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NEXT MEETING:
Saturday, February 14,
2009

LOCATION: Fashion
Institute of Tech.
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8TH FLR. DAVID
DUBINSKY CENTER

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

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

PROGRAM: "Beads Make
the Quilt" with Nancy
Eha

WORKSHOP: Organic
Beading and Beaded
Kaleidoscopes with Nancy
Eha *These workshops
are closed - there is a
wait list

VENDOR: Sue's Fabric
World

**QUILTER OF THE
MONTH:** Jane Rosenthal

FOCUS GROUPS: "Color,
Color, Color" and "Pocket
Mod Demo"

THIS MONTH: Show &
Tell, Library, Scrap
Table, Raffles

JUDGING COMMITTEE

All judging volunteers are to meet with the Judging Committee at 12:15 p.m., in the board room, on February 14th, prior to our general meeting. We will review the procedures to be followed on judging day(s) March 7th (and 8th, if necessary).

BEADS MAKE THE QUILT WITH NANCY EHA

Nancy Eha is an internationally recognized artist, teacher and author. She will join us to talk about *all things beads*. Beads can add color, texture, sparkle and interest to quilts. But beads can also transcend their customary role of mere embellishment and become a primary element of the quilt design. Nancy will help us expand our understanding of fabric beading with a plenitude of possibilities.

Nancy is a life-long resident of Minnesota and has traveled extensively to share her knowledge and passion on the subject of beading with others. She has explored nearly every needle art, and is constantly inspired by those she meets. She continually incorporates new elements and techniques into her work. Her artistry and know-how continue to inspire quilters world-wide. Nancy is in high demand as an instructor, with an ability to make the seemingly complex easy to understand via small steps. Nancy is the author of two books, *Bead Creative*, and her newest release *Bead Creative Like Crazy*.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I send cheery greetings on a cold winter day. What a wonderful time this is to be working on our quilts for the show in March. Many have already finished, while others, including yours truly, still have a bit of work to get to the finish line. It looks like we'll have another exquisite show this year, with nearly 170 quilts submitted (including 30 President's Challenge quilts) so far. I hope we'll have a few more submissions in the mail.

The Show committees – and there are several – are making wonderful progress. This is my second show with Empire Quilters, and I feel almost as excited now as in 2007.

I feel less nervous than I did in 2007 because we know better what is needed to make the show excellent. We have both returning committee people and new people – so we have the benefit of learning from the past experience as well as getting fresh ideas from new members.

There are many reasons we joined the Guild – to learn more about our craft – particularly being exposed to many and diverse experiences; to participate in the various activities of the Guild, and to meet people who may become good friends. Our meetings are busy and not always conducive to talking and getting to know others in the guild. A very easy way to expand the possibilities to get to know others is to volunteer for the guild – either in an on-going committee (Charity, raffles, Library, etc.) or on a committee for the show. As always, we need people to help with the month-to-month activities. It isn't always possible for us (the Board and the Nominating committee) to know who wants to be more active - -so PLEASE DON'T WAIT TO BE ASKED TO HELP. We still have positions to fill for next year. Let me know what you want to help with. WE NEED YOU. I'll see you in February –
Jennifer

SHOW 2009

We are rapidly approaching the date of our show-March 21, 22. We had a very successful quilt entry day thanks to Jennifer Bigelow, Joan Hellmann, Marilyn Korn, and all their helpers. We had entries from 90 members and expect even more in the mail.

Make sure that, if you have entered a quilt, you have submitted your volunteer form to either Emily Klainberg or Barbara Feinstein. Remember, if you enter a quilt and do not do your volunteer work, you will be excluded from hanging a quilt in our next show.

Since everyone who attends must pay an entry fee, we are going to pre-sell the wristbands at the March meeting. This should help to alleviate the long lines at the entrance. The entry fees for the show are listed below.

Please don't forget to sell your Broadway Jane tickets and turn the money into Paula Kenney as soon as possible. This is the main fundraiser for the show and we need to make as much money as possible on the quilt to insure that the show is a success. I know that times are hard, but every ticket helps! If you need additional books, we have plenty. Please contact either Paula Kenney or Kitty Squire to get them.

At the February meeting we will be handing out posters and window cards to members to put up in their neighborhoods. Please be thinking about how many you would like and where you can put them up. We want to draw as large a crowd as possible to see our wonderful quilts!

ADVANCE WRISTBAND SALES FOR URBAN INSPIRATIONS 2009 SHOW

We will be pre-selling the quilt show admission wristbands at the March 7, 2009, Empire Meeting. Buy your own, your spouse's, and for any guests you are inviting to the show. We would appreciate it if you could bring exact change or a check. The admission charge is as follows:

General Admission: \$10.00/person/day; \$18.00 for 2 days

Seniors (65 years and older): \$8.00/person/day; \$15 for 2 days

Students (with valid ID): \$8.00/person/day; \$15 for 2 days

Children (under 12): FREE (These wrist bands must be picked up at the door)

MARCH CHARITY DAY

If any of our members brought in quilts to the January meeting, please stop by the Charity table in February and give me your name so we can thank you in the newsletter. Our annual Charity Day is around once again. The March meeting is the first weekend of the month and I will be at FIT with the batting by 10:00 AM. So if you are there early, you can get started quilting. You can bring in any quilt tops that are ready at the February meeting, and I will bring them back in March. I urge all members to bring a small sewing kit with you, pins, scissors, and needles to tie with. The Guild will provide the batting and floss to complete the quilts. Any members, who are going to bring in their machines, please let me know in advance so we can get the tables set up around the room so you have enough room to work. You can contact Denise at **718-454-1944**. I know that everyone is busy finishing their quilts for the show, but the Charity Day is a very important part of the Guild activities and shelters depend on us. Thanks in advance for making our Charity Day a great event and I will see everyone in February. **Denise Walsh-Horowitz**

LIBRARY NOTES

Now that the Holidays are over, I will be looking at new books to add to our Library. Your input is always welcome. January vendor Lisa Shepard donated two of her books to the library. I don't know which ones, but she will send them to Jennifer Bigelow and I will let you know when they become available. Donations 1/10/09 from: Priscilla Blakemore, Michael Greenberg, Janina Hannum, Veronique Milliez, Rita Reid and Diane Rode Schneck. A couple of members have books overdue since September 2008, I will be in touch before the February meeting. **Sylvia Hughes**

QUILTER OF THE MONTH

As a very young girl growing up in Northern California, Jane Rosenthal was much more interested in making clothes and quilts for her dolls than she was in playing with them, and she completed some of her first miniature quilt projects while in grade school. Early inspiration came during summer visits to grandma who lived in Lancaster, Pennsylvania where beautiful Amish quilts could be seen hanging from every clothesline. The dramatic colors of the Amish quilts inspired Jane to begin her first queen-size quilt at the age of 12, and she has been quilting ever since.

Jane still admires dramatic use of color, shapes, and likes to experiment with a variety of techniques to create these effects, including patchwork, paper-piecing and appliqué. Her work is influenced by her travels (New York, Hawaii, California, South America, The Pacific Northwest and Europe) as well as the stories and fabrics shared with her by her students during her many years as a teacher of English as a Second Language. When she isn't quilting, Jane is an Educational Psychologist working at New York University.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Gloria Abramowitz, (Feb 01), Debby C. Chan, (Feb 03), Karen Makower (Feb 04), Rossanna Wells, (Feb 05), Mindy Wexler-Marks, (Feb 06), Ellen Foster, (Feb 06), Melanie Hill, (Feb 09), Gloria Bletter, (Feb 10), Barbara Fridie, (Feb 10), Elaine Fineman, (Feb 12), Joan Hellmann, (Feb 17), Adina Klein, (Feb 17), Agneta Möller Noe, (Feb 19), Debra Levin, (Feb 20), Verna Fitzgerald, (Feb 21), Gloria Jean Johnson, (Feb 23), Diane Rubenstein, (Feb 23), Jennifer Bigelow, (Feb 23), Susan Knaster, Gurusurya Khalsa (Feb 24), (Feb 26), Jane Rosenthal, (Feb 26), Rita Segarra, (Feb 26), Josephine Dakers (Feb 27), and Debra Heller, (Feb 28).



SHOW & TELL

We're grateful to the following members for braving the snow and bringing in their work to share with the guild. It was great seeing so many bright colors inside while the outside world was cold and gray.

Helen Beall, Shirley Cox, Julia Detar, Pauline Hazard, Susan Knaster, Roz Manor, Sandra Samaniego, Ligaya Siachongco, Charlene Stinson, Rhona Triggs, Valerie Turer, and Paula White.

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 February meeting, or submit your pictures to: info@empirequilters.net so we can include them on the guild website.

FEBRUARY FOCUS GROUPS



"Color, Color, Color"

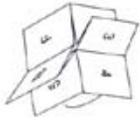
Saturday, February 14, 2009 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Group Leaders: Sandra Cain and Diane Rubenstein

Learn how to choose fabric for quilt making by using a color wheel and matching fabrics to make your quilts all blue-ribbon winners.

- Bring: 1) A good supply of 4" or 6" squares of various prints, tone-on-tone and solid.
- 2) Fabric scissors
- 3) A handful of safety pins

Our scrap table is a good source for fabrics. We will mix and share.



PocketMod Demonstration

Saturday, February 14, 2009 - 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm

Group Leader: Anna Foss

Anna Foss will be demonstrating the custom tab technique and the PocketMod© at the February meeting between the Board and Business Meetings. She will have extras available. This is a great follow-up to the January program that focused on organizing techniques. For a preview of the PocketMod©, visit www.pocketmod.com.

If you are interested in conducting a focus group, please contact **Janet Randolph** at **610-874-3721** or e-mail her at: janetrandolph@verizon.net

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Reports			
1/14/2009			
Guild		Show	Total
Beginning Balance	\$47,758.73	\$(2,350.49)	\$45,408.24
Income	\$6,934.88	\$3,020.00	\$9,954.88
Expenses	\$6,587.42	\$287.29	\$6,874.71
Ending Balance	\$48,106.19	\$382.22	\$48,488.41

This does not include figures from the December meeting. Due to space limitations, the treasurer's report is condensed. A complete version is on the website or you can contact Kitty Squire to have a copy mailed to you.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the March 7, 2009 newsletter is:

Wednesday, February 18th. Please send information to: Linda Lee Kelly, 950 Oaks Drive, Franklin Square, NY 11010 or e-mail:

LKELLY20@OPTONLINE.NET

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BUS TRIP TO PADUCAH

It's official — we're going to Paducah! On **Wednesday, April 22, 2009** we will head down to Paducah for the American Quilter's Society (AQS) show. The room rate is still being negotiated, and seats are **VERY LIMITED**. If you did not sign up at the January 10, 2009 meeting, you must do so at once by contacting **Aleeda Crawley** at her home phone number **973-313-0844** or via email at: acquiltsy@yahoo.com

A substantial deposit (\$100-150) will be due at the **February 14, 2009** guild meeting. The itinerary is as follows:

Wed, April 22, 2009: 7:00 p.m. departure from NYC. Travel through the night via charter bus to Paducah area. Note: this is a 16 hour ride, approximately, and we will stop every 3½ – 4 hours, but we will not be stopping long enough for a dinner break on the way down.

Thu, April 23, 2009: We will arrive in Paducah late morning or early afternoon April 23. You will have the afternoon to go to the show, or Hancocks of Paducah (there is a shuttle service from the Convention Center).

Fri-Sat, April 24-25, 2009: unscheduled; we will depart around 4:00-5:00 p.m. on Saturday, stop for dinner, and head home to NYC.

Sun, April 26, 2009: arrive in NYC before noon.

The cost of the trip is estimated to be \$350. Please note: due to the difficulties in planning this trip (particularly group accommodations), **the group size is limited to 28 people, and most of these spots have been filled.**

A completed registration form with a deposit is due to reserve your spot on this trip. We accept cash (at meetings only), checks and money orders. Make checks payable to Empire Quilters. Please note the trip destination ("Paducah") on your check.

Turn in your registration form at the **February 14, 2009** guild meeting, or mail your registration form and check to **Aleeda Crawley, 35 Midland Blvd., Maplewood, NJ 07040**

For more information:

American Quilter's Society 25th Anniversary Quilt show in Paducah: www.americanquilter.com

Hancock's of Paducah: www.hancocks-paducah.com

Museum of the American Quilter's Society (National Quilt Museum): www.quiltmuseum.org

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2009 — TRIP TO QUILT FEST OF NEW JERSEY

While we typically attend The Quilt Festival of New Jersey in Somerset on Saturday, this date conflicts with our March guild meeting, and so the trip date is now scheduled for ****Sunday, March 8, 2009**. The cost is \$45, and we need a minimum of 30 people to make this trip a go. Please RSVP to **Aleeda Crawley** at her home phone number **973-313-0844** or via email at: acquiltsy@yahoo.com

We will depart at 9:00 a.m. from the corner of 31st Street and 8th Avenue and depart Somerset at 4:00 p.m. Full payment for this trip is due at the **February 14, 2009**, guild meeting at which time I will know for sure if we have enough people for the trip, and if we are under, but close, allow people who have signed up the opportunity to pay a little extra so that we can go. By a little extra, I mean \$10 or less. ****NOTE: you must have someone pick up your quilt from judging on Sunday, March 8 between 1:00pm and 3:00pm if you go to this show.**

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PLACE AN AD! DEADLINE IS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2009

Last show, we had a wonderful response to our "Member" ads - folks who wanted to send anniversary greetings to our guild. This time, we are offering the same ad space - at the low fee of \$20 - to any member who wants to send congratulations on our show or advertise their wares or services. Maybe you do beading, make dolls or teach craft classes, maybe you have an item you'd like to sell, this is your opportunity to get the word out. Fill out the attached form and mail to: **Pat Decker** (address on form) or contact her at patdecker@earthlink.net to place your ad.



Example

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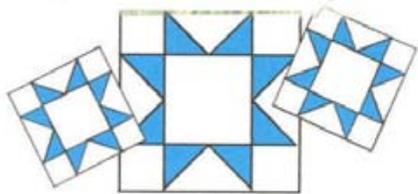
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MORRIS-JUMEL MANSION QUILT DEMONSTRATIONS

The **Morris-Jumel Mansion** at 65 Jumel Terrace is holding its annual *George Washington Birthday Celebration* event from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm **Saturday, February 21, 2009**. **Empire Quilters** have been asked to join the program to demonstrate quilting. Those interested should bring some hand work and some samples and be prepared to chat with the visitors. Please let **Mary Butler** know if you are interested. For more information about the **Morris-Jumel Mansion** along with detailed directions to their location, visit their website: www.morrisjumel.org

DYCKMAN FARMHOUSE MUSEUM DAY

Empire Quilters are invited to demonstrate quilting at the **Dyckman Farmhouse Museum** on **Saturday, May 2, 2009**. Members should bring some hand work and some samples and be prepared to chat with visitors. The setting is beautiful and unique — the front porch of the museum is inviting and relaxing. Guild members demonstrate the various aspects of quilting to the many visitors who walk through the museum and its lovely gardens.

Take the A train to 207th Street, stay at the back of the train and exit to the street. Turn right two blocks to the Museum. If you have questions, please contact **Mary Butler** via citymary@aol.com or call her at **212-662-7771**.

For more information about the museum — which is the last remaining Dutch colonial style farmhouse in Manhattan — visit their website: www.dyckmanfarmhouse.org

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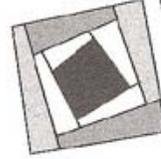
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NEW MEMBERS 2008-2009 GUILD SEASON

The following is a list of members who have joined us since September, 2008 thru January, 2009 - Welcome:

Janet Aberdeen, Jane Adler, Barbara Aubrey, Valencia Baird, Julie Fei-Fan Blazer, Betty Belford, Cynthia Blair, Phyllis Bryant, Anjean Carter, Laura Catlan, Meagan Cuffy-Nettey, Cathleen Devlin, Barbara Dilsner, Gladys Fischhoff, Jane Fisher, Pauline Frederick, Annette Friedlein, Michael Fung, Katherine Gillis, Merle Goldberg, Sally Goodwin, Gayle Gross, Mary Hawley, Bernadine Heller-Greenman, Jacqui Holmes, Andrea Homer-Macdonald, Ed Inderrieden, Barbara A. Jackson, Marilyn Hamilton Jackson, Jacqueline Johnson, Ofra Katz, Joan Kedziora, Lisa N. Kehrle, Lucy M. Kissiedu, Myrna Klapwald, Veronica Kurian, Audrey Lewis, Carol Lipton, Karen Maykower, Roz Manor, Adriana Martinez, Angelica McDermott, RaNae Merrill, JoAnn Montalbano, Sallie Nichols, Claire O'Donohue, Wendy O'Flaherty, Susan J. Patterson, Barbara Phillips, James Pittman, Lucille Poleshuck, Jo Anne Powell, Marguerite Renz, Margaretta Richards, Lea Williams Rose, Nancy Russell, Laurie Russman, Marie Sandauer, Susan Sato, Didi Schiller, June Schultz, Carol Steuer, Wilma Steuer, Michelle Tashman, Teresa Vega, Betsy Vinegrad, Linda Vredenburgh, Claudia Weiner, Laura White, Myrna Williams, Susan Williamson-Coke, Claudia Woodroffe, Pat Yamin, Wanda Yap.

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