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# EMPIRE NEWSLETTER

September 2009

## President's Letter

*A message from our new president Paula Kenney*

Welcome back. What a tumultuous year this has been for everyone.

A new year begins for the Guild in the same year that a new administration was heralded by the country. For all of us this is a time of change and new ideas but also a time of challenges. These tough economic times leave few untouched and the Guild is facing some unprecedented issues.

We have learned that our rent has significantly increased with the likelihood of even higher costs next year. With these constraints on our budget we will have to look to some new and innovative ways to increase our revenue and reduce some costs.

In keeping with the rather somber news, I am sad to announce that Cindy Russell, our web-mistress, is moving on and will no longer be able to fill the duties she has so admirably and ably performed. We are actively seeking a person (or persons) to take on the website maintenance. Cindy has assured us that she will be available to shepherd the new people who take up this volunteer position.

Ten years ago, when I joined the Guild, little did I imagine that I would someday become the President. It has been rewarding to experience the satisfaction and pleasure of quilting as well as the fellowship and friendship of those who share the same passion.

In my term as President I hope to continue the many precedents the Guild has established and achieve some new goals as well. Clearly maintaining our financial solvency is utmost on my agenda. I hope to increase member participation in Guild activities and look forward to getting to know more of our members.

As I start my tenure I would like to thank and commend my predecessor, Jennifer Bigelow, whose outstanding performance these last 4 years has made the Guild an exciting and wonderful place to be.

I look forward to seeing you all at our September meeting.

--Paula

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### NEWSLETTER

As you can see, our newsletter has taken on a whole new look! We hope you like it. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact Lauren Dieterich at [lauren.dieterich@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.dieterich@gmail.com) or 212-674-6174.

The deadline for the October newsletter is September 16.



### MEETING INFO

SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2009

#### TIME:

10:30am: Focus Groups  
11am - 12pm: Board Meeting  
1pm - 5pm: General Meeting

#### LOCATION:

FIT, David Dubinsky Center  
Building A, 27th St. & 8th Ave.

#### SPEAKER:

David Taylor, Landscape Quilts

#### VENDOR:

Fiber Notion

#### QUILTER of the MONTH:

None

#### FOCUS GROUPS:

The Beaded Spider, 10:30am  
Elm Creek Sampler Club, 12pm

#### BOM:

Candy Stick

#### GUEST FEES:

\$10: Regular  
\$5: Student/Senior

# September Meeting

*Featuring Program and Workshop with David Taylor*

## PROGRAM

David Taylor has been quilting since 1999, and is a true master of quilting art and craft. He is the recipient of many awards, including the *Master Award for Contemporary Quilt Artistry* from the International Quilt Association, the *Brother Machine Workmanship Award* from the American Quilters Society and is a multi-time winner of the *Best in Show* award at the *Spring International Quilt Festival* in Chicago. David lives and works in Colorado when he's not traveling around the world sharing his tips, techniques, and ideas.

For more information about David Taylor visit his website : [www.davidtaylorquilts.com](http://www.davidtaylorquilts.com).



## WORKSHOP

**Advanced Pictorial Appliqué**  
**Sunday, September 13, 2009**  
**10:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**Location: 343 8th Avenue, at 27th Street**

**Cost: \$70.00**

**Sign up: Contact Mary Butler at [citymary@aol.com](mailto:citymary@aol.com) or 212-662-7771**

This class is for quilters who have mastered their own appliqué technique. David Taylor will demonstrate how to adapt a photograph or drawing into a quilted wallhanging, using hand- and machine-piecing, appliqué and quilting techniques. Students should not expect to have a finished piece at the end of the class — detailed art quilts take months to produce. But you will learn some valuable techniques that will serve you well into the future. Students are encouraged to bring multiple designs to choose from.

The supply list is available on the website, or by contacting Mary at the information above.

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## FOCUS GROUPS

### Elm Creek Sampler Club - New!

**12 noon - 1 pm**

**Group Leader: Helen Beall**

Each month we will be making a different block from Jennifer Chiaverini and Nancy Odom's book, "Elm Creek Quilts: Quilt Projects Inspired by the Elm Creek Quilts Novels." This month, please bring along your Sawtooth Star block. Instructions are given on p. 14 in the book. If you have not completed the block, come anyway. We'll have an opportunity to meet each other and discuss our project. Call Helen Beall at 516-365-9257 or email [htbeall@yahoo.com](mailto:htbeall@yahoo.com) with any questions or comments.

### The Beaded Spider

**10:30 am - 12 noon**

**Group Leader: Sandra Cain (with Janet Randolph and Susan Louis assisting)**

Quilters who like to have a spider on their quilts, art clothing, etc. can learn to bead a beautiful spider for good luck or a mean spider to accompany a witch for Halloween. It will be a hands-on focus group. It is very easy to make one, so beginners are welcome.

For a copy of the supply list, please see the website or contact Janet at [janetrandolph@verizon.net](mailto:janetrandolph@verizon.net) or 610-874-3721.

**BLOCK OF THE MONTH**

Remember to take a look at [www.empirebom.blogspot.com](http://www.empirebom.blogspot.com) to view the current and upcoming blocks. Don't have time? The blocks take 20 minutes or less! You can't win if you don't "play." Enter the drawing once for each block you make. Join the fun.

**"Sugar Stick" - September BOM**

This month we have a block created by Karen Griska. It looks tricky, but it's not! There is no measuring, just some simple slicing and inserting of strips. When choosing fabrics for these blocks, think candy store colors: fireball red, bubble gum pink, original M&M colors, jelly bean colors, candy canes, licorice, chocolate, pastels, polka dots, stripes, solids, or happy prints.



**"Fashion Labels" - October BOM**

Since we meet at the Fashion Institute in NY's Garment District, isn't it logical that we make a labels quilt? It would take forever for any one of us to collect enough labels for a whole quilt. But together we can do it. And it will be amazing!



Have you noticed that more and more new clothes don't have labels? The information is printed right onto the garment. Before long, this quilt may look like a real antique.

Get your seam ripper and reading glasses to help you harvest labels from your family's clothing. About 7-8 labels will fill one block, but having some extras will give you more options when arranging them. Machine appliqué them on a 6 1/2" square of neutral fabric and you're done! See: the blog for photos and more.

**LIBRARY**

The Summer seems to have flown away, and here we are ready for our September meeting. There are several new books that will be available for borrowing. I especially liked "Sew One and Your'e Done----" A great way to quickly work with just a single block; Alex Anderson's "Super Simple Quilts #3); and "Borders, the Basics and Beyond". We also have the Summer 2009 issue of "Fabric Trends Magazine" with a piece on Anna Sinitsyna and the new Jennifer Chiaverini book " Sylvia's Bridal Sample From Elm Creek Quilts".

Remember that you must show your current membership card in order to borrow a book from the Empire Library. The lists of our current library selections are available on the website.

Former member Leila Lieberman donated some books for the Library, thanks. On the negative side, ten members have overdue books, some not returned since as late as January. I will talk to all of them to remind them to make sure to return the books and have money for their late fines. Because of these problems, books must be returned after just one month.

Remember that our annual book sale -- \$2.00 per book -- will be in October.

*-Sylvia Hughes*

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Due to space limitations, the Treasurer's report is condensed. A complete version is on the website, or you can contact Anna Krassy at [annak\\_88@yahoo.com](mailto:annak_88@yahoo.com) or 212-242-3253 to have a copy mailed to you.

	June			August	
	Guild	Show	Total	Guild	Total
Beginning Balance	\$ 46,946.31	\$ 21,303.56	\$ 68,249.87	\$ 53,753.91	\$ 53,753.91
Income	\$ 14,775.70	\$ 45.00	\$ 14,820.70	\$ 1,633.87	\$ 1,633.87
Expenses	\$ 7,968.10	\$ 16,306.67	\$ 24,274.77	\$ 14,855.98	\$ 14,855.98
Ending Balance	\$ 53,753.91	\$ 5,041.89	\$ 58,795.80	\$ 40,531.80	\$ 40,531.80

# Member News

## GUILD WEBSITE NEWS

Welcome back everyone – and a special welcome to our new members! As a reminder to all, the guild website ([www.empirequilters.net](http://www.empirequilters.net)) is the place to go for the most up-to-the-minute news about the guild and about quilting events and exhibits in the region. Be sure to check the website often throughout the year. You'll find complete information about our upcoming programs, workshops, focus groups, trips, and other guild activities. We post special notices, member news, and links to other quilt guilds and quilting sites. There are pictures of our Show & Tell presentations and extensive information from our Service Committee with ideas of projects for charity. We also have summaries of past meetings, archives of past newsletters, board meeting minutes, and pictures of our recent (fabulous!) quilt shows. Still need more information? Visit the F.A.Q. page for answers to the most Frequently Asked Questions.

The website depends on our guild members (yes – you!) for its information, so if you have news items, pictures of your recent quilt project, or information about a good needle-art exhibit in the area, please email those items to [info@empirequilters.net](mailto:info@empirequilters.net) and they will be posted on the website.

Finally, we are looking for a volunteer to take over the day-to-day operation of the website. If you have website experience and want to take on this fun and satisfying project, please contact a member of the board. Contact information for the Board Members is list on page 9 in this newsletter.

See you online!

-- *Cindy Russell, Website Chair*

## VETERANS QUILT PROJECT

Many thanks to all those quilters who have given up fun summer days to work on quilts for homeless veterans. We all seem to feel that it's such a worthwhile cause that we gain much satisfaction with each finished quilt.

So far there are nine finished quilts here at "headquarters" and another eight in the process of being quilted or tied, plus another dozen or so in various stages. I'm glad to know that many of you have finished quilts or works-in-progress you're working on also. If you have masculine quilts, tops, fabric, or yarn for tying, please bring them to the September meeting, drop them off at my apartment (near City Quilter), or mail them to me.

If you enjoy the social aspect of a quilting bee, dates for getting together at my home are August 17, 22, 24, 29, Sept. 1, 5, 9, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28. Please check with me before coming because 6 people per day is the limit for this factory.

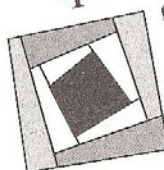
Our goal is have finished all 52 quilts by Empire's November 8 meeting, just a few days before Veterans' Day. We're still working out plans for presenting the finished quilts.

Thanks for all your help!

--*Lee Ebs, [eblee@msn.com](mailto:eblee@msn.com) or 212-242-3438*

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### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS!!

#### **Diana M. Berthold presents Quilt Trunk Show and has Article Published in *Horse Directory Magazine***

Diana M. Berthold is keeping busy! She will present a Quilt Trunk Show at the Swan Lake Park Civic Association on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at 7:00 pm. As an extra bonus, she will have an English paper piecing kit for those who may be inspired to try a project of their own.

Diana is known for her innovative and artistic memory creations using horse show ribbons in combination with custom embroideries, medals, photos and award rosettes. Diana's work was featured in the July 2009 issue of *Horse Directory Magazine*.

#### **Anna Krassy has quilt accepted at World Quilt Competition**

Anna Krassy had her Blue Sky, Sunshine quilt on display in the World Quilt Show in Manchester, New Hampshire, August 13-16, 2009. Her beautiful quilt first appeared in our guild's 2009 Urban Inspirations Quilt Show, where it was awarded a second prize in the pieced category.

#### **Anna Sinitsyna featured in *Quilt Magazine***

Anna Sinitsyna and her quilt Fortune Wheels is featured in the Aug/Sep 2009 issue of *Quilt Magazine* (page 106)! Anna's quilt first appeared in the Empire Quilters 2009 Urban Inspirations Quilt Show where it caught the eye of the magazine's editors. The accompanying article talks about Anna's background, and her quilting journey. The article also points readers to the guild website and invites them to view other quilts from the show.

#### **Jane Broaddus Art on Display in Washington, DC**

Jane Broaddus participated in an exciting art happening in Washington, DC this summer. *Artomatic* was a month-long art festival in DC. This annual free event celebrated its 10th anniversary this year. Jane showed fiber art dolls, dioramas, and 3D wall hangings.

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## BUS TRIP INFORMATION

We are gearing up for another year of trips. Thankfully, a few people have come forward as I begin to transition the Trips Committee to our new volunteers, and we will do all we can to continue our popular outings. I will introduce them to you at our September meeting. Our first two trips are to Pennsylvania National in September, and an October foliage/show trip to Empire Quilt Fest in Albany. Buses will continue to depart from the southeast corner of Eighth Avenue and 31 Street. Nonrefundable (unless trip is canceled) deposits will be required where noted. For most trips, a minimum of 35 people is required, and trips will have to be canceled if we fall far below that number. As many of you are aware, the Quilter's Heritage Festival (Lancaster) has been canceled for 2010. At the September meeting, I ask that you complete a brief questionnaire that will assist in planning our retreat and prospective trip to the Smithsonian.

-Aleeda Crawley

**September 19, 2009****Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza XVI**

[www.quiltfest.com](http://www.quiltfest.com)

Cost: \$55 Members; \$60 Guests

Bus Departs: 8 a.m. Bus Returns: 6 p.m.

Payment Due: September Meeting

This is the show that was originally held in Fort Washington, and moved to Harrisburg; they have returned to the Philadelphia area, and we will be there for the first show in the new location. In addition to the quilts on display, there is a Merchant's Mall. NOTE: Please contact Aleeda Crawley at [acquiltsy@yahoo.com](mailto:acquiltsy@yahoo.com) or 973-313-0844 prior to the meeting if you wish to go to this show. Payment must be made by the September meeting.

**October 17, 2009****Fall Foliage/Empire QuiltFest**

Cost: \$55 Members; \$60 Guests

Bus Departs: 7:30 a.m. Bus Returns: 7 p.m.

Deposit: \$20 due at September meeting

Balance Due: October Meeting

Though we'll be taking a similar road trip, this year, we are going to the larger Empire QuiltFest (last year, we enjoyed the Q.U.I.L.T.S. show in Schenectady). This show includes a luncheon lecture, NY Quilts Through History. If you choose to attend this lecture, you are able to sign up individually online through their website. Our trip cost does not include this event.

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### LOCAL SHOW INFORMATION

#### **Kaleidoscope Quilts: The Art of Paula Nadelstern**

**Open Through: September 13, 2009**

**Location: American Folk Art Museum,  
45 West 53rd Street, New York City**

**Hours: Tues–Sun: 10:30am – 5:30pm; (Sun until 7:30 pm)**

**Cost: \$9.00 (\$7.00 Students & Seniors)**

Don't miss this opportunity to see a stunning collection of Paula Nadelstern's quilts. Paula's manipulations of color and pattern create masterpieces in a style that is unmatched.

#### **Identity by Design: Tradition, Change, and Celebration in Native Women's Dresses**

**Open Through: September 27, 2009**

**Location: National Museum of the American Indian  
One Bowling Green, New York City**

**Hours: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm daily. Thursdays until 8:00 pm**

**Cost: Free to the public**

This show is a perfect reason to visit (or revisit!) the National Museum of the American Indian downtown. This large and comprehensive exhibit covers the connections between dress and identity — individual, communal and cultural. There are colors and beads and patterns and dresses and accessories — an overall stunning and educational exhibit.

#### **Uptown Squared**

**Open Through: October 11, 2009**

**Location: Gallery M, 123 West 135th Street, between  
Lenox Ave and Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Blvd.,  
New York City**

**Hours: Contact the gallery for hours: 212-234-4106**

**Cost: Free to the public**

Works by more than 30 artists, each working in a variety of techniques and mediums, but all working on a 12" x 12" canvas. This exhibit was curated by quilt artist Larua R. Gadson of the Gadson Gallery, and includes work by Empire Quilters member Denise Bradley.

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- \* **Empire Quilters Membership** - It is time to renew your membership if you haven't already! See membership form on page 8.
- \* **National Quilting Association Membership** - It is time to renew your NQA Membership if you are a member. If you keep your membership current you will receive four magazines a year from NQA. For more information, visit their website: [www.nqaquilts.org](http://www.nqaquilts.org). For questions, contact Beth Pile at [bpile@optonline.net](mailto:bpile@optonline.net) or 631-286-5532.
- \* **Bus Trip to Pennsylvania National** - If you would like to attend, you must sign up at or before the September meeting. More information on page 7.
- \* **New Eyes for the Needy** - Member Anna Foss will continue to collect donated eye glasses at the September meeting. She will deliver them to New Eyes for the Needy. The donated glasses go overseas with non-religious mission groups.
- \* **October Newsletter Deadline** - Submit your articles for the October newsletter by Wednesday, September 16, 2009. Late submissions will not be accepted. See page 1 for contact information.
- \* **November Member Flea Market** - Reserve your table by October 1, 2009! Contact Larry Gifford at [lwgifford@me.com](mailto:lwgifford@me.com) or 917-513-8351 for reservations. See the website for more details.

## Calendar

### **October 10, 2009**

Gwyned Trefethen

### **November 8, 2009 (Sunday)**

Sherry Shine

### **December 12, 2009**

Holiday Fundraiser/Party

### **January 9, 2010**

Sharon Schamber

### **February 13, 2010**

Member Workshops

### **March 13, 2010**

Charity Day

### **April 10, 2010**

Betty Pillsbury

### **May 8, 2010**

Trish Chambers

### **June 12, 2010**

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