



**NEXT MEETING:**

**Sunday**, November 9,  
2009

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

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

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

**PROGRAM:** "From Saudi  
Arabia Home to  
London" with Philippa  
Naylor

**WORKSHOP:** "Down to  
the Finish" with Philippa  
Naylor - **Saturday**

**VENDOR:** Members'  
Flea Market

**QUILTER OF THE  
MONTH:** Lauren  
Dieterich

**FOCUS GROUPS:** None

**THIS MONTH'S  
HIGHLIGHTS:** Show &  
Tell, Library, Charity  
Quilt Collection. There  
will be **NO** scrap table.

**NOVEMBER PROGRAM - \*\*\* Note that this meeting is on **SUNDAY** \*\*\***

From Saudi Arabia Home to London with Philippa Naylor - Born in Yorkshire, England, Philippa Naylor discovered a love of sewing as a child. She trained to be a clothing designer, and worked in the garment industry for five years before moving to Saudi Arabia where she set up a business making wedding and evening dresses. A chance meeting in 1996 led to a quilting course — and her work took a drastic change!

Drawing on her designer training and the technical expertise she carried over from the clothing industry, Philippa's quilts are intricately machine pieced and heavily machine quilted, often utilizing trapunto. She has won numerous awards for her quilts. Each of her pieces creates a strong initial impact that invites the viewer to look first from a distance, and then draws the viewer in to inspect the exquisite details more closely.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

As November approaches, we are only a couple weeks away from electing a new President of the country. There's a lot going on in the country and we all have to vote our conscience. Within our guild we are only a few months away from electing new Board members and committee chair-persons. There's a lot going on in our Guild this year, and we are in need of many people willing to take an active role in the guild. We've already asked people to volunteer to help with the 2009 Show. Now I'm asking you to consider taking a role in the ongoing running of the Guild.

To begin with, there are 3 Executive Board positions that will certainly be vacated at the end of the term – President, Treasurer and Secretary. The two people serving as 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents may serve another term in those roles, or could take other roles if elected. Additionally a number of people are stepping down from other positions – Newsletter Editor, Newsletter Advertising, Programs and Chair of the Service/Charity committee. These are positions we already know will be vacated and for which I'm asking for volunteers. Descriptions of the responsibilities for each role and committee can be found in the guild's Bylaws, which can be found on our website.

I know that many of you will think you don't have time, or you don't think you can do a job by yourself. First I want to say that most jobs are not very time consuming (very few require several hours each month). Second, if you're afraid a job is more than you think you can do by yourself, I encourage you to talk with a friend (or 2 or 3) about sharing the job. The way the guild keeps going is by sharing the work.

Please think about how what being a member of this extraordinary group of women and men means to you - what pleases you or inspires you; what might you like to change. Then think what it would be like if this guild wasn't here to supply you the opportunity to learn, to be excited and to enjoy the companionship of over 150 people who attend our meeting each month – because we don't have volunteers willing to do the work to organize and run our activities and programs. Finally think about what you'd be willing to do next year to maintain the guild. Please don't just think 'someone else will do it'.... We won't succeed if we all think like that. Contact Paula Kenney, Rhona

Triggs or me if you have questions about the opportunities to participate in the leadership of the guild. See you soon.  
**Jennifer**

### **NOVEMBER WORKSHOP - \*\*\* Note that this workshop is on **SATURDAY** \*\*\***

**Down to the Finish with Philippa Naylor - \$50.00 (plus a \$6.00 kit fee payable to instructor)**

**Saturday, November 8, 2008 from 9:30am-4:00pm**

**343 8th Avenue, at 27th Street, New York City (near McDonald's)**

Send your check made out to Empire Quilters to **Mary Butler: 10 West 95<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10025**. Mary's phone: **212-662-7771**.

Philippa Naylor will share her award winning techniques so you can get the best possible finish to your quilts. The edges, if well sewn, make such a difference to the look of a piece (and a judge's opinion) and the piping is particularly lovely, adding another splash of color. Hopefully every quilt in the show will be beautifully finished off!

This practical workshop will allow you to make a variety of samples including beautiful mitered borders, contrasting fabric covered piping, and the neatest double folded binding, a hanging sleeve and so much more! Some techniques are inspired by couture and can make your quilt a winner.

**SUPPLIES** - General purpose sewing thread, Five **different** fat quarters, Three quilt sandwiches with cotton batting (Minimum size 16" x 8"), Needles for machine **and** hand sewing, Rotary cutter and mat, Ruler 18" long minimum, A 1" x 6" ruler, Quilter's safety pins and straight pins, Tape Measure, Scissors for fabric and thread cutting, Notebook and pens, Sewing machine in good working order, Extension cord, Piping foot (or if this is not available, a zipper foot), Quarter inch foot, Kit (\$6.00) - Kit includes detailed color photocopies and piping cord.

### **DEAR JANE® PHOTO INVITATIONAL**

The 2009 Urban Inspirations show committee would like to invite all members (and friends) who have made a \*Dear Jane® quilt, or a partial one, to submit photos of their quilts to be shown in a slide/power point presentation at the Katie Murphy Amphitheatre during the show. We would like to have as many photos as possible, so this is open to any quilter in the New York area. You can e-mail your photos to: [quiltshow@empirequilters.net](mailto:quiltshow@empirequilters.net). If you do not have a digital picture of your quilt, you can bring it to one of our meetings, and we will make sure one is taken-preferably with the quilter! To qualify, the quilts must have one or more \*Dear Jane® blocks in them. Please send the photos with short written remarks regarding the quilt and the maker. Also please include your name and contact information in case of problems. The photos and text should be submitted no later than January 10, 2009.

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### **QUILTER OF THE MONTH**

Lauren Dieterich was first drawn to quilting because she loved the geometry of traditional quilt blocks. She pieced her first quilt block in 1995, and has been an ardent quilter ever since. Lauren invests much of her quilting time in color and fabric selection. Her favorite part of the quilt-making process is machine piecing, although recently, Lauren has enjoyed experimenting with paper piecing and machine appliqué. One of her quilts, *Indian Summer*, won an Honorable Mention ribbon in the 2004 Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival, and was featured in the May 2005 issue of *Quilter's Newsletter*. Lauren lives in Manhattan with her husband and her Beagle "Flash," who is quite the helper.

### **LIBRARY NEWS**

Wow, our book sale was really hopping on Saturday and we made \$318. The sale worked so well because our members bought, bought, bought and our Library volunteers were terrific. Thanks to volunteers Tina Barth, Nancy Castel, Debby Chen, Nancy Rabatin, Sandra Samaniego and my friend Pat Henry who carried a suitcase full of books from Tina's house to FIT. And Tina carried the giant suitcase full of books to the meeting.

Thanks for donations of books from Larry Gifford, a copy of "Safari Through African Folklore Embroidery" from Leora Raikin our June speaker. We also received books from Diane Cohen, a woman who saw our website, and offered us the quilting books.

Marilyn Korn has had to stop working with the library but she got Sandra Samaniego to take her spot. Thanks to you both. In November, available to borrow is "Legacy: The Story of Talula Gilbert Bottoms and Her Quilts" -- great quilts and a wonderful story and the Fall 2008 NQA quarterly magazine shows some winning quilts and a piece on a NQA member -- Roy Mitchell, Jr.. He will be teaching quilting to males in a school in Virginia. See you Sun., Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>. **Sylvia Hughes**

## CHARITY

The Charity Committee would like to thank the following members for their kind contribution this past month: Mary Butler - fabric; Beverly Smith - 1 quilt; Kate Iscol - fabric; Nancy Castel - fabric; Brenda Gold - 2 Christmas stockings and 3 painting kits; Mary Ferry - 1 quilt; Sheila Molitz - fabric; Andrea Tebesceff - 1 quilt; Eve Lee - 2 quilts; Pamela Leonard Wexler - 1 quilt. We would like to remind the members that the December meeting will also be our collection of holiday teddy bears and stockings for our local shelters. Again, we **cannot** accept any make-up items, lipstick, eye make-up, perfume, etc. Suggestions for those who cannot make a stocking or teddy bear would be playing cards, coloring books, small stuffed animals, books and the Dollar Stores have hats, gloves, socks, scarfs. If you have any items ready, you don't have to wait until December, you can bring your donations to the November meeting. I will have some fabric for teddy bears and some Christmas fabric for stockings at the November meeting, but I do not have much, so it will be first come, first served and you **MUST** return the finished item in December. Thanks for your continued support. **Denise Walsh-Horowitz**

### Treasurer's Reports 10/15/2008

<b>Guild</b>		<b>Show</b>	<b>Total</b>
Beginning Balance	\$46,891.86	(\$2,110.16)	\$44,781.70
Income	\$10,007.24	\$195.00	\$10,202.24
Expenses	\$7,789.22	\$100.00	\$7,889.22
Ending Balance	\$49,109.88	(\$2,015.16)	\$47,094.72

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.

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the December 13, 2008 newsletter is:

**Wednesday, November 12th.**

Please send information to:  
Linda Lee Kelly, 950 Oaks Drive, Franklin Square, NY 11010 or e-mail:

[LKELLY20@OPTONLINE.NET](mailto:LKELLY20@OPTONLINE.NET)

## SAD NEWS

We're sorry to report that guild member **Anna Lega** passed away October 17<sup>th</sup> from liver and kidney failure. Anna was one of the founding members of our guild, and she will be greatly missed. Guild Historian Anna Foss reported that Anna Lega attended the very first meetings of the guild (which took place in Anna Foss's kitchen), and that Anna Lega was one of the first participants of Show & Tell when she showed off a newly-made scrap quilt. Our guild has benefited tremendously from Anna's long time and faithful participation. We wish to offer our condolences to her family and loved ones.

## OCTOBER SHOW & TELL

Once again we had an inspiring display of items during Show & Tell at the October meeting thanks to the following members: Susan Acevedo, Helen Beall, June Calender, Mildred Castro, Pat Decker, Mary Ferry, Renee Fields, Karen Griska, Marilyn Lutzker, Karen Monath, Pauline Myers, Agneta M. Noe, Diane Paul, Constance Phillips, Janet Randolph, Diane Rubenstein, Sandra Samaniego, Carolyn Schloupt, and Ligaya Siachongco.

If you missed the meeting, be sure to visit the website to see pictures of the many amazing pieces that were shown. Bring your projects to the November meeting (limit 2 items per meeting, please), or submit your pictures to: [info@empirequilters.net](mailto:info@empirequilters.net) so we can include them on the guild website.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Elsa Posner (Nov 01), Sallie Nichols (Nov 02), Aleeda Crawley (Nov 03), Mila Garro (Nov 04), Marilyn Gipson (Nov 05), Susan Louis (Nov 05), Natalie Garfinkle (Nov 07), Marguerite Cordice (Nov 12), Marie Sandauer (Nov 13), Judith Hoffman Corwin (Nov 14), Laurinda Liang (Nov 15), Millie Sucov (Nov 16), Annette Friedlein (Nov 17), Betty Belford (Nov 19), Alice Oberstein (Nov 19), Carol Goossens (Nov 20), Helen Chin (Nov 20), Anna Snitsyna (Nov 22), Doris Johnson (Nov 23), Betsy Vinegrad (Nov 23), Olga Binert (Nov 24), Janice Jenicek (Nov 25), Gail Malis de Los Santos (Nov 26), Vicky Mendoza (Nov 27), and Judy-Lynne Peters (Nov 29).

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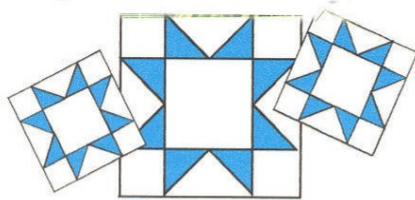
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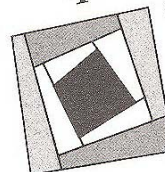
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\*Due to space limitations, only the Officers will be listed this month. Refer to last month's newsletter for chairs.

### ARCHIVES ON THE WEB

Did you miss the last meeting, or one last year? Had such a good time you want to see it over again or afraid you may have missed something? Then click onto [www.empirequilters.net](http://www.empirequilters.net), go down to the end of the left hand column, **MEETING ARCHIVES**, click on the year of interest, and scroll down to the month. Our website has archived information going back to 2004. If you're new to Empire, take a look at what we've been doing.

If you are going to be snow birding south this winter (be sure you're back by March), take a look at **ON LINE LINKS**: Last item in the box at the top of the screen is **QUILT GUILDS ON LINE**. Click on the state for a listing of guilds en route to or in your wintering area. See what others are doing, tell us about them when you return, and invite them to stop in when they're in New York. And, pssst, tell them about our show. — **Anna Foss**, Guild Historian

### DECEMBER-JANUARY FOCUS GROUP

**2009 Show Boutique Focus Group with Dorothy Arkell and Sheila Molitz**  
**Saturday's, December 13, 2008 and January 10, 2009 - 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 craft and quilt-related items for the boutique are welcome to participate.

### CLASSIFIEDS

I have an old wheelchair, two folding walkers and two walking canes to give away. If anyone is interested, please call Betty Chen at **718-544-0670** or e-mail: [bettychenesq@hotmail.com](mailto:bettychenesq@hotmail.com).

**Bernina® Aurora Anniversary Edition (435E) Sewing and Embroidery Machine for sale.** It has been used very little since I purchased it in March, 2008. I purchased it to replace an older machine which I have found to be in good working order. I am the original owner of this machine. It has been used in a smoke free environment. The stitch regulator, which has never been used, as well as the Editor Lite embroidery program which has never been downloaded is included along with all the accessories, manual, embroidery unit, carrying cases and multiple thread rack (additional purchase at \$99.00). If you are interested, please call Larry Gifford at **212-717-0892** or e-mail: [lawgifford@me.com](mailto:lawgifford@me.com). **\$3,500.00** or best offer.

### MEMBER NEWS

A new book by guild member **RaNae Merrill** has just been published. The book, *Simply Amazing Spiral Quilts* is published by Krause Publications and it definitely lives up to its name — both the book and the quilts are simply amazing! A CD-ROM containing all the templates that you will need — in several different formats (PDF, Electric Quilt, Illustrator) is included with the book. The templates also appear in the back of the book, but the CD-ROM library is a great time saver. Another Empire Quilters member, **Rhona Triggs**, has a quilt appearing in the book on page 35. (congratulations, Rhona!). Congratulations, RaNae! We hope we'll see many amazing spiral quilts in the 2009 Urban Inspirations Quilt Show, and at future guild Show & Tells.

Quilts by Empire Quilters members **Barbara Feinstein and Emily Klainberg** help illustrate a new book by Katie Pasquini Masopust. The book, *Design Explorations for the Creative Quilter* takes us through the process of creating dynamic art quilts. Some of the many important topics covered in this new book include design inspiration, color and composition, shapes, details, repetition, using paints as a creative aid, and how to get from design to pattern to finished quilt. The book is published by C&T Publishing.

**Barbara Feinstein's** quilt *Gates* is included in the chapter on Exploring Lines (page 31) and **Emily Klainberg's** quilt *Brush Stroke* appears in the section on Exploring Watercolor Vignettes (page 61). Both quilts help illustrate the author's lesson beautifully. Congratulations to both Barbara and Emily!

Empire Quilters member **Clare O'Donohue's** first novel is now available in bookstores everywhere. *The Lover's Knot* is a murder mystery set in a quilt shop. The Quilt Show co-host Alex Anderson says that "Clare's first book is a fun read for those who love mysteries, romance and of course quilting! Her twists and turns in the story line make this a delightful escape." We're very proud of Clare's accomplishment, and we wish her much success with this book. We're happy to hear that Clare is already planning more books.

Mark your calendars to attend a book signing on Tuesday, November 11, 2008, 7:00 pm at Borders Bookstore on 32nd Street and 2nd Avenue in New York City. Let her know you are an Empire member. If you can't attend that signing, there are other opportunities listed on Clare's website: [www.clareodonohue.com](http://www.clareodonohue.com). Congratulations, Clare!

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### **Pieced Together, an Art Quilt Exhibit presented by the Hewitt Gallery of Art, Marymount Manhattan College**

November 3 – December 2, 2008 - Hewitt Gallery of Art, Marymount Manhattan College, 221 East 71st Street (btwn 2nd and 3rd Ave), New York City - Hours: Mon–Thu 9:00am – 9:00 pm; Sat–Sun: 9:00am – 6:00pm; Closed Friday. Free to the public. For more Information: email [galleries@mmm.edu](mailto:galleries@mmm.edu) or call 212-517-0692.

This exhibit celebrates contemporary quilting. The traditional quilt maker intended quilts to function as a decorative bed cover, while the contemporary quilt artist pushes the boundaries of quilt making by shifting the quilt from the bed to the gallery walls. Size and shape are no longer determined by the quilt's function as a bed cover. Embellishment impractical on a bed cover is now widely used. Mixed media quilts incorporate wood, plastic, and metal as integral parts of their overall design. Today's quilt makers merge tradition with new materials and technologies. Artists included in the exhibit: **Empire Quilters member Jane Broaddus**, Michael Cummings Bonnie Epstein, Rebecca Mushtare and Larry Schulte. There is an artist reception, Thursday, November 6, 2008, 6:00pm – 8:00 pm at the gallery.

Congratulations Jane Broaddus!

## EMPIRE QUILTERS COLLECTIBLES

The following items celebrating Empire Quilters throughout the years are available for purchase. There are limited quantities of some of the items. If you are interested in any of these items, please contact **Paula Kenney**: 212-982-8043.

**100% cotton T-shirts in a rainbow of colors** – bright red, cream, denim, lime, pumpkin, yellow and sky blue. The guild logo and name are printed on the shirt. All colors, while supplies last, are available in sizes S-M-L-XL-2XL-3XL for \$15.00 each.

**Broadway Jane Coffee Mug** – this 11oz ceramic mug features a picture of our 2009 Urban Inspirations Quilt show Raffle Quilt "Broadway Jane" for \$12.00 each.

**Empire Quilters Mechanical Pencils** - Colorful mechanical pencils with our guild name and website address printed on them. The pencils come filled with 0.7mm lead and are refillable. The erasers can also be replaced. Pencils are \$2.00 each.

**Tote Bag** - this versatile tote bag is 17½ inches wide, 13½ inches high, and 3 inches deep, with a zipper top. It has plenty of room for all of your supplies for a class! The bag is made of ballistic nylon, is extremely lightweight (9 oz), and has two outside pockets on the front: a zipper pocket, and a mesh pocket. The bag celebrates our guild's 25th Anniversary. The text says 1982 to 2007—25 Years of Quilting for \$15.00 each.

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The above items are available for purchase at guild meetings.

The catalog of our wonderful 2007 Urban Inspirations Quilt Show is available for purchase in print for \$39.50 and on CD-ROM (compatible with any computer) for \$20.00. Both catalogs contain full color images of all the quilts in the show as well as complete information about each piece: quilter, quilt title, quilt size, quilt category and awards won. Quilts are arranged by category and are indexed by quilter. Email [info@empirequilters.net](mailto:info@empirequilters.net) if you would like to purchase a book or CD-ROM.

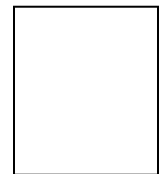
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## **KENNEL QUILTS**

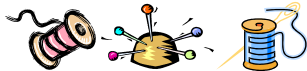
As a Quilter, I spend a lot of time at home stitchin' away and have always had a pet to keep me company. Unfortunately since my beloved Peki-chu Blanche passed in August, I have been sewing without company, so I decided to start fostering abandoned dogs from the ASPCA. I give them a home until they can be adopted and they give me company while I toil away on one of the 17 projects I've currently got going.

You may not be able to welcome an abandoned animal into your home, but here is a quick project you can make to help an animal get adopted. It's called a Cage Comforter and it's just a simple quilt 14x20" or 12x18" (sizes don't have to be exact). Materials should be machine washable. Thrift store comforters or old batting make great filling. These comforters make the animal's cage more cozy, and increase their chances of getting adopted. If you've got some scraps, this is a great way to use them up. Send finished Cage Comforters to Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals, 440 Ninth Avenue, 8th floor, Suite 9, New York, NY 10001 or e-mail me, Marybeth Berlemann, at: [mberlemann@yahoo.com](mailto:mberlemann@yahoo.com). I will gather them at the next meeting and send them in for you.

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