

EMPIRE NEWSLETTER

March 2011

President's Letter

From what I have heard, last month's meeting was wonderful. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend due to a migraine. I would like to thank Kitty Squire who has been the driving force behind the successful Members Teaching Members program for the last two years. Kitty is stepping down from organizing this event, so if you would like to see Members Teaching Members continued next year, please see Kitty or a board member. If no one volunteers to take charge of this program, it will not be continued.

Sylvia Hughes is also stepping down from her position as librarian. She, too, has done an incredible job. Sylvia kept the library selection extensive and current and made it very easy for us to take out books. However, if readership does not increase in the next few months, we will be voting on the future of the library.

Several people have stepped forward to volunteer to be part of next year's leadership and I thank them. There are still some co-chair positions available. Most positions can be shared so no one needs to assume all the responsibilities. Please consider how you can help the guild and volunteer.

March 5th is our annual charity day. While show judging will also take place that day, we need to remember that one of the guild's major missions is making and donating charity quilts. Recipients of our charity quilts often have very little and appreciate our efforts more than we will ever know. It is my hope that those who come in early on March 5th for judging will have completed charity quilts to turn in, or will stay to help complete quilts using quilt tops that have been turned in. Please remember to make charity quilts—there are people who really would love them.

Now, onto the Show! Friday, March 25th is set up day, which is quickly approaching. We have some volunteer positions that still NEED to be filled, particularly Show Set Up Chair. Setting up the show is a major effort which is physically demanding. If you have a husband, male friend, son who is willing and able please ask them to donate some time to help.

I am looking forward to the show days—they are a culmination of two very long years of planning, and for some of us, sleepless nights as we rush to finish our quilts. I have long wondered why we all wait until the last few days to put on the sleeve, label or finish that final bit of embellishment which could make your quilt a winner. Once you have finished all those details, please, *please*, don't forget to put your quilt in a pillow case. This is mandatory; without a pillowcase your quilt will not be accepted.

Have a wonderful time at the show. I hope to see you there. —*Paula Kenney*



MEETING INFO

SATURDAY,
MARCH 5, 2011

TIME:

7:30-9:30 am: Judging Drop Off
12 pm: Focus Groups
11 am - 12pm: Board Meeting
1 pm - 5pm: General Meeting

LOCATION:

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

PROGRAM:

Charity Day
Quilt Show Judging

VENDOR:

None

QUILTER of the MONTH:

None

FOCUS GROUPS:

Elm Creek Sampler Club, 12pm

BOM:

None

LIBRARY: Closed

SHARE TABLE: Closed

SHOW & TELL: Closed

GUEST FEE: None

March Meeting

Charity Day • Quilt Show Judging

CHARITY DAY

Our annual charity day is here! Last year our guild contributed 140 quilts to various agencies through the City, so let's aim to exceed that number this year! 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 (see the list below). 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 early. 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.

The Service Committee is including in this newsletter, a copy of the Thank You letter received from the Metro Family Shelter regarding our holiday donation. I am printing this in the newsletter so that all our members will have an opportunity to read this letter and fully understand just how important our December charity activity truly is to those who have so little. We would also like to thank everyone who has donated quilt tops and fabric for the March Charity Day meeting. See you all in March.

—Denise Walsh-Horowitz and Jennifer Bigelow, Service Committee Co-Chairs

Supplies to Bring for Charity Day

- Pins
- Scissors
- Rulers
- White Thread
- Yarn and Tying Needles
- Sewing Machines
- Extension Cords

THANK YOU LETTER FROM METRO FAMILY RESIDENCE

Dear Empire Quilters:

What an awesome way to begin the holidays with a generous donation from your organization. The stockings were given to all the children and their parents. You definitely brought many smiles with your teddy bears; the kids loved them. The stuffed animals were great for our little girls who absolutely love to collect them. The soft stuffed dolls went to our younger girls. The hats, gloves, mittens, socks and scarves are terrific because these items always need replacing. We made sure that everyone who didn't have these items received them, because Santa didn't want them to be cold. The shirt made a difference to one man at his job interview. The hand beaded earrings were distributed to our teenage girls and moms. Books, coloring books, crayons, toys, stickers, cards, and puzzles were distributed to the children according to their age. The DVDs were put in the rec room. Toiletries, snacks, and candies were displayed for families to take what they needed.

So, as you can see, we are grateful that your organization continues its charitable support to bring smiles and a sense of relief to our families here at the Metro. Your generosity and thoughtfulness made this day possible for all the families who thought they were not going to be able to give their children a happy Christmas.

Perhaps more important to our residents than receiving the toy or gift, was the feeling that they were not left out and that some very thoughtful people cared about them. Imagine how they would feel if they didn't get anything for Christmas. But thanks to you and everyone who contributed, that did not happen.

I thank you so much on behalf of our children at the Metro Family Residence. Thanks to you they had a great Christmas. The feeling that they were not forgotten and that they are important will be with them for a long time to come.

I wish you all the best in the New Year 2011 and I hope that the kindness and generosity that you shared will return to you and yours.

Sincerely, Maria Tolentino, Social Services Supervisor

QUILT SHOW JUDGING — DROP-OFF & PICK UP

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.

LIBRARY

Our speaker Jan Krentz, donated a copy of her book *Quick Star Quilts & Beyond* to our library. Other donations were from: Betty Belford, Renée Fields, Verna Fitzgerald and Pauline Hazard. Remember that there is no library in March. If you want to request a book for the April meeting, please order books no later than April 5, 2011. The list of books is available on our web site.

Remember that we are always looking for members to donate magazines. We sell them at 25 cents each or five for \$1, and the money goes into the guild's bank account.

I have run the library for five years, and am stepping down. To date no one has volunteered to take on this position, so please talk to me if you are interested. If no one steps up, there will be no Empire Quilters Library after June of this year. —*Sylvia Hughes, Librarian.*

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 | 212-242-3253) to have a copy mailed to you.

Treasurer's Reports as of 1/31/2011		
Guild	Month	YTD Total
Beginning Balance	\$ 57,712.46	\$ 56,807.78
Income	\$ 1,382.55	\$ 29,595.53
Expenses	\$ 2,528.01	\$ 34,599.62
Ending Balance	\$ 56,567.00	\$ 51,803.69
Show Income	\$ 3,973.50	\$ 21,498.63
Show Expenses	\$ 332.85	\$ 13,094.67
Grand Total	\$ 60,207.65	\$ 60,207.65

FOCUS GROUPS

Elm Creek Sampler Club

Group Leaders: Lisa Belle and Lisa Kehrle, imbinnyc@yahoo.com or 212-962-0990

12 noon - 1 pm

For March, we are making the following:

6-inch block: Jacob's Ladder, found on page 46 of SBS. The optional block is Rosebud, on page 64.

12-inch block: Mother's Favorite block with the Wandering Foot center. The alternate block will be the Mother's Favorite block with a Memory Chain center. The centers are found on page 82 of MEC; 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).

MEMBERS TEACHING MEMBERS - THANK YOU

From the responses I have gotten from members, our members teaching members workshops were once again a resounding success! I want to thank Pauline Hazard, Renee Fields, Sandra Samaniego, Diane Rubenstein, Tina Barth and Naomi Shelnut for doing such a terrific job in teaching the various classes. As much as I enjoy these meetings, I think the time has come for someone new to program it for next year. If you are interested, please let me or Paula Kenney know. —*Kitty Squire*

Lost & Found

If anyone found a black and red scarf at the February meeting, please contact Sylvia Hughes at wiredfox@hotmail.com.

Urban Inspirations Show

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

VOLUNTEERING

Remember if you don't have a quilt in the show, you can still volunteer, and we need your help! We are looking for an Admissions Chair (or Co-Chairs) and we also 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) to sign up.

If you haven't received your volunteer time assignment, please contact Tina Barth.

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 is 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 ADMISSIONS

Avoid the lines! Enter the show quickly and with no waiting by pre-buying your entry wristbands at the March meeting! Please find Kitty Squire (somewhere near where the membership tables are usually located) to purchase your 1 or 2 day wristbands. Price is \$10.00 for one day, \$18.00 for two. Don't forget, you must pay an entrance fee, even if you are volunteering, and this is the perfect time to do it!

Show Fundraisers

SUBWAY SERIES QUILT

Don't forget to turn in your raffle tickets to Kitty Squire or Paula Kenney. You can mail them in the envelope provided, turn them in at the March meeting or turn them in at the Show. If you need more tickets, or have any questions, you can contact either 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. Let's make this beautiful quilt our most successful ever!

FISHBOWL RAFFLE

We are once again asking our members to contribute new, small, quilt related items as gifts for the fishbowl raffle. We had a number of terrific donations at the February meeting: books, gadgets and fabric. Thank you to everyone who donated. This raffle is a terrific way to have fun at the show 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 March meeting and give them to Kitty Squire (in the back, near the membership table) or Paula Kenney. If you have any questions, please email or call Kitty Squire (kesquilts33@msn.com | 718-541-5545) or Paula Kenney (pdkenney44@aol.com | 212-982-8043).

Notices

FABRIC RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED

We are planning a special Fabric Raffle of thirteen one-yard pieces of Asian/Japanese fabric. We are looking for 12 members to donate a one-yard piece of fabric. In exchange for your donation, you will receive two free tickets for the drawing. Tickets will be sold in April and the drawing will be in May. Tickets will be \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00.

Contact Janet Randolph (janetrandolph@verizon.net | 610-874-3721) if you wish to donate.

HELP NEEDED: FOLK ART MUSEUM

The American Folk Art Museum is looking for volunteers to help with their upcoming show at the Armory: *Infinite Variety: Three Centuries of Red and White Quilts*. These volunteers will be "white glove" assistants — ensuring that the public does not touch the quilts, and answering some questions. Volunteers are needed at various times on the following days:

- Friday, March 25, 2011, 11 am – 7 pm
- Saturday, March 26, 2011, 11 am – 7 pm
- Sunday, March 27, 2011, 3 – 5 pm
- Monday, March 28, 2011, 11 am – 7 pm
- Tuesday, March 29, 2011, 11 am – 7 pm
- Wednesday, March 30, 2011, 11 am – 5 pm



If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Barbara Stephen, American Folk Art Museum Volunteer Coordinator at 212-265-1040 ext 222. For complete information about this show, visit the American Folk Art Museum website.

WORKSHOPS AT MATERIALS FOR THE ARTS

Members Jane Broaddus and Deborah Slavitt are teaching the following workshops at Materials for the Arts in Queens this spring. Both workshops take place at Materials for the Arts, 33-00 Northern Blvd. 3rd Floor, Long Island City, NY 11101. Detailed directions on how to get there are available on the Materials for the Arts website.

Students are given a generous amount of supplies to take home with them. This is a great — and fun! — opportunity to learn from these artist/teachers.



All-in-One Quilt Block

Thursday, March 24, 2011 12:30 – 3:00 pm, \$18.00

For more information and to signup: Materials for the Arts Website.

In this workshop you will learn with simple hand-sewing stitches how to piece together and quilt a block all at the same time. You will also learn how to join the blocks together to create a quilt of any desired size. This technique is a great way to introduce children to sewing. It also adapts easily to the sewing machine

Hyperbolic Crochet Jewelry

Thursday, March 24, 2011 5:00 – 7:30 pm, \$18.00

For more information and to signup: Materials for the Arts Website.

Hyperbolic crochet makes convoluted forms — the most famous being the "crochet coral reefs." In this workshop we will adapt a simple pattern to make bracelets and necklaces using two simple stitches — the chain and single crochet. No prior experience with crochet is necessary.

Local Shows

<p>The Quilt Fest of New Jersey March 3–6, 2011 Garden State Exhibit Center, Somerset, New Jersey www.quiltfest.com</p> <p>10,000 Threads: The Collected Works of Quilt Master Kim Haeja February 22 – March 31, 2011 The Korea Society Gallery, 950 Third Ave (@ 57th St), NYC www.koreasociety.org</p> <p>New York Fiber in the 21st Century Open through May 12, 2011 Lehman College Art Gallery, 250 Bedford Park Blvd West, Bronx Lehman College Arts</p>	<p>QUILTS: Masterworks from the American Folk Art Museum — PART I Open through April 24, 2011 American Folk Art Museum, 45 West 53rd St, NYC www.folkartmuseum.org</p> <p>Infinite Variety: Three Centuries of Red and White Quilts March 25-30, 2011 Park Avenue Armory, 643 Park Ave (btw 66 & 67 Streets), NYC www.folkartmuseum.org</p>
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NEW YORK CITY QUILT SHOWS: MARCH 26-27, 2011

On the weekend of our quilt show, March 26-27, there are several other quilt shows on display in New York City. Below is a map of and show time information for all of the shows, courtesy of The City Quilter.

The map shows the area from 10th Ave to Lexington Ave and 25th St to 65th St. Subway lines 1, 2, 3, 7, and F are highlighted. Bus lines 7 & 20, 1, 2 & 3, and 1, 2 & 3 are also shown. Star markers 1-5 indicate quilt show locations: 1 (Lincoln Center), 2 (28th St/7th Ave), 3 (Lexington Ave/63rd St), 4 (47th-50th Sts/Rockefeller Ctr), and 5 (Park Avenue Armory).

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- ★ 4 QUILTS: MASTERWORKS
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Paula Nadelstern's guide to the garment district:
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— SUBWAY LINE ○ SUBWAY STOP
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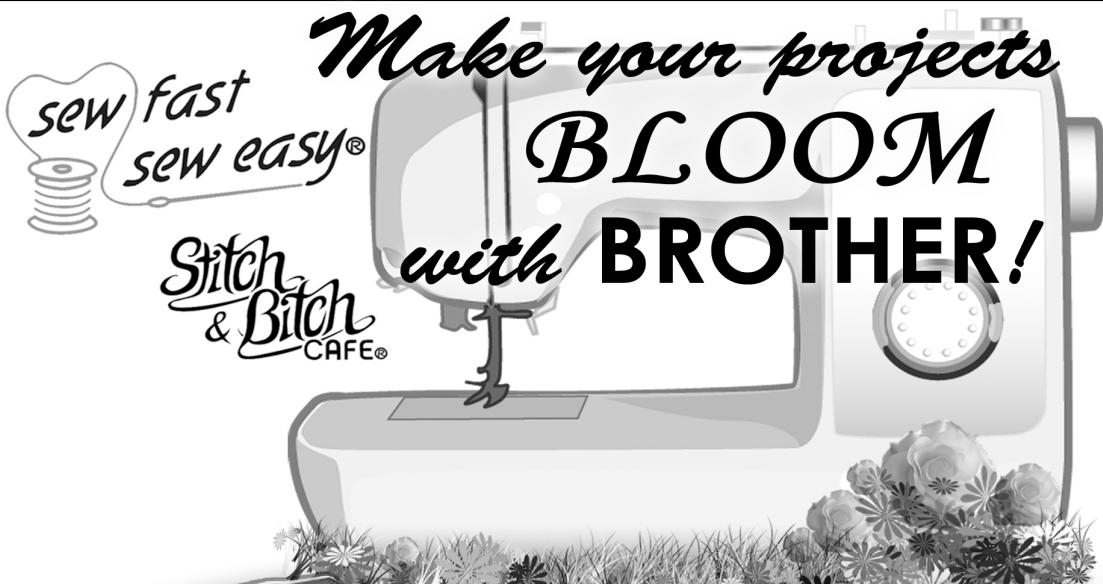
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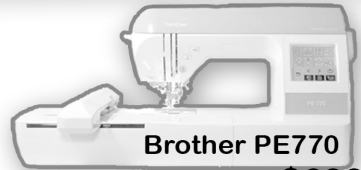
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Reminders!

- * **April Newsletter Deadline: March 9**
Submit your articles for the April newsletter by Wednesday, March 9, 2011. Late submissions will not be accepted. Email submissions to newsletter@empirequilters.net.
- * **Judging Drop-Off: March 5, 7:30 - 9:30am**
- * **Judging Pick Up: March 6, 1 - 3pm**
- * **Quilt Show Drop Off: March 25**
- * **Library Books Deadline: April 5**
The library is closed in March. For the April meeting, please be sure to order your library books by April 5.

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2010-2011 Calendar

March 5, 2011
Charity Day & Show Judging

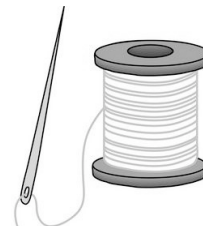
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