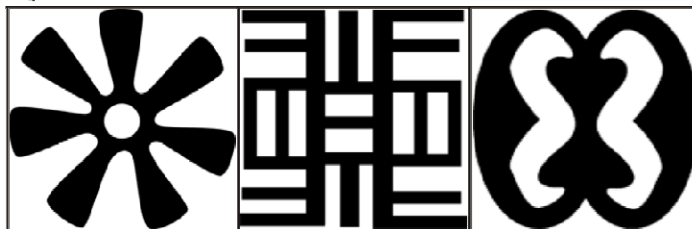


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**President's Notes
& Observations**

Happy 10th Anniversary! This month we will be officially celebrating our 10th Anniversary. The guild was founded in 1996 and we are still hanging in there. I have witnessed the growth of the guild over the past ten years and I am proud to represent the guild. Though we are a small guild, we have been able to accomplish a lot over the years under the direction of **Mary Louise Smith, Rhona Triggs** and **Teresa Vega**.

This year has been successful. We were able to take part in three quilt shows of which the most prominent was *Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Roun': Quilters of Color Network of New York* at the Fuller Craft Museum. Through this exhibit, we were able to get national exposure in the form of several magazine articles and we were able to network with one of our sister guilds, *Sisters in Stitches Joined by the Cloth*, in Massachusetts. We were also able to produce many quilt tops and backing for *Quilts of Valor Foundation* as well as local charities in keeping with our guild's mandate. In addition, many of our members gave workshops and demonstrations at our meetings for the benefits

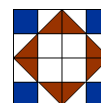
of the guild. Finally, we were blessed to have two of our associate members, **Catherine Lamkin** and **Vera Hall**, participate in our exhibits as well as workshops this past year.

I would like to extend a big THANK YOU to all those members who have volunteered this year. Your participation has been welcomed and has not gone unnoticed.

We have a 10th Anniversary Party this month. We are asking all members to bring food and drinks ONLY. Paper products will be supplied. We also have a surprise for everyone. Please don't forget to bring your fabric book challenge and your 3-D Dimensional Bag challenge. We look forward to seeing you there!

Piece-fully yours,

Teresa Vega



Show & Tell

Eloise Jordan, a baby quilt; **Ed Bostick**, 2 quilt tops; **Kim Hall**, *New Life* quilt; **Sheila Bligen**, 2 quilted jackets; **Evelyn Martin**, a quilted bag; **Teresa Vega**, *My, Myself and I* quilt and *She Was Beautiful* quilt.



Guild Finances

Financial Report:

May 31, 2007

OPENING BALANCE	\$2,988.89
Deposits:	
Membership	\$ 120.00
Transfer from	
Certificate of deposit	\$1,850.16
Bank Adjustment	
of deposit	\$ - 130.00
Total Deposits:	<u>\$1,840.16</u>
Total Income:	<u>\$4,829.05</u>
Expenses:	
10 th Anniversary	
Expenses	\$ 200.00
Newsletter	\$ 60.78
Postage	\$ 14.60
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 275.38</u>
Ending Balance:	
Commerce Bank	\$4,553.67
Bank Certificate of	
Deposit	\$3,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS:	<u>\$7,553.67</u>



Recipe

Chocolate-Berry Cheesecake

Ingredients:

- 1 cup chocolate wafer crumbs
- 12 ounces fat-free cream cheese
- 8 ounces reduced-fat cream cheese
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup cholesterol-free egg substitute
- 3 tablespoons fat-free (skim) milk
- 1 1/4 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 cup mini semisweet chocolate chips
- 2 tablespoons no-sugar-added raspberry fruit spread
- 2 tablespoons water

- 2-1/2 cups fresh strawberries, hulled and halved

Preparation:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray bottom of 9-inch springform pan with nonstick cooking spray.
2. Press chocolate wafer crumbs firmly onto bottom of prepared pan. Bake 10 minutes. Remove from oven; cool. *Reduce oven temperature to 325°F*
3. Combine cheeses in large bowl with electric mixer. Beat at medium speed until well blended. Beat in sugar until well blended. Beat in egg substitute, milk and vanilla until well blended. Stir in mini chips with spoon. Pour batter into pan.
4. Bake 40 minutes or until center is set. Remove from oven; cool 10 minutes in pan on wire rack. Carefully loosen cheesecake from edge of pan. Cool completely. Cut into 16 slices before serving.
5. Remove side of pan from cake. Blend fruit spread and water in medium bowl until smooth. Add strawberries; toss to coat. Arrange strawberries on top of cake. Refrigerate 1 hour before serving. Garnish with fresh mint, if desired.



Quilters Update

Gees Bend Quilters Update:

From Teresa Vega

This month, one of the *Gees Bend Quilters*, **Annie Mae Young**, filed a lawsuit in federal court in Selma, AL against **Tinwood Ventures** and **William Arnett**



Member News

Important Reminder

The guild officers have one year left of their terms. We would like to see members stepping up NOW to prepare to take over the offices and committee positions that will be vacant next year. One year in advance is plenty of time for members to prepare for officer and committee positions

and his sons, who originally bought the Gees Bend quilts. Many of us have seen her handmade quilts adorn postage stamps, Visa gift cards, and \$5,000 rugs. She has received no royalty payments for any of these items--not a penny.

Tinwood Ventures claims that they own the intellectual property rights to the quilts produced in Gees Bend. They, in turn, licensed those rights to various manufacturers.

Annie Mae Young claims that she had no idea that her quilt designs were being used for anything beyond a book. The suit is seeking compensatory damages for "commercial misappropriation of her work and likeness." She counters that she had an oral contract with **William Arnett** to sell her quilts and that this oral contract "violates the statute of frauds."

I hope we all will pay particular attention to this case as it covers a number of issues dealing with intellectual property rights and race, gender, class issues. It should also remind us that we have to find value in our work or someone else will!

as well as to be mentored. If you are interested in any office or position, now is the time to seek out officers and committee members who can mentor you in advance. Otherwise, the guild will be facing a crisis next year. If we leave a legacy, we would hope that we would continue to function in the same manner – if not better – than prior guild years.

QCNNY is also in need of someone to do the newsletter each month. Please see **Teresa Vega** if you are interested. We need committed individuals to put out the newsletter each month. It is a big burden for the two to three people who do it each month. Regular contributors would be helpful.



Fabric Book Challenge Guidelines

One of our challenges this year is to make a fabric book. The contest will be held at our June meeting. In order to have all levels participate, the following guidelines are to be adhered to:

- 1) The book has to be a bound (i.e., it has to have a front and back cover and pages/signatures in between – all connected).
- 2) The book has to have a coherent theme or tell a story
- 3) The book can be no smaller than 6 inches X 6 inches
- 4) Embellishments MUST be used
- 5) Fabric MUST be used
- 6) Participants have the option of altering a board book or

- making their own book from scratch
- 7) Fabric glue and other adhesives can be used
 - 8) Creativity is a MUST

Sources to refer to:
Fabric Art Journals
 by Pam Sussman

The Art of Fabric Books
 by Jan Bode Smiley
Fabric Memory Books
 by Lesley Riley
Collage Unleashed
 by Traci Bautista



Internet Links

Here are some art quilt links that may be of interest to you.

<http://www.topix.net/hobbies/quilting?full=dcd563abc3>- Quilt News blog

<http://artquiltworks.blogspot.com/> - Juanita Yeager's blog

<http://creativityjourney.blogspot.com> - Gwen Magee's Textile Arts Resource Guide

<http://www.gwenmagee.com/>

- Gwen Magee's new website

<http://nitaleland.blogspot.com/>

- Nita Leland's Exploring Color and Creativity

<http://www.threadlink.typepad.com>

- Valerie Hearder's On the Art of Soul of Quilting



QCNNY Calendar

Old Saybrook... Folded and Formed–Art Quilts, Central Gallery, 270 Main Street, May 2–June 30. (Hillary Seltzer, 270 Main Street, Old Saybrook, CT

06475; 860-510-0432;
info@centralgallery.net)

Over the Summer Calendar:

PCM-EXPO
 July 6-8, 2007
 Saratoga Springs City Center
 522 Broadway
 Saratoga Springs, NY
www.pcmexpo.com

The Great Catskill Mountain Quilt Show
 CMF Performing Arts Center
 Route 23
 Main Street
 Hunter, NY
www.catskillmtn.org

“A Citywide Celebration of Quilts”
 New England Quilt Museum Auxiliary
www.lowellquiltfestival.org
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FYI

“BLING” Exhibition – Projekt 30

Theme:
 Explorations of capitalism, consumerism, and conspicuous consumption

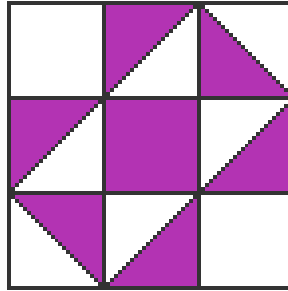
Deadline:
 November 5, 2007

Prospectus:
http://www.projekt30.com/bling_prospectus.html



QCNNY Block of the Month Summer 2007

(Note: this is *not* the BOM for September, but please bring to the September meeting!)



Colors

Purple and cream or off white (**PLEASE...no white or muslin!**)

Fabric Prep for Cutting

From the **CREAM** fabric, cut a 4 1/2" x 9 1/2" strip.

From the **CREAM** fabric, cut a 4 7/8" x 14 5/8" strip

From the **PURPLE** fabric, cut a 4 7/8" x 14 5/8" strip

From the **PURPLE** fabric, cut one 4 1/2" square.

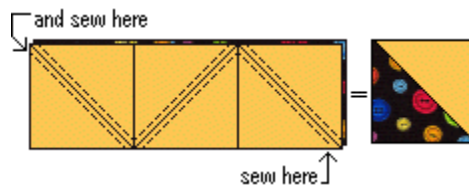
From the **PURPLE** fabric, cut three 3 1/2" by width of fabric strips. (Set these aside. You will bring them to the meeting for a special finishing touch!)

Cutting

Cut the cream strip into two 4 1/2" squares.

Speed Piecing the Half-Square Triangles:

To speed piece the half squares, stack your cream 4 7/8" wide strip right side together on top of your purple strip of the same size. Be sure all edges are aligned. Lightly mark the 4-7/8" square lines and mark the diagonals in the directions shown in the illustration below (©Marcia Hohn). Now sew a scant 1/4" above and below the marked diagonals, pivoting at the square lines. Now cut apart on the marked diagonals, and on the 4-7/8" square lines. This will give you six half squares. Press seam allowances towards the darker fabric. Trim these back to measure 4-1/2" if needed...



Now lay out all units as shown above, with the Purple square in the center. Sew three horizontal rows, using a scant 1/4" seam allowance. Press top and bottom rows to the outside, and middle row to the center. Sew the three rows together and your Split Nine Patch 2 block is complete!

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June Checklist:

- ✓ Wear your name tag and lanyard!
- ✓ Show & Tell
- ✓ Books from the QCNNY Library

Next Meeting:

Saturday, June 23, 2007

Date Change

Hudson Guild Auditorium

119 Ninth Avenue @ 18 St

1-4 p.m.

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