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Next Meeting: June 11, 2005
11 AM to 12 PM -- Board Meeting
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Fashion Institute of Technology (F.I.T.)
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Guest Fee: \$5

PROGRAM: Mary Anne Ciccotelli -
"The Legacy Lives On: Five Generations of
Quilters".

Members' Boutique, Library Book Sale
Guild's Bake Sale & Flea Market

PROGRAM

Mary Anne Ciccotelli - "The Legacy Lives On: Five Generations of Quilters"

Mary Anne Ciccotelli will entertain us with the quilting legacy that is in her family, sharing a little about the lives of the quilters who came before her and explaining how she is passing on the love of quilting to her daughters and grand-daughter. During the presentation, she will show five generations of quilts that she has in her home. Also, Mary Anne will talk about her discovery of how you can do more than just put sashings between blocks. You will see more than 20 quilts during the trunk show portion of the presentation.

Mary Anne graduated from Brigham Young University majoring in Business Education with a minor in Business Management. As her daughters were growing, she was a stay-at-home mom while

also working in the mortgage industry.

Having always thought of making quilts for those in need or comfort, after the attacks on the WTC in 2001, she felt compelled to reach out to those families affected in her Westchester community. Being a quilter, she decided to make a quilt for each of the 10 families that had lost someone in the tragedy. The response to her internet request for blocks was so overwhelming that over 30 quilts were made and distributed.

Mary Anne teaches quilting classes in her home studio (the Pelham Art Center) and at Pins and Needles. She also teaches children's sewing classes in her studio and in the local grade schools.

She is a member of Pelham Quilters, The Village Square Quilters, Northern Star Quilter's Guild and Empire Quilters. Mary Anne lives in Pelham, New York with her husband Tom. She is a mother and grandmother.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is my last 'column' as President of the Empire Quilters guild so I want to express what a good time this has been for me. It has been a very positive experience.

The members of the guild have all been welcoming and gracious toward me and I have enjoyed their questions and suggestions.

The officers and chairs have all been hardworking and able, as well as helpful, so that it has been really easy for me to do my job. They made it a pleasure for me, so I most sincerely thank them all. It was inspiring and gave me new impetus for my quilting.

I have met and work with lots of new people and I truly enjoyed the exchange of ideas and working for the betterment of the guild. So, after two years, I can honestly say this has given a real lift to my self-confidence while I was enjoying the job.

I feel that anyone who works for something they love will also get a boost from helping and working with other good people. Now as we plan for the coming quilt show I hope this inspires everyone to do whatever they can to make it happen.

I'll see you all at future meetings because I so enjoy the guild --- the wonderful speakers, the workshops, the vendors, the focus groups, Show and Tell, and most of all the people. I know that in Jennifer Bigelow's capable hands all will go well. Thanks again to my fellow officers who helped me so much.
--- Sylvia

FRIENDSHIP QUILT TOP

The Friendship Quilt Top will be given away in a raffle drawing at the June meeting. Thanks to all who signed the quilt top.

--- Beth Pile

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.

IMPORTANT DATES



***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' Boutique, Library Book Sale, Guild's Bake Sale and Flea Market.

The following is a list of the tentative dates for next year's scheduled meetings at F.I.T.:

Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 19 (*NOTE: this will be the *third* Sat. of the month), Dec. 10, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 11, Apr. 8, May 13, and June 10.

WORKSHOP

African Mosaic Workshop: Lisa Shepard
Sunday 6/5 9:30 am – 4 pm
343 8th Ave @ 27th St.

Kits for this workshop were distributed at the May meeting. Lisa Shepard wants those attending to have the fabric squares sorted into color categories. If you were not able to attend the meeting, please call **Mary Butler** at 212-662-7771.

BUS TRIPS

Shopping Trip to Lancaster County, PA **Sat., Aug. 13; \$45 per person for bus only** **(payment is due by our June meeting)**

We will meet at 7:45 am at 31st St. & 8th Ave. (SW corner of Madison Square Garden). Depending on our decision for dinner, we will return to Manhattan between 8 and 9:30 pm.

We will make definite stops at **Sauders Fabrics** and in Intercourse for **Zooks** and **The Country Store**. Other stops will be added as time permits. We have the option of stopping at Shady Maple Smorgasboard for their all-you-can-eat Amish buffet for dinner. This would be an additional cost of about \$15 which is not included in the price of the trip.

I need at least 33 people signed up to make this trip possible. As of our May meeting I have 19 members signed up. Please spread the word! If I don't have 33 participants by the end of our June meeting I will have to cancel this trip!



PA National Quilt Extravaganza in Fort Washington, PA **Sat., Sept. 17 (the Saturday after our September meeting);** **\$40 per person for Bus & Admission**

We will meet at 7:45 am at 31st St. & 8th Ave. in Manhattan (SW corner of Madison Square Garden). We should arrive at the show at 10 am when it opens. We will depart the Show at 5pm. Weather and Traffic permitting we will be back in Manhattan at 7 pm.

The PA National Quilt Extravaganza is an annual show and competition featuring over 600 quilts & garments on display and a Merchant Mall of over 200 booths. Admission also includes access to the PA Scrapbook & Memories Showcase held in Hall B of the Convention Center.

These trips will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Non-members are

welcome, so if you belong to another of the area's guilds or have friends who might be interested in either of these trips, feel free to hand on this information.

To sign up or if you have questions, please contact me at 631-805-0621 or by e-mail at friede@optonline.net.

--- Franziska Riede

MEMBERSHIP FORM

If you haven't already renewed your membership, the application form is printed within. There are still a few gifts for early renewals. Offer is good while supplies last.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



"Happy Birthday to You" to everyone celebrating a special day in June! **Jackie Basoco, Priscilla Blakemore, Alice Brody, June Calender, Ruth Chambers, Lucia Chan, Janis Comerford, Anita Duncan, Mary Ferry, Margaret Geary, Merle Goldberg, Kathy Ann Kausch, Evylina Ojoe, Marge O'Neill, Beth Pile, Diane Pryor-Holland, Janet Randolph, Kelly Rusinek, Anne Scher, Helen Tiger, and Teresa Vega.** July and August birthdays will be posted on the website. Best wishes to all our summer birthday quilters!

RAFFLES

Special thanks once again to **Sylvia Hughes** for handling the raffles at the May meeting. Thanks to everyone who joined the 50/50 raffle which netted the guild \$58. A big "Thank You" to **Carol Kover**, winner of the 50/50 raffle. After receiving her portion of the winnings (\$58), she generously donated \$20 to the Empire Show Fund. The 50/50 raffle will be back in September, so please save your dollars.

BAKE SALE & FLEA MARKET ON JUNE 11TH

On June 11th, we will have our **BAKE SALE & FLEA MARKET**. Last June was a big success. This year we again look to our members to assist us. Please contribute your unwanted fabrics, UFO's, books and /or any item that is gently used and appropriate to sell. We are also looking for donations of baked goods.

As we come to close this year, I am pleased to see the significant increase in our revenues. Many people are responsible for this. I would like to thank all those who have responded to my pleas for help. The raffle quilt was my first attempt at Guild fundraising --- it was made easier and a lot more fun with help of the Friday Night S&B group: **Kitty Squire, Dawn Rhodes, Anna Krassy, Rossanna Wells, Susan Knaster, and Sylvia Hughes**. Big thanks also to **Alice Brody, Jennifer Bigelow, Pam Wexler, Betty Chen, and Lauren Smetko**, who helped during the frenetic piecing and quilting times. You, the membership, supported our efforts and for that you have our thanks.

I believe that we all have similar goals to strengthen the Guild, explore different quilting topics, make new friends and, finally, have the financial stability and member commitment that it takes to put on a show worthy of the name EMPIRE QUILTERS.

I look forward to seeing you at our Bake Sale & Flea Market. Please note that the Members' Boutique will also be going on. Ten percent of their profits go to the Guild. So please support them as well.

NB: ALL PROFITS FROM GUILD SALES ON 6/11 WILL BE RESTRICTED 100% FOR SHOW COSTS.

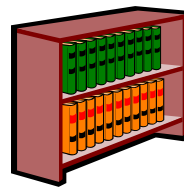
--- *Paula Kenney*
Chair, Ways & Means

Members' Boutique sellers should see Ellen Knudsen (Treasurer) regarding payment of your 10% to the Guild from your sales.

QUILTER OF THE MONTH

Nobody has called Natalie Garfinkle regarding becoming a "Quilter of the Month"!! Unless some of you are willing to share your quilts with the guild at a future meeting, we will not have this feature any more!! You do not need to have a huge collection of completed quilts, just ten or more. So, please, *please* pick up your phone and call **Natalie** at 212-877-4702.

LIBRARY NEWS



Plans for the book sale in June are completed. We hope to have something for everyone to enjoy over the summer.

Be sure to get your library raffle ticket for paid up members. There will be other wonderful special events and sales at the meeting so bring lots of money. Remember that this is a benefit for the Guild Show.

We have received many donations and we thank **Betty Ford, Betty Chen, Anne Townley, Arlene Wiczyc, Sheila Molitz, Alice Palmer, Sandra Cain, Stefanie Sheehan** and **Sara Niego**. Thanks also to those members who dropped books off without signing the donor list. Our members are very generous and caring.

At the June meeting please return any borrowed books, or renew them for the summer. If you will not be here please call me to renew.

Nancy Castel will be taking over as librarian in September and I want to thank everyone for their help and interest over the past two years. It was a lot of fun and it was very helpful as a new quilter to talk to everyone borrowing books for their recommendations and about their own projects. I can recommend serving on any of the service committees if you want to fully enjoy the activities of Empire Quilters.

--- *Catherine Bancroft*



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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.

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

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If yes, which positions interest you?:

Currently all newsletters are distributed by mail. Would you be interested in receiving the newsletter by email?
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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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WELCOMING COMMITTEE

The Welcoming Committee is going very well. I think we are becoming more aware of newcomers. I am still looking for someone to help me when I can not attend the meeting. Any suggestions or thoughts, call 631-286-5532 or e-mail bpile@optonline.net.

--- Beth Pile

SHOW & TELL

Did you see what our members brought in for Show & Tell at the May meeting? If not, check out the website.

Leila Lieberman – Flower Purse; **Naomi Shelnut** – Ethiopian Dolls & Patch Tote; **Janet Randolph** – Starry Flight, Rainbow Log & Fade to Black; **Gloria Bletter** – NY Cityscape; **Anna Krassy** – For the Stars in Her Eyes; **Jackie Basoco** – Mother’s Day Flowers; **Anna Faustino** – Flamenco; **Constance Ricks** – 3 Dancers; **Susan Knaster** – Star Quilt & Japanese Bags; **Beth Pile, Debra Levin, Gloria Letter** and **Sonia Rieber**.

CHARITY REPORT

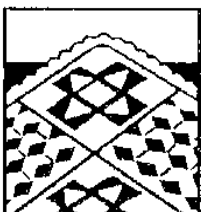
Thank you to all the Empire members who donated quilts this month. We are unable to print your name in this issue, but check in with **Denise** at the Charity table during the June meeting, give her your name, what you donated, and it will be printed in the next issue. Thanks for all your continued hard work.

--- Denise

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Please call **Dorothy Arkell** if you can lead a focus group showing any type of quilt-related topic, either before or after the guild meeting, for one time or as a series.

TREASURER’S REPORT

	4/13/2005 5/17/2005	YTD	YTD
Income			
Advertising	0.00		2,239.50
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	0.00		76.00
Guest Fees	45.00		235.00
Guild Sales	0.00		15.00
Library Income	29.75		254.46
Membership Fees	1,830.00		8,535.00
Mtg Raffle	95.00		936.00
Quilt Show Donation	20.00		20.00
Raffle 50/50	48.00		48.00
Raffle Quilt Income	0.00		4,477.00
Scrap Table	72.75		552.81
Mtg Vendors	0.00		533.95
Workshop Fees	770.00		4,750.00
Total Income	2,910.50		29,726.52
Expenses			
Advertising Exp	0.00		100.00
Auction Expenses	0.00		265.95
Insurance	0.00		1,180.00
Library Exp	0.00		143.20
Newsltr Printing	232.25		2,106.56
P.O. Box	0.00		118.00
Postage	114.70		1,012.47
Raffle Quilt Exp	0.00		752.48
Rent @ FIT	0.00		5,000.00
Speaker Exp	0.00		1,345.01
Speaker Prog Fee	200.00		1,750.00
Subscriptions	0.00		44.90
Website	81.80		223.45
Wrkshp Exp	0.00		1,168.73
Wrkshp Teacher Fee	0.00		1,850.00
Total Expenses	628.75		17,060.75

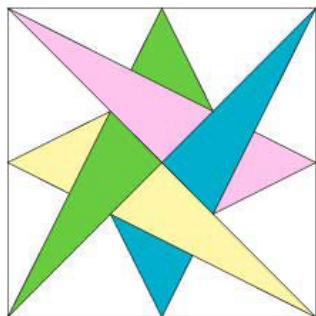
BLOCK OF THE MONTH

The assortment of flowers and butterflies on the wall for the May Block of the Month was outstanding. I enjoyed looking at them and I hope you did also. The participants were: **Carmen Caldeiro** (2), **Veronique Milliez** (2), **Naomi Shelnut** (2), **Marian Webber** (1), and **Beth Pile** (1) who won them all in the drawing.

SEP 2005 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

STARRY PATH

12 inch finished block



This block has a deceptive appearance. It looks really difficult but it is not. What you need to do is to consider that it is really four triangles. To obtain these triangles you need to cut it on both diagonals. I did that to the paper block (which is on the Internet web site) to make that more apparent. Each triangle has the point of one color and the base of another. The block seemed to me that it was calling for bold colors, so that is what I used to make it, and recommend that you do that also.

You need to add 1/4" seam allowance to all the pieces, but if you will look at the pattern pieces you will see that I have drawn an arrow on one side of pattern pieces **c** and **d**. These are the white pieces. I placed the arrows on the outside edges of the pieces and allowed 1/2" seam allowance at that side (1/4" just didn't work). You can trim off the extra when you have finished the block.

Making the block is not difficult if you first cut out all the pieces and arrange them so that you will not be confused about where the pieces will be placed. After that, all you have to do is to sew them. Once

again, I will bring the pattern pieces to the June meeting so that you can pick them up from me and they will also be at www.empirequilters.net. Also, as before, if you need help or pattern pieces, just give me a call at 212-662-6181. Have a great summer!

---- *Leila Lieberman*

SUMMER WEBSITE UPDATES

Thank you to everyone who contributed news, information and suggestions for the guild's website this past season. The website address is www.EmpireQuilters.net. If you haven't visited yet, take a look! It's a great way to stay connected between guild meetings. Updates will be posted throughout the summer, and news items will be highlighted on the home page. Send any quilting-related information that you find interesting to info@EmpireQuilters.net. Your input is valuable and always welcome!

– *Cindy Russell*

MEMBER'S NEWS

Diane Rode Schneck will be teaching an ex-Marine and two of the "Fab Five" on "Queer Eye for a Straight Guy", Tuesday, June 21st at 10 pm.

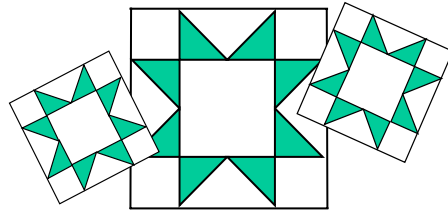
SHOWS & EVENTS

NJ Quilt Convention 6/9-11 NJ Convention & Expo Center, Edison, NJ. www.njqUILts.org

Eastern Long Island Quilter's Hawaiian Holiday 6/11-12 Suffolk County Community College. www.eliqq.org or 516-334-0466.

The Great Catskill Mountain Quilt Show 7/9-10 CMF Performing Arts Center, Hunter, NY www.catskillmtn.org or 518-263-4908 ext 202.

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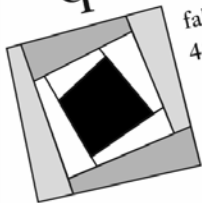
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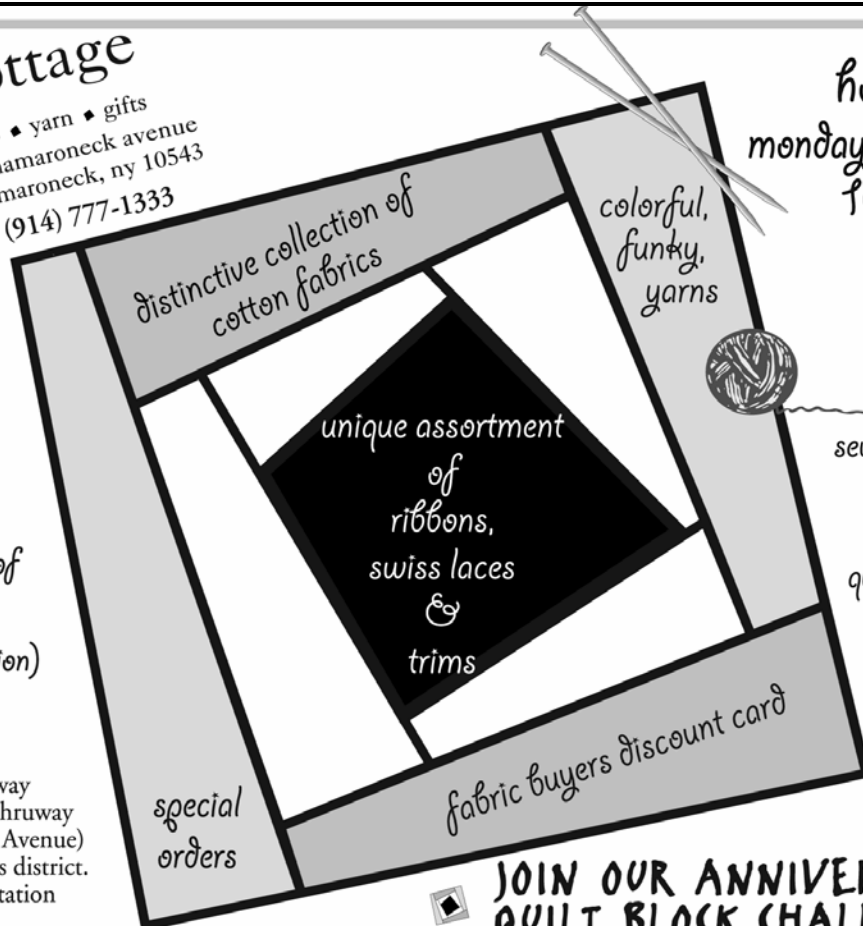
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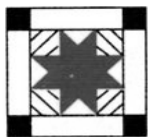
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