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TODAY'S MEETING:
ANJA TOWNROW
DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

Thanks to our hostesses
Martello & Rambling Roses

Today's Traders: Daisy Chain Designs,
Karry Dot Com, Peabees, Smartfrog

NEXT MEETING OF OAST QUILTERS
Saturday 10th July 2010
JANICE GUNNER
PASTIME TO PROFESSION
Doors open at 2.00pm
Hostesses: Swallows & Woodland

Unable to throw away left over dressmaking fabric scraps Janice took up a new hobby in 1974 which soon became an obsession! She has been involved in needlework since the age of 5, first sewing dolls' clothes and stitching simple embroidery, graduating on to making her first skirt at the age of 10.

One husband and three sons later, her hobby/obsession has become her profession. She has now been teaching patchwork and quilting for 20 years, turning freelance as a Textile artist in 1999 which allowed her the opportunity to indulge in her passion to make quilted textile art and to teach both nationally and internationally.

Janice's qualifications include the Diploma in Stitched Textiles (Windsor) and City & Guilds Patchwork & Quilting Parts 1 & 2 (Hitchin). She was the first person to be awarded a C&G medal for excellence in Patchwork & Quilting for Part 1. She is a qualified teacher and formerly taught for Redbridge & Waltham Forest Adult Education services.

Her work is continually evolving, current themes involve using her own hand dyed Shibori fabrics, Japanese and/or African Fabrics to produce work in a variety of styles and techniques. Janice takes inspiration from nature and architecture and is particularly

drawn to colour as well as reflections in water and windows. She admires the work of Howard Hodgkin, the Impressionist artists, John Bellany and Mary Fedden for their use of colour and Andy Goldsworthy for texture. She also admires the work of fellow quilt artists Pauline Burbidge, Diana Harrison and Jo Budd.

Janice was President of The Quilters' Guild of the British Isles 2005 – 2008, Vice-President & Head of Marketing 2004 – 2005 and Exhibitions Officer 2000 – 2004. She has been a member of the Guild since 1982.

OAST WEBSITE

From time to time we hope to take photographs to be included on our new website. These may be "atmosphere" pictures, like those from this year's Corners meeting that are already on the site, or pictures of quilts from our Show & Tell.

If you would rather your face and/or your quilt didn't appear on the site, please let Judi Kirk know.

BURSARY AWARD

Brenda Williams, who wasn't able to be at the usual "bursary show and tell" meeting, will be here today to show us how she spent her award.

TRIP TO FESTIVAL OF QUILTS

Sharyn Hutchings is organising a trip to the Festival of Quilts, leaving on Friday 20th August and returning on Sunday 22nd August. The cost is £150 and includes the coach and hotel. Single supplement is £30.

For more details or to book a place please see Sharyn today, ring her on 01227 791856 or email sharyn.hutchings@virgin.net.

OAST WORKSHOP IN JUNE

Date: 12th June 2010
Venue: Lower Hardres Village Hall
Workshop: Twisted Sisters
Tutor: Mary Cunningsworth
Cost: £15

To book a place, please see Sharyn Hutchings.

TWISTED SISTERS is a commercial pattern with a commercial template which I will provide for use in class. You can then purchase one at cost for £7.50 **OR** borrow one till the next meeting in order to complete your quilt.

Ami Simms is the source and you can learn more about the pattern from her website: <http://www.amisimms.com/twistedisters.html>

It's a very fat quarter friendly technique using 18.5" strips cut 3.5" wide from the feature fabrics and 5.25" wide for the background with squares cut 3.5" for the centres. The background pieces form a secondary tessellating pattern. Blocks finish at 9.5".

If you don't want to commit yourself to yet another project but wish to "play", fabric will be provided to make blocks for Project Linus quilts.

If you go for the Project Linus option there will be another pattern involving 3 ½" strips and 2" strips, a little used traditional combination of nine-patch and log cabin, to try in the afternoon if wished. I'll pass on some ideas for using stripes and checks. All attendees will be given the instructions for this.

Interested? - I have a table set up today with samples and more information so come and have a look. Mary Cunningsworth

CUPS AT TEA-TIME

Feedback on the polystyrene cups we tried at the last meeting was generally good, and it has therefore been decided that we will continue to use them in future.

This will mean that hostesses no longer have to store the huge box of cup holders.

If you prefer not to use the new cups, you are welcome to bring your own cup to meetings.

TRIP TO GREAT NORTHERN QUILT SHOW

A trip to the Great Northern Quilt Show at Harrogate is being arranged for the 3rd September 2010.

The trip is all inclusive of coach, accommodation and entrance. It has not been decided whether a one or two night stay will be finalised and the opinions of those interested in the trip is sought.

The cost will be £100 for a one night stay or £166 for a two night stay.

For more details please contact Shirley Gibbons on 01843 843344 or email shirleyvgibbons@gmail.com

MACMILLAN NURSES COLLECTION

On 8th March 2008, Joan Wood and I took on the responsibility for sending to the Macmillan Nurses the donations collected during our tea and coffee break at Oast meetings.

To date I have sent cheques totalling £337. I always receive a letter from Macmillan asking that their thanks be passed on to Oast members.

I do keep a notebook detailing each month's collection which is available for members to see. Astrid Stimson

TIPS & TRICKS

An Easy Way to Assemble Multiple Mitred Borders

If you are using side-by-side mitred borders in your quilt, sew all of the strips for each side together lengthwise before cutting them to their final length. Add each multi-border unit to the quilt in one piece.

Borders are easier to match at quilt corners when you press seam allowances between the strips in side borders in the opposite direction of the seam allowances in top and bottom border units. The seam allowances will butt into each other nicely for a perfect match.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 1st June 2010: Thanet Quilters will be holding their Quarterly meeting at Church House, Kent Gardens, Birchington.

The speaker is Ferret (Technical and Artistic Textiles).

A trader will be present and there will be a library, show & tell, raffle and refreshments. Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.

Admission is £2 and all visitors are welcome. For further information please contact Jan Solomon on 01843-847637 or e-mail jan@solomon00.freeserve.co.uk

Thanet Quilters website is at www.thanetquilters.org.uk

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**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June:** Quilters Guild Coffee Morning in West Kent at East Malling Institute Hall, New Street, East Malling from 10am to 1pm

Come and talk quilting, buy some more fabric from Stitch Witch, have some cake and coffee with old friends and make new ones.

Cost £3.00

Further details and directions from: Sue MacDonald 01732 871783  
Or email: [suemacdonald20@btinternet.com](mailto:suemacdonald20@btinternet.com)

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Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th August:
An Exhibition of the work by Village Textiles students, including those completing City & Guilds Levels 2 and 3 Stitched Textiles. "Textile Journeys" is from 10am to 5pm. at: The Old School, Church Street, Minster, nr Ramsgate, CT12 4BX. Admission £1.

Tea, coffee and homemade cakes available. Crossed Threads will also be attending, offering a range of embroidery supplies.

Further information from Barbara Inchley on 01843 847705

YOUNG OAST

Young oast will be meeting on Saturday 15th May when we will be 'Dyeing in plastic bags'. We are using the same method as explained in Helen Deighan's book.

We will be at Ripple Village Hall starting at 10am till 3ish. Bring a packed lunch, tea coffee and squash will be provided.

Lots to bring this time...

- Old clothes, an apron and rubber gloves
- Plastic bags to put cloth in, 30cm x 40cm
- Plastic bowls, washing up size or buckets
- Cat litter trays are good too
- Salt and soda solution already MIXED up please
- Also plastic spoons, dessert size
- Unwanted cups, jam jars and a jug
- Newspapers
- A selection of fabrics – new (white) and old to overdye
- A basic, white tee-shirt if you would like to try tie-dyeing it

Sorry it is such a long list, Sandra and Tracy will bring the dyes mixed up. Oast have kindly supplied us with basic colours, but if you have any and are willing to share that would be great. Please ring Sandra 01227 792944 or Tracy 01304 363401 if you have any questions.

THANK YOU

Editor's note: This email came in last week and refers to the heart cushions that some members of Oast made last year:

I have recently needed two operations for breast cancer and since the end of last week have been able to drive short distances, which is wonderful. My Macmillan nurse gave me two of your small cushions and these are invaluable for driving. The operations were on my left side and, of course, the seat belt is a problem. With the use of your cushions I can drive without too much discomfort.

I don't know how many people think to thank you but I would like you to know how much I appreciate your work. I wouldn't be able to drive at all without the protection that your cushions afford me.

Thank you. Terri

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



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