



NEXT MEETING:
Saturday, April 4, 2009

**LOCATION: Fashion
Institute of Technology
27TH ST. AT 7TH AVE. -
Katie Murphy
Amphitheater, Bldg. D,
Ground Floor (No Food
Permitted)**

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

GENERAL MEETING:
1:00P.M. - 5:00P.M.
Guest Fee: \$10.00
Senior/Student: \$5.00
*** Note - guests need to
register in advance due
to the popularity of this
program**

**PROGRAM: "Elm Creek
Quilts Author Jennifer
Chiaverini"**

**WORKSHOP: Next
workshop is in May**

**VENDOR: Barnes &
Noble (selling Jennifer's
books)**

**QUILTER OF THE
MONTH: Naomi Shelnut**

FOCUS GROUPS:
Will resume in May

**This Month: Raffles,
Show & Tell. No Library.**

APRIL MEETING NOTICE

No, these are not April Fools jokes, these changes are for real. Our meeting is **April 4**, not our usual second Saturday of the month. We are not meeting at our usual place, but rather at the **Katie Murphy Amphitheater**, on the same block as usual, 7th Avenue - Bldg. D; see the map on our website. **No food** is allowed in the amphitheater per FIT, so if you bring your lunch, hopefully the day will be nice enough to eat it outside.

At the April Meeting there will be sections in the amphitheater reserved for members (and members' guests) and another section for pre-registered non-guild guests. Volunteers will be helping to make everything run smoothly.

APRIL SHOW & TELL: In addition to whatever else you plan to bring, if you've made any quilts based on our speaker Jennifer Chiaverini's Elm Creek Quilts series, please bring them also.

ELM CREEK QUILTS AUTHOR JENNIFER CHIAVERINI

We all know and love the characters in the Elm Creek Quilts novels. The novels are stories of quilters, of friendship, of families, and of personal challenges and adventures. We are delighted that Jennifer Chiaverini, the author of those wonderful books will be the speaker at our April guild meeting.

Jennifer Chiaverini was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, but grew up in Waterford, Michigan and Thousand Oaks, California. She is a graduate of Notre Dame and the University of Chicago and has taught writing at Penn State University and Edgewood College. In addition to writing the Elm Creek Quilts series, Jennifer is the author of several quilt pattern books and she designs the Elm Creek Quilts fabric lines for Red Rooster Fabrics. And yes Jennifer still finds time to quilt!

For more information about Jennifer Chiaverini and her books, visit her website: www.elmcreek.net.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well - by the time you read this - we'll have done it again! As I write we are just over one week away from our 2009 Urban Inspirations show. I got to see a preview of sorts last weekend when quilts were brought in for judging. As we might expect the range of techniques, colors and design concepts is broad, and truly inspiring. I'm quite certain that each person attending the show will find many quilts that please and excite them.

I want to take this time to thank all the folks who have worked several hundreds of hours to prepare for the show. Larry, Paula and Kitty have done a stellar job at working with the various committees to keep us all focused on our deadlines and what needs to be done. Every person who has headed or worked on a committee to prepare for the show gets my hearty thanks. Every person who helps on the show weekend is no less important in my eyes - you are the ones representing our guild in the eyes of the public who attend the show. Thanks to all. And, not to be left out, thanks to each member who chose to submit a quilt (or 2 or 3) for the show. This is what everyone comes to see.

I look forward to seeing you all in April, and hearing the buzz about the show. Please remember that the meeting is the 1st Saturday, and it's in the Katie Murphy Amphitheatre. The entrance is on 27th street, at 7th Avenue (the first entrance). See you then. The Nominating Committee will present the proposed slate of officers for the next year, and voting on that slate will be in May. **Jennifer**

CHARITY REPORT

We are happy to report that the dedicated Empire Quilters have once again made our Charity Day an outstanding success. The total quilts made as of Saturday, March 7th is 120, which does not include all the quilts in various stages of completion, so graciously taken home to be completed by our dedicated members. I would like to thank first Véronique Milliez, who once again helped me all day with collecting the fabric, tops, cutting batting, and everything else. I would like to thank all our members who came to the meeting with their sewing machines in tow and were busy all day sewing, sewing, sewing. I would like to thank The City Quilter for the kind donation of batting which is essential in making our day a success. But most of all, I would like to thank all the Empire members who once again made beautiful quilts for the kids and adults in our New York community who need help and comfort and our quilts certainly help them. You have all come out full force to make this yearly event a success, especially while making quilts for our upcoming show. Thank you all again, and remember to save all those scraps for Teddy Bears in December. **Denise Walsh-Horowitz**

QUILTER OF THE MONTH

Naomi Shelnut began quilting close to 20 years ago when her husband was ill. Naomi would stay up late working on quilt blocks (mostly appliqué) and embroidery as well. She tried her hand at many textile related art forms while she shepherded her husband through chemo and radiation. Naomi joined Empire in the early 1990's shortly after her husband passed away. She shifted her focus to dollmaking about ten years ago and has been particularly interested in making dolls of African descent as well as stuffed animals.

Naomi is a member of Quilters of Color Network NY – where she recently led an African Queen by Kooki Davis workshop, as well as a member of the City Quilter Doll Club, and the 3D Doll Club of Mount Vernon. Her daughter Stacey, Director of Education at Sacramento Museum of Art in California, loves everything she does – including Naomi's favorite doll: the Storyteller!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Ligaya Siachongco (Apr 01), Jill Dube (Apr 02), Jane Broaddus (Apr 06), Ethel Campbell (Apr 09), Carmen Caldiero (Apr 10), Carole Hoffman (Apr 13), Alma Scher (Apr 14), Sonia Rieber (Apr 16), Judy Doenias (Apr 16), Anne Barry (Apr 18), Elizabeth Adorno (Apr 19), Barbara A. Jackson (Apr 21), Doris Julis (Apr 24), Althea Cherebin (Apr 27), Diana Berthold (Apr 27), Bethany Morelli (Apr 29), and Karen Griska (Apr 29).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Reports 3/10/2009			
Guild		Show	Total
Beginning Balance	\$51,776.21	\$8,497.95	\$60,274.16
Income	\$3,938.50	\$3,294.00	\$7,232.50
Expenses	\$5,057.04	\$8,503.19	\$13,560.23
Ending Balance	\$50,657.67	\$3,288.76	\$53,946.43

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the May 9, 2009 newsletter is:

Wednesday, April 8th. Please send information to: Linda Lee Kelly, 950 Oaks Drive, Franklin Square, NY 11010 or e-mail:

LKELLY20@OPTONLINE.NET

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.

JUNE FLEA MARKET

The June 13, 2009 Meeting of the Guild will again be an opportunity for members to sell items at the flea market. This market will be limited to fourteen (14) 30 x 72 inch tables. The price will be \$20.00 for a full table or \$10.00 for a 1/2 table. **The deadline for reservations is May 1, 2009**, however, reservations will be taken at the March and April meetings. Priority will be given to those members who have not sold at prior flea markets. This is being done to give as many members an opportunity to sell at the two markets each year. You are welcome to sell pretty much anything — *as long as it fits on your reserved table*. We don't have room for over-flows, and we need to keep things off of the floor for fire-safety reasons.

Reservations may be made with Larry Gifford by email at lawgifford@me.com or by phone at 917-513-8351. Payment may be made at the May meeting. **Larry Gifford**



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BUS TRIP TO PADUCAH

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Wed, April 22, 2009: 7:00 pm departure from NYC. Travel through the night via charter bus to Paducah area. This is approximately a 16 hour ride 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 Hancock's 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 pm on Saturday, stop for dinner, and head home to NYC.

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

A completed registration form with full payment is due to reserve your spot on this trip if you are signing up now. We accept cash (at meetings only), checks and money orders. Make checks payable to Empire Quilters. Please note "Paducah" on your check.

Mail your registration form and check to **Aleeda Crawley, 35 Midland Blvd., Maplewood, NJ 07040** (once you contact Aleeda and verify there is still space available).

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



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WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Hi, my name is Rita Reid and I am the new chair of the Welcoming Committee. I am usually sitting close to the sign-in or membership desk. Usually the membership person at that desk refers new members and guests to me and they are free to sit at the New Member table if they wish. I provide them with a description of what we do and provide various bits of information. My contact information is: **Rita Reid 718-829-3544**, email is contessa517@yahoo.com please include "Empire Quilters" in the subject line.

The following people were guests at our March meeting: Miki Honyashiki, Masayo Kitao, Mary Sham and Nicolas Alves who became a member at the March meeting.

Reminder to **Pauline, Paulette, Gloria and Anna Foss**: We expect the April meeting to be very busy and crowded. Please do not forget that you have volunteered to help us with the guests. **Rita Reid**



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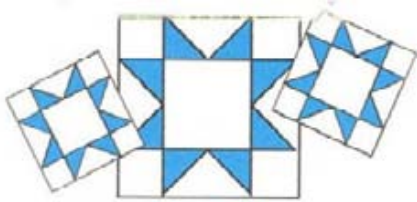
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DYCKMAN FARMHOUSE MUSEUM DAY

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

NATIONAL QUILTING ASSOCIATION (NQA)

It is time for members and the guild to renew NQA membership. If you keep your membership current, you will receive four magazines a year from NQA. Their yearly quilt show is held in Columbus Ohio. They also hold a silent auction of small quilts. The money from these quilts are used for grants given to quilters who would like to start or continue a quilting program. I am donating a small quilt this year to the NQA. It will be given in the name of the Empire Guild. I hope to have it ready by the April meeting. For more information see www.nqaquilts.org. Any questions call Beth Pile 631-286-5532 or bpile@optonline.net.

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Please call or e-mail for dates and more information. We can schedule a weekend for your group.



From Nancy Eha: February Lecturer and Workshop Teacher

Thank you Empire Quilters and especially Lee Ebs and Mary Butler for making my lecture and workshops possible. Thank you for the kindness everyone showed me by helping set up/pack up for workshops and recommending museums and exhibits to see while in NYC.

I absolutely enjoyed meeting and working with every one of you. You are a talented and enthusiastic group of quilters. Please remember to send me photos of projects the workshops inspired you to make, you can email them to me at nancyeha@beadcreative.com

I have just posted the first Royal Photo of Queen Mother of the Royal Order of Bead Explorers on my web site <http://www.beadcreative.com>. Thanks for having fun with me as all of the students were inducted into royalty at the end of each workshop.

Would I return to lecture/teach again for the Empire Quilts? You betcha, in a New York minute!

Warm wishes from cold Minnesota,
Nancy Eha, Queen Mother of the Royal Order of Bead Explorers

LOST AND FOUND

Please call **Lee Ebs** at **212-242-3438** if you left scarf/gloves/sunglasses at the February meeting or a pillowcase at the March meeting.

MADE IN NEW YORK: City

Quilting Quilt Exhibit

September 22 – November 14, 2009

Sponsored by: The City Quilter

Location: The Williams Club, 24 East 39th Street, New York City

(www.williamsclub.org)

Entry Deadline: June 1, 2009

Hours: to be announced

Cost: Free to the public

More Information: For information about the show, contact

The City Quilter: 212-807-0390, or info@cityquilter.com

This juried show will contain approximately 100 works made by quilters while they were living or working in the New York metropolitan area. The entry deadline is **June 1, 2009**.

For complete entry rules, and submission application, visit The City Quilter website: www.cityquilter.com, or stop in at their shop: 133 West 25th Street, New York City.



SEWING THE THREADS OF NEW YORK

In 1609, Henry Hudson set sail in the ship Halve Maen (Half Moon) from Holland's shores in search of a westward route to Europe's trading partners in Asia. His journey led him and his crew up the wide river that now bears his name. September 2009 marks the 400th anniversary of Hudson's arrival in our harbor, which led to the establishment of what would become New York City and the towns of the Hudson Valley. In November 2009, Lefferts Historic House in Prospect Park is dedicating its 18th Annual Quilt Show to the quadric-centennial of Hudson's voyage.



Entries for *Sewing the Threads of New York: The 400 Year Anniversary of Henry Hudson's Voyage* can draw inspiration from Hudson's journey across the sea, from the river valley landscape, from the people the voyagers encountered along the river, or from the promise of a new colony. They can follow more obscure threads: when a final settlement was paid to Hudson's widow for instance, it was a company paid trip to India to obtain cloth and quilts. They can focus on the changes that have occurred to the harbor and river over the 400 years or on what has remained the same. They can focus on the color and sheen of water, or on the letters in Henry Hudson's name. Wherever the imagination goes!

Quilts will be on exhibit at Lefferts Historic House Nov 1-29, 2009, and at Prospect Park Audubon Center at the Boathouse from Dec 5- 27, 2009. Contact Exhibit Curator, **Isak Mendes** at **718/789-2822 ext. 11**. Brooklyn Quilters Guild members can also contact **Kirsten Fisher** at **718 243 2667** or e-mail KF7willows@aol.com

To enter, send a photo and brief explanation connecting your quilt to the theme by September 15, 2009. Mailing Address: 95 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Email: isakmendes@prospectpark.org

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PECONIC QUILT SHOW

Members and non-members of Eastern Long Island Quilter's Guild, Inc. (ELIQG) are invited to enter quilts and clothing, made using quilt making techniques. Show space is limited. Only the first 150 quilts/clothing will be accepted. Non-guild members are limited to two (2) quilt entries. There is an entry fee of \$15.00 for one OR two quilts. Make checks payable to ELIQG. One form must be filled out for each quilt being entered. You may copy the entry form if entering more than one quilt/clothing item.

Entry registration deadline: handed in at an ELIQG meeting/postmarked/sent NO LATER THAN: May 1, 2009, by U.S. mail, hand delivered, e-mail or fax: **Lynn Fullshire, 32 Lower Cross, Shoreham, NY 11786. Fax# 631-852-1782 or e-mail: lfullshi@courts.state.ny.us**

Rules/Info: Quilts or clothing entered must have been constructed by the person/persons entering the entry(s) and must not have appeared in earlier ELIQG shows. Quilts/clothing entered do not have to match the show theme. Quilts entered in the Empire Urban Inspirations Show may be entered in this show. Quilt delivery is at Suffolk Community College, Riverhead, NY between 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 in the large dining room in the Peconic Building.

There is also a block contest open to non-guild members. The theme is "Go Green for a Better World". Blocks must be 12 ½" x 12 ½" to finish 12". You must use the color green in the block but are not limited to that color. Your block may be pieced or appliquéd or a combination of both. Your block may be embellished **BUT NOT** quilted. The block as well as a fee of \$3.00 (for each block submitted) must be received at the following address by **May 1, 2009: Liz Doyle, 63 Squiretown Rd., Hampton Bays, NY 11946**. All blocks received will be judged and winning blocks will be assembled into a quilt top. The makers of the winning blocks will be entered into a drawing for the quilt top. The top will be on display at the June 6 and 7, 2009 show. All participants will receive a gift. You may enter as many blocks as you wish.

For more information and to obtain entry forms, go to www.eliqg.org or send a self addressed return envelope with you entry form requests to Lynn Fullshire at the address on pg. 7.



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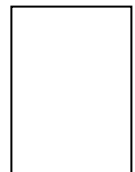
MAY BLOCK OF THE MONTH

The May BOM will be “Four Hearts and a Star”. It is a pieced block with four hearts which can either be fused on and machine appliquéd or you can add seam allowance and hand appliquéd them onto the block. Copies of the instructions will be available at the April meeting or can be downloaded from the website. If you have any questions, contact Anna Krassy at: **212-242-3253** or e-mail Anna at: Annak_88@yahoo.com

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