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OAST QUILTERS' AGM
Saturday 4th December 2010 at
Simon Langton School for Boys
Canterbury

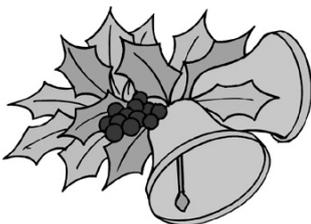
Thanks to our Hostesses
Ethelburga and Owls

Traders: Clover Crafts & Curios, Crossed Threads,
Fabric Fairy, Daisy Chain Designs, Puddleducks

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Officers absent
2. Minutes of the previous meeting
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Workshop Organiser's Report
7. Young Oast Report
8. Library Coordinator's Report
9. Quilters' Guild Area Rep's Report
10. Appointment of New Officers : Secretary
11. Any Other Business
12. Date and Time of next A.G.M.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



The committee would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and happy quilting in 2011

JANUARY WORKSHOP

As you will see from the sheet you have received today, our workshop on Sunday 23rd January will be with Sam Beresford. Called Vignettes in Needle Felt and Stitch, you will have the opportunity to create a small landscape, seascape, abstract or sunset design.

Full details including the requirements list are on the website.

If you would like to take part, please follow the usual procedure (see elsewhere in this Oast Post) or see Judi Kirk for more details.

DRAW FOR BURSARY AWARDS

A short reminder of the system for bursary awards. Each member **who has not previously received a bursary** will be eligible to take a ticket when they arrive at the A.G.M.

The Chairman will draw three tickets and the holders of each ticket will be awarded £100 to be spent furthering their patchwork/quilting skills in some way. Recipients of the awards will be expected to report back to the members at the March 2012 meeting, when hopefully everyone else will be able to learn something from their experience.

A report can take many forms. It might be an on-stage presentation, or it might be a table top display, or a report in Oast Post, or the offer to teach a Corner at a future date.

Members of the committee will be happy to help bursary recipients with their reports. You are, of course, not obliged to take a ticket or accept an award.

WORKSHOP DATES FOR 2011

Dates for next year's Oast meetings and external workshops are on the printed sheet you will have been given today, but we have even more dates to fill up your new diaries.

The 2011 dates for our in-house workshops will be:

12th February
26th March
4th June
27th August
8th October

Details are still to be finalised and will be in Oast Post and on the website as they become available.

The 27th August event will be a little different. Sharyn will be organising a Sewing Day rather than a class. There will be no tutor so you should bring your own project with you and a contribution towards a communal lunch. The cost for this day will be £5.

All in-house workshops will take place at Lower Hardres Village Hall.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting takes place on 22nd January 2011. Here's a list of the Corners on offer at the meeting. More information will be posted on the website as it comes to hand.

Remember that you can only attend FOUR demonstrations, so start making your decisions!

1. **Tracy Aplin** – Careful, Correct Cutting
2. **Sheila Stojsavljevic** – Fused Bookmarks
3. **Jenny Hoyle** – Convergence Quilts
4. **Wendy Finnis** – TBA
5. **Louise Jessup** – Free Machine Embroidery
6. **Michelle Cooper** - Fabric Covered Noticeboard
7. **Sylvie Plested** – Posh Jacket in a Flash
8. **Valerie Puleston** – TBA

ELLENOR LIONS HOSPICE

Thank You to everyone who purchased items in aid of the Ellenor Lions Hospices and Nurses at the Oast meeting on 25th September.

Astrid Stimson was able to send a cheque for the grand sum of £194.00

Thanks to Astrid for organising this and to members who supported her fundraising.

OAST INDEPENDENTS

Liz Coleman apologises for the loss of service to those Independent members who had sent her their email address, caused by a computer crash earlier in the year.

Independent members (and any other members who would like a copy of the minutes, etc.) should send their email address to liz.coleman@virgin.net

OTHER SEWING MACHINES FOR SALE

Elna Lotus ZZ (Straight stitch with swing needle, including buttonhole). Accessories and Instruction booklet. Very Portable!

Bernina 700 (Straight Stitch and swing needle). Accessories included.

Bernina Record 730 with 20 automatic embroidery stitches. Accessories and booklet.

Singer Featherweight 222K. A rare free-arm version of this straight stitch machine. With booklet and accessories. Collector's item.

Two Singer Featherweight 221K Straight stitch machines with accessories and booklets. Collector's items.

Also for a collector, an old Singer Sewing machine housed in a lovely wooden cabinet. Needs a new treadle band but it is just a nice piece of furniture!

I have no idea of prices at the moment so need to do some research but if anyone would like to make an offer please contact Cathy Northcutt on 01843 599166 or email at cathyquilt@btinternet.com

Reason for Downsizing sale? More space needed to house and help finance a larger quilting machine for my quilting frame!

OAST WORKSHOPS PROCEDURE

The booking system for all Oast workshops (both with external tutors and in-house tutors) is much the same.

There will be two containers at the back of the hall. To register your interest, you should put a £5 deposit cheque (made out to Oast Quilters) inside an envelope with your name and the class you are interested in clearly marked.

If you need a printed copy of the requirements, please put your name and address and a stamp on the envelope.

If you plan to check the details on the website instead, please put your email address on the envelope so that we can confirm your place.

You are welcome to put envelopes in the boxes for any classes at any time, and in fact it's helpful to know well in advance if a class is going to be especially popular, as it gives us the opportunity to try to book a second class.

Although we make every effort to make sure that everyone who wants to take a class is able to do so, you should be aware that putting an envelope in the box doesn't guarantee a place. However, in the unlikely event that we cannot offer you a place, your deposit will be refunded.

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

The Librarians have recently bought new books to add to our extensive collection.

You will find a full, searchable list on our website.

Members are currently able to borrow as many books as they wish, as long as they are returned at the next meeting.

PICTURES FOR OAST WEBSITE

We will be taking photographs of the Challenge entries and Show and Tell today, for inclusion on the website (oastquilters.co.uk).

If you would rather your work was NOT featured, please contact Judi Kirk (judi@redpen.co.uk or 01227 458553)

If you have digital pictures of your own quilts that you would LIKE included on the website, please email them to Judi.

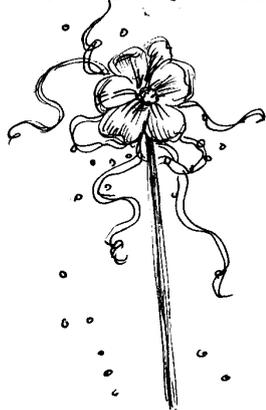
TIPS AND TRICKS

~ When piecing by machine, the value of the thread is more important than the colour. If sewing together a light and a dark fabric, lean towards the lighter colour for your thread. Try greyed purples and greens to piece as they seem to disappear—except with very light fabrics.

~ Use up your annoying half-filled bobbins when piecing. As long as you do not have strong contrasts in value and are ironing seams to the sides, the colour should not show and all your bobbins will now be free to load for quilting.

~ If you have two pieced blocks to sew together and one seems slightly longer than the other, put the longer one below when stitching. The feed dogs will help you to ease it in.

The Fabric Fairy



New Website now open! 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



Quilter's Guild Workshop

Terrance Gilbert

"Spinning Stars"

Lower Hardres & Nackington Village Hall,
Street End, Canterbury CT4 5NP

on

Thursday, March 24th 2011

10.00 – 4.00pm

Cost £16 for Quilters' Guild Members
£24 for non Guild members

Name:.....

Quilter's Guild Membership number:.....

Address:.....

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Please send your completed application form to:

Ruth Pascoe, 10 Water Street, Deal CT14 6DJ

Enclosing a cheque made payable to:

Quilters' Guild of the British Isles, Region 2

Together with a SAE for list of requirements

Further details can be obtained by emailing ruthpascoe10@gmail.com

or 'phoning 01304 368 725