbara Jackson, Larry Gifford (8), Sandra Cain, Agneta Noe, Anna Lega**, and a few more members who said they still needed to mail theirs to us!

## SHARE TABLE & RAFFLES



After making so many charity quilts, you must have some nice scraps for the Share Table. Drop off your donations before the start of the meeting and come back after Show & Tell to see what goodies you may find!



Our raffles will return at the March meeting so please bring in any quilt-related items that you believe would make a nice prize. Please drop off your items at the beginning of the meeting and don't forget to buy some tickets!



## SHOWS, EVENTS & CHALLENGES

**“Quilt ‘N Queens Exhibit”** Currently on exhibit Queens Borough President’s Office, 120-55 Queens Blvd., Kew Gardens.

**“The Quilt Fest of NJ” 3/3-6** Garden State Exhibit Center, Somerset, NJ.  
[www.quiltfest.com](http://www.quiltfest.com). \*\* **EMPIRE BUS TRIP** \*\*

**“18<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilters’ Heritage Celebration” 3/31-4/3** Lancaster Host Resort & Conference Center, Lancaster, PA. 217-854-9323;  
[www.qhconline.com](http://www.qhconline.com). \*\* **EMPIRE BUS TRIP** \*\*

**“The City Quilter Challenge” 4/1-10** The City Quilter, 133 W. 25 St., NYC. Exhibit of NY-themed quilts using challenge fabric. Deadline for entering a quilt in the challenge is 4/1/05. 212-807-0390 or [www.cityquilter.com](http://www.cityquilter.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](http://www.quiltbrooklyn.org).

**“Girl Scout’s Quilt-In” 4/9-10** Make quilts for the Westchester Medical Center’s Pediatric Cardiology Unit. Need: batting, fabric, thread, needles, scissors, rotary cutters and blades, cutting mats, and rulers. Girl Scout House, Wayman Ave., Scarsdale, NY. Raven Valdes 914-664-6450.

**“American Quilter Society (AQS) Show” 4/20-23** Paducah Expo Center, Paducah, KY. 270-898-7903 or [www.americanquilter.com](http://www.americanquilter.com)

**“A World of Quilts XXVI” 4/30-5/1** Northern Star Quilters’ Guild, JFK H.S., Route 138, Somers, NY. [www.northernstarquilters.com](http://www.northernstarquilters.com).

**“NJ Quilt Convention 2005: Garden Party” 6/9-11** NJ Convention & Expo Center, 97 Sunfield Ave., Edison, NJ. Deb Stanley 732-591-0257;  
[2005convention@njquilts.org](mailto:2005convention@njquilts.org);  
[www.NJQuilts.org](http://www.NJQuilts.org).

**“Travels in Time” Quilt Challenge** Make an “Adventure Quilt” using only Kaye England fabrics for Bernartex. Entry due date 7/5/05. Get official entry form from local independent quilt shop or [www.benartex.com](http://www.benartex.com).

**“The Great Catskill Mountain Quilt Show” 7/9-10** CMF Performance Center, Route 23A, Main St., Hunter, NY 518-263-4908x202  
[www.catskillmtn.org](http://www.catskillmtn.org).

**“SewBatik Challenge”** Design an original batik motif print on the topic of East Meets West. Entries are due 9/1-10/31/05. All the details for the challenge are at [www.SewBatik.com](http://www.SewBatik.com).

## QUILTER OF THE MONTH

### Benedicte Caneill

Benedicte grew up in Toulouse, France. There her grandmother began to teach her hand embroidery. In high school she took drawing and painting courses. As time went by, Benedicte began to pursue a career in science. She first began as a botanist and then she became a biology teacher.

During the Spring of 2001 her husband bought her a sewing machine. She was told that if she took a log cabin quilt class, it would help her learn how to sew in a straight line. She did this and began to become fascinated with fabrics, notions, patterns, color, etc. She then took a basic sewing class. Benedicte now loves experimenting with new techniques and media. She likes to work with paints and dyes.

Recently Benedicte was given an opportunity to teach classes at The Happy Quilter (Valley Cottage, NY) in embellishment, embroidery and painting on fabric.

---- Natalie Garfinkle

## FREE CD OFFER

**Linda Franz**, author of Quilted Diamonds and Quilted Diamonds 2, is offering a *free* CD with patterns designed to celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> birthday of the DJRetreats online list! Just send a new, blank CD-R with a stamped, self-addressed envelope, and appropriate protection for the CD (cardboard, jewel case). If you use 2 pieces of cardboard to protect the CD, your envelope will probably weigh between 2-3 oz. and require 83 cents postage. Mail all this to Linda Franz, 1684 Gulf Shore Blvd N, Naples, FL 34102. For more information, visit [www.lindafranz.com](http://www.lindafranz.com).

## FUTURE WORKSHOPS

**April 10: Irma Gail Hatcher - Baltimore Album Style Blocks** (all levels); 6 hours. Members will need the book (she self-publishes). She will sign all her books after the lecture on Saturday. [www.irmagailhatcher.com](http://www.irmagailhatcher.com) (see "Classes")

**June 5: Please note this is the first Sunday, the week BEFORE Empire's meeting. Lisa Shepard's AFRICAN MOSIACS** This workshop is based on a watercolor-type quilt she showed at our January meeting (photo on our website).

The cost is \$75 including the kit with all the needed fabrics. The kit will be handed out at the May meeting so you will have time to sort the fabrics into color families. You will need to pay the Guild by that meeting. Please call Mary Butler if you plan to take the workshop. It promises to be very exciting and stimulating. No need to bring a sewing machine unless you wish to finish the piece at the workshop. The fabric tiles are pressed into place on a fusible graph.

**Did you inadvertently walk away with a page of Lisa Shepard's sign-up sheet at the January meeting? Please contact Barbara Hull.**

## FOCUS GROUP

**"Yo, Yo, Yo" (10:30 am – 12 pm) REPEAT OF JANUARY.** Sew Traditional, Origami-folded & Diamond yo-yo's. Bring hand needle (thimble, if used), scissors, and pins. Fabric/printout supplied. To members who came in January: bring needle, scissors and 2 small safety pins to learn a Square Puff Yo-Yo. Janet Randolph 973-744-0933.

## SHOW & TELL

Please bring in your quilting projects for Show & Tell. Don't forget to pick up your FREE copy of photos taken at past Show & Tells from **Mary Levins.**

## LIBRARY NEWS



A very generous donation of books was received from **Stefanie Sheehan** for the book sale in June.

You may bring any gift books to the regular meetings.

For any one interested in magazine subscriptions, I will have a special offer in March.

Please bring any overdue books back in March because we want to finish our catalogue and prepare it for inclusion on our website. Since we cannot bring the entire library with us, we would like to set up a procedure for requesting specific books or magazines before the meeting.

*And now for an apology...in attaching my February report by e-mail to Betty Chen I inadvertently sent that of last year. Sorry about that!*

--- Catherine Bancroft

## JUNE FLEA MARKET

As the days grow longer and there is a bit of spring in the air, it is time some of us get an urge to get rid of the "stuff" which seems to accumulate in our homes. Wouldn't it be nice to start the summer with less clutter and more room for some brand new fabric?????????????

The June Flea Market and Bake Sale is the answer to your prayers. It will take place at our final meeting of this season. We are especially interested in donations of items suitable for our "Christmas in June" theme. So, dig out your fabrics, U.F.O.'s or those notions you just had to have and bring them with you in June. We will also be selling baked goods and would welcome all donations. More later!

--- Paula Kenney  
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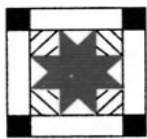
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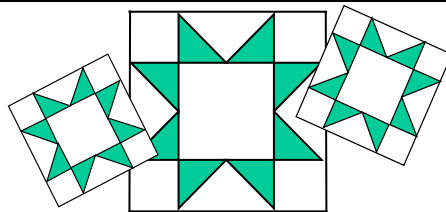
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