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**NEXT MEETING: February 11, 2006
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: Waived This Month**

**PROGRAM: “Empire Charity Day”
VENDOR: None
QUILTER OF THE MONTH: None
WORKSHOP: None**

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PROGRAM

This month is Empire’s Charity Day – February 11, 2006
Come Prepared with your scissors, pins, needles, yarn, etc. **WE ESPECIALLY NEED SEWING MACHINES.**

If you can bring in your sewing machine to help sew the tops and backings together, it would be greatly appreciated! Please call Denise or Marion (Service Committee – see back page of newsletter) and let us know if you are bringing your machine.

We will have as many tops and bottoms put together before the meeting begins as possible. The batting will be here and ready to be cut. This is a great way to spend a February afternoon – make new friends, learn new techniques, share skills with others.

Let’s beat last year’s total of 96 quilts. A very special thank you to “**City Quilter,**” who supplied our batting once again.

Invite your friends to join us. This month the guest fee is waived.

See everyone at “**Charity Day**”---**Denise Walsh-Horowitz, Alice Oberstein, Marion Webber.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Good day everyone. What a wonderful lot of stuff we are all working on as seen at our January UFO meeting. (Michael – even ugly, or in my case weird, can be Wonderful!) Saturday night the winds kicked up, and in CT, where I live, the power went out. By Sunday morning when I got up we had 7 inches of snow. I was lucky that power was back by Sunday afternoon – but when it was coldest, I was sure wishing that some of my many UFOs were actually finished objects.

We are just a little over a year away from when we'll present our Quilt Show. Many members have already stepped up to volunteer for the many teams that are needed to plan and run the show. It's an immense undertaking, as many know and the rest could imagine. Because Empire Quilters is managed and run by volunteers, I encourage each of you to join a committee and help to make it a show we'll be proud of and which we'll enjoy.

Our next meeting is our annual Charity Day meeting. As mentioned in January, the Board has agreed that the quilts, blankets, baby caps, etc. that we assemble before and during that meeting will be delivered to local organizations, as has been our custom. Since September we've been supporting relief efforts related to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. But the local need hasn't diminished, and so we want to dedicate this meeting to our local charities. If any of you know of an organization in need of blankets please let Denise Walsh-Horowitz know the contact information. By the way – for some ideas and patterns please check out the Services page of our website. Denise has presented a lot of good information.

Our Charity Day meeting will have an added spark of interest. We received e-mail from someone at the United Nations asking if a group of about 20 delegate's wives and a couple of hosts could come to our meeting to

work on quilts with us. From the one conversation I've had so far, I suspect that these women are not yet quilters, but are excited to learn. So please be ready to welcome these folks, and to share stories and instruction with them. Marilyn Korn and I will be planning some simple teaching activities so they can see the process we go through to make a quilt – soup to nuts. I'd be glad to have a couple more people join in this activity – so please call or e-mail me to let me know you're interested.

I hope we'll have a blockbuster turnout in February, and I look forward to having a lot of fun doing something that'll feel so good.

Jennifer

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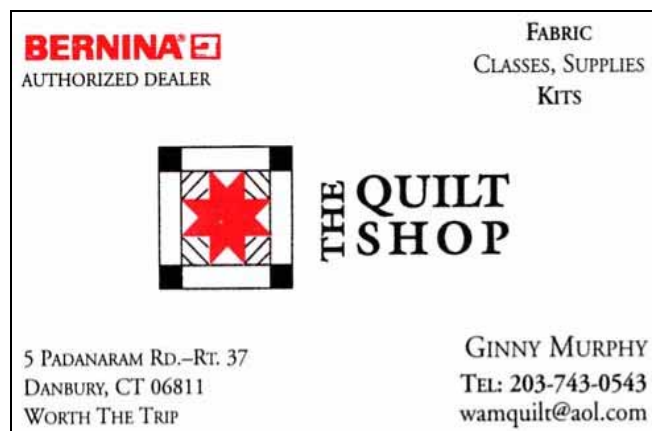
The following people shared completed projects with us at the January meeting.

Anna Faustino (*Disco, Primavera, View From My Window, and Twicks*), Marilyn Korn (*African Mosaic*), Regina Nordquist (first quilt – *For My Mother's 85th Birthday*) Mary Jane Van Loon (*The Heart of the Home*), Mindy Wexler-Marks (*For Giles*)

If you missed the meeting, you can see these works on the guild website. Look for the **Show & Tell** link. Note that there will be *no Show & Tell in February* so we'll have more time to work on Charity Quilts. Plan to bring your Show & Tells in March.



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CHARITY

The Empire Quilters Charity Committee would like to thank the following members for their contributions this month:

Quilts: Jennifer Bigelow (9), Marilyn Lutzker (1), Marilyn Korn (1), Judy Shapiro (2), Pat Decker (2).

Fabric: Marilyn Lutzker, Ulla McCarthy, Veronique Milliez.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES ON WEBSITE

Our board meeting minutes are posted on our website at:

WWW.EMPIREQUILTERS.NET They can be found on the Committees page of the website and are in .pdf format. A password is required to open the file.

If you've forgotten the password, e-mail info@empirequilters.net. When your membership is verified, the password will be e-mailed to you. Additionally, the minutes can be perused at our meeting; they are to be found at our membership table.

Joan Hellmann, Secretary

SUNSHINE/WELCOMING

We had several ladies join Empire this month. New members are always so enthusiastic. Empire is such a nice place to meet fellow quilters. Members keep up the good job of making everyone feel welcome. Our condolences go out to Lee Ebs for the passing

of her husband Ken. Ken was a great help to the guild. He will be missed. **Beth Pile** bpile@optonline.net

FOCUS GROUPS

There will be no focus groups this month. They will return in March.

Crazy Quilt Focus Group:

There will be no crazy quilt focus group this month due to Charity Day. Continue to work on your crazy quilt block. We will be learning how to use beads in March. Bring small seed beads and a beading needle to learn the beading stitches. Any questions call **Beth Pile 631-286-5532** or **Natalie Garfinkle 212-877-4702**.

LIBRARY NEWS

At our January meeting the UFOs were flying!! Barbara Hull created a really fun program to start off our new year with interest and with a chance to meet new members and also to get those pieces finished. The new library hour worked well and we thank all the donors for their books and magazines: Ullabritta McCarthy, Anne Townley, Rita Reid, Anna Faustino, Sheila Molitz, Laverne Ramgoolie, and Barbara Jackson. I think quilters are great recyclers and we all benefit from their thoughtfulness. *And it clears your shelves for more fabrics from the Guild shopping trips coming up.* There will be no library table at the February meeting for Charity Day. If anyone would like to join the library group please see us at the meeting. We meet once a month to prepare the books and work on the catalogue and, of course, we exchange lots of quilting tips. Tina Barth is a great help to us new quilters.

SCRAP TABLE

There will not be a scrap table this month. It will resume in March. Please bring in your scraps at that time.

BOOK REVIEW

Contemporary Quilting by Cindy Walter and Stevii Graves has new techniques with clear explanations and examples of completed quilts, and it has a large gallery of quilts by well known contemporary quilters for the readers' inspiration, some using traditional techniques. We hope for these elements in our quilt books. This book is set apart by the 15 page introduction which is a well written, well researched and welcome history of quilting tools and techniques. I agree with historians who say you can't understand today if you don't know what happened in the past. Although some facts are well known, having it so well delivered in one place was enlightening and helps me appreciate the wonderful variety in today's quilt world. The publisher is KP Books an imprint of F+W Publications, Inc. It's \$24.99.
June Calender

UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 11, 2006 (Rhonda Johnson—copy right issues)

April 8, 2006 (Leslie Levinson)

May 13, 2006 (To be determined)

June 10, 2006 (Joy Saville—"The Creative Process")

For more detailed information, go to the **PROGRAMS** page on the Empire website.



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JANUARY'S UFO'S

In January, members brought in some of their UFO's (UnFinished Objects). Everyone who brought in their UFO's brought them up front to share with the members. Everyone had a great story to go along with their pieces. There were prizes for all who participated.

There were big prizes for UFO's that won in the following categories:

WEIRDEST ITEM: Winner: Jennifer Bigelow, who showed a quilt of "feet" on one side, and sidewalk square with interesting cracks on the other side. Jennifer reported that the emphasis was on looking at our environment for patterns.

WILDEST: Winner: Sandra Samaniego, for her two very colorful entries. Both made use of crayons on the blocks.

UGLIEST FABRIC: Winner: Michael Greenberg for his *lovely* unfinished double wedding ring quilt. Michael won the quilt on E-Bay (he is still glad that he won the templates!) and the colors – well, you've got to see them to believe them!

FUNNIEST STORY: Winner: Sonia Rieber. Sonia started her project in February 2001, and has been working on it off and on for five years. She says she is doing it "wrong" and it is therefore taking *forever*. Sonia also related what all she went through to find and then finally get the ½-inch masking tape that she needed to mark the sewing lines. She had to submit her search story – in writing! – to the wholesaler in order to get her tape.

MOST UFO's: Winner Patricia Decker – who brought in evidence of eighteen different works-in-progress.

Other UFOs were shown by Tina Barth, Priscilla Blakemore, June Calender, Benedicte Caneill, Mary Anne Ciccotelli, Roberta

Jacobs, Agneta Noe, Beth Pile, and Jane Rosenthal.

The day was a great success, and you can see pictures of all of these UFO's by visiting the guild's website. It's a good thing that there wasn't a prize for the "most attractive" or "most beautiful" UFO, because the competition would have been far too intense. Many of our members are in the midst of some very beautiful works! We're looking forward to seeing the finished projects at a future Show & Tell.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

We had a good turnout of hearts in the January meeting. The collection was really beautiful and I hope that all of you had a chance to see it up on the wall. The contributors were: Carmen Caldeiro (2), Anna Krassy (1), Mary Ferry (2), Beth Pile (2), Diane R (1), Marian Webber (1) and Agneta Noe (1) who won them all. Congratulations!

As February is Charity Day we will not have a Block of the Month. However, I did show the March block at the January meeting and received some good comments about it. The picture of the block and the instructions are on the web at www.empirequilters.net and I will be bringing copies of the pattern and the instructions to the February meeting. I will also be available to demonstrate how to make the pattern if there are any questions. See you then! **Leila Lieberman**



**BLOCK OF THE MONTH March, 2006
CAROLINA FAVORITE**

10" finished size (10½" unfinished)

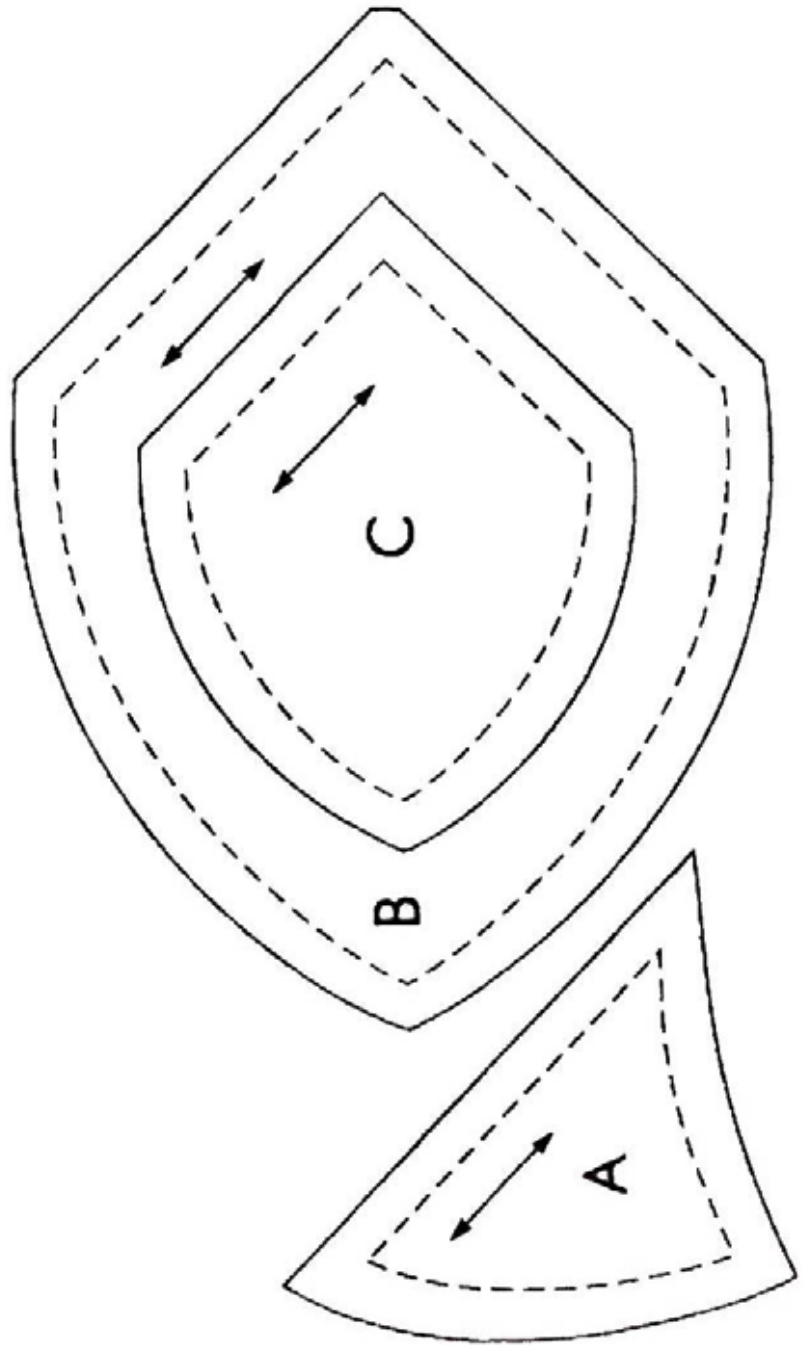
This block comes to us from CHITRA PUBLICATIONS. The design is unusual and was originally sold by Old Chelsea Station Needlecraft Service, a mail-order company which began in 1933. Most of their patterns are no longer available.

This block is made with four squares each measuring 5¾", which are sewn together to make the finished block. As you can see from the picture, there are alternating dark and light pieces. There are three pattern pieces, A, B, and C (B and C are two separate pieces even though they are nested together to save space.) I tried a number of methods to do the appliqué work and believe I have found the simplest way, which follows:

Cut a template of each pattern piece, naming it A, B or C. Then cut a template of each pattern piece **minus** the seam allowance **on the curved edges, naming these, A1, B1 and C1**. The straight edges are placed against the straight sides of the background fabric and their seam allowance is taken up when the squares are sewn together.

The first pattern piece to be sewn to the background fabric should be B, so place the B template on the **outside** of the fabric and trace around it. Removing B from the fabric, place B1 on top of the traced pattern matching the straight edges of the pattern, and trace around the curved edges of this template. As you can see, you have marked the cutting and the sewing edges of the pattern without all the muss, fuss and bother of cutting little pieces of freezer paper and ironing them on.

When you have cut the B pattern you need to trim the curves. If you do not know how to do this, I will be showing how to do all these things at the February 11, 2006 meeting. Then place the B piece in the corner of the



background fabric and sew the curved portion, leaving the straight edges to be incorporated into the seams. When you are finished appliquéing this piece turn the square over and cut out the background fabric, leaving a seam allowance. This will relieve some of the bulk. The A piece makes the little "wings" next to the B. You need to cut one of these in the reverse so that it will fit next to the B when you appliqué them. Do this the same way you marked the B piece, and do the C piece in the

same fashion. Be sure to make the A and C pieces from the opposite hue, whether dark or light, than the C piece.

Admire your work! Bring it to the March 11, 2006 meeting and enter to win the drawing.

Leila Lieberman

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

March 12 - Cutwork with Anna Faustino:

\$45 includes kit. *

May 14 - Fabrics Folios w/ Leslie Levinson:

\$ TBD. More info to follow.

June 11 - African Trails w. Dorothy

Scalice: \$ TBD. More info to follow.

* For March workshop, contact Mary Butler at (212)-662-7771 if you are interested. Kit will be provided (included in cost). Supply list to follow.

EMPIRE BUS TRIPS

Quilt Fest of New Jersey: Somerset, NJ
March 4th, 2006. \$40.00 per person covers both the bus & admission.

We will meet at 31st Street & 8th Avenue at 9 am. Our return trip is scheduled to leave Somerset, New Jersey at 5 pm.

This is only the 2nd year that this show is being held. Last years trip was very popular and filled up fast, so if you are interested, contact me ASAP. The show will have over 400 quilts on display as well as a Merchant Mall (we noticed quite a few merchants last year from the south-eastern U.S. that came up after the Williamsburg show and usually do not frequent our area!). Go to www.quiltfest.com for more information on the show.

Quilters Heritage Celebration: Lancaster, PA. **April 8th - 9th, 2006 (overnight trip!)**
Cost: **\$165** for a double room, **\$200** for a single. This covers the bus, room & tax,

admission for both days as well as dinner on Saturday.

This trip is offered only tentatively. If not enough members sign up, we might not be able to afford the bus!

We will meet at 31st Street & 8th Avenue at 7:45am on Saturday. Our arrival for Lancaster is scheduled for 11 am. You are free to enjoy the show for the rest of the day. At 6 pm we will go to Shady Maple Smorgasbord for their all-you-can-eat Amish buffet for Dinner. Sunday morning is a good time to check out the vendors at our hotel as they open earlier than the Host Inn. Our departure from Lancaster is planned for 4:30 pm. Check out www.qhconline.com for more information on the show.

If you are interested in either one of these trips, please contact me at **631-805-0621** or by e-mail at friede@optonline.net.

Fran Riede

SHOWS & EVENTS

At the **New England Quilt Museum:** 18 Shattuck Street, Lowell, MA 01852. (978)-452-4207. Go to www.nequiltmuseum.org for more info, hours and directions.

January 21 – April 1, 2006.

Best of New England Guilds

This juried exhibit will feature selections from quilts made by the members of the quilting guilds of the six New England states not exhibited before in the New England Quilt Museum or the biennial Images show. Twenty-five to thirty quilts will be accepted for display.

At **The Garden State Exhibit Center:** Somerset, NJ. For more info, go to www.quiltfest.com

Thu – Sun, March 2 – 5, 2006

The Quilt Fest of New Jersey

This festival features over 400 quilts on display, a good merchants mall, workshops and lectures. Featured speakers this year include Melody Johnson, Jennie Rayment, Virginia Walton, and a many other famous names!

Empire Quilters will be taking a bus to this event. *Sign up early!* **See bus trip info on page 8 for more details.**

At the **Freeport Convention Center:** 130 East Merrick Road, Freeport. NY.

Sat - Sun March 25 – 26, 2006

2006 LIQS Quilt Show: “Seams Like We’re Going to Pieces!” Presented by Long Island Quilter’s Society.

Sat – Sun March 25 – 26, 2006

For more info, go to www.liqs.org.

This event can be reached by LIRR. Take the Babylon line to the Freeport Station. Convention Center is a short walk from station.

At the **Lancaster Host Resort & Conference Center:** Lancaster, PA. **19th Annual “Quilter’s Heritage Celebration.”**

For more info go to www.qhconline.com.

April 6 – 9, 2006

Empire Quilters will be taking a bus trip to this event. *Sign up early!* **See bus trip info on page 8 for more details.**

At **The Godwin-Ternbach Museum at Queen’s College:** The Fabric of Cultures: Fashion, Identity, Globalization.

February 14 – June 1, 2006

Displaying 30 garments and many textiles from the collections of the museum and Queens College costume collection..

For more information, call the Hotline for the Arts (718) 997-4724.

At **York College Performing Arts Building:** Artists of Jamaica, Queens.

Thru February 28, 2006. Free Admission

Treasurer's Report

12/15-1/17

Income as of 1/17	Month	Y-T-D
December Fund Raiser		\$ 1,493.00
Fons and Porter		\$ 15.00
Guest Fees	\$ 10.00	\$ 85.00
Interest on Money Market	\$ 20.41	\$ 42.15
Katrina Auction		\$ 200.00
Library Income	\$ 28.00	\$ 140.00
Membership	\$ 145.00	\$ 4,315.00
Monthly Raffles	\$ 120.00	\$ 511.00
Newsletter Advertising		\$ 2,547.70
Share Table	\$ 98.00	\$ 431.50
Quilt Show Sponsor	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Vendor Sales		\$ 302.50 *
Workshops		\$ 1,355.00 *

Total Income \$ 671.41 \$11,687.85

Expenses as of 1/17	Month	Y-T-D
December Fund Raiser Expenses	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Fons and Porter Subscriptions		\$ 80.00
Insurance		\$ 1,122.00
Newsletter Expense	\$ 273.81	\$ 1,453.41
Newsletter Mailing	\$ 103.60	\$ 765.20
Printing and Reproduction		\$ 16.23
Postage-Show		\$ 58.85
Post Office Box		\$ 48.00
Raffle Quilt-Show		\$ 64.13
Refunds on Membership		\$ 75.00
Rent		\$ 5,000.00
Speaker		\$ 575.00 *
Speaker Expenses		\$ 778.27 *
Stationery		\$ 396.88
Website	\$ 21.95	\$ 109.75
Welcoming Committee		\$ 49.66 *
Workshop Expense	\$ 63.95	\$ 1,579.75 *
Workshop Teacher Fees	\$ 190.00	\$ 990.00 *
Total Expenses	\$ 903.31	\$13,162.13

Current Bank Balance as of 1/17/06

Quilt Show Checking	\$ 13,010.49
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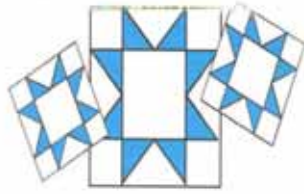
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Membership List

There will be an addendum to the Membership List available at the Membership Table at the February meeting. If anyone did not get their Membership List with their December Newsletter, please see Kitty Squire and she will get it to you.

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FUNDRAISER IDEAS??

Our March, 2007 quilt show is getting closer. We still need to raise more funds to put towards our show. If anyone has any new and fresh ideas, please contact a member of the board. Our Auction last year and our December Nine Patch were great successes.

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 10113. www.empirequilters.net

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MORE SHOWS & EVENTS

At John F. Kennedy High School, Rte 138, Somers, NY. Sat-Sun, May 5 – 6, 2006.

A World of Quilts XXVII presented by Northern Star Quilt Guild.

Cost is \$8.00/day (\$7.00 for Seniors). This event can be reached by Metro North Harlem/Hudson Line. Get off at Golden's Bridge Station. There will be a free shuttle bus to the show all day. For more info go to

www.northernstarquilters.com

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the March, 2006 newsletter is: **Wednesday, February 15, 2006**. Please send information to: Linda Lee Kelly, 950 Oaks Drive, Franklin Square, NY 11010 or e-mail: LKELLY20@OPTONLINE.NET.

For the latest up to the minute info about what's going on in the guild, go to the Empire Quilter's Website at: WWW.EMPIREQUILTERS.NET



New York Disaster Interfaith Services (NYDIS) has opened a Katrina Evacuee Clothing Mart at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church on Church St between Barclay and Vesey. (The A/C/E to Chambers St. or the 2/3 to Park Place.). They will accept the donation of new quilts **Monday-Saturday, 10 am-6 pm**. Their number is **347-387-3678**.

Katrina/Rita Hurricane Relief: Quilts still needed for pre-k to 6th grade. They have over 2,000 student evacuees in Alexandria. Quilts to be sent to: **Rapides Parish School Board 619 Sixth St., Alexandria, LA 71301**
Attn: Karen Lafargue, District Superintendent
318-449-3109
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