

# Empire Newsletter



October 2011



## President's Message

I hope all of you who attended the September meeting were as pleased as I was with the Church of the Holy Apostles as our new meeting place. The church has an interesting history, and I plan to ask several of its members to prepare a short talk about how it has become a vital resource in the community.

Our speaker this month, Shelly Zegart, comes to us with a wealth of quilt knowledge and experience. She was a founding director of the Alliance for American Quilts, and has been involved with all aspects of promoting quilting and quilt scholarship in this country. Shelly worked for over 2 years and produced "Why Quilts Matter: History, Art and Politics" as a PBS series. We will see a preview of the episode "Empowering Women One Quilt at a Time" and she will speak further on the topic and answer questions from the audience. Shelly will have a small number of her 2-DVD series for sale at the meeting. The cost is \$39.95, and can be purchased with cash or checks. If she hasn't enough for everyone who wants it, rest assured. There are 50 copies available to purchase at The City Quilter.

At the September meeting lots of people were talking about the "Red and White" challenge put forth in June by Diane Rode Schneck and Beth Pile. I anticipate seeing many interesting responses to this challenge. Bring any quilt related item that you made – remember the only allowed colors are red and white... nothing else. Remember that

you will be the judges of the challenge – and there will be prizes!

It's not too early to start working on your auction items and charity items for the December meeting. The Ways and Means committee will run the auction of holiday-themed quilts. Quilts can be related to any holiday, not just the winter holidays. If you have questions, please contact Kitty Squire. This month the Service Committee will have patterns and fabric for stuffed animals – bears and other animals too. At this month's Charity Coach and Chat, Judy Isaacs will talk with members about making stuffed animals. In November we'll have patterns and fabric for holiday stockings. Please plan to make at least one animal or stocking. The children and families who get these items are so happy to have them.

Just a reminder – in November we have our very popular Members' Flea Market. If you wish to participate, please contact Kitty Squire to see if there's a table left.

Hopefully as time goes by you'll become increasingly comfortable in our new home, and you'll start coming up with new ideas about other activities the Guild might pursue. We're always looking for fresh ideas. You can speak with me directly or put ideas in the suggestion box.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Paula Kenney, President

## Time to Approve the Budget...



**A LOOK  
at the  
BUDGET**

Hello Guild Members,

The Budget was approved by the Board at last month's meeting with amendments. It is

enclosed in this month's newsletter. Please take the time to review it. We will be asking you to approve it at the upcoming meeting on October 15, 2011.

Thank you for your time and attention,

Anna Krassy, Treasurer



### NEXT MEETING

Saturday  
October 15, 2011

### NEW LOCATION

Church of  
the Holy Apostles  
296 Ninth Avenue,  
(@28th St.), NY  
Open 9:00 am-4:30pm

#### **Focus Groups**

10:30 am-11:30 am  
Catch of the Day

11:45 am-12:45pm  
Charity Coach and Chat

12:00 pm-1:00pm  
Elm Creek Quilters

#### **Board Meeting**

11:00 am-12:00 pm

#### **General Meeting**

1:00 pm-4:30 pm

#### **Program**

Why Quilts Matter: History, Art, and Politics

#### **Speaker**

Shelly Zegart

#### **Vendor**

Easy Piecing

#### **Quilter of the Month**

Maxine Townsend-Broderick

#### **Block of The Month**

Staircase Block

**Scrap Table:** Open  
**Show & Tell:** Open  
**Library:** Open

## Everything I Wanted to Know About This Guild, But Didn't' Ask, by Earamichia Brown

This issue of the newsletter will focus on all the things we should know about our guild. This information is necessary and informative to new members and seasoned members alike. How many of you read the bylaws recently? Or, asked to join one of the Guild's committee's recently. Every organization is only as good as the participation of its members. There are many ways that you can contribute to this guild. In turn, there are many things that this great Empire Guild offers you. So lets, delve into the many things that we may have forgotten or never even realized was available.

Lets look at our Standing Committees. (For more detailed information please refer to the guild By Laws on the website.)

**Focus Group Chair:** Arranges instruction of various techniques of quilting by members for members without charge at monthly meetings. *Here is an opportunity for you to learn something new or teach others.*

**Historian/Archivist Chair:** Maintains a complete file of the Newsletters of the Guild.

**Hospitality/NQA Chapter Coordinator:** Ensures that guests and new members are introduced to the membership, seated with a group at the meeting and generally offer the Guild's hospitality so that they feel comfortable and welcome. The Chair will give the *New Member's Handbook* to all new members. They also, upon notification of major events in a member's life, send a suitable card on behalf of the Guild.

**Librarian Chair:** Acquires books and videos on quilting, by donation or purchase, to provide informational materials for use of members and make such materials available at monthly meetings. *This is a great member benefit. If any of you are like me, I have way too many books as it is, so I will be sure to use this.*

**Membership Chair:** Maintains the membership roster, record all changes of names, addresses and telephone numbers and coordinates the payment of dues with the Treasurer.

**Newsletter Chair Editor:** Edits and arrange the publication and distribution of a newsletter from the Guild every month from September through June containing announce-

ments of the next meeting and any other information of interest to the Guild. Information for the newsletter is to be submitted by the membership to the Newsletter Editor. *This is where I need YOUR help. If you have items of interest to other members such as articles, poetry, or photographs, please feel free to submit something to be included in the next newsletter.*

**Program Chair:** Arranges to have lecturers, classes and other forms of activities at monthly meetings.

**Service Projects Chair:** Coordinates the Guild's charity projects which include preparing quilt tops and toys for distribution to various hospitals, nursing homes, and hospices chosen by the membership. *Here is an excellent way to get to know other members.*

**Share Table Chair:** Coordinates the sale of fabric remnants and presents collected fees to the Treasurer. *This is one of my favorite parts of the meeting. You have a chance to take home great fabric at a fraction of the cost.*

**Show Chair:** Plans and executes all aspects of the bi-annual quilt show.

**Show and Tell Chair:** Coordinates and announces the presentation of quilt works by participating members at the monthly meetings. *This is where you get to show your stuff.*

**Trips Chair:** Seeks out and locates quilt outings and coordinates all aspects of transportation, admissions, accommodations (if necessary), and arranges publicity for the event. *Let us know where you want to go.*

**Ways and Means Chair:** Raises funds through flea markets and other fund raisers to augment the Treasury.

**Website Chair:** Maintains the website, making sure that all the latest information about the Guild is included on it.

**Workshop Chair:** Arranges workshops in conjunction with the Program Chair. *This is one of the best benefits of membership. You get to attend workshops with renowned quilters at mere pennies on the dollar, and sometimes for nothing at all..*

## First Road Trip: Pennsylvania National Quilt Show.

Almost 40 members went to the Pennsylvania quilt show. We walked and we walked and we walked some more. We viewed over 600 quilts including a world quilt competition on tour with quilts from Australia, Canada, Germany, Israel, Japan, New Zealand South Africa and the United Kingdom. Of particular interest were the quilts by Linda S. Schmidt including several unbelievable items of wearable art.

Also amazing was an exhibit called "The Unspoken Truth About Color: A Dialogue in Art Quilts about Racism" exploring the most complex and seldom discussed, most problematic and insistent of all issues in our culture today. The number of vendors almost equaled the number of quilts and Empire quilt members had a field day shopping. We bought everything from fat quarters to a long arm sewing machine and everything in between. We are looking forward to our next trip in November.

## November Road Trip. Shopping Anyone?

November 19th is the date set for the next Empire Quilters trip. We will leave New York at 8:00am. The stores we hope to visit are: Sauders, Burkholder's, Zook's and The Hayloft (thanks to Gloria Johnson for researching this information). Another of our members recalls that on a prior shopping trip to Lancaster, the group stopped for a Smorgasbord dinner. I believe the name of the restaurant was Shady Maple. I located it on the internet and I will phone for price and reservation possibilities. I'll keep you posted. This is an ambitious trip and we may have to limit



the number of stops to have time to include dinner. Depending on the number of members interested, the cost will probably be \$45-55. I will be accepting deposits of \$25 at the October meeting or in the mail so be sure and let me know if you are planning to come as soon as possible. I will have final cost by the November meeting.

[mindywexlermarks@yahoo.com](mailto:mindywexlermarks@yahoo.com)

## Treasurer's Report

A detailed version of the report is available on the website, or by contacting Anna Krassy, [quilterme@gmail.com](mailto:quilterme@gmail.com) (or at 212) 243 3253 to have a copy mailed to you.

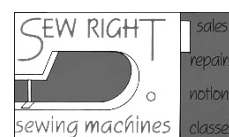


### Treasurer's Report

6/30/2011

Guild	Month	YTD Total
Beginning Balance	\$ 65,653.41	\$56,807.78
Income	\$ 16,211.82	\$52,943.12
Expenses	\$ 5,061.12	\$47,385.45
Ending Balance	\$ 76,804.11	\$62,365.45
Show Income	\$ -	\$63,865.99
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## Don't Forget About Our Workshops in November.

### Half Day (Morning): Hand Quilting

Instructor: Betty Ekern Suiter  
 Date: Sunday, November 13, 2011  
 Time: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm  
 Location: 343 8th Ave, (near 27th St)  
 New York, NY 10001 [ Map ]  
 Skill Level: All Levels  
 Cost: \$45.00 (+\$10.00 kit fee)

Sign up: To reserve your place in this workshop, send a check made out to Empire Quilters to Mary Butler. Contact [info@empirequilters.net](mailto:info@empirequilters.net) if you need Mary's address.

Preserve the art of hand quilting. Learn to mark a quilting design as well as the different types of batting. Betty will show you how to achieve even stitches by rocking your needle. Also how to save your fingertips while doing it! Kit provides fabric, batting and needle.

### Half Day (Afternoon): Blooming Flowers

Instructor: Betty Ekern Suiter  
 Date: Sunday, November 13, 2011  
 Time: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
 Location: 343 8th Ave, (near 27th St)  
 New York, NY 10001 [ Map ]  
 Skill Level: Beginner to Intermediate  
 Cost: \$45.00 (+\$20.00 kit fee)

Sign up: To reserve your place in this workshop, send a check made out to Empire Quilters to Mary Butler. Contact [info@empirequilters.net](mailto:info@empirequilters.net) if you need Mary's address.

You will work on a 12"x12" base to create perfect needle turn curves and sharp points. Betty will show you her easy way for skinny 1/8" stems. Flower centers are stuffed to add dimension while embroidery enhances the effect. Kit includes hand dyed fabrics, background square, use of thread and #12 applique needle.

## Members Teaching Members

Members Teaching Members will return in February for our third year. We are in the planning stage and looking for interesting programs. If you want to lead a workshop/demo on a quilt-related subject, this could be your chance. A form for consideration is available at the front desk for our October meeting.

Please contact Janet Randolph at [janetrandolph@verizon.net](mailto:janetrandolph@verizon.net) if you have questions or suggestions.

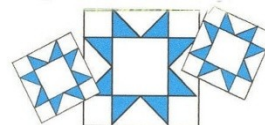


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## An Empire Guild Meeting from Start to Finish.

**H**ave you ever wondered what to do at a guild meeting. Follow these easy steps.

- **Upon Arrival:** If you are a registered member, you will find your name and address on the sign-in sheet at the **Membership/Check-in** table. Each member needs to sign in *before* finding a seat. At check-in time, if you have **Show & Tell** items, complete the Show & Tell form. The Membership/Check-in table is the place to ask questions — don't be shy!
- **Where Should I Sit:** Take a look around, find a seat you like, and catch your breath.
- **Now that You Have a Seat:** Bring your donations to the **Monthly Fundraiser**, put your scraps, old patterns, etc. on the **Scrap Table**, shop with the **Vendor-of-the-Month**, visit the **Library** and drop off magazine donations. Drop off your **Block of the Month** (BOM) at the space reserved for **BOM's** and fill out your name on a slip of paper for each block that you made. Buy your **Monthly fundraising tickets**. Visit the **Charity Coach and Chat** or **Focus Group**. Then, visit friends, make new ones, look around until the meeting begins.
- **Meeting is Called to Order:** 1:00 pm the President calls the meeting to order and takes up any and all issues concerning the business of running the guild.
- **Guest Speaker Time:** Usually after the business discussion, a Guest Speaker will demonstrate unique techniques, experiences and/or products.
- **Show & Tell:** Members present their completed works (usually quilts or quilted clothing), heirlooms, unique purchases or other items of interest.. You also get your pictures taken for the guild website.
- **Block-of-the-Month:** Display is noted and the winner-take-all drawing is held from among the participants.
- **Raffle Prize Time:** Now comes the last-minute scramble to purchase tickets before the drawing. Winning tickets are drawn until *all* items are distributed.
- **Scrap Table:** Opens after all other meeting features have ended. You can purchase scraps and patterns for as little as 25¢.
- **At the End of Official Business:** If afternoon focus groups are scheduled, attendees now divide into **Focus Groups** that continue until the end of the day (no later than 4:30 pm). However, you are free to use this time to quilt with friends, ask questions, and re-visit the Vendor-of-the-Month..

Now you are an Empire Guild Meeting Attendee Pro. Can't wait to see you in action at the next meeting.

## Library Notes.....

**T**he October Library table will include a book sale of both donations and a number of library books by the Committee. PLEASE bring any books or magazines you no longer want. The sale of these items benefit the Guild and enable us to keep the library stocked with current titles.

Do you have any books tucked away out of sight? Why not bring them to the guild, we are happy to take them off your hands. You can then try out some others without having to find a permanent place for them.

If you are interested in a title, please email [lbinnyc@yahoo.com](mailto:lbinnyc@yahoo.com) or [cargill@columbia.edu](mailto:cargill@columbia.edu) to reserve it or any other books.

If you have any questions, please email Mary Cargill at [cargill@columbia.edu](mailto:cargill@columbia.edu) or Lisa Belle at [lbinnyc@yahoo.com](mailto:lbinnyc@yahoo.com).

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## Around Town...



### Newark Museum: Patchwork from Folk Art to Fine Art

There is a new exhibit at the Newark Museum which opened on September 14th and will run through the end of the year. This exhibit tracks the evolution of quilts from functional women's folk art to self-conscious artworks intended for display. The exhibit contains about two dozen quilts, some created with powerful graphic designs pieced together from geometric patches of silk, wool or cotton, others with more complex narratives using folk art, appliqué and embroidery. Album quilts, commemorative quilts and crazy quilts—all of these were ways in which women built community and expressed their artistic skills. Contemporary studio quilters have also embraced the historic traditions of this craft, while creating a kind of quilt that has only existed since the late twentieth century.

Accompanying this exhibition is *The Global Art of Patchwork: Africa and Asia*, showcasing work of patchwork traditions outside the world of quilts, also drawn from the Museum's holdings.

### On-Line Quilt Auction

MD Anderson's bi-annual on-line quilt auction will take place on Oct 26 through Nov 9, 2011. The auction site is: <http://www.mdanderson.org/how-you-can-help/other-ways-to-help/ovarian-quilt-project/quilt-auction/ovarian-quilt-quilt-auction.html> and will open on October 19. Karen Monath and Diane Paul, Empire members have donated quilts for the auction. Diane is an 18 year survivor of advanced ovarian cancer and Karen lost a close friend, Connie Mendon, to the disease. The proceeds from the auction support the Blanton-Davis Ovarian Cancer Research Program and the Uterine Cancer Research Program at MD Anderson Cancer Center. For a peek at the quilts which will be auctioned, go to <http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.166775250055557.43577.166064710126611&type=1>

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### Quilting at the MET

Spend Friday, October 14 "Quilting" at the Met. Invite a friend to spend the afternoon discovering quilts from many cultures, and end your visit by making your own quilt block! Friday, October 14 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. *Exploring American Quilts* at the Antonio Ratti Textile Center. Go behind the scenes for an up-close look at highlights from the Museum's collection of American quilts. Space is limited; reservations required. Tickets \$20. Call 212.570.3949 to reserve your ticket today.

Break from 4:00 – 5:30 and go discover other quilts currently on display. Check out the Korean patchwork textiles (jogakbo) and textiles from other cultures currently installed in the Arts of Korea galleries. Grab a bite to eat at one of the Met's delicious dining facilities.

On your way to the final event, survey *The 9/11 Peace Story Quilt*, designed by Faith Ringgold and constructed in collaboration with New York City students.

Between 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., you will want to drop by the Carroll Classroom in the Uris Center for Education for Piecework. Here you will learn about the materials and techniques of quilt making, and stitch your own pieced quilt block. No reservations required.

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## October Focus Groups

### *IMPORTANT TIME CHANGE* ELM CREEK GROUP

The Elm Creek Focus Group will be meeting **at noon**, not 10:30 as previously reported.

For the 2011-2012 period, we will be continuing with the Sylvia's Bridal Sampler book, and for those interested in a different project with larger blocks, we are introducing a new book, the Jinny Beyer *Golden Album Quilt* book.

For October, the Sylvia's blocks are: King David's Crown, pg. 43, and Snail's Trail, pg. 68; for November, it's Silver & Gold, pg. 67, and Queen Charlotte's Crown, pg. 60; for December, it's Lady of the Lake, pg. 45 and Milky Way, pg. 49. For the Jinny Beyer project, please start with any block that you would enjoy and a schedule will be forthcoming.

Any questions, please email Lisa Belle at [lbinnyc@yahoo.com](mailto:lbinnyc@yahoo.com) or Lisa Kehrlé at [Lisank2010@gmail.com](mailto:Lisank2010@gmail.com)

### CATCH OF THE DAY



Janet Randolph's, Catch of the Day will be held Saturday, October 15, 2011, from 10:30- 11:30 a.m. You will work with fancy fabrics and decorative stitches to make a crazy Quilted Fish du jour. This workshop is hand on. You will need glue, stick pins, pencils, scissors, small scraps of cotton, satin, rayon, lamé, etc. which we all will share. Other materials will be supplied in class.



## Holiday Meeting December 10, 2011



As usual, we have a variety of events planned for our December holiday meeting, including socializing, fund-raising and charity. As usual, the Guild will provide beverages and the Church will supply coffee and tea. We ask members to contribute food to share. In addition to food to nosh on at the meeting, please consider bringing items wrapped for sale at our annual Bake Sale. Our fund raiser this year is an auction of holiday themed small quilts. These can be based on any holiday, and if you have a quilt you want to donate, create a holiday! After all, this is NY and we have holidays and celebrations for everything (like Festivus)! There's an article on page 11 with specifics about the dimensions. We will start the bidding at \$20 and go from there.

If you have any questions about the auction or bake sale, please contact either Kitty Squire [kesquilts33@msn.com](mailto:kesquilts33@msn.com) or Lisa Kehrlé [lisank94@aol.com](mailto:lisank94@aol.com).

Finally – as we have for a number of years – Empire Quilters will provide toys and stockings that our members make or donate for the holiday parties at three City shelters. We're asking for as many teddy bears and stockings as you can make. The patterns are easy to make and can be found on our website, or from the Service Committee at the October and November meetings. As in the past other gifts are welcome – check the website or with the Service Committee (Jennifer Bigelow at [jmbigelow54@yahoo.com](mailto:jmbigelow54@yahoo.com) or Marilyn Korn) for guidelines. This is an extraordinary effort that certainly puts smiles on the faces of hundreds of children, glad to know they have not been forgotten this holiday season.

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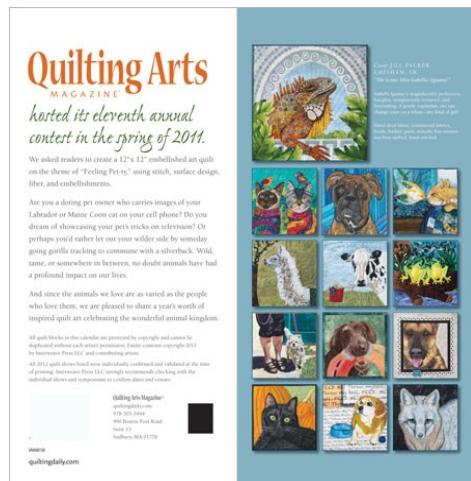
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## News from the Membership

Sue Clayton's quilt was one of 13 selected for Quilting Arts Magazine 2012 calendar. (Hers is the llama.) They are on sale now!



**Quilter Wanted:** A collector of "molas" is looking for someone to turn 12 "molas" into a quilt for a full size bed. These "molas" were obtained directly from Kuna women during her trips to the San Blas Islands in Panama several years ago. The "molas" are of excellent quality and they are beautiful. The fee for this project is negotiable. If interested, please contact:

[psaddler@hudson-ethicsconsulting.com](mailto:psaddler@hudson-ethicsconsulting.com)  
(cell) 917-757-1822.

### Flea Market

Don't forget-November is Member Flea Market month! We will be taking registrations for large (\$20) and small (\$10) tables at the September meeting. If you are not able to attend, you can contact Kitty Squire [kesquilts33@msn.com](mailto:kesquilts33@msn.com) or Lisa Kehrle [lisank94@aol.com](mailto:lisank94@aol.com) to make you reservations.

## Renew Your Guild Membership for 2011-2012!



### 2011-2012 Empire Quilters Guild Membership Renewal

1. Dues for Guild Meeting Season Sep 2011 – Jun 2012 : \$55 (all ages)
2. **Contribution:** Additional tax-deductible contribution (optional): \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Newsletter:** Select one method to receive your newsletter:
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## Charity Coach and Chat

Thank you to all the Empire members who brought in donations to the September meeting. We received over 30 quilts—quilts for children and for preemies as well as lap quilts. We also received six wheelchair bags, six tops, and a dozen stuffed animals. It was great to have all of these contributions and the charities will be delighted to have them. In addition, we used them to show new quilters examples of what charity quilts might be like. Please keep them coming!

In October we will continue our charity quilt demonstrations. These demos will begin at 11:45. We had a good turnout in September. Please come join us to learn all the fun it can be to put together charity quilts! If you didn't make it to our first demo about half-square triangles, come see us in October and catch up!

Judy Isaacs will show how to make the felt animals and Christmas stockings that we collect at our December meeting for distribution to children in the shelters we support, as we have done in prior years. Judy's demo will start at 12:15.

Some members have asked about the correct measurements for charity quilts. Marilyn Korn, after consulting with experienced charity quilt makers, came up with these measurements:

*crib quilts* 36" x 36" minimum, 42" x 42" maximum  
*lap quilts* 36" by no more than 48"  
*twin bed quilts* 72" by 90"  
*preemie quilts* 16" by 24"

[For preemie quilts ONLY: They must be hand quilted, not tied, no knots or buttons to irritate babies' sensitive skin. Pre-wash in Dreft or Ivory to remove harmful finishes on fabric]

We're looking forward to seeing you in October at our fabulous new meeting place!

Marilyn Korn, Jennifer Bigelow, and Tina Barth

## October Block of the Month (BOM) - Staircase Block

October's block is the lovely staircase block. You can check out the blog for more detailed information.

**Fabric Recipe:** Use florals, dots, paisleys, etc. in multi colors (as shown below). Choose one dark-ish and one light-ish print. (Some low contrast blocks will be nice too.)

**Directions:**

1. Cut two strips, 3 inches wide. Sew them together lengthwise. Press.
2. Cut 5.5" lengths, as shown in the photo below. Arrange the blocks as shown in the next photo. Sew. Press.

That's it!



You may want to bring your scraps so the winner of the blocks will have some matching fabrics for a possible border.

Here's what the September's BOM—Taffy Block looked like.



## A Quilt Can Heal All: The Patchogue-Medford Healing Quilt

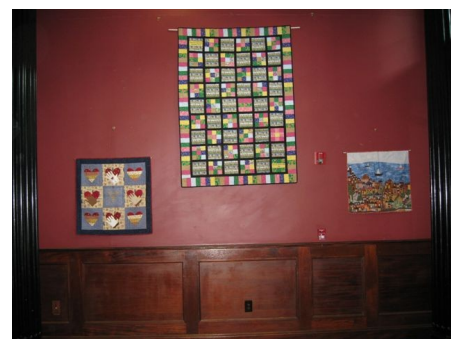
Dear Friends,

Here are some photos taken on September 14, 2011 of our Patchogue- Medford Healing Quilt at the documentary film premier by Not In Our Town, a company from Oakland, California, about the bias crime that was committed in Patchogue Village almost 3 years ago. It is an overview of what happened and how the community is working together in response to this tragic event that affected not only the family of the murder victim, but everyone who lives in

the area. This could have happened anywhere. This film was shown on PBS on September 21st at 10pm. This film will be broadcast all over this country on different channels in the future. I would appreciate it if you would take the time to see it and let me know your comments.

Thank you so much,

Diana



Photos L to R. Diana & Lori w/ Tripdyk Quilt 2011, Patchogue –Medford quilt on stand, and far right, original PM quilt the Library and Pilot Club Quilts, 2011

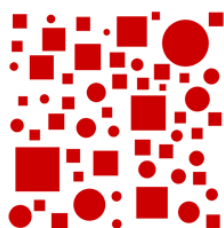
## Guild Challenge: Red and White Quilts, Deadline-October Meeting

As guild members Diane Rode Schneck and Beth Pile walked around the Red and White Infinite Variety Show at the Armory in March, they were both in awe of what was displayed. There were so many quilts and other items made in red and white. The makers of the quilts had explored so many different possibilities. Diane and Beth thought there should be a challenge for the members of Empire Quilters.

the Holy Apostles. The items will be judged by viewer's

If you make something that needs special attention for display please contact Diane or Beth before the October meeting. If you would like to be involved to help with this challenge, contact Beth Pile: [bpile@optonline.net](mailto:bpile@optonline.net) or Diane Rode Schneck: [bleujello2@aol.com](mailto:bleujello2@aol.com).

The challenge is to make something **red and white**. It can be *any quilt related item but does not have to be a quilt*. You can be free to have fun with the challenge. The only rule is whatever you make it should **red and white** — *no other colors*. We will display what the members make at the **October 15, 2011** meeting at the Church of



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## Ways and Means Committee, What is That? by Kitty Squire

**W**ays and Means is responsible for raising money for the Guild through various fundraisers. Each year we sponsor 1 or 2 flea markets, usually in November and June. Members are invited to rent either small or large tables to sell their wares. It is a great way to either sell your crafts or to go through and clean out your stash, getting rid of the fabric and notions that you had to have then, but now wonder what you were thinking. Remember, one person's garbage is another's treasure!

In addition Ways and Means usually has some kind of fundraiser in December. This year we are requesting small quilts (96" or less in circumference) on holiday themes, remembering that here in New York, we celebrate holidays for everything and everyone. Steuben Day anyone? The bidding will start at \$20 per quilt and go from there. There will also be a bake sale for which we ask our members to bring in goodies, desserts, sandwiches, whatever they feel

like for the Guild to sell. In other years we have had silent auctions, fishbowl auctions, quilt auctions, etc. This fundraiser is always done in conjunction with the collection of stockings, stuffed animals, toys, toiletries for children in need. It is a terrific celebration of the season.

Ways and Means is also in charge of Guild Memorabilia. We currently have bags, lanyards, pins, pencils and tee shirts. These are available near the membership table at each meeting. We are currently cleaning out our remaining tee shirts and offering them at the bargain price of \$10, so be sure to visit us in October.

Ways and Means always encourages suggestions regarding fundraising ideas for the Guild. Just either email Kitty Squire [kesquilts33@msn.com](mailto:kesquilts33@msn.com) or Lisa Kehrle [lisank94@aol.com](mailto:lisank94@aol.com) or leave the ideas in the suggestion box at the next meeting located at the membership table.

## Things to Remember....



Are you new to our guild? Or a long-time attendee who wants to get to know your fellow quilters? Join us on

October 15 following the regular meeting for a New Member Orientation. We'll describe your responsibilities as a guild

member, answer your questions, and give everyone a chance to introduce themselves. For more information contact Sue Clayton at 631-909-3021 or [claytonteam@gmail.com](mailto:claytonteam@gmail.com).

### Wanted:

### Holiday Themed Quilts

We are going to be having a small fundraiser this December, auctioning off small quilts donated by our members. This is your opportunity to have fun designing and making a small quilt and the Guild benefits! It is easy! We are looking for members who want to make a small (no more than 24" x 24") quilt with a holiday theme to be auctioned off. These do not have to be only regular holidays. If you can think of a theme, you can come up with a holiday to match, such as: Japan Day, Arbor Day, etc. We live in New York and have parades and holidays for everything under the sun!

The quilts can be any shape as long as the total outside circumference does not exceed 96." We will start the bids at \$20 and go up from there. The more quilts donated, the more money the Guild will raise!

If you have any questions, please contact either Kitty Squire [kesquilts33@msn.com](mailto:kesquilts33@msn.com) or Lisa Kehrle [lisank94@aol.com](mailto:lisank94@aol.com).

# Highlights From Empire Quilters Show and Tell, June 2011



*Kenny's Quilt* by Evelyn Berkowitz



*Sister Mask* by Maxine Townsend Broderick



*Portrait Fabric Collage* by Mary Kirchoff



*Frida Kablo Wall Panel* by Sandra Samaniego

Made in a class taken at the **American Folk Art Museum** with Meg Cox.

Hand pieced borders, hand quilted panel, iron-on skull appliques, buttons, fabric beads.



*Ballerina* by Karen Sternberg



*Africa* by Barbara Fridie



*Attic Windows* by Mary Ferry



*American Boy* one-patch pictorial child's quilt by Kate Iscol



*Arches National Park* by Karen Monath

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**2011-2012 Calendar**

**November 12, 2011**

*Betty Ekern Suiter*

**December 10, 2011**

*Holiday Fundraising  
& Charity Gift Collection*

**January 14, 2012**

*Karen Gibbs*

**February 11, 2012**

*Members Teaching Members*

**March 10, 2012**

*Charity Work Day*

**April 14, 2012**

*Rayna Gillman*

**May 12, 2012**

*TBD*

**June 9, 2012**

*TBD*

**November Newsletter Deadlines**

Ads: **October 28, 2011**  
Article Submission: **October 26, 2011**

Empire Quilters encourages members to write articles about quilt related subjects — even to toot their own horn if they've taken part in a show — and to send them to the Editor: [newsletter@empirequilters.net](mailto:newsletter@empirequilters.net)

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