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# EMPIRE NEWSLETTER

September 2010

## President's Letter

Hello quilters and welcome back! I hope the dreadful heat and humidity of this summer will be just a memory when we meet on Saturday September 11.

Our guild has successfully grown in the number of new members and that is a good thing. However, I continue to hear how unfriendly people are, and that the new members are not included, or asked to join in a group. I would like to believe this is not true, but I know that it is. Whenever one becomes a new member of a group, the next thought is, "where do I go from here?" Gail Lefton has agreed to help in making new members feel more comfortable. If you joined Empire in the last session and you still feel kind of left out, go and find Gail. She will be seated in the back of the room, somewhere near the membership table. For us old timers, remember when you first joined? Make room at your table and ask a new person to join your group. When I joined Empire 10 or more years ago, I paid my dues and looked for a place to sit, but I couldn't find one. So I left and didn't return until the following year. Again, I paid my dues, but this time I attempted to sit in on a Board meeting and once again I was told that there was no room. I then volunteered to work on the show and all of a sudden, there was room for me. So let's show our friendliness and make all new members welcome.

With the increase in our membership, really wonderful speakers, focus groups and much more we find ourselves sometimes overcrowded and looking for a spot to sit down. This space crunch will continue here at FIT, as they do not have any other rooms to accommodate us. There is renewed interest in finding a new home base. The Board is looking for people seriously interested in the space issue to volunteer and form a committee to look for new space. The person(s) should contact any Board member to volunteer and get details about our requirements. For 2011-2012 and the next year, we are committed to FIT, but we will try different room configurations to see if we can accommodate ourselves more comfortably.

The Show Committee has met through the summer. For the latest information about the Show, look in the newsletter or online. For those of you who are interested in helping, there are some key positions left. We need lots of volunteers—not just those entering quilts in the show. At the September meeting we will be distributing packets with instructions, raffle tickets and a document describing the many jobs that need to be done. I recommend that you start thinking now—and volunteering now—to get to do the jobs you're most interested in.

All of us came to Empire for one common reason—the love of quilting. Enjoy what we currently have, participate in the activities, and look for a new person you might be able to help.

Remember to pay your dues by October 15, otherwise you can't enter the show.

I look forward to seeing you in September. --Paula



### MEETING INFO

SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2010

#### 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:

Terry White, Beading Plus

#### VENDOR:

Fiber Notion

#### QUILTER of the MONTH:

None

#### FOCUS GROUPS:

Quilt Borders, 10:30am  
Elm Creek Sampler Club, 12pm

#### BOM:

Button Box

#### LIBRARY: 12pm - 1pm

#### SHARE TABLE: 3pm

#### GUEST FEES:

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

# September Meeting

*Featuring Program and Workshop with Terry White*

## PROGRAM

Terry White is a studio fiber artist, instructor and author. She has been published in most of the major quilting periodicals, has appeared on many TV shows, and has won many prestigious awards for her work. Terry's most recent book, *All Beaded Up By Machine*, has struck a cord for those who would like to embellish their quilts but don't have the time to spend to do it by hand. We extend a hearty New York City welcome to Terry as she shares her techniques and her work with Empire Quilters.

For more information about Terry White, her books, her instructional videos and to see more examples of her work, visit her website: [www.threadpaint.com](http://www.threadpaint.com).



## WORKSHOP

### Garden Party Embellishment Class

**Sunday, September 12, 2010**

**10:00 am – 5:00 pm**

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

**Cost: \$80 (includes \$40 for kit)**

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

Terry White will teach embellishment ideas introduced in her CD video classes *Artful Embellishments* and *Beading by Machine*. Students will learn how threads enhance their sewing machine's decorative stitches and how those same stitches can enhance embellishment fibers. Terry will share many of her "artful" projects throughout the day.

Class level: Intermediate

## FOCUS GROUPS

### Quilt Borders

**Group Leader: Mary Butler**

**10:30 am - 11:30 am**

**Questions: [janetrandolph@verizon.net](mailto:janetrandolph@verizon.net) or 610-874-3721**

Learn how to measure, cut and sew borders to a wall hanging or bed quilt. Borders frame the center of your design as well as adding size to the quilt top. Explore different styles, size and color combinations to compliment your quilt.

*Supply List:* Bring pen and paper for note-taking.

### Elm Creek Sampler Club

**Group Leader: Lisa Belle and Lisa**

**Kehrl, [imbinnyc@yahoo.com](mailto:imbinnyc@yahoo.com)**

**12 noon - 1 pm**

This year we will continue with 6-inch blocks found in the *Sylvia's Bridal Sampler* book. We will also be making more 12-inch blocks from the original *Elm Creek Quilts* book and more from the *More Elm Creek Quilts* (published in 2008).

### For September 2010: Friendship Star

The 6-inch block is on page 34 of the *Sylvia's Bridal Sampler* ("SBS") book. The 12-inch version of the block is found on page 55 of the original *Elm Creek Quilts* ("ECQ") book.

## VENDOR - FIBER NOTION

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BLOCK OF THE MONTH - BUTTON BOX

The "Button Box" block is a real treat for those of us who like to collect buttons, beads, charms, pins, hooks, lace, and all the other little thingys that we expect to have a use for someday. Well, that day has arrived! What a curiosity quilt this will be for one lucky participant!

For full instructions, visit [www.empirebom.blogspot.com](http://www.empirebom.blogspot.com).

—Karen Griska, Helen Beall, Lisa Belle, Shirley Clark, Lisa Kehrle



LIBRARY

Welcome back everyone from the long hot Summer. Having spent a good part of the Spring and Summer of this year at home with a broken knee, I really appreciated being able to order books online from the New York Public Library. I always think it's sad that the NYPL has so few quilting books available. On the other hand, our Empire Library owns over four hundred quilting books of all types. We take twenty to twenty-five books to most meetings, and the list of books is available to see on our web site. A list of the books is also available to view at the Membership table. Members can reserve a book, by email or phone at least one week before a meeting. We ask members about new books they would like us to add to our library. And, in this column we mention specific books that we will bring to a meeting. Sometimes we choose books that connect with the monthly speaker, or just books that are new to the library. Last year I chose not to buy any new books for the library, because there was such a small group of library users. Every month about twenty members borrow books, but this is only thirty or so different guild members who use the library. Do you want this service to continue? Vote by doing — use the library, volunteer in support of the library. It doesn't seem to make a lot of sense to continue to manage the book portion of the library for so few active users.

We will look at how much demand there is for the book section of the library these coming months. Unless we can get more interest in members borrowing books, we should consider selling all of the books the Guild owns and maybe just sell magazines at the monthly meetings. Many members donate magazines (a few books are also donated), but the magazine sale is big every month.

The library crew is tried and true, but we need some new faces and new bodies. We meet once a month at Tina Barth's loft (where the books are kept). Tina serves high tea and we sort books for the upcoming meeting. We also keep track of the books, decide what books to take to a meeting and do all of the paperwork involving the library. We also need to have library help during the meetings to cover sales and recording book returns and books borrowed. Please take advantage of this wonderful service and perhaps join us as a library volunteer.

At our September meeting, several donations for the library are: *Log Cabin in the Round Design*., *Stack the Deck*, *Stack a New Deck*, and *Quick Star Quilts and Beyond*. Remember, for those members who did not return their books by the June meeting, I will contact you individually regarding their late fines. And, our annual book sale will take place on October 9, 2010. All books will be \$2.00, and the sale will run from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Come early, last year the sales began at noon and most books were gone by a little after noon!

-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 [quilterme@gmail.com](mailto:quilterme@gmail.com) or 212-242-3253 to have a copy mailed to you.

	As of 7/31/2010	
Guild	Month	YTD Total
Beginning Balance	\$ 56,339.88	\$ 55,864.88
Income	\$ 15,789.36	\$ 16,264.36
Expenses	\$ 674.17	\$ 674.17
Ending Balance	\$ 71,455.07	\$ 71,455.07

# Upcoming Events

## OCTOBER PROGRAM AND WORKSHOP WITH PAT PAULY

Pat Pauly is an art quilter and designer known for her improvisational techniques. She uses bold color and unusual juxtapositions of printed and painted fabric in her contemporary quilts. Her pieces maintain the integrity of the traditional quilt coupled with modern interpretations and methods. Her work in fiber art, which began in the 1980s, stems from a background and love of art and design.

From her background as a curator of the exhibition Quilts Uncovered: Treasures from Genesee Country Village and Museum which considered the legacy of traditional quilts, Pat will give us an expansive look at the long history of quilt making, and its change and rebirth in the twenty-first century. Join us for this fast-paced look at the craft that has endured in America for nearly 250 years.

Pat Pauly will be conducting a day-long workshop on Sunday, October 10 2010. The cost is \$55. Please contact Mary Butler ([citymary@aol.com](mailto:citymary@aol.com) or 212-662-7771) to sign up.

For more information about Pat Pauly visit her website: [www.patpauly.com](http://www.patpauly.com).



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## DECEMBER FUNDRAISER

This December (Dec 11, 2010), we will be having a major auction to raise money for the 2011 show. We hope you are already gathering items to contribute to the auction. The items to be auctioned do not have to be quilted items only — if you want to donate Broadway show tickets, visits to a spa, manicures, pedicures, or plants, we welcome them all. Make sure that any items you donate are in prime condition.

As you collect donations, please let Larry Gifford ([lawgifford@me.com](mailto:lawgifford@me.com) | 917-513-8351) or Kitty Squire ([kesquilts33@msn.com](mailto:kesquilts33@msn.com) | 718-541-5545) know so that they can keep a record of them. If you have a picture of the item, please send that along so we can make our plans early to ensure an efficient and fun event. You can also drop a note in the guild Suggestion Box at the membership table letting the organizers know what you plan to contribute to the auction.

Those who remember our auction that raised funds for our 2007 show will be very happy to know that John McCall, who did such a brilliant job that year, will once again be serving as our auctioneer. We will not charge guest fees, so you can bring your non-quilting friends to ooh, aah and buy Empire Quilters' spectacular offerings.

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## FEBRUARY PROGRAM: MEMBERS TEACHING MEMBERS

Due to its great success last February, we are repeating the Members teaching Members program. We are trying to offer different teachers as well as different classes this year. Last year's teachers want to take some of the classes too! So, is there a specific technique you would like to learn? Is there a quilt or fabric related craft you would like to teach? This is the time and place to try it! We need five teachers with different subjects for the February meeting. English paper piecing and beginning appliqué have been suggested. If you are interested in teaching one of these, or if you have another suggestion, please see Kitty Squire at the Membership table, email her ([kesquilts33@msn.com](mailto:kesquilts33@msn.com)) or submit your comments through the suggestion box.



# Member News

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS!!

## Members' work featured in new publication

Congratulations to guild members Emily Klainberg, Barbara Feinstein and Jennifer Bigelow for having their work featured in a new book by Judy Warren Blaydon titled *Collage+Cloth=Quilt*. The book was recently published by C&T Publishing. Barbara has a quilt and collages in the book, and there are collages featured by both Emily and Jennifer.

From one review: *Use techniques in this book to create an endless array of adventurous quilt designs inspired by your favorite photos. Discover simple ways to transform your photography into collage-inspired quilts that speak to your soul. You'll see your fabric stash in a whole new light!*

## Renee Fields work featured in calendar

Renee Fields is one of 13 fiber artists featured in the 2011 Art Bra Calendar which raises money for breast cancer organizations in the Philadelphia area. Her art bra, entitled Tea for Two is dedicated to the memory of her twin sister Nancy.

The calendar is produced and published by A Way to Women's Wellness Foundation. Fiber artists and designers across the country have created embellished and embroidered Art Bras for this annual project. Profits from the sale of the calendar are donated to breast cancer research.

We are excited that Renee's Tea for Two art bra was selected to be included in this important fund-raising publication, and we hope many guild members will purchase calendars to help fight breast cancer. The calendars are available online from [www.artbra.org](http://www.artbra.org) or can be purchased locally at The City Quilter ([www.cityquilter.com](http://www.cityquilter.com)).

For more information about the A Way to Women's Wellness Foundation, visit their website: [www.artbra.org](http://www.artbra.org).

## LOCAL SHOW INFORMATION

### Closet Archaeology

Open through September 26, 2010  
The Hermitage Museum, Ho-Ho-Kus, New Jersey  
[www.thehermitage.org](http://www.thehermitage.org)

### Text and Texture: Midrash through Making

Open through October 31, 2010  
Park Avenue Synagogue, New York City  
[www.pasyn.org](http://www.pasyn.org)

### Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza XVII

September 16-19, 2010  
Greater Philadelphia Exp Center, Oaks, PA  
[www.quiltfest.com](http://www.quiltfest.com)

### Quilts in the Mill, by Courthouse Quilters of Hunterdon County

October 1-3, 2010  
Prallsville Mill, Route 29, Stockton, New Jersey  
[www.courthousequilters.com](http://www.courthousequilters.com)

### Homage to Grandmother, by Champlain Valley Quilt Guild of Vermont

October 30-31, 2010  
Shelburne Farms Coach Barn, Shelburne, Vermont  
[www.cvqgv.org](http://www.cvqgv.org)

## 2011 Show

**Judging Dates: March 5-6, 2011**

**Show Dates: March 26-27, 2011**

A meeting was convened in August to further discuss our 2011 Urban Inspirations Quilt Show. A number of topics were discussed including locations to show our fabulous raffle quilt. A schedule of its tour will be nailed down in the coming month. The Show Book details are being finessed and numerous advertisers have been contacted.

Check the guild website for documents relating to the show and find answers to some of your questions on the "2011 Show" page under Frequently Asked Questions. Our committees continue to work with great enthusiasm to make this a truly wonderful showcase of member talent. Have you decided what you will submit for the show yet?

Show packets will be given out at this meeting. Please be sure to pick up your packet. Included are quilt submission forms and instructions, Subway Series raffle tickets, and other important pieces of information regarding the show.

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# Notices

## MEMBERSHIP

If you have not already done so, please renew your membership at the September or October meetings. If you want to have a quilt in our 2011 show, you must be a member in good standing by October 15, 2010. You can do so either via mail or by stopping by the Membership table at the back during the meetings. While you are there, pick up your show packet with your raffle tickets and postcards!

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## SUGGESTION BOX

The following are the suggestions that were placed in the Suggestion Box in June. We are getting lots of good suggestions, some of which will be brought up at the Board meeting in September. If you would like to respond, please email your response to Kitty Squire at [kesquilts33@msn.com](mailto:kesquilts33@msn.com) and responses will be published in this space.

- For members teaching members: English paper piecing, beginning hand appliqué.
  - Keep speakers to 45 minutes for their entire presentation—Use a timer and let them know ahead of time that they will be cut off when time is up.
  - Publish Block of the Month in the newsletter
  - Ask FIT to provide separate receptacles for recyclable cans, bottles, paper and textiles
  - The business part of the meeting is too long, rambling and disorganized. People who want to speak should plan ahead of time what they want to say, having notes if they need them. They should be near the front, ready to speak, like with Show and Tell. The rest of the meeting is too rushed. What's the hurry? We rent the room till 6. Some members say they "have to" leave early, but actually they choose to. Their choices should not limit the rest of us. Always give a break after the speaker, or before if the business part is very long.
  - Have Quilter of the Month every month except December and March. It helps us get to know one another, makes a large group friendlier.
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## NEW DONATION CARD PROGRAM

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If you have any questions, please contact Renee Fields, 917-208-0123 or by email: [info@empirequilters.net](mailto:info@empirequilters.net).

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## CAGE QUILTS FOR ANIMALS CONCLUDED

We received a nice thank you letter from Linda of Linda' Feral Cat Assistance for our cage quilts last season.

Diane Rubenstein will no longer be collecting and distributing the animal cage quilts. If someone wants to continue the program, she is happy to pass on the information to them.

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HELP WANTED: LOCAL SHOWS & EVENTS LISTING

Our guild website has a page of Shows and Events in the Area that are of interest to quilters and fiber artists. Over the years we have highlighted local quilt shows, quilt and fiber exhibits in galleries and museums in and around New York City, and opportunities to hear visiting quilt and fiber artists, or take interesting quilt or fiber-related classes. The page is a wonderful summary of activities in the area that are of interest to our guild members. It is also one of the most popular pages of the website. Our guild members consult this page to make sure they are "in the know" about quilt and fiber-related events, and quilters from all over the world have used this page when visiting New York City.

We need someone to take over the collection and formatting of this information. This is a fun project for a detail-oriented person interested in area events. The job entails reviewing various sources of information about happenings (online sources, quilt and fiber magazines, information from local guilds, etc.), selecting events to list, and presenting the information in a standard format. You do NOT need to know anything about the technical end of website posting. It is purely gathering of the information.

If you are interested in this rewarding job, please email [info@empirequilters.net](mailto:info@empirequilters.net), or speak to one of the board members at the September guild meeting.

OUR SYMPATHIES

We are extremely sad to report that guild member Denise Bradley passed away unexpectedly on August 16, 2010. Her funeral service was held Friday, August 20, at Benta's Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to Children at Risk, Inc. ([www.childrenatrisk.org](http://www.childrenatrisk.org)).

Denise's participation in our guild was invaluable to many of us. She was energetic, enthusiastic, talented, creative, and outgoing. All of those qualities showed up in her pieces. Her Batik My Moon appeared in our 2009 Guild Quilt Show. Denise was an inspiration to us all. Denise's son Jordan Green reports "Remember my mother wouldn't want you all to mourn her death, but rather celebrate her life."



***Renew your guild membership!***

**2010 – 2011 Empire Quilters Guild Membership Renewal**

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**1. Dues for Guild Meeting Season Sep 2010 – Jun 2011: \$55.00** (all ages)

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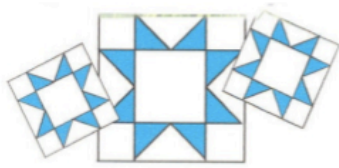
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## Reminders!

- \* **Empire Quilters Membership** - It is time to renew your membership if you haven't already! See membership form on page 7.
- \* **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: [www.nqaquilts.org](http://www.nqaquilts.org). For questions, contact Beth Pile (contact info below).
- \* **October Newsletter Deadline** - Submit your articles for the October newsletter by Wednesday, September 15, 2010. Late submissions will not be accepted. Email submissions to [newsletter@empirequilters.net](mailto:newsletter@empirequilters.net).

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## 2010-2011 Calendar

**October 9, 2010**

Pat Pauley

**November 14, 2010 (Sunday)**

Laura Wasilowski

**December 11, 2010**

Auction

**January 8, 2011**

Gwen Jackson

**February 12, 2011**

Members Teaching Members

**March 5, 2011**

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**April 9, 2011**

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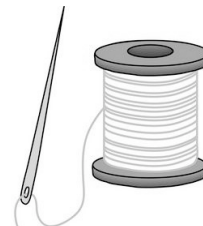
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