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PROGRAM: Professor Rhonda Johnson – Copyright © Issues
VENDOR: Bailey & Murphy
QUILTER OF THE MONTH: Marie T. Annoual
WORKSHOP: “Amazon Jewels” with Anna Faustino

PROGRAM

This month's program will be **Copyright © Issues with Professor Rhonda Johnson**, Head of Access Services, Hostos Community College Library, Bronx, NY.

Learn to protect your own ideas (intellectual property) from others by gaining "rights" to your work. (Continued on page 9).

WORKSHOP

Amazon Jewels w/Anna Faustino Sunday March 12, 9:30 AM - 4 PM @ 343 8th Ave. \$45 includes kit. Our very talented Empire member, Anna Faustino, will demonstrate her

most recent incredible technique. A lacy cutout over a background creates 'a view from outside looking in'. Anna will show how to set the stage and how to shape the 'lace' to add dimension and mystery to your piece. The kit contains all the essential materials. You bring a few basic sewing supplies. Call **Mary Butler 212-662-7771** for reservations.

Supply list for Amazon Jewels workshop:
Sewing machine • pins, scissors, clear invisible thread, 90/14 needle • rotary cutter, cutting board • iron and ironing mat, press cloth • extension cord.

Future workshop info on page 7.

QUILTER OF THE MONTH

Marie T. Annoual


About twenty years ago, one day in the lobby of the Y.W.C.A. at Lexington Avenue and 53RD Street – which is closed now – I noticed a sign inviting to a quilt meeting. I did not know much about quilting, but was interested since I had experience in sewing. I used to make my and my daughter's dresses. I also did machine embroidery. I attended the meeting and became a member of Empire Quilters that very day.

I started by making baby quilts that I gave to my friends for their grandchildren and small wall hangings for my home.

When I retired, I decided to devote more time to quilting and making decorative items for sale, such as wall hangings, pillows, handbags, tote bags, table runners and note cards. I sold from my house and also participated in shows such as "The Craft Alliance show," "The John the Divine Craft Show," and other neighborhood shows in the city.

When I started quilting, I studied the traditional patterns, but did not copy them. I gave them a personal touch. I like geometric patterns and also appliqué work using mostly lively colors.

After 10 years of selling my work, I retired from that business activity. I now make only charity quilts, especially lap quilts, for the Bronx Lebanon Aids care Center.



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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

FEBRUARY'S CHARITY DAY

Denise and Marion would like to thank all our Empire members who braved the threatening snow storm and came to our charity meeting. We totaled about 83 quilts which will be donated to our local facilities. We thank everyone who brought in their quilt tops, those who donated fabric, those who donated thread and to everyone who donated their time and creativity to produce these lovely quilts. We also want to thank our members who are delivering the quilts around the City. Special thanks to Cindy Russel and her husband for photographing all our quilts, too! We also thank City Quilter for donating the batting once again, which is such an important part of our charity day. For all those who took work home to complete, please return your quilts at the future meetings so we can get them off to facilities. Thanks to everyone for a job well done!!

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BLOCK OF THE MONTH

APRIL 2006 BLOCK OF THE MONTH
PINWHEEL STAR. Finished size 10" (10-1/2 unfinished)

This block comes to us from the Fons and Porter 2005 calendar where it was featured as a single block as well as showing an entire quilt made from the block. Directions are as follows:

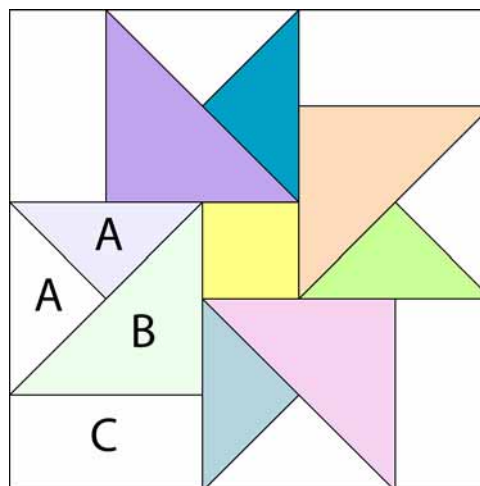
You can use either four different colors (as I have) or two different colors if you choose. Please make these pastels and also use a yellow square for the center and white for the background.

The yellow center square is cut 2-1/2" x 2-1/2". The small A colored triangles are made from 4-1/4 x 4-1/4 inch squares cut twice diagonally.

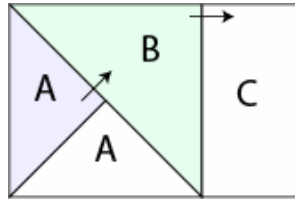
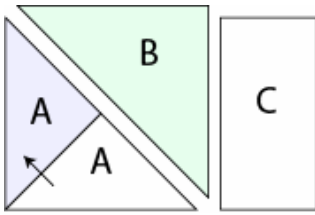
The small white A triangles are made the same way - by cutting a 4-1/4" x 4-1/4 twice diagonally.

The large half-square triangles are made by cutting a 4-7/8" x 4-7/8" square diagonally. The white rectangles measure 2-1/2 x 4-1/2.

Assemble the block as shown in the picture.



CONSTRUCTION DIAGRAM ON PAGE 4



Any questions, see me at meeting. **Leila Lieberman**

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Workshop Expense	\$ 479.15	\$ 1,981.40
Workshop Teacher Fees	\$ 720.80	\$ 1,710.80

Total Expenses \$ 1,758.15 \$ 14,842.78

Current Bank Balance
as of 2/15

Quilt Show Checking	\$ 12,954.55
Guild Checking	\$ 17,362.93
	\$ 30,317.48

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report
1/18-2/15

Income as of 2/15	Month	Y-T-D
December Fund Raiser		\$ 1,493.00
Fons and Porter		\$ 15.00
Guest Fees		\$ 85.00
Interest on Money Market	\$ 21.11	\$ 63.26
Katrina Auction		\$ 200.00
Library Income		\$ 140.00
Membership	\$ 105.00	\$ 4,420.00
Monthly Raffles		\$ 511.00
Newsletter Advertising		\$ 2,547.70
Share Table		\$ 431.50
Quilt Show Sponsor		\$ 250.00
Vendor Sales	\$ 60.31	\$ 362.81
Workshops		\$ 1,355.00
Total Income	\$ 186.42	\$ 11,874.27

Expenses as of 2/15 Month Y-T-D

December Fund Raiser Expenses		\$ 250.00
Fons and Porter Subscriptions		\$ 80.00
Insurance		\$ 1,122.00

EARLY MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

WIN A \$25.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE!

In order to encourage members to renew their membership early, we will be raffling off a \$25.00 gift certificate to the City Quilter. So get your checks, money orders or cash to Maggie or Emma **before** June of 2006 and be entered in our raffle. Just remember, the Membership Committee must receive the renewals prior to the June meeting for you to be eligible.

SUNSHINE/WELCOMING

Our focus group leader Dorothy Arkell fell in Ca. and injured herself. She will most likely not be returning to the guild this season. Her address is in care of: Wayne Cerullo, 966 San

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Simeon Drive, Concord, Ca. 94518. She will be missed. Keep up the work welcoming new members to our guild. The Charity Day was a lot of fun. I saw a few new faces. Spread the word we are a great guild to join. **Beth Pile**

Evelyn Berkowitz, Maggie Williamson, Arlene Wiczuk, Miriam Weintraub, Elaine Mauceli, Benedicte Caneill, Jessie Grant, JoAnn Montalbano, Andrea Tebesceff, Judy Issacs, Annie Jeffrey, Ulla-Britta McCarthy, Alice Palmer, Maria Ting, John Petrozino, Jr., Ruth Nembis, Ellen Knudsen, Mary Levins.

FOCUS GROUPS

“Ongoing Crazy Quilt Group” - 3:30pm – 5:00pm

We will be learning how to decorate our crazy quilt blocks with seed beads this month. Bring basic sewing supplies, beading thread and a beading needle. If you have other beads you would like to try, feel free to bring them. Any questions call **Beth Pile 631-286-5532** or **Natalie Garfinkle 212-877-4702**.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Helen F. Lynch, Neida Bonilla, May Eason, Marilyn Lutzker, Tina Barth, Lisa Belle,

UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 8, 2006 (Leslie Levinson)
May 13, 2006 (To be determined)
June 10, 2006 (Joy Saville-“The Creative Process”)

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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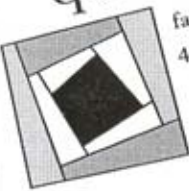
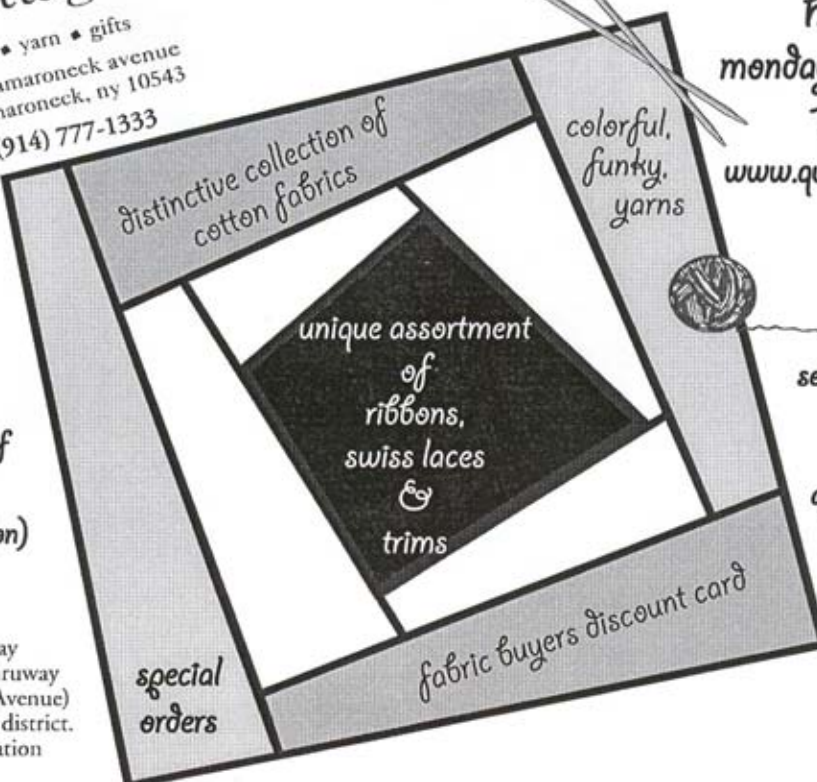

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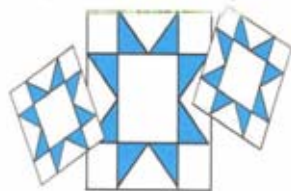
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June: African Trails with Dorothy Scalice \$TBD. Info to come.

RAFFLE QUILT NEWS

Raffle Quilt Chair, Paula Kenney, announced that the final stitch went into the quilt top. A special thanks to Anna Krassy and Jennifer Bigelow for their efforts to ensure the quilt was accurately completed. The two sided raffle quilt will be 96 ½" x 108" and will be machine quilted by Janice Hairston (Maison Janice) of Newark, NJ. Thank you to everyone who made a block(s) for this quilt. Everyone did a great job.

Once quilt is completed, photos will be taken and postcards and posters will be made up. It will soon be time to sell raffle tickets for this beautiful quilt.

SHOWS AND EVENTS

City Quilter's new website features a link to Empire's website under "Quilting in the Area". This is a good source for what is happening in the metro area. It also features events at the shop, goods for sale. They will constantly expand what is available as well as information that is of interest to quilters. Visit from time to time to stay updated on what is happening at City Quilter and in the area. www.cityquilter.com.

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 **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. Contact Fran Riede at friede@optonline.net or call her at **631-805-0621** if you are interested.

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

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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

At **Seymour Middle School,** 211 Mountain Rd, Seymour, CT. **Sat – Sun, April 1 – 2,**

2006 – A Spring Shower of Quilts XI presented by Connecticut Piecemakers.

For more info: www.ctpiecemakers.org.

At **Somerset 4-H Center**, 310 Miltown Rd., Bridgewater, NJ. **Sat – Sun, April 29 – 30, 2006 – Hot Needles Cool Quilts presented by Pieced Together Quilters.** For more info: www.piecedtogetherquilters.org.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greeting Empire Quilters. I want to personally thank all our members and their friends who came and quilted on Saturday. I know the potential blizzard kept a few folks home, but even so, we had a very productive day, making over 80 quilts. I was pleased to welcome a small group from the United Nations – women from several countries including Honduras, Chile, Russia, etc. Thanks to our members who worked closely with them to teach them about quilting, and to finish one of the quilts which is being donated to a United Nations charitable organization. Again and again the visitors remarked to me with delight about how well we all worked together to get done what ever was needed. I felt very proud that Empire Quilters is seen in such a warm light. I'm please to say that one visitor even became a member.

The Raffle Quilt Committee was pleased to announce that the top of the quilt has been completed. We encountered some challenges, but I can say it's a beautiful quilt. My thanks first to the ladies who organized and put it all together – Paula Kenney, Anna Krassy, Kitty Squire, Susan Knaster, Rossanna Wells, and Sylvia Hughes. And, my thanks to all the members who contributed blocks. I know they were a challenge – but I believe when you see the finished quilt you'll know it was worth the effort.

As noted at the meeting, Dorothy Arkell recently had an accident and will not be able to join us for a few months. She has faithfully served as the Focus Groups Chairperson, and has personally run morning focus groups for some time. While we've lined up another member to run a new focus group – which will

be held in the afternoon, immediately following the meeting, - I'm asking for someone to step up to chair the Focus Group committee while Dorothy is unable. If it seems like a lot to take on, please consider taking this up with a friend. I believe that many members want a well-rounded set of focus groups that touch on a variety of quilting topics. And I hope that there are members who will find it enjoyable to share the skills they've developed with other enthusiastic quilters.

Remember - our show is just a little over 1 year away. I'm still figuring out what I'm going to make – and I'm feeling like I'm a bit late in starting. I hope you're all looking forward to the show and will step in whenever help is needed, both during the show weekend (March 24-26, 2007), and between now and then. Larry is always glad to hear from anyone willing to share the workload.

See you soon.

Jennifer

PROGRAM CONTINUED

(Continued from page 1).

Refrain from infringing on the intellectual property rights of others by learning what limitations exist.

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What does this really mean? What obligations does it impose on you as a quilter? What protections does it offer to you as a quilt creator or designer? **(Continued on page 10).**

What if you just love this pattern and several friends offer to pay you to make four copies of the quilt on page 27?

What if you design an original? Are you sure it's original? If it is original, how do you protect your rights to your own creation?

Rhonda Johnson will explore the do's and don'ts of copyright...a very hot issue right now in the quilting world. Rhonda comes to us from a college environment; she is a Professor at Hostos College Library, Bronx, NY. She is often called upon to explain the fine points of "fair use" to the college community. She has also devised an information-packed program for members of the quilting community.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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