

# Women of Color Quilter's Network, Inc., New York Chapter

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## Happy 2001

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### Greetings All,

When I look back and reflect over our year together as Women of Color Quilter's Network, NY Chapter all can say is, "What a great and blessed year we've had". Even with all of our challenges as individuals, together we stood strong.

We started off 2000 welcoming Dindga McCannon into the Network and began preparing for our "Soul and Spirit" show at the historical Cinque Gallery in SOHO. The show opened in March. From there the quilts traveled to be exhibited at CRT Craftery Gallery in Hartford, Connecticut. Peggie Hartwell performed a gallery talk, Sandy Benjamin-Hannibal gave a quilt making workshop, and I presented a lecture. Edjohnetta Miller curated the show.

Since then, we have continued to develop the community service component of WCQN through the Foundling Hospital.

The American Crafts Museum, Toys For Tots, and Collective Fellowship and Peace Academy (a private day school in Brooklyn, NY). In addition, Dr.

Carolyn Mazloomi was nominated for an award by the National Endowment on the Arts. Aleece Budeen's "Add On Coat" was exhibited in Roland Freeman's Buffalo, NY showing of "Communion of the Spirit", my quilt, "Revelation: The Circle of Life Prevails", placed third in the judged "Roots and Racism" exhibit.

Hazel Blackman received an award from the Bronx Boys and Girls Club. Sandy Benjamin Hannibal presented her new line of fabrics at Quilt Market in Houston, Texas, many of us participated in other quilt shows independent of the Network. *Spirits of the Cloth: Contemporary African American Quilts* entered its second printing and "Spirits of The Cloth", the exhibit, has made history since its opening at the Smithsonian. *Questa Benberry's "A Piece of My Soul: Quilts by Black Arkansans"* hit the book stands, and the list goes on and on.

This year will be just as exciting. Our first meeting of the year will begin with a special treat from renowned improvisational quilt artist Edjohnetta



A Version of SANKOFA (Go back and fetch it.) LEARNING FROM THE PAST IN BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Miller. There will be show and tell, more workshops, more quilt shows, more community service, and more surprises. I'm getting excited just talking about it. See you at our first meeting. Bring your sewing machine, something for show and tell, some fabric scraps and come prepared to pay dues.

In the spirit of quilt making.

*Myrah Brown Green*

- NEXT MEETING
- January 27th, 2001
- St. Paul the Apostle Rectory at 12:00 noon.
- 405 W. 59th Street (Bet. 9 & 10th)



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## The WCQN and the MOMA Come Face to Face

**"Threaded Odyssey":** An exhibition created by the Women of Color Quilter's Network, New York Chapter opened at the Donnell Library on December 1, 2000. The library is directly across the street from the Museum of Modern Art. The quilt show is a part of a series of events that were presented over the year 2000 at the library. The events focused on the major civilizations from around the world including the western part of Africa. "Threaded Odyssey" is the final event in the series.

Eleven quilts hang from the balcony of the historic public library known and used by many art scholars throughout the world. The participating artists are **Myrah Brown Green, Sandy Benjamin-Hannibal, Peggie Hartwell, Ed-johnetta Miller, and Dr. Carolyn L. Mazloomi.**

Threaded Odyssey will be on exhibit until February 23, 2001. The address is: 53rd Street ( Bet. 5th and 6th Aves.)

## Places to Go, Books to Read, and Web Sites to Visit

- **Spirits of the Cloth: Contemporary African American Quilts** by Dr. Carolyn L. Mailroom

- **Hancock's of Paducah**—800/ 845- 8723 - www. Hancock's of Paducah.com

- **Daedalus Books**—800/ 395-2665 -www. salesbook.com

- **A Piece of My Soul: Quilts by Black Americans** by Cuesta Benberry. Forward by



Maze Masie ( I have kept what I have heard) WISDOM and KNOWLEDGE

**Raymond Dobard**

- **Quilt Inspirations from Africa: A Caravan of Ideas, Patterns, Motifs, and Techniques** by Kaye England and Mary Elizabeth Johnson

- **Quilting Today Magazine**—on display until February 12, 2001

- **African Fabrics— Sewing Contemporary Fashion with Flair** by Ronke Luke-Boone

- **The Museum of American Folk Art Library/ 555 W 57th Street NY, NY**

212/977-7170/ (Call to make an appointment)

- [www.equilter.com](http://www.equilter.com)
- **OAN/ Art Book Specialists ( Africa, Oceania, The Americas, Southeast Asia, Asia, and Middle East)** 15 W 39th Street New York— 212/ 840-8844
- **Philadelphia Gutman Library Textile Resource**-www. philau.edu/library/resources/textiles.html

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