

# EMPIRE NEWSLETTER

February 2011



## President's Letter

It's almost SHOW TIME!!!! It was great seeing all of you who braved the elements to turn in your quilt submission forms at the January guild meeting. Thanks to the team that made the process go so smoothly. I guess I should thank Mother Nature for not piling on even more snow to this beleaguered city.

Now that the paperwork is handed in we have a short window to complete our quilts. I hope you are not like me trying to figure out how to finish the border of my quilt with significantly less fabric than I need.

It was interesting to have our meeting in Reeves Great Hall at F.I.T. We had so much room to walk and talk to each other. The next time we enter the great hall it will be to put the show together. In a matter of hours the room is transformed into an elegant black curtained showpiece. While it seems as if it happens magically it is the culmination of hundreds of hours of planning, endless meetings and the occasional difference of opinions.

I know many of you have already volunteered to help out, many of you have not. There are still lots of interesting things for you to sign up for. Please remember that if you do not sign up with Tina Barth (volunteer@empirequilters.net) before show time your quilt will not be hung.

We have a wonderful two-part event for the February meeting. We had an unexpected call from Jan Krentz informing us that she was coming to New York and was available for a short presentation and Trunk Show. As she is rarely in New York her offer was quickly accepted. After her presentation we will break up into our smaller work groups for the Members Teaching Members work groups. If you signed up for a particular class, please bring the required materials with you. For more information and supply lists, please see pages 2-3. These groups have been very popular so expect to have a good time.

Returns for the raffle quilt have been a bit slower than we would like. If you have some completed books bring them in. We still have plenty of time to return them before the show.

Hope to see you all at the February 12, 2011 meeting — we are back at Dubinsky 8th Floor at F.I.T.

—Paula Kenney

### MEETING INFO

SATURDAY,  
FEBRUARY 12, 2011

#### TIME:

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

#### LOCATION:

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

#### PROGRAM:

Jan Krentz  
Members Teaching Members

#### VENDOR:

Prints Charming

#### QUILTER of the MONTH:

None

#### FOCUS GROUPS:

Elm Creek Sampler Club, 12pm

#### BOM:

Fashion Labels

#### LIBRARY: Open

#### SHARE TABLE: Open

#### SHOW & TELL: Open

#### GUEST FEE: \$10

# February Meeting

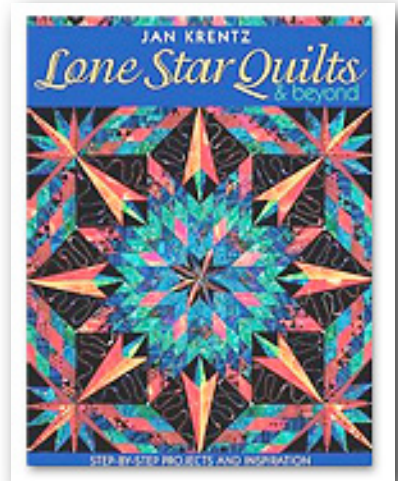
*Special Guest Speaker Jan Krentz • Members Teaching Members*

## PROGRAM - JAN KRENTZ

We are delighted to announce that celebrated artist, author, designer and teacher Jan Krentz is planning to "drop by" our meeting and do a mini (as in *short, sweet, and fast!*) trunk show! Jan is in the area and has agreed to share some of her fabulous (and famous!) works with us.

Jan Krentz is the author of *Lone Star Quilts & Beyond*, *Hunter Star Quilts & Beyond*, *Diamond Quilts and Beyond*, *Quick Star Quilts & Beyond*, and *Quick Diamond Quilts*. She holds the honor of being The Professional Quilter's 1998 Teacher of the Year, and is consistently nominated year after year for that award. She has had numerous appearances on television, online, and has been the featured quilter in many prestigious quilt shows.

To learn more about Jan, and to see many examples of her stunning work, we encourage you to explore her website: [www.jankrentz.com](http://www.jankrentz.com)




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## PROGRAM - MEMBERS TEACHING MEMBERS

We have already had a terrific response to our Members Teaching Members Workshops. Over 127 members have signed up for the classes — some of them for more than one class. These classes are taught simultaneously, so that you can only take one class. Please think about which one you would like it to be or if you have not already signed up, please let Kitty Squire know your preference ([kesquilts33@msn.com](mailto:kesquilts33@msn.com) | 718-541-5545). Our teachers need to get an approximate head count in order to make kits and be prepared. Some class sizes are limited. The class lineup is as follows:

### **Traditional Hand Appliqué — Tina Barth**

Learn how to make sharp points and lovely rounded curves without using fusing! *There is a class limit of 25 for this class, so be sure to sign up early.*

*Supply List:* small scissors, straight pins, and needle threaders.

### **Felt Appliqué — Pauline Hazard**

Make an appliqué wool bracelet that is also a wallet — a wristlet — from felted and recycled wool.

*Supply List:* Scissors for fabric and fabric adhered to freezer paper, embroidery threads, embroidery needle, sewing needle, straight pins, beads and embellishments (optional).

*Note:* Felted wool will only be provided for the first 20 individuals to sign up. Individuals signing up after the first 20 will be welcome in the class, but will need to bring your own felted wool, as well as the items in the supply list.

### **Embroidered Quilt Labels — Renee Fields**

Learn to design and create an embroidered label for your quilt.

*Supply List:* 6" embroidery hoop, 8" square solid fabric ironed onto a piece of freezer paper, soft pencil, chalk, or disappearing ink pen, embroidery needle(s), embroidery thread. Optional: assorted embellishments (beads, buttons, ribbon thread, or lace).

### **Sweatshirt Jacket — Naomi Shelnut**

Naomi will be demonstrating how to make a gorgeous jacket out of a basic sweatshirt.

*Supply List:* One over-sized fleece sweatshirt preferably a man's XL (color of your choice), fabric strips (2" – 2½" wide), preferably three to five different colors (prints mixed with solids, etc.), thread (neutral color), scissors and straight pins.

**English Paper Piecing — Diane Rubenstein**

Learn how to make beautiful Grandmother Flower Garden quilts. Diane Rubenstein will be providing a small kit, so it is important that you sign up early!

*Supply List:*

- Paper for each piece (The best paper is the cards found in magazine inserts. You can also use construction paper or some people use freezer paper, but I have never tried this.)
- Sharp pencils and sharpener or mechanical pencil. Bring a white or silver pencil if using dark fabrics.
- Paper scissors AND fabric scissors.
- Thread — use up your old wonky colors for basting (this can be polyester), PLUS nice neutral cotton sewing thread that will fade into your fabric selection — use a dark if mostly dark fabrics.
- A few straight pins.
- Hand sewing needles in a size that you prefer.
- Fabric scraps of your choice. If using total scraps decide if you want each flower all the same or total scrappy. If doing total scrappy, bring a piece enough for each middle (that will remain constant) i.e. Red, Pink, or Yellow, or any color that floats your boat! Middle color looks best if solid or a blender.  
Fabric can be in strips (which are what I prefer) at a minimum of 3.5" or 4" for ease of working. Scraps should be at least 4" square.
- Optional: Ultra Fine Sharpee to mark a plastic template

**Art Quilting — Sandra Samaniego**

Participants will create 3D embellishments including fabric beads and fabric bundles. Sandra will talk briefly about art quilts in general and show a few that she has made that have a lot of embellishments.

*Supply List:* All supplies will be provided, including fabric scraps, glue sticks, sewing needles, novelty thread.

**BLOCK OF THE MONTH: FASHION LABELS**

Members have been asking to do the fashion labels blocks again, so here it is, but a little different this time. The foundation blocks are 8" square made from solid cottons in taupe, ivory, tan, brown, gray, any neutral. Arrange your labels using a glue stick to hold them in place. Machine applique (folding under any raw edges). Add yo-yos and buttons if you like. They fill in the holes.

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

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

**FOCUS GROUPS****Elm Creek Sampler Club**

**Group Leaders:** Lisa Belle and Lisa Kehrle, [imbinnyc@yahoo.com](mailto:imbinnyc@yahoo.com) or 212-962-0990

**12 noon - 1 pm**

For February, we are making the following:

6-inch block: Laurel Wreath, found on page 46 of SBS. The optional block is Mother's Delight, on page 51.

12-inch block: Mother's Favorite block with the Good Fortune center. The alternate block will be the Mother's Favorite block with a Bright Hopes center. The centers are found on page 81 of MEC, the Mother's Favorite is on page 84.

SBS: *Sylvia's Bridal Sampler from Elm Creek Quilts* by Jennifer Chiaverini (C&T Publishing, Inc. 2002)

MECQ: *More Elm Creek Quilts: 30+ Traditional Blocks, 11 Projects, Favorite Character Sketches* by Jennifer Chiaverini (C&T Publishing, 2008).

## LIBRARY

Donations in January were from: Julia Detor, Doris Green, Sylvia Hughes, Anna Krassy, Véronique Milliez, Sara Niego, Sonia Rieber and Valerie Turer. Remember that all magazine donations go on sale every month — twenty-three dollars went into the Empire coffers in January. What an easy way to recycle.

If you want to request a book from the library, just contact us no later than one week prior to the meeting. Books for the February meeting must be ordered no later than February 5, 2011. Remember you need a current Empire Quilters ID card in order to borrow a book.

Finally a thanks to our January speaker, Gloria Hansen for donating her most recent book to our library: *Digital Essentials, the quilt maker's must-have guide to images, files and more!* —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 ([quilterme@gmail.com](mailto:quilterme@gmail.com) | 212-242-3253) to have a copy mailed to you.

Treasurer's Reports as of 12/31/2010			
		Month	YTD Total
Beginning Balance	\$	51,640.39	\$ 56,807.78
Income	\$	613.13	\$ 28,212.98
Expenses	\$	2,640.94	\$ 32,071.61
Ending Balance	\$	49,612.58	\$ 52,949.15
Show Income	\$	8,399.88	\$ 17,525.13
Show Expenses	\$	300.00	\$ 12,761.82
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>57,712.46</b>	<b>\$ 57,712.46</b>

## CHARITY

Many thanks to our members who braved the cold weather to attend the meeting. We are aware that everyone is busy working on their show quilts, but March is Empire's Charity Month. Last year our guild contributed 140 quilts to various agencies through the City, each quilt more beautiful than the next. So, Empire Quilters, let's make sure we keep up all our good work! If you have quilt tops or bottoms ready and will not be at the March meeting, we will collect them at the February meeting and bring them back for the March meeting to be quilted.

For the March meeting, the Charity Committee will have some supplies, but we ask that members bring their own supplies to use during the day, such as pins, scissors, rulers, white thread and tying needles. The Guild will supply batting, any tops and backs handed in so far this year, tying material, a cutting board and a rotary cutter and an iron. Donated batting will be available for use at 8:30 a.m., so those who are dropping off their quilts for judging can start to work on charity quilts. We also need to call upon our generous members who come with their sewing machines as they are vital to this day — just make sure you remember to bring your extension cord.

Again, we know you are working hard on your show quilts, but in keeping with the philosophy of our wonderful guild and our generous membership, let's remember those who continue to need us. Thanks very much and happy sewing, happy quilting!!! —Denise Walsh-Horowitz and Jennifer Bigelow, Service Committee Co-Chairs

## Urban Inspirations Show

Can you believe it's almost show time?!? Here is what you need to know between now and the Show:

## PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE DEADLINE EXTENDED

If you didn't submit a quilt for the President's Challenge, there is still time! The Show Committee has extended the deadline for the President's Challenge submissions *only* to Saturday, February 12. You may submit your entry form and photo in person at the February meeting from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., or by mail. Please note that mail-in submissions need to be received by Friday, February 11. The theme of this year's President's Challenge is New York City Landmarks. Take a photo, or get out your lightbox and starting tracing...be creative! We look forward to seeing your entries.

All other deadlines remain unchanged. As a reminder, there is NO entry fee for the President's challenge.

## VOLUNTEERING

Remember if you don't have a quilt in the show, you can still volunteer, and we need your help! We especially need assistance with the set-up/take down of the show. If your spouse is willing to come and help, it would be appreciated. The more men we have, the better, as the set-up and take down requires some physical effort to set up frames, curtains, and quilts. Please contact Tina Barth (212-691-3108 | [volunteer@empirequilters.net](mailto:volunteer@empirequilters.net)) to sign up.

Committee chairs will be contacting volunteers to assign their specific time slot between now and the end of February.

## JUDGING — MARCH 5, 2011

If your quilt is being judged then please remember that you need to bring it to the March 5th guild meeting between 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.. Your quilt will not be accepted for judging if you are not on line by 9:30 a.m.. You will receive a receipt for your quilt on Saturday that you will need in order to pick up your quilt on Sunday, March 6th between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.. If you cannot pick up your quilt, please indicate who will pick up your quilt on the receipt and please make sure that the person has proper ID to pick up the quilt.

## QUILT SUBMISSIONS DROP OFF — MARCH 25, 2011

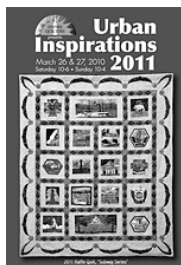
Please drop off your quilt for the show on Friday, March 25th between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. and please remember that you will need to pick up your quilt after the show on Sunday, March 27th between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.. The drop off and pickup location is in the Reeves Great Hall on 28th and 7th Avenue, not our usual location.

Several reminders for submitting your quilts:

- Each quilt must arrive for hanging in its own PILLOWCASE CLOTH BAG. The bag MUST BE LABELED with YOUR NAME, PHONE NUMBER AND/OR E-MAIL ADDRESS and the NAME OF THE QUILT. A picture of the quilt on the pillowcase would be helpful but not required.
- No external hardware or wrappings other than the cloth bag will be accepted.
- There will be no special hanging of quilts.
- No rigid frames, mounting devices, or special lighting will be allowed.

## SHOW PROGRAM BOOKLET

If you are planning to place a member ad in the program, please note that the deadline is fast approaching. Placing an ad in the program is a particularly good idea for anyone having something to sell in the boutique. This would call attention to the existence of the boutique and encourage attendees to check it out.



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# Show Fundraisers

## SUBWAY SERIES QUILT

We are coming into the home stretch for ticket sales to win our beautiful A Subway Series quilt. We know that times are hard, but we do ask that our members sell as many books of tickets as they possibly can, to support our show. Many of you have already sold your tickets and asked for more, but there are some who have never even picked them up! You can contact Kitty Squire (kesquilts33@msn.com | 718-541-5545) or Paula Kenney (pdkenney44@aol.com | 212-982-8043) to get tickets and postcards mailed out to you.

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## FISHBOWL RAFFLE

We are once again asking our members to contribute new, small, quilt related items as gifts for the fishbowl raffle. This raffle is a terrific way at the show to have fun and benefit the guild at the same time! We sell chances to try to fish out winning tickets from our fishbowl. Gifts can include fat quarters, small notions, fabric packets, patterns, etc. These do not have to be expensive items — just ones that you think our visitors might enjoy winning. Please bring any items you want to donate to the February meeting and give them to Kitty Squire (at the membership table) or Paula Kenney. If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call Kitty Squire (kesquilts33@msn.com | 718-541-5545) or Paula Kenney (pdkenney44@aol.com | 212-982-8043).

# Notices

## OUR SYMPATHIES

Aleeda Crawley's mother passed away after a long illness. Aleeda is grateful for all the love and support she has received from family and friends throughout this difficult time. She can be reached at 646-588-1600.

Carole Hoffman's daughter passed away unexpectedly and was laid to rest in Mount Vernon.

Empire Quilters wishes to extend their deepest sympathies to both Aleeda and Carole.

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## SUGGESTION BOX

Our suggestion box is going strong. Some of the suggestions are being incorporated into the way the Guild operates. For instance, we are now asking that members nominate themselves or others for board positions by putting their names into the suggestion box. Our nominating committee will contact those nominated to find out if they would be interested in running for office. We are hoping that this bring new, fresh faces to the Board.

This month's suggestions were:

- Victoria Findlay Wolfe has suggested Tonye Belinda Phillips, Rayna Gillman and Mary Lou Weidman as speakers.
- The business meeting needs to be much shorter as it drags too much.

*Response:* There are certain months that the business meeting is always long: September, January, and April. These are meetings after months when there is either no business meeting or a very short one. There is always information that the Board of Directors needs to pass on to membership and this takes time. We try to publish as much information as possible in the newsletter, but there are always last minute items that need to be addressed to membership. I don't think that there is any way around this problem although we do try to streamline the meetings by having the President do all the talking rather than calling everyone who has an item to discuss up to the microphone. We would welcome any further suggestions on how to speed up the process.

—Kitty Squire

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## Reminders!

- \* **Library Books Deadline: February 5**  
Please be sure to order your library books by February 5 to pick up at the February meeting.
- \* **President's Challenge Deadline: February 12**  
The deadline to submit your President's Challenge quilt for the show has been extended. Please see page 4 for details.
- \* **March Newsletter Deadline: February 16**  
Submit your articles for the March newsletter by Wednesday, February 16, 2011. Late submissions will not be accepted. Email submissions to [newsletter@empirequilters.net](mailto:newsletter@empirequilters.net).

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

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## 2010-2011 Calendar

**March 5, 2011**  
Charity Day & Show Judging

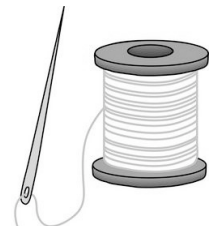
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