

OAST POST

OAST QUILTERS' NEWSLETTER

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TODAY'S MEETING:
ANGELA MADDEN
A RECENT HISTORY OF A QUILTER

Thanks to our hostesses
Quay and Drunkards Path

Today's Traders: Crossed Threads,
Dee Harris, Fabric Fairy, Karry Dot Com,
Little Lavender Patch

NEXT MEETING OF OAST QUILTERS
Saturday 8th May 2010
ANJA TOWNROW
DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT
Doors open at 2.00pm
Hostesses: Rambling Roses
& Martello

Anja Townrow was born in 1953 in The Hague, Holland and grew up in a village in the Dutch polderland.

After studying English Language and Literature at the University of Leiden, she moved to England in 1974.

Inspired by a picture of a patchwork cushion in a magazine, she started making bedspreads from scraps of old clothes in 1977.

Since the late Eighties she has developed her skills by trying out the different techniques in the by then more widely available American books and magazines. During the early 90's, she made many bed quilts to commission, which enabled her to learn her craft through practice and experience. In 1993, Anja set up 'Dutch Quilts' when she started to sell her first patchwork kits at Craft Fairs, and her range of patterns remains available under the 'Dutch Quilts' label.

After teaching a weekly class for six years, Anja now travels extensively to give lectures and workshops throughout the UK and Europe.

OAST SHOWCASE

If you have donations of bags, scraps or sales table items, please bring them to the May Oast meeting.

Items for the Sales Table should be passed to Marion Fox. The Sales Table will also welcome donations of patchwork and quilting books and magazines for sale.

If you have made bags for the Tombola please pass them to Sharyn Hutchings.

Fabric donations (a fat eighth or larger please) should be passed to Tracy Aplin. Her group will sort and bag the fabrics ready for sale.

MARGARET GOOBY

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Margaret Gooby on 6th February, 2010, after a short illness.

Margaret had been an active and enthusiastic member of Oast Quilters, Pieceful Patchers, Castle Wall Quilters and the BQL online list for many years.

She was Pieceful Patchers' group representative for 10 years and until recently was the Traders' Organiser for Oast.

Latterly, her time had been devoted to rescue dogs, particularly those being saved from disreputable puppy farms.

Her enthusiasm for the craft has been passed on to her granddaughter as well as many others.

She will be sadly missed.

OAST HAS A WEB SITE

Oast finally have their own website, which you will find at www.oastquilters.co.uk

There's lots of information about our Showcase, including ways in which you can help with the show and an electronic version of the entry form for those who need more than the one attached to this Oast Post.

The Showcase raffle has its own page and there are links to the sites of our chosen charities.

Details of future Oast meetings and workshops are included as well as the requirements lists for workshops and location maps.

The Library section has a complete list of the books currently held in the library, and there's a "search the site" facility which may help you find the book you want.

We have included links to the websites of local traders, to those of our speakers for this year and various other sites which we hope members will find useful. Please let us know of other sites which should be included.

There's a page for quilt shows, which currently has dates and links to some of the major shows (including our own Showcase, of course) and other, local shows. If you have details of other shows please send them in for inclusion.

All the Oast Posts of the past year (including this one) are on the site, so you can either read online or print off your own copy if you missed one.

We hope to soon include pictures from recent meetings and workshops (and Young Oast!), and would welcome pictures of your quilts.

Please have a look and take a minute to fill out the contact form on the site to let us know what you think. What else would you like included? A Message Board? Block of the Month? Mystery Quilt? Tips & Tricks? Recipes? Something else?

TEATIME CHANGES

The holders for our disposable cups are kept in a huge plastic box, which the hostesses for the next meeting are obliged to take home and store for several weeks till the next meeting, and this is proving increasingly difficult.

At teatime you will find some of our usual plastic cups with their holders but also some polystyrene cups which don't get hot and so don't need holders. It is hoped that you will find these an acceptable replacement.

It has been noticed that there is so little call for orange squash or herbal tea that our supplies go past their sell-by dates before they are used. We shall therefore no longer be offering these options. Members are welcome to bring their own herbal teabag and water is always available for members who prefer a cold drink.

ELECTRIC QUILT LESSONS

Lessons available to help and assist learning EQ5 or EQ6 computer programs.

Individual or group sessions available.

For more information please contact Cathy Northcutt on 01843 599166 or email cathyquilt@btinternet.com

**Editor's note: the rural scene in quilt blocks at the top of our website was created by Cathy using Electric Quilt – thanks Cathy!*

YOUNG OAST

Young Oast will meet on 20th March at Ripple village hall. 10am - 3pm.

We are going to continue with the 'cobblestone blocks' that a few started last time. We will play around with the block more this time as well as keeping it to how it should be!!

Bring a packed lunch, tea, coffee and squash and maybe a cake will be provided. Also bring usual sewing bits and sewing machine. Hope to see you there.

Sandra 01227 792944 or Tracy 01304 363401

OAST WORKSHOP

Elaine Vickers will be teaching Crazy Log Cabin on April 24th 2010. The workshop will take place at Lower Hardres Village Hall from 10-4 and cost £15.

Please see Sharyn Hutchings for more information and to book a place, or put your deposit in a stamped, self-addressed envelope and leave in the container at the back of the hall.

BURSARY

I was lucky enough to win a bursary last year and decided to use the monies on workshops that Oast organises.

Last year I was able to attend workshops with Lynne Edwards, Janet Bolton and Katharine Guerrier. I even treated myself to their books when the speakers were here.

I will have the quilts with me today so do come and see the results of my classes.

Tracy Aplin

THREAD THERAPY

For those of you who didn't get to see the Superior Threads' lecture at last year's Festival of Quilts, and also for those of us who

did see it and would like a reminder, Superior are starting to put items online as video casts.

The first, on metallic threads, is available at www.superiorthreads.com/videos/chapter1/

OAST INDEPENDENTS

Please remember that our meeting hostesses will be given the phone numbers of independent members who have been assigned to provide help on that particular month. If a hostess rings to ask for help, please do so if you possibly can – it shouldn't happen more than once a year.

FOOD HANDLING CERTIFICATE?

We need people with food handling certificates to help supervise the serving of food at the Oast Showcase.

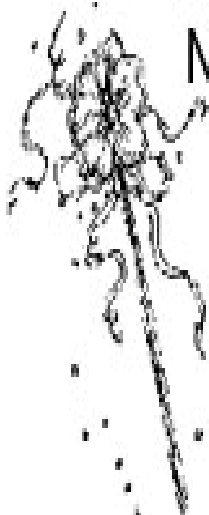
If you are able to help, please contact Liz Coleman on 01303 863197 or email liz.coleman@virgin.net

LOOKING FOR QUILTMANIA

Does anyone have a copy of the November 2009 edition (issue number 74) of Quiltmania?

If you do, and you would be willing to lend it, please see Ann Wood, who would be very grateful!

The Fabric Fairy



New Website now Open at www.thefabricfairy.co.uk

For full details contact Andy & Michelle Cooper

Email: Cooperandy31@aol.com

Tel: 01304 830474

or check out *The Fabric Fairy* shop on **ebay**.co.uk

PUDDLEDUCKS and QUERCUS QUILTERS

QUILTshow

**Saturday 6 March
& Sunday 7 March 2010**

Walthamstow Hall School
Hollybush Lane
Sevenoaks
TN13 3UL

Saturday 10 am – 5 pm
Sunday 10 am – 4 pm
Admission: £4.00

Refreshments and Raffle in aid of Hospice in the Weald

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2010 Maidstone Quilt Show

NEW VENUE: THE FRIARS, AYLESFORD, ME20 7BX

July 30, 31 & Aug 1 starting at 10am £3 entry

Hearty Quilters fundraising for The Heart of Kent Hospice

**** FREE quilt entries for all ****

- Any quilted items can be exhibited -
Groups can enter and display their quilts under their group name or as individuals. We will have a children's under 16^s section with prizes.

Please contact us through our website
www.hearty-quilters.blogspot.com

Tombola in the style of "Little Gems"
Crafts Stand, Charity Quilt Raffle with a quilt on offer on each day of show

∞ Coach parties are welcome ∞

Email to: heartyquilters@gmail.com

Traders at show include:

- Hannah's Room
 - Claire Tinsley will be demonstrating on her stand
- Daisy Chain Designs
- Sunflower Corner Quilting
- The Home Workshop
- The Eternal Maker Crafts

All money raised is donated to
"The Heart of Kent Hospice"
Please help us to make this event a
success