
EMPIRE NEWSLETTER

October 2009

President's Letter

Autumn has always been my most favorite time of the year. For me there is an air of expectation and new purpose. It is also the start of a new Quilt Season. The catalogues seduce us with fabrics of lush colors, and quick and easy ways to make a quilt or start a holiday project.

Our September meeting started off with the most interesting and well-participated in Block of the Month. The BOM squad gathered over 100 blocks. Thanks to Karen Griska and her team for a job well done. Next month, I hope to see many more blocks.

Naomi in her Dr. Seuss hat stole the show and made this month's fund raiser most profitable. She surprised us with great gifts and a brand new sewing machine.

Participation in the Spider making focus group was wonderful to see. I urge you to check out the focus groups. Janet is always looking for suggestions and volunteers to teach their particular specialty.

A lot of preparation goes into the making of each month's programs. We have well known speakers and instructors in their particular craft. The Sunday all day workshops are a chance to spend time in a small group and relaxed atmosphere. I urge you to participate in these groups. Without the support of membership we may have to rethink this valuable program. If you are interested in hearing a particular teacher please contact Mary Butler.

There are many wonderful things going on at our meetings, and I encourage all of you to become active participants in the meetings.

There are two meetings left before our December Holiday Party and Fund Raiser. We are in need of some new and fun ideas to help us raise money. To all new members--think about other groups' fund raising events in which you have participated. Larry Gifford or Kitty Squire would be most happy to hear from you.

I hope to meet more of you personally in the coming months. --*Paula Kenney*

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY REMINDER

In order to be included in our 2009-2010 Membership Directory, you must join or renew your membership by the October meeting. No exceptions will be made. The directory will be available at the November meeting at the membership desk. We will NOT be mailing it out. If you need it mailed to you, send a self addressed stamped envelope (use 2 stamps) to:

Empire Quilters, P.O. Box 1293, Old Chelsea Station, New York, NY 10013.

If you have a yellow membership card, you have already renewed. If you do not have a card or your card is blue, you have not renewed. If you are unsure, check the sign-in sheet at the October meeting -- if your name has an "N" or "R" by it, you have renewed or joined. You can also contact Kitty Squire at kesquilt33@msn.com or 718-541-5545 to find out your membership status.



MEETING INFO

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 10, 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:

Gwyned Trefethen, Group
Advantage

VENDOR:

Easy Piecing

QUILTER of the MONTH:

Judy Klein

FOCUS GROUPS:

Double-Mitered Binding, 10:30am

Elm Creek Sampler Club, 12pm

BOM:

Fashion Labels

GUEST FEES:

\$10: Regular

\$5: Student/Senior

October Meeting

Featuring Program and Workshop with Gwyned Trefethen

PROGRAM

Group Advantage addresses the question, "why group?" It explores the "group" of design principles that when followed help produce riveting quilt art. Work from three different series created by quilt artist Gwyned Trefethen are used to demonstrate design principles in action. This PowerPoint presentation provides a peek behind the making of Trefethen's intricate quilts, the design principles she uses and images of the quilts that result.

Gwyned's passion for quilting has been gaining momentum for over 20 years. She began making simple traditional quilts from patterns for family members and has progressed to creating art quilts of her own design. For more information about Gwyned Trefethen and to see more examples of her work, visit her website: gwynedtrefethen.com.



WORKSHOP

Taking on the Nines

Sunday, October 11, 2009

10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Location: 343 8th Avenue, at 27th Street

Cost: \$60

Sign up: Contact Mary Butler at citymary@aol.com or 212-662-7771

Make a 42" x 54" quilt in a day, doing it assembly line style. Learn how a simple pattern can result in stunning quilts. Discover variations to keep you making more. You precut your choice of fabrics. This is a fun workshop for those who want to learn how to speed piece and move a project along quickly and accurately. Beginners will get practice and advice.

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

VENDOR - EASY PIECING

Susan Sato

70 Terrace Place, Brooklyn, NY 11218
Tel: 718.853.6174

Easy Piecing was created out of filling a need for my mother. We were at a quilting retreat and I noticed that she was having a hard time putting pressure on the rotary cutter. I was

thinking of starting a business using precut fabrics in kits and my mom confirmed that there was a need for such a product. The kits make it easier for quilters who have arthritis and hand restrictions.

Fabrics are hand picked for each charm kit. They are available in a variety of colors and shapes. Quilters

can choose their color preference for borders and bindings, which are included. Since each kit is precut, it saves many hours of time cutting fabric. Just open the bag and you are ready to start. You can finish a top in a day - really!

FOCUS GROUPS

Elm Creek Sampler Club

12 noon - 1 pm

Group Leader: Helen Beall

htbeall@yahoo.com or 516-365-9257

Our first meeting was huge! May this enthusiasm lead to many wonderful sampler blocks this coming year. While we are increasing in membership, some of us are shrinking our block size. For those who wish to make 6" sampler blocks, Jennifer Chiaverini's newer book "Sylvia's Bridal Sampler from Elm Creek Quilts" (C&T Publ. 2009) may prove helpful. For October, we will all be making a Double Nine-Patch. For November, choose either Schoolhouse or Contrary Wife, or do both! Please bring in your completed blocks for the group photo and discussion.

Double-Mitered Binding

10:30 am - 11:30 am

Group Leader: Janet Randolph

janetrandolph@verizon.net or 610-874-3721

A hands-on group on stitching perfect double-mitered corners on binding. You never have to hand sew openings at corner miters ever again.

Supplies: Hand sewing needle, thread, scissors, few straight pins, pencil. Fabric/binding supplied in class.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

With 100 Sugar Stick blocks made for the September BOM, we are off to a terrific start! Didn't all the colorful blocks look stunning on the wall? Sonia Dickerson was the lucky winner. We enjoyed meeting all of you who joined in the fun.



“Fashion Labels” - October BOM

The October Block of the Month features clothing labels, an appropriate theme for a guild that meets at the Fashion Institute. This is a quick and easy block, but the resulting quilt will be something special! Especially since labels are becoming a thing of the past. Remember you can contribute any number of blocks, and you enter the drawing once for each block.

For details, visit: www.empirebom.blogspot.com. Have fun and good luck. (Hint: Neckties are a good source for labels, and coats have big ones.)

--Karen Griska, Helen Beall, Lisa Belle, Shirley Clark, Lisa Kehrle, Nick Alves

QUILTER OF THE MONTH - JUDY KLEIN

Judy Klein started quilting in the early 1980's. She joined Empire in 1982 and has been quilting ever since! Judy enjoys many different types of quilting.

LIBRARY

Lisa Kehrle and Nancy Rabatin joined the Library Committee. Thanks to them and all the others on the committee who help us run the library. In addition to handling the books and selling the magazines at the meetings, we meet at Tina Barth's house (where all the books reside) and do filing and reorganizing. If we're very nice, Tina feeds us lunch.

Lots of donations in September -- Mary Ferry, Nerua Fitzgerald, Anna Foss, Sylvia Hughes, Kate Iscol, Linda Miller, Veronique Milliez, Karen Monath, Marquerite Renz, Diane Rubenstein and Stephanie Sheehan. Thanks, as always.

Still two outstanding library books. Ladies, you know who you are so please return the books in October with your fines. All books borrowed in September will be due in October.

Finally, make sure to be at the October meeting between 12 and 1 in order buy some of those great \$2.00 sale books.

--Sylvia Hughes

BUS TRIP INFORMATION

Please note the October 17, 2009 trip to QuiltFest has been cancelled.

There will be an informational meeting about the January 29-31, 2010 retreat at 12:30 pm, just before our October meeting. I will provide the cost information and discuss logistics for this trip. Full payment for the retreat will be due at the December meeting. If you are not able to attend, please contact Aleeda prior to the meeting.

In lieu of a Washington trip, I'd prefer to arrange a Lancaster overnight trip combining a shopping trip with the show. AQS, the sponsor of the Paducah show, has taken over management and moved the show location to the Lancaster County convention center. If Paducah was any indication, this show promises to be bigger and better than ever. At the meeting, I will try to determine interest in a combination trip vs. interest in a day trip to the show only.

--Aleeda Crawley, acquiltsy@yahoo.com, or 973-313-0844

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 quilterme@gmail.com or 212-242-3253 to have a copy mailed to you.

Guild	As of 9/14/09	YTD Total
Beginning Balance	\$ 40,531.80	\$ 53,753.91
Income	\$ 9,429.58	\$11,063.45
Expenses	\$ 371.96	\$ 15,227.94
Ending Balance	\$ 49,589.42	\$ 49,589.42

Member News

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS!!

Anna Faustino Wins Award at Pennsylvania National

Anna Faustino's quilt "A View From Down Under" received an honorable mention award in the Innovative category at the Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza XVI in Oaks, Pennsylvania. The competition theme was There's No Place Like Home. Anna's quilt portrays a view of the skyline of New York from below. That sight is a familiar one to all of us who live and work in this city, and Anna captured the feeling beautifully in her quilt.

Mary Louise Smith has Quilt on Display

Mary Louise Smith's quilt "Day of the Dead: Last of the Martiniqueans" will be exhibited at the Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science and Art, Scranton, PA from September 25 to December 31. The exhibition is entitled "Day of the Dead: Art and Cultures of the Americas."

Jane Broaddus Art on Display

Jane Broaddus is part of a three-artist exhibition in Dawsonville, Georgia. The exhibit, Crossing Boundaries: Contemporary Metal, Clay & Fiber is on display September 3 - 30, 2009 at the Bowen Center for the Arts, 334 Highway 9N, Dawsonville. In addition to Jane's fiber art, there are works by Charles Pinckney (metal) and Mary Jane Taylor (clay).

Michelle Flamer's Quilt Wins AAQ Award

Michelle Flamer received the second prize for her quilt Obama's Victory Garden in the Crazy for Quilts contest held by The Alliance for American Quilts (AAQ). The contest was held to celebrate the 16th anniversary of the AAQ, and all entries were 16" x 16". Michelle won an award package worth over \$500.

PATCHOGUE MEDFORD HEALING QUILT PROJECT

Diana M. Berthold reports that the Patchogue Medford Healing Quilt project is progressing rapidly. Their group now has a presence on facebook! The project is aimed at promoting peace in the community, and harmony for all people, and involves the creation of a community-made quilt with the themes of hands and hearts as the motif.

The project was conceived and started by Diana, and is a joint effort by the Patchogue Village of Parks and Recreation, in conjunction with the Patchogue Medford Library and the Patchogue Arts Council. The group meets at the Patchogue Medford Library, and the completed piece/s will be exhibited in the Patchogue Medford Theater for the Performing Arts and other locations throughout the community.

SUPPORT YOUR GUILD!

Please be sure to stop by the Memorabilia Table to pick up your Guild articles. We have tee shirts, mugs, tote bags, pencils, lanyards and pins. The entire proceeds go to fund Empire's activities. They make great gifts (for either yourself or others). Please take a minute to look at them at the October meeting. The tee shirts come in sizes small through 2XL-we have a few left in 3X as well-and the colors are cream, denim, sky blue, yellow, lime green, maroon and pumpkin. Some of the colors in certain sizes may be sold out. To make sure you get your first choice, contact Kitty at kesquilts33@msn.com or 718-541-5545 and she will bring your selection to the October meeting.

NEW EYES FOR THE NEEDY

Anna Foss collected 61 pairs of glasses for New Eyes for the Needy at the September meeting! Half of the donations were from one member's parents who have passed and never threw away a single pair.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Renew your guild membership!
2009 – 2010 Empire Quilters Guild Membership Renewal

1. Yearly Dues Category: Regular \$45 Senior \$30 (65 and over) Student \$30 (with valid ID)

2. Contribution: Additional tax-deductible contribution (optional): \$ _____

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 City, ST, Zip: _____ Birthday: _____

5. Submit Form:

Bring completed form to a meeting,
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- ▶ Enclose a check for your annual dues, payable to: *Empire Quilters*, or bring cash to a meeting (no credit cards accepted).
- ▶ Please pick up your membership card at the next guild meeting .
- ▶ *Memberships are not acknowledged by mail.*
- ▶ For more information see: www.EmpireQuilters.net

LOCAL SHOW INFORMATION

Made in New York: City Quilting
 September 22-November 14, 2009
 The Williams Club, New York, NY
www.cityquilter.com/exhibition2009.html

International Quilt Festival
 October 15-18, 2009
 Houston, TX
www.quilts.com

Shoreline Quilters: A Harvest of Quilts
 October 17 & 18, 2009
 East Haven High School, East Haven, CT
www.shorelinequilters.net/firms.com

AQS Quilt Expo
 October 28-31, 2009
 Iowa Events Center, Des Moines, IA
www.americanquilter.com

A Quilter's Gathering
 November 5-8, 2009
 Nashua, New Hampshire
www.aquiltersgathering.com

Harvest of Quilts, Evening Star Quilters
 November 7-8, 2009
 Mineola Community Center, Mineola, NY

REVIEW OF SISTERS, OR QUILT SHOW

This past July, we, Jennifer Bigelow and Anna Krassy, took a trip to Oregon for the Sisters quilt show. The day of the show was sunny and rather hot, but we had our water bottles and our hats for protection. We also brought along food and had a picnic lunch for a bit of R&R to rest our aching feet. It was a very intense, but wonderful experience. There were so many quilts hanging from the trees, the rafters, the balconies, on clothes lines, on the side of the buildings, inside stores, etc. The quilts are put out in the early morning and taken down at night, all for one day only! We also took a few days before the show to see some of the beautiful sights in Oregon, like Crater Lake, where we were nearly eaten alive by the mosquitoes.

OUR SYMPATHIES

Evelyn Martin, a long-time member of Empire Quilters, passed away peacefully on September 7 after a short illness. Evelyn, who was trying for the prize for the biggest fabric collection, made quilts for most of her eighty years.

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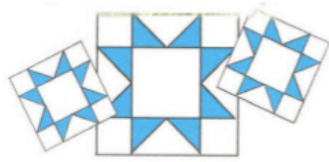
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Reminders!

- * **Empire Quilters Membership** - It is time to renew your membership if you haven't already! See membership form on page 5.
- * **New Eyes for the Needy** - Member Anna Foss will continue to collect donated eye glasses at the October meeting.
- * **November Newsletter Deadline** - Submit your articles for the November newsletter by Wednesday, October 14, 2009. Late submissions will not be accepted. Please send articles to lauren.dieterich@gmail.com.
- * **November Member Flea Market** - Reserve your table by October 1, 2009! Contact Larry Gifford at lawgifford@me.com or 917-513-8351 for reservations. See the website for more details.
- * **Help Wanted for Demonstrations Sunday, October 18** - The Dyckman Farmhouse Museum is a stop on the Uptown Treasures Celebration, and Empire Quilters have once again been asked to participate in the day's festivities. The quilting demonstrations take place from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm. If you have questions, please contact Mary Butler at citymary@aol.com or 212-662-7771.
- * **Help Wanted for February 2010 Program** - In February, we will be having member run workshops and demonstrations as the program. If you have any specific ideas for a member-run workshop, demonstration or if you have something that you would like to teach your fellow guild members, please contact Kitty Squire at kesquilts33@msn.com or see her at the October meeting.

Calendar

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

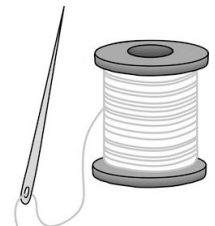
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