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NEXT MEETING:
Saturday, January,
12, 2008

BOARD MEETING:
11:00A.M - 12:00P.M.

GENERAL
MEETING: 1:00P.M.
- 5:00P.M.
Guest Fee: \$10.00
Seniors: \$5.00

PROGRAM: Mark
Lipinski of *Quilter's*
Home Magazine

WORKSHOP: No
Workshop this
month

VENDOR: Sue's
Fabric World

QUILTER OF THE
MONTH: Cathy
Izzo

THIS MONTH'S
HIGHLIGHTS:
Library, Show &
Tell, Raffles, Scrap
Table

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MARK LIPINSKI OF *QUILTER'S HOME* ***MAGAZINE***

Mark Lipinski is an expert designer of quilting, needlework, and rug patterns. That's the short version. He's also one of the quilting industry's most enthusiastic, exciting, encouraging, and entertaining educators and entrepreneurs. A native of Pittsburgh, Mark has also lived in San Francisco, Miami, Chicago and New York City. In each location he's been involved in the local quilting communities (and no, they aren't the same as they were before his involvement!).

Mark's most recent endeavor is a new magazine for Quilters: *Quilter's Home* — for the new generation of quilters. And we are *all* part of that "new generation." In his own words, "Quilters are so rich and diverse, so imaginative and contemporary, I thought it was time for a magazine to both inspire and entertain us through our common love of quilting. And that's exactly what I hope to do with *Quilter's Home*! It's filled with little flights of

fancy, new information, hints, tips and projects to stimulate your mind, body and soul."

We are very happy to welcome Mark to **Empire Quilters**. This is guaranteed to be a presentation you won't want to miss. To find out more about **Mark Lipinski** visit these links:

www.MarkLipinski.com

– Mark's **Pickle Road Studios**, where you will find patterns and information about the classes that Mark conducts.

www.QuiltersHomeMag.com

– Mark's entertaining and useful new quilting magazine.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PickleRoadStudio/>— an active, friendly,

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello everyone. The December meeting was a delight and a wonderful success in so

many ways. I had a lot of fun, and I hope you did too. First – thanks to those who made stockings and toys or brought other items to be used for charity as gifts to children in really tough and heart-wrenching situations. What a superbly generous group we have. Second – a heartfelt thanks to all those who donated items for the auction, the raffle and the fishbowl draw. Third – thanks to all who brought food to share to make our celebration of the winter holidays so pleasant. Fourth – it was wonderful to see the things brought for show and tell. Finally – thanks to everyone who attended the meeting and participated in the many activities and who volunteered in different tasks to make the day the success it was.

As we head into 2008, we will be turning up the heat under our activities for the 2009 show. I didn't mention it at our meeting (an oversight) but we are still in need of a volunteer to head the committee for the Members' Boutique. Two people, of course, can share this role. As we've indicated before, we need to have someone take responsibility now – we need to have a name by January 15, or we will not be offering this as part of our show. If you want to have a boutique – if you are one of the people who would sell items in the boutique – please consider volunteering in this role.

As for the rest of the show, I know some committees are beginning their work, but we'd be so glad to hear from others who are willing to help with planning. Please contact either Paula Kenney or me. Our phone numbers are on the back page of this newsletter. There's lots of work to be done - - we're only a bit more than a year away from the show.

Until we meet again – I wish you good health and many joyous experiences during this beginning of winter. See you in January.

Jennifer

QUILTER OF THE MONTH

After seeing an incredible Matisse-like quilt in a Santa Fe art gallery that she could not afford to buy, Cathy Izzo started quilting in 1990 and became obsessively,

compulsively hooked. Since she was living in Putnam County at the time, she joined the Northern Star Quilters Guild, went to all the meetings, took workshops and was, frankly, amazed at this underground hive of creative energy. Cathy felt that these women were imaginative, intelligent, organized, energetic and kind. They could run the world and it would be a much better place. Cathy says that "having met many more quilters from all over the world, I know my first impressions were right." She left her job at a video editing company in 1996, started The City Quilter in 1997, and has never looked back.

CHARITY COMMITTEE

November

I would like to thank all our members who have given from their hearts during this Holiday season. As I wasn't at the November meeting, I would like to thank the following members for their contributions: **Beth Pile** – 5 premie hats, **Marilyn Lutzker**

– 1 quilt top, 2 teddy bears, **Marie Annoual**, **Mary Ferry** - 1 quilt top, 1 quilt, **Carmen Caldeiro** - 14 baby hats, 1 stocking and 3 teddy bears, **Marge Geary** - 3 quilts, **June Calender** - 2 quilts, **Kate Iscol** - 2 bears, 2 toys, **Pam Leonard Wexler** - 3 quilts, **Mary Butler** - fabric.

December

Now, for the December meeting, just fasten your seatbelts – **Naomi Shelnut** 4 stockings, **Rita Reid** - 3 teddy bears, **Anna Faustino** – stuffed animal, **Kate Iscol** - stocking, bears, stocking stuffers, **Alice Brody** - teddy bear, **Mary Butler** - 3 stockings and stocking stuffers, **Diane Harris** - stocking stuffers, **Felicia Ingram** - 2 stockings and stuffers, **Janet Randolph** - 3 stockings, **Shirley Clark** - 1 stocking, **Marge Geary** - 4 teddy bears, 27 stockings, **Helen Beall** - 6 stockings, 20 toys, **Anna Sinitsyna** – 2 stockings, pens, **Alice Palmer**, 1 stocking and stuffers, **Lucy Torres** - stocking and bears, **Nancy Spatafora** - 2 stockings and 8 teddy bears, **Kitty Squire** - stocking stuffers, 25 stockings and lots and lots and lots of teddy bears, **Sandy Syken** - 7 quilts, 46 baby hats, 2 stockings, **Clarie Leffel**, **Emma Leffel**, **Carole Hoffman** - 10 stockings with stuffers, **Denise Walsh-Horowitz** - 10 stockings, 10 teddy bears, **Barbara Hull** - 6 stockings and stuffers, **Gail Lefton** - stocking stuffers, **Beth Pile** - stockings and bears and stocking stuffers, **Paula Kenny** - stockings, teddy bears and stocking stuffers, **Jennifer Bigelow** - stockings, teddy bears, hats, scarf's, head bands, **Fanny D'Avino** - 12 baby hats, **Sonia Rieber** - stockings and stuffers, **Floraminda Balmaseda** - bears, stockings and book marks, **Sandra Samaniego** - stocking stuffers, **Larry Gifford** - stocking stuffers, **Priscilla Blakemore** - stocking stuffers, **Viola Brown** - stockings and stuffers, **Barbara Fridie** - 3 stockings and stuffers, **Marilyn Korn** - 1 teddy bear and 1 quilt, **Linora Hoffman** - stocking stuffers, **Loren Dieterich** - 1 stocking, **Veronique Milliez** - 2 teddy bears, **Diane Schneck** - 1 teddy bear, **Carol Gray** - 12 stockings, teddy bears and baby dolls, **Alicia Cruz** – stocking stuffers, **May Eason** - stocking stuffers, **Ulla-Britta McCarthy** - stockings, **Blanca Noval** - 3 stockings, **Carmen Caldeiro** - 3 stockings, **Pat Decker** - stocking stuffers, **Diane Paul** - 10 stockings, 2 fabric books, 2 Nutcracker Dolls, 1 Angel Doll, **Joan Goodsell** - 2 stockings and stuffers,

Winifred Sanders - 4 teddy bears, **Elizabeth Adamo** - 6 stockings, **Eve Lee** - 1 quilt, **Rena Rappaport** - stocking stuffers, **Anne Townley** - stockings and stuffers, **Nancy Gulisano** - stocking stuffers, **Gail Sanders** - teddy bears, **Janis Comerford** - 2 teddy bears, **Ligaya Siachongco** - 4 stockings, **Diane Rubenstein** - 1 teddy bear, 4 teddy bear blankets, 4 stockings, **Gardy Nadler** - stockings and stuffers, **Sherry Brown** - 4 toiletry cases stuffed and 3 knitted hats, **Susan Stauber** - 1 quilt, **Mary White** - 1 stocking and teddy bear, **Diane Collier** - 14 premie hats, **Laura Fandino-Swedowsky** - 1 stocking and 1 bear, **Lea Williams Rose** - 1 stocking, **Sandi Howell** - 1 stocking and stuffers, **Mary Ferry** - 1 quilt, **Janina Hannum** - 1 stocking, 2 lambs, **Sara Niego** - stocking stuffers, **Karen Monath** - 5 stockings, 6 teddy bears, **Alicia Hart** - 2 stockings, **Betty Chen** - 4 sock monkeys, 2 stuffed toys, and many stuffers.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank everyone

who contributed to this event and to all the kids who you have made a little happier this Holiday season. I wish everyone a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy Healthy New Year. **Love, Denise Walsh**

**If I forgot anyone, please see me in January, and we will put your name in the next newsletter.

2009 SHOW QUILT

We are going great guns! We have received an additional 27 blocks as well as 7 triangles for a total of 62 blocks and 7 triangles! They are looking great. Don't forget, although you have until the February meeting to finish them, you can bring to the January meeting or you can mail them either to the **Guild PO Box** or directly to **Kitty Squire at 25-31 30th Rd., Apt 1C, Astoria, NY 11102**. Also, please take the time to look at the blocks you have and, if you think that you are not going to be able to finish them, please return package immediately either by mail or at the January meeting-you can even just call or e-mail Kitty Squire and give her the block number only. Thanks again!

2007 QUILT SHOW CATALOG

The Empire Quilters 2007 Urban Inspirations Quilt Show Catalog is now available in print. Pick up an order form at a guild meeting, or contact guild member **Cindy Russell (212-414-9201)**. The catalog is \$45 (which includes shipping).




Marie Annoual was a special guest at the Bronx-Lebanon Special Care Center 7th Annual Aids Education and Awareness Day on November 16. As part of the day's events, the quilts that Marie delivered to them on behalf of Empire Quilters were displayed in the Activity Room. Congratulations and a thank you to Marie for all the hard work she has done for the Guild over the years.

Our new member, **Karen Griska**, has had her quilt, "Sawdust (1633 Pieces)" accepted as a finalist for the Museum of the American Quilter's Society contest, "Sawtooth, New Quilts from an Old Favorite." AQS will be publishing a book with 18 quilts in April of 2008. Karen recently moved to New York from Philadelphia and joined Empire in September of 2007. We congratulate her on this accomplishment and look forward to seeing pictures of the quilt at the January meeting.

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Alicia Cruz (Jan 10), Anita Murphy (Jan 11), Lois Tamir (Jan 11), Diane Collier (Jan 12), Linsay Davis (Jan 12), Fannie D'Avino (Jan 13), Tonya Dyce (Jan 13), Lee Williams Rose (Jan 14), Wendi Higginbotham (Jan 17), Mary Ellen Calamese (Jan 18), Anne Townley (Jan 18), Marjorie Engber (Jan 19), Ruth Chow (Jan 21), Anna Faustino (Jan 25), Barbara Feinstein (Jan 26), Emily Klainberg (Jan 26).

DECEMBER 2007 SHOW & TELL

Thank you to the following members for showing their beautiful items at the December meeting:

Viola Brown (*Advent Calendar*), Shirley Cox (*Trumpets Blaring*), Anna Faustino (*Can't You Wait?* and *Quilty the Rat*), Barbara Fridie (*Psalms Quilt*), Marilyn Korn (*Red Plaid Lap Quilt*), Karen Monath (*Bella's Lucky Lady Bugs* and *Baby's Building Blocks*), Alice Palmer (*Christmas Wall Hanging* and *Holy Family Wall Quilt*), Sonia Rieber (*Hobo Bag* and *Postcard*), Jane Rosenthal (*California*)

Amish), Sandra Samaniego (*Sweatshirt Jacket*), Diane Rode Schneck (*Bull's Eye Quilt* and *Wool Stocking Appliqué*), Ligaya Siachongco (*Tree of Life*), and Rhona Triggs (*Jacket*)

If you missed the meeting, look for pictures of these items on the guild website. And be sure to bring your Show & Tell items to the January Meeting.



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E-MAIL PEN PAL WANTED

Patricia Szkuta from Melbourne, Australia contacted Empire Quilters with the following message:

"My life has taken on a drastic change for the better since I stepped into the world of quilting. I am considering a trip to New York mid 2008 and am looking to find a person willing to be my quilting pen pal by email."

If you wish to contact Patricia, her email address is

pszkuta@optusnet.com.au



SHOWS & EVENTS

**A Legacy in Quilts:
Cyril Irwin Nelson's
Final Gifts to the
American Folk Art
Museum**

**Date: October 31, 2007
– February 24, 2008**

Display of Quilts
Presented By: American
Folk Art Museum
Location: Museum's
Lincoln Square Branch,
2 Lincoln Center
(Columbus Avenue
between 65th and 66th
Streets)

**Hours: Tues–Sat, noon
– 7:30pm; Sun: noon–
6:30pm**

**Cost: Museum
admission: \$9.00**

More Information:
American Folk Art
Museum website:

www.folkartmuseum.org

Display of quilts from
Cyril Irwin Nelson's
quilt collection. Nelson,
who died in 2005, was a
great collector of quilts
ranging from the

sophisticated to the sentimental. Most of these quilts are being exhibited at the museum for the first time.

York College Community Commemorative Quilt Committee Art and Quilt Exhibit

Dates: January 13 – February 24, 2008

Sponsored by: York College, The City University of New York, and the Community Commemorative Quilt Committee

Location: York College Performing Arts Center, 94-45 Guy R. Brewer Blvd., Jamaica, New York

Admission: Free

Hours: Mon - Fri: 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm; Sat: 1:00 – 5:00 pm;

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The City Quilter 10th Anniversary Quilt Show

Date: January 15 – March 2, 2008

Quilt exhibit featuring works by The City Quilter Students

Location: The Williams Club, 24 East 39th Street

Hours & Cost: TBA

For information about the show, contact The City Quilter: 212-807-0390, or

info@cityquilter.com

This exhibit is part of The City Quilter's 10th anniversary celebration activities. The juried show will contain works made by City Quilter students — they've had over 3,500 students to date! — and the works will showcase the techniques learned in the classes held at the shop.

The Quilt Fest of New Jersey

Date: Thu – Sun, Feb 28 – Mar 2, 2008

Location: Garden State Exhibit Center,

Somerset, New Jersey

Hours: Thurs 11:00

am – 6:00 pm; Fri–Sat

10:00am-6:00pm Sun

10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Cost: \$12. For more Information:

www.quiltfest.com

DECEMBER PROGRAM

As you all know, the December meeting was our annual fund raiser day. This was done in conjunction with a charity event. Both parts of the day were a tremendous success. I really did not forget the wonderful food brought by many of the members. These all made for a festive holiday celebration. This all means we helped others, made some money and ate well. What could be better? I want to thank the many members who donated to the auction and raffles and those who provided the food. We had a number of donations from our vendors including, The City Quilter, The Quilt Basket, The Quilters Alley, The Quilt Shop, Batik Tambal, Woodstock Quilters Supply, Cultured Expressions, Quilt Basket, and Jigglestitch (formerly Quilt Essentials). The members and others donating various items were Betty Chen, Anna Foss, Jennifer Bigelow, Nancy Isaacs, Jane Broaddus, Nancy Rabatin, Kitty Squire, Nancy Castel, Janet Randolph, Larry Gifford, Barbara Hull, and Mary Butler, the producers of the "25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee", Debra Levin, Pam Wexler, and Anna Faustino.

Thanks to all of you who brought the overwhelming quality of things to go with the large number of stockings and bears for our homeless and street citizens who need all we can give.

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and I wish you a very happy New Year.

Larry Gifford, Ways and Means Chairman



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FOCUS GROUPS

All Focus Groups meet in the David Dubinsky Center on the 8th floor (our meeting space). Focus groups are open to all guild members.



Painting on Fabric II

Date: Saturday, January 12, 2008

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

Group Leader: Anna Faustino

Come learn from Anna Faustino — a talented expert and great instructor! This is the second edition of the focus group that Anna led in June 2007. Bring a paintbrush. Anna will provide the other supplies.



Charity Quilt Demonstration and

Workshop – continued

Date: Saturday, January 12, 2008

Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 noon

Group Leader: Marilyn Korn

The December meeting of this focus group was a great success — it was fun seeing the progress that everyone is making on their quilts. In January this group will continue the work that was started in November and continued in December. Marge Geary and Marilyn Korn will show how to make bindings to finish off a charity quilt. These are alternatives to the method that was demonstrated at the December focus group.



Face Studies

Date: Saturday, January 12, 2008 and Saturday, February 9, 2008

Time: After the general meeting (approx 3:30 - 5:00 pm)

Group Leader: Sandra Naval

Face studies is an informal study of creating facial expressions and moods to represent our full range of feelings using a variety of approaches in the journal quilt size format of 8½ x 11 inches.

Group participants will experiment with different backgrounds and face colors using solids and textures and prints. You will create the face using fused fabrics and embroidery, top stitching, ribbons, beads and any type of embellishment you can think of to attach to the face.

In February, the group will work towards embellishing, embroidery and finishing touches.

Supply List: Bring background and face fabrics (8½ x 11) plus lots of scraps and pins so you can play and create facial features.

If you would like to lead a focus group before or after a meeting(s), please contact Anna Faustino. Her phone is on the back page of the newsletter.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report 12/12/2007

Beg Balance-November 14,2007	\$50,522.52	
Guild Income	Month	YTD
Apple Quilt	\$15.00	\$15.00
Bags, Lanyards & Pins		\$382.00
Fundraiser	\$2,975.00	\$2,975.00
Guests		\$50.00
Interest	\$32.87	\$91.58
Library	\$36.00	\$246.00
Member's Flea Market		\$200.00
Membership	\$260.00	\$5,473.00
Newsletter Ads	\$40.00	\$2,050.50
Misc		\$100.00
Misc Show Income	\$15.77	\$221.49
Monthly Fundraisers		\$608.00
Share Table		\$282.25
Trips		\$300.00
Vendor Sales		\$279.45
Welcoming Committee	\$7.00	\$42.00
Workshops	\$360.00	\$3,336.92
	\$3,741.64	\$16,653.19
Guild Expenses	Month	YTD
Apple Quilt	\$1,170.86	\$1,170.86
Auction	\$168.67	\$168.67
Bags, Lanyards, Pins		\$89.00
Donations	\$50.56	\$50.56
Insurance		\$1,301.00
Library		\$380.16
Misc	\$8.44	\$108.44
Newsletter Printing	\$384.65	\$1,048.75
Postage	\$1.23	\$282.80
Postage-Newsletter	\$142.99	\$590.99
Printing/Lamination	\$49.53	\$254.13
Rebates		\$188.00
Rent	\$620.00	\$8,620.00
Speaker		\$975.00
Speaker Expenses		\$1,281.06
Storage Facility	\$81.00	\$486.00
Trips		\$19.78
Ways and Means		\$201.35
Website		\$153.65
Welcoming		\$21.70
Workshops		\$1,525.00
Workshop Expenses	\$400.00	\$1,691.92
	\$3,077.93	\$20,608.82
Balance as of 12/12/07	\$51,186.23	

***Meetings are the second Saturday of each month. Meeting dates for the 2007-2008 season are:**

Sat Feb 09, 2008 speaker Pat Yamin – One Patch Scrap Quilts

Sat Mar 08, 2008 Charity Quilting Day

Sat Apr 12, 2008 speaker Sharon Pederson – Sensational Sashiko

Sat May 10, 2008 speaker Barbara Barber – Cat's Tales and Other Quilts

***Sat Jun 7, 2008 (First Weekend)** speaker Lenora Raikin–African Folklore Embroidery

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the February, 2008 newsletter is: **Wednesday, January 16th**. Please send information to: Linda Lee Kelly, 950 Oaks Drive, Franklin Square, NY 11010 or e-mail: LKELLY20@OPTONLINE.NET

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Payment in full for workshops is required by the date of the workshop. Members who cancel up to 7 days prior to the workshop will be refunded in full. If you cancel after that, refunds will be made **only** if a replacement student can be found.

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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.

Gail Lefton, Secretary

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