



**NEXT MEETING:**  
Saturday, October 11,  
2008

**LOCATION:** Fashion  
Institute Of Tech.  
27<sup>TH</sup> ST. AT 8<sup>TH</sup> AVE. -  
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DUBINSKY CENTER

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

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

**PROGRAM:** "Thead  
Jazz" with Sue Moats  
of Sulky

**WORKSHOP:** "Sit and  
Sew with Sulky" with  
Sue Moats

**VENDOR:** Fiber Notion

**QUILTER OF THE  
MONTH:** Judy Isaacs

**FOCUS GROUPS:** Paper  
and Fabric Beads,  
2009 Show Boutique

**THIS MONTH'S  
HIGHLIGHTS:** Library  
Book Sale, Scrap  
Table, Raffles, Show &  
Tell, 2008-2009 Guild  
Operating Budget  
Approval

### **THREAD JAZZ WITH SUE MOATS - HOW DO YOU PICK JUST THE RIGHT THREAD TO USE ON YOUR LATEST MASTERPIECE?**

You need to pick the color and weight, and decide between polyester, cotton, or a mix, and whether you should use a bendable thread, an invisible thread, or a metallic thread — there are so many choices! Sue Moats is a National Educator representing Sulky of America, and she will be helping us with the answers to all these questions.

Sue Moats is a quilt artist and teacher who love to play with different fabrics to create new textures using metallic and variegated threads and yarns. For more information about Sulky and Sue Moats, visit the Sulky website: [www.sulky.com](http://www.sulky.com).

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The evenings are cooler. Autumn leaves are falling. And we have started another guild season with a wonderful turnout at our September meeting. It was delightful to see the room filled with returning members and many new members and guests. Several members were busy working on projects –large and small.

We have an exciting year of programs and events ahead of us. I think you'd agree that we can expect the Urban Inspirations Quilt Show next March to be the highlight of the year. There are two important tasks we're asking members to do for the Show – make your best effort to sell the 5 books of raffle tickets in your Show package (or more if you are willing) and sign-up to volunteer to help with the Show. Both things are vital to the success of the Show.

As I mentioned at the meeting, a number of Board members and Committee chairpersons are stepping down at the end of this year. We'll be assembling a list of positions and I hope that each of you who so enjoy the programs and events the Guild presents will consider taking a turn running or working on a committee. It's a great way to support the Guild; to help set the direction for the Guild and to get to know a number of other members. I know some people don't want to take on what might feel like too much responsibility. Please consider that though you often see one chairperson for a committee, most roles can be shared – more fun and easier to get things done. If you have questions about the various committees and jobs, please take a look online at the Guild's bylaws. When you know what interests you please contact me or Paula Kenney to discuss taking a role. I look forward to seeing you in October. **Jennifer**

### **SIT 'N SEW WITH SULKY WITH SUE MOATS**

**Sunday, October 12, 2008 from 9:30a.m. to 4:00p.m. - \$50.00 which includes kit 343 8th Avenue, at 27th Street (near McDonalds)**

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Here's your chance to discover how to individualize your quilts. Sue Moats will give the complete lowdown on Threads, Stabilizers and Needles and will cover several different types of free-motion work on muslin "sandwiches." No pressure, but time to practice with tips on how to improve and expand machine skills, understand stabilizers and build confidence in using metallics and other decorative Sulky threads. This is a skill-builder class, as well as learning about needles, threads, stabilizers and more.

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**LIBRARY NOTES**

Thanks once again, for the donation of magazines and books that we received in September from members Alice Brody, Lucia Chan, Aleeda Crawley, Carol Gray and Veronique Milliez. Our speaker on Saturday, Helen Squire, donated one of her books to the library -- "Helen's Mix and Match Quilting Patterns". I love quilters who are also givers. Our annual book sale will be in October, and this time all books on sale will be two dollars. We all love books, but we can't get a few new books unless we can sell some of the books the guild currently owns. The books are kept at Tina Barth's home (thank you Tina) and there is just no more room there for the guild's overflow. Don't forget, that because of the sale, you can keep the books you borrowed in September until November. More importantly remember that the November meeting date is **SUNDAY, November 9**, so any book returned after November will be overdue. Members Nancy Rabatin and Sandra Samaniego have already volunteered to help with the sale, but if the sale gets really crazy don't be surprised if I grab another helper. And, it's only for an hour or so before the General Meeting. See you in October, **Sylvia Hughes**

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Mary White (Oct 01), Sylvia Hughes (Oct 04), JoAnn Gatch (Oct 08), Gail Sanders (Oct 11), Helene Pachtman (Oct 13), Jim McCauley (Oct 14), Anna Foss (Oct 14), Shirley Cox (Oct 16), Susan Acevedo (Oct 16), Linda Lee Kelly (Oct 18), Maureen McLeod (Oct 18), Nancy Berk (Oct 18), Mary Cargill (Oct 19), Sandy Bright (Oct 19), Sandra Naval (Oct 22), Margaret Morris (Oct 23), Pauline Frederick (Oct 25), Diane Paul (Oct 25), Bernice Haber (Oct 29), Karen Monath (Oct 29), Kathleen Bratton (Oct 29), Brenda Hureau (Oct 31).



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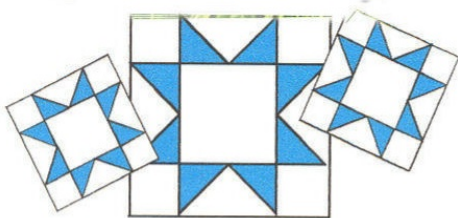
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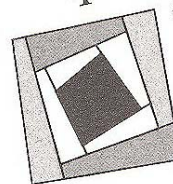
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## OCTOBER QUILTER OF THE MONTH

Judy Isaacs has always been a crafter -- especially a knitter. But Carpal Tunnel Syndrome put an end to her knitting. Luckily, a cousin suggested that Judy try quilting in 1996. It was LOVE at first stitch! Judy began teaching in 1998 at Elder Craftsman (both quilting and craft classes) and at the United Federation of Teachers. Judy began doing traditional quilts and has done all kinds of quilting. Her present love is art quilting. Judy resides in Queens with her husband, daughter, son-in-law, two grandchildren, two dogs, two cats, and one sugar-glider.

Treasurer's Reports			
9/17/2008			
Guild		Show	Total
Beginning Balance	\$43,886.72	(\$3,530.29)	\$40,356.43
Income	\$4,293.87	\$2,432.50	\$6,726.37
Expenses	\$1,288.73	\$1,012.37	\$2,301.10
Ending Balance	\$46,891.86	(\$2,110.16)	\$44,781.70

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the November 9, 2008 newsletter is: **Wednesday, October 15th.** Please send information to: Linda Lee Kelly, 950 Oaks Drive, Franklin Square, NY 11010 or e-mail: [LKELLY20@OPTONLINE.NET](mailto:LKELLY20@OPTONLINE.NET)

This Treasurer's Report does not include the numbers for the Sept. meeting. Due to space limitations, the Treasurer's report is condensed. A complete version can be found on our website or you can contact Kitty Squire to have a copy mailed to you.

## SHOW & TELL

The September Show & Tell was an amazing feast for the eyes! Thank you to the following members for sharing their work: Tina Barth, Helen Beall, Ethel Campbell, Mary Cargill, Aleeda Crawley, Pat Decker, Renee Fields, Anna Foss, Ellen Foster, Judi Greenstein, Sylvia "Cookie" Hodge, Ed Inderriede, Kate Iscol, Judith Klein, Anna Krassy, Debra Levin, Jim McCauley, Diane Paul, Beth Pile, Sandra Samaniego, Winifred Sanders, Carolyn Schloupt, Naomi Shelnut, and Rhona Triggs. If you missed the meeting, be sure to visit the website to see pictures of the pieces that were shown. Bring your projects to the October meeting (limit 2 items per meeting, please)

And we have a **NEW FEATURE** of the website: if you can't be at a meeting, or you can't bring your work for some reason, *or* if you have more than two items to share, *send in a picture*, and we'll post it on the guild website with the Show & Tell pictures. Send **digital images** via email to [info@empirequilters.net](mailto:info@empirequilters.net) or mail prints to **Cindy Russell, 33 Greenwich Ave, Apt 2F, New York, NY 10014**. Contact Cindy if you have any questions: [info@empirequilters.net](mailto:info@empirequilters.net) or **212-414-9201**.

## SEPTEMBER CHARITY REPORT

As many of our members are anxious to get started making their Holiday stockings and Teddy Bears, I would like to remind you that the patterns are on the Empire website. If you are not able to make a teddy bear or a stocking, but would like to contribute, the following is a list of suggestions: the Dollar stores are selling gloves, hats, socks which would be suitable for all ages. Other items would be playing cards, coloring books, small stuffed animals, books. If you want to contribute personal hygiene items for teens, the following are the only items that will be accepted: toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, moisturizers, powder, deodorant, comb, brush. **WE CANNOT ACCEPT ANY MAKE-UP ITEMS, LIPSTICK, EYE MAKE-UP, PERFUME**, etc. Food items that you may wish to donate can only be accepted at the December meeting. Please do not put any candy items in the stockings as some kids have dietary restrictions, cultural restrictions, etc. and we have been asked just to keep these items separate. Please do not donate any used items such as wallets, pocket books, etc. Feel free to be as creative with your teddy bears and stockings as they made so many kids so very happy last year. I would like to thank the following members for their donations this month: Lee Ebbs - 1 quilt; Judy Klein - 1 quilt and 8 stockings; Pamela Leonard Wexler - 3 quilts; Barbara Hull - 1 quilt and 51 stockings; Susan Louis - 2 quilts and fabric, Marge Geary - 9 quilts and 27 stockings; Fanny D'Avino 8 baby hats; Sandy Syken - 10 quilts, 16 Baby hats, and a special thanks to Sandy's friend Martha Phillips who made 30 baby hats - thanks Martha; Doris Julis - lots of fabric, Joan Hellman, fabric. Thanks to our members. **Denise Walsh-Horowitz**

## LOCAL EVENTS IN WHICH EMPIRE QUILTERS WILL PARTICIPATE

**American Folk Art Museum's 18th Annual Quilt Weekend** – is scheduled for Friday October 3 and Saturday October 4, 2008. All events will be held at the Lincoln Square Gallery at 2 Lincoln Square, NY. On Friday, from noon to 4:00 p.m., our own Diane Rode-Schneck will conduct a Mixed Media workshop. The schedule for Saturday begins at noon with Sharon Eisenstat speaking on colonial revival quilts with an emphasis on quilts from the Museum's collection.

**Guild demonstrations are scheduled on Saturday from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.** Anyone who is willing to come for some or all of that time should let Jennifer Bigelow know when you'll be there. This is a great opportunity to showcase Empire Quilters many talented quilters.

**Dyckman Farmhouse Museum and Uptown Treasures Day** is Sunday, October 19. The day's events include concerts, poetry reading and much more – and at many locations in addition to this museum. Demonstrations about quilt-making by Empire Quilters have become a valued part of this annual event. Please contact Mary Butler if you want to join in.

## **URBAN INSPIRATIONS 2009 SHOW**

If you were at the meeting in September, you should have picked up your packets for our Urban Inspirations 2009 show in March. If you did not pick them up, make SURE you do so at the October meeting. We want them all picked up in person so we do not have to mail any of them!

If you need additional tickets for Broadway Jane, please contact Paula Kenney or Kitty Squire and we will be happy to arrange to deliver them. We will also have extra tickets at the October meeting. There will be additional information about the show at the meeting and in the next newsletter. In the meantime, we hope you are working on your quilts!

## **OCTOBER FOCUS GROUPS**

**Focus groups meet in the 8<sup>th</sup> floor meeting space. They are open to all guild members.**

**Paper and Fabric Beads with : Floraminda Balmaseda and Janet Randolph**

**Saturday, October 11, 2008 - 10:30a.m.-11:30a.m.**

Learn how to make paper and fabric beads to embellish quilts, apparel or as an accessory. Sample projects will be shown.

**Supply List:** Paper scissors, white glue and a pencil. Additional supplies and directions will be furnished.

**2009 Show Boutique Focus Group with Dorothy Arkell and Sheila Molitz**

**Saturday October 11, 2008 - 11:00a.m.-12:00p.m.**

Discussion of ideas for items to sell at the Show Boutique. Suggestions regarding pricing and set-up. All interested in making quilt-related items for the boutique are welcome to participate.

## **MEMBER FLEA MARKET**

Yes, the popular Member Flea Market returns! The next Flea Market will take place at the November 9, 2008 guild meeting. **Note that this is a Sunday.** Reservations for flea market tables are being taken. Reserve a table and gather your fabric and other treasures that you wish to sell at the November meeting.

Set-Up Time: 10:00 am. As soon as you are set up, you may begin selling your items. Sales must cease during the general meeting activities (starting promptly at 1:00 pm), but can resume at the conclusion of the general meeting (usually around 3:30 or 4:00 pm). Sales can continue until 5:00 pm. Cost: \$10.00 for a small (4'x4') table, or \$20.00 for a larger (3'x6') table. Reservations for tables must be received by Wednesday, October 15, 2008.

Contact Larry Gifford to reserve your space. See Larry at the October guild meeting, or email Larry at [lawgifford@me.com](mailto:lawgifford@me.com) or 917-513-8351.

## **HOLIDAY AUCTION AND FUNDRAISER**

Saturday, December 13, 2008 – In addition to our holiday party and charity endeavor, we will be having an auction and fundraising event.

The fund raising activities will include an auction of donated items, a fish-bowl raffle, a 50/50 raffle where the winning member receives half of the proceeds from that raffle, and a more regular raffle for other donated items.

If you have something you'd like to donate for the auction or for a raffle prize, or if you will be making something special for the auction — jacket, scarf, doll, quilt, etc. — **please contact Larry Gifford at: [lawgifford@me.com](mailto:lawgifford@me.com) or 917-513-8351.** This is one of our major money-makers each year, so please consider donating something special for the auction. And be sure to bring your check book! We take checks and cash (but not credit cards).

## **MEMBER NEWS**

**Sara Pantos Busby is Semi-Finalist in AQS Iowa Show**

Empire Quilters member Sara Pantos Busby's quilt *To Build a Dream On* has been chosen as a semi-finalist in the American Quilter's Society Quilt Expo taking place in Des Moines, Iowa, October 8–11, 2008. The final awards haven't

been announced yet, but Sara's quilt will be hanging in this prestigious show — and it will certainly contribute to making it a great show. Congratulations, Sara!

**Anna Faustino Speaking at Local Event**

Empire Quilters guild member Anna Faustino will be the featured speaker at the 13th annual Quilter's Day Out sponsored by the Mountain Laurel Quilter's Guild. The event will take place on Sunday, November 9, 2008 at Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort, Shawnee-on-Delaware, Pennsylvania. Attendance is by reservation only, and costs \$35. The event starts at 10:00 a.m., but a complimentary breakfast and time for chatting with other quilters is offered before 10:00 a.m. Anna will be giving a lecture on her book, *Simply Stunning Woven Quilts*. The day will also feature vendors, demonstrations, and a block of the year (you can win enough blocks for a quilt!) Guilds can present community projects for Show & Tell.

Note ... This is the same day as our November guild meeting, but we always like supporting our members, so if you go to this, be sure to let Anna know that you are there on behalf of Empire Quilters!

For further information or to make a reservation for the event, call **Jeanne Ladner at 570-676-8805** or **Barbara Ebert at 570-676-5523**.

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**MEMBER NEWS - SUMMER 2008**

The following Empire Quilters members won awards or were published in a quilt magazine over the summer.

**Anna Faustino - Winner at the AQS Show in Nashville** – Anna Faustino received a second-place award in the Wall Quilts category for her beautiful quilt *Fishermen's Widows*. Congratulations, Anna!

**Michelle Flamer's work in Quilting Arts Magazine**

The August/September 2008 issue of Quilting Arts Magazine includes a quilt made by Empire Quilters member Michelle Flamer. Michelle submitted a 5" x 5" quilt for the magazine's Go Green challenge and her lovely little gem appears on page 80 of the magazine. Of the more than 300 submissions for the challenge, Michelle's quilt caught the attention of the judges and is one of the first quilts from the challenge to appear in the magazine. Her quilt looks terrific in the publication. Congratulations, Michelle!

**Beth Pile Wins Award at Long Island Quilt Show**

Congratulations to guild member Beth Pile for her first place blue ribbon at the Eastern Long Island Quilt Guild's recent Peconic Quilt Show. Beth's quilt is titled *Great White Way — Broadway*. Congratulations, Beth!

**Anna Faustino Wins Multiple Awards at Northern Star Quilt Show**

Guild member Anna Faustino received multiple awards at the recent Northern Star Quilter's Guild quilt show in Somers, New York. Anna's quilt *Fruits of My Land* was awarded a First Place Ribbon in the Art – People, Portraits and Figures category. It also received the award for Best Machine Quilting.

Anna's quilt *I Didn't Do It* received a First Place Ribbon in the Art – Pictorial category, as well as the award for Best Original Design. Anna received a Second Place Ribbon in the same category for her quilt *Where Is the Quilt Show?* which was shown at Empire Quilters 2007 Urban Inspirations Quilt Show. Congratulations, Anna!

**Additional Winners at Northern Star**

Our guild congratulates members Ellen Yamaguchi and Benedicte Caneill for their awards at the recent Northern Star Quilt Show. Ellen's quilt *510 Soaring Cranes* was named Judge's Choice by show judge Jeanette Rindge.

Benedicte Caneille took home three awards. Her quilt *The Beauties of New York* received a Second Place Ribbon in the Art – People, Portraits Figures category; her piece *Memory I* received an Honorable Mention in the Art – Abstract category; and her *Aster Composition* received an Honorable Mention in the Art – Miniature category. Congratulations Ellen and Benedicte!

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