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AIDS Memorial Quilt



# The Power of the Quilt

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## CITYWIDE WORLD AIDS DAY - 1998

The Chapter will be displaying 250 12ft x 12ft sections of the Quilt in all five boroughs this year for World AIDS Day, December 1, 1998. This will increase once again the number of panels on display for this day of remembrance. With more than 2,000 individual panels in places of worship, schools, hospitals and businesses, we estimate that more than 100,000 visitors will see the Quilt in the 70 to 100 locations city-wide.

We want to welcome some of our new participants this year which include: American Express, Pfizer, Pace University, The Foundation Center, GMHC, and Terence Cardinal Cook Health Care Center. We will also be displaying the Quilt in 24 schools, 15 medical centers and hospitals, two correctional facilities, and numerous other locations listed in this issue.

We are proud to announce that this year's Corporate Sponsors include: Beth Israel Medical Center, St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital, American Express, NYU College of Dentistry, Queens College Student Union, Pace University, Empire Motorcycle Club, and Atonement Friars/Westchester Health Dept. These wonderful businesses and organizations have all donating more than \$500.00. We appreciate their partnership and support.

Three of our Chapter volunteers traveled again this year to San Francisco to our National Offices to assist in packing the hundreds of sections of Quilt being transported to New York. We are happy that out of the 100 requests we made we were able to reserve more than one-half of our requests. Our special thanks to Kathleen Dederian in San Francisco for making this possible. Also, our thanks to Leonard Riley, Monroe, and Michael Bongiorno for their assistance in pulling, boxing, and shipping of Quilt for our use.

As New York state still continues to be the highest HIV infection rates in the nation, AIDS awareness continues to grow in our community while the lack of funding continues to drop. We invite you to give this year during our new *World AIDS Day Donor Membership Drive*. As it is costing us approximately \$3,500 to ship and store the Quilt for this event, we hope you will give generously to the Chapter to make these displays possible and help continue our HIV intervention work throughout the year.

We have included in this newsletter our display schedule (requests as of 10/25/98) and will update our website with the latest updates and changes. We invite you to join us in remembering those we have lost to AIDS but have not been forgotten.

### TEARS OF JOY By Pilar Gomez

It was like looking for a needle in a haystack. In 1995 I wanted to make a panel for my brother, Lucas Gomez, who had died from AIDS. Since I didn't know that "the Quilt" was really The NAMES Project-NYC, even the local telephone operator couldn't assist me. I called GMHC's help line and after much frustration finally found the number. Little did I know what adventure was in store for me.

I met Ben McLaughlin, panelmaking coordinator for the Chapter. I was invited to the Manhattan workshop where the doors were open to me, a novice who needed guidance in designing and sewing her Quilt panel, and who simply wanted a supportive and a safe place to sew her panel. The group helped me fine-tune my ideas in designing the panel which at first were all over the place.

After lots of advice and suggestions, I started drawing my panel on paper, and the project began. Little did I know how the process would change my life forever. I wanted to commemorate my brother Lucas's memory in the best way I knew possible. He was the best human being I have ever known and I wanted everyone who saw the panel to walk away knowing how much he was missed. I wanted to embody all his qualities. It was very important to me to show the world a picture of him and share his pride in being gay.

My panel was on display in the grass of splendor in Washington D.C. in 1996 and recently in the windows at New York City's SAKs Fifth Avenue. Lucas, you were my guiding light on earth and now you are the special star that shines above. Thank you so much.

I want to encourage you to make a panel to remember someone you have lost to AIDS. My special thanks to Ben McLaughlin, Gail Spiegel, and my friends Diane, Steve, Heidi, Julia, Colleen and Diane T. for their love and support.



**Pilar Gomez  
with her  
brother's  
panel.**

*We invite anyone wishing to submit their story about making their panel for publication in future*

## CHAPTER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### EMPIRE MOTORCYCLE CLUB

We were honored to attend a memorial service held by New York's own Empire Motorcycle Club. We displayed two sections of the Quilt commemorating club members who are represented on the Quilt and dedicated a new panel. The club also submitted new updated biographies for every club member's panel on the Quilt which we didn't have, and will now be included in the Quilt archives in San Francisco.

We also received a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00. This generous donation will help us continue to do displays and youth outreach programs in New York City. Our thanks Jeff Arnold, President, Brian Wagner, V.P., and the many giving members of the Empire Motorcycle Club.

### 12FT X 12FT CONSTRUCTION

We have completed two new 12ft x 12ft sections of New York panels and are planning to continue this work as new panels are received. These new sections will be shipped to SF for inventory and inclusion into the national database, then returned to us to complete the final steps of bordering and grommeting. Our special thanks to St. Michael's Episcopal Church for giving us space to layout and sew these beautiful sections. If you're interested in joining our sewing team, give John Lembo a call at the Chapter.

## WORLD AIDS DAY DONOR MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

In light of the significance of World AIDS Day, the Chapter will be working to expand the number of donors that currently support our work. You can help the Chapter in a number of ways:

First, you can make a special donation for World AIDS Day, perhaps in memory of a friend or relative. The work we do on World AIDS Day is not only our largest outreach effort, but provides the Chapter with the majority of our operating budget for the next year. Second, perhaps you know someone who would like to support our work. The Chapter is always looking to expand its ranks, and you are the best person to identify those "new recruits." We are always happy to send information to anyone who might be willing to help our cause. Third, you can identify ways in which we can "pay back" our donors. Let us know if there are businesses or organizations who could provide "perks" which we can pass on to our members. Perhaps there is a lawyer, accountant, physician that you have a relationship with who would be willing to donate time or service to the Chapter.

## NEW BOARD MEMBERS

On September 29, 1998, we elected two new board members to the Chapter: Clarissa Crabtree and Pamela Abrams. Both women come to our organization with a great deal of experience in the HIV/AIDS arena. We also want to congratulate our new Board President, Jeff Bosacki, who brings over 11 years of non-profit and NAMES Project experience to our organization.

We would like to thank Stephen Noonan, founding President, and Greg Cartagine, founding Treasurer, for their long service to the Chapter. Steve has returned back to school and Greg has become a newfather. We appreciate all they have contributed to the Chapter. Steve and Greg, thanks!

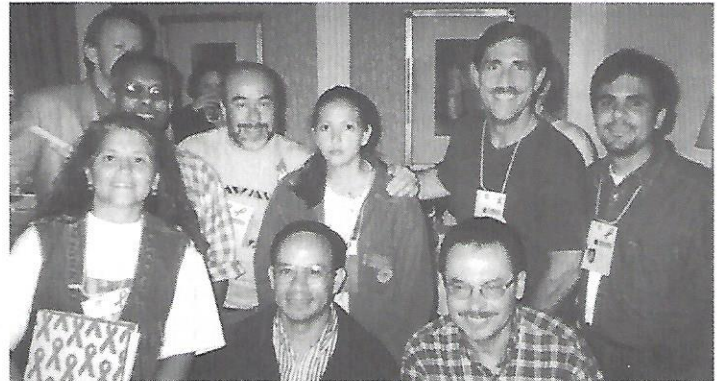
## UPCOMING EVENTS

### WORLD AIDS DAY PANEL DEDICATIONS

Many participants took on the challenge of organizing panelmaking workshops for their employees and those they serve. Dedications are scheduled to take place at: Brooklyn Boro President's Office on Dec 1st, as well as dedications in Staten Island and Manhattan. For more information, contact Ben McLaughlin at the Chapter.

### NEWSLETTER MAILING TEAM

We will be putting together teams to help with our bulk mailing of our newsletter. Anyone wanting to help us with this trimesterly project, please call Ben McLaughlin at the Chapter.



Participants from the International EuroQuilt Display during the 1998 Gay Games in Amsterdam.

## DONOR'S CORNER

### THREE WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE:

#### MEMBERSHIP GIVING (annual):

- Youth, PWA, limited income (\$10)
- Associate (Individual \$35)
- Associate (Household \$45)
- Organization (inclusion on our website) \$75

\$

#### CARE DONOR: "Friend of the Quilt-NYC" to fund the storage, shipping & care for the Quilt

\$

#### MAJOR SPONSOR: Underwrite our youth programs taking the Quilt into classrooms to talk about compassion and memorials

\$

### WISH LIST:

Quilt and sewing articles:

- Bias tape
- Seam binding
- Decorator weight solid color fabric
- Cable ties

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR:

- World AIDS Day daytime distribution

### IN-KIND REQUEST:

- Newsletter typesetter (Quark)
- In-kind shipper
- In-kind printer

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# REMEMBER THEIR NAMES - WORLD AIDS DAY 1998

We invite you to visit one of our many displays being hosted by the following businesses and organizations below. Please call to verify display times and dates, as many displays are only available to students and employees.

BRONX (718) area code	12/01/98	Bronx Lebanon Hospital	Susan Wayne	901-6346
	11/30-12/02	James Monroe Campus	Tom Porton	893-6600
	12/01-05 9a-5p	Lehman College	Nicholas Stuart	960-8535
	11/29/98 11-1p	Riverdale-Yonkers Society of Ethical Culture	Curt Collier	548-4445
BROOKLYN (718) area code	12/11	Abraham Lincoln HS	Maxine Berger	372-5474x224
	12/01-02 12-5p	Brookdale Univ. Hospital Med Center	Robert Bennett	240-6196
	12/01-04	Brooklyn Boro. President's Office	Gail Hammerman	802-3909
	12/01	Brooklyn College EMS	Stewart Rosenhouse	951-5858
	12/01 bus. hrs	Brooklyn Public Library	Maureen McCoy	230-2714
	12/01-04/98	Brooklyn Technical HS	Bonnie Schonfeld	858-5150x224
	11/30-12/04	Edward R. Murrow HS	Abbye Trynz	258-9283x128
	12/01-02	John Jay HS	Grace Betts	499-6740
	12/01 bus hrs	Pfizer	Donald Orloski	780-8418
	11/30-12/03	Pratt Chapel/Pratt Institute	Fr. Paul Farin	636-3498
Manhattan (212) area code	12/01 7a-7p	American Express	Richard T. Schack	640-2277
	12/01 6:30pm	AREA-St Bernard's Catholic Church	Tom Faucett	580-7668
	11/30-12/05	Baruch College	Carolyn Privette	802-6770
	12/01	Beth Israel Medical Center Auditorium	Dina Franchi	420-2307
	12/01 all day	Phillips Ambulatory, North & Main Lobby	Cynthia Martin	995-6843
	11/30-12/04	Cabrini Medical Center	Ed Closson	552-8378
	12/01 8:30a-5p	Chase Manhattan Bank-Dwntwn (pending)	Nicole Faber	305-1189
	12/01-04 8a-7p	Columbia Univ. of Public Health	Elba Marmolejos	219-0022
	11/30 7-9pm	District Council 1707	Krishna Stone	367-1016
	12/01	GMHC, St. Mary's Church	Pam Haller	927-2490
	12/01	GMHC, Chelsea Office Lobby	Ellen Rodriguez, RN	237-8053
	11/30 9a-5p	George Washington HS	Linda Brown	866-3975
	12/01 tba	John Jay College of Criminal Justice	Sonia Moodie	876-4639x422
	11/25-12/07	Lower Manhattan Outreach Center HS	James Mohr	517-0631
	11/25-12/04	Manhattan Center for Science & Math	Shawn Termin	514-3713
	11/30-12/04	Marymount Manhattan College	Barbara Suhr	930-0762
	12/01-04	National Museum of the American Indian	Ian Madom	443-1234
	11/30-12/03	New York Public Library	Jeff Bengert	998-9831
	12/01 9a-5pm	NYU Health Center	Franklin Ricarte	346-1590
	12/01	NYU College of Dentistry	Sandra Celestine	965-6936
	12/01	Pace University	Jose Luis Soto, Jr.	690-5946
	12/01 10a-5p	Planned Parenthood of NYC	Earl Collom	539-6221
	12/02	PS 161, Harlem	Clarissa Crabtree	746-1250
12/01	Rivington House	Robert Schmehr	523-6896	
11/29	St. Michael's Episcopal Church	Adele O'Reagan	360-3941	
12/01-07	St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital	Ben McLaughlin	807-2409	
11/25-12/02	Terence Cardinal Cooke Center	Bobra Fyne	273-6202	
12/01-02	The Foundation Center			
11/30-12/03	YAI Inst People with Disabilities			
QUEENS (718) area code	12/02-04 9a-3p	Catholic Medical Center	Rev. Florine Thompson	558-7015
	12/01	Hillcrest HS	Lorraine Brink	658-5407x322
	12/01 10a-5p	LaGuardia Comm. College	Herb Samuels, PhD	482-5742
	12/03	Queens Borough Comm. College	Patricia Petersen	631-6008
	12/03 10a-4p	Queens College Student Union	Tom VanSchoor	997-3970
	11/20 1pm	Satellite Academy HS	Robin Alston	657-3920
STATEN ISLAND (718) area code	11/30-12/04	Arthur Kill Correctional Facility	Pamela Abrams	981-3366
	11/27-12/06	Bethel United Methodist Church	Ann N. Morgan	984-1354
	11/30-12/03	College of Staten Island Wellness Program	Carol Brower	982-3123
	12/01	HIV CARE Network	Pamela Abrams	981-3366
	1/01	New Dorp HS	Pamela Abrams	981-3366
	11/30-12/04	Project Hospitality	Will Nichols	448-1544
	12/01	Sisters of Charity-St. Vincent's	Debbie Huisman	876-4480
	11/30	St. Andrew's Church Richmondtown	Pamela Abrams	981-3366
	12/01	St. John's University	Pamela Abrams	981-3366
	12/01	St. Vincent's Hospital	Pamela Abrams	981-3366
11/24-12/04	Wagner College Student Activities	Beth A. Loveridge	390-3421	
OUTSIDE NYC	11/29	Atonement Friars/Westchester	Fr. Tom Orians, SA	718-562-6522x3523
	12/06	Fishkill Correctional Facility-PACE, Beacon, NY	Wendy Rosario	
	11/23-12/04	Hudson County Community College	Jeff Katz	201-420-4892
	12/01	Inclusive Community UCC	Wayne Ortelli	201-332-7100x274
	11/30	Trinity Episcopal Church, Ossining	Bill Cruise	914-738-4564

Schedule is as of 10/25/98.

## Bulletin Board

Here is a listing of Quilt displays this past quarter.

**August:** EuroQuilt Display, Amsterdam, Netherlands

**September:** SUNY New Paltz Student Union, New Paltz, NY;

Empire Motorcycle Club of NYC Memorial Service, Manhattan

**October:** New York Museum, Albany, NY.

**Meetings:** Mark you calendars for our General Membership Meeting and annual Steering Committee. It will be held on Tuesday, January 26, 1999, 6:00pm. Please call us for the location. Everyone is welcome.

**Thank You!** We want to thank our donors from this past quarter: **Empire Motorcycle Club, Staples Union Square, Beth Israel Medical Center.** We also want to thank **Gregory Lugliani and Scott Williams** for their help in assisting in media efforts for our World AIDS Day events. Thank you all for supporting our work!

Contributors to this newsletter: **Jeff Bosacki, Tim Heimerle, Pilar Gomez, and Pam Abrams**

**Did you know that there is a AOL NAMES Project chatroom? There is on Saturday nights from 9-11pm. Our own Ben McLaughlin, Seana Munson & Wes Hagan are co-hosts for this room with panelmakers, Chapter members, and volunteers-at-large discussing NAMES Project issues across the nation.**

**If you'd like to "chat" with us, the AOL keyword is: "Names Project" then click "Quilt chat" Please Join Us!!!**

**Committee and Project Teams.** We have a number of projects that we need volunteers to coordinate. These areas include our annual street fair fundraiser, AIDSWalk, World AIDS Day commemorations, and newsletter editor. The time required to help in these areas is only during specific times of the year and doesn't necessarily require a weekly or monthly commitment. If you are interested, please call Jeff Bosacki at the Chapter for details.

**Grantwriting team.** We will be putting together a grantwriting team to start researching and applying for grants appropriate and available to the Chapter. If you have experience and want to join our team, please call Jeff Bosacki for details.

**Don't forget to visit our website at:  
[www.aidsquilt-nyc.org](http://www.aidsquilt-nyc.org)**

## Panelmaking Workshops

### MANHATTAN AND BROOKLYN:

Panelmaking workshops continue to be held on an "appointment" basis in Manhattan during the evening and in Brooklyn on Saturdays. Please call (212) 226-2292 and leave a message for Ben McLaughlin, our Panelmaking Coord. Please leave your name and how we may contact you.

### QUEENS:

We currently do not have a workshop in Queens. Please give Ben McLaughlin a call at the Chapter if you are interested in forming a workshop.

### BRONX:

We are proud to announce the opening of a new panelmaking workshop in the Bronx. It will be held at Promesa located at 1776 Clay Ave., Bronx, NY. Please call Dorothy Johnson at (718) 299-1100x3044 for dates and times.

### STATEN ISLAND:

If you live in Staten Island, you can call the Staten Island AIDS Task Force at (718) 981-3366 for panelmaking workshop information.

If you need help with ideas, layout, design, what to use, where to buy it, call us so we can arrange a time to meet and help you with your panel.



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