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OAST QUILTERS' AGM

(Postponed from Saturday 4th December 2010) at
Simon Langton School for Boys
Canterbury

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
(written report in this issue of Oast Post)
10. Appointment of New Officers : Secretary
11. Any Other Business
12. Date and Time of next A.G.M.

As you know, we were very sorry to have to cancel the December meeting owing to the inclement weather. As a consequence of this the following will happen:

- **The programme cards** will be issued at the March meeting, however, the list of talks and workshops is given on the A4 sheet which should have been supplied to you by your Group Representative. There will be some spares on the entrance table.
- **The Challenge** will be displayed at the March meeting. In order to give maximum notice to all members, the Committee has decided on the theme for the 2011 Challenge which will be:

WEDDING

- **The Bursary Awards** will be drawn and announced after tea. If you have never received a Bursary, please ensure you collect a ticket. Please see the fuller explanation overleaf.
- **Today's Raffle** – will contain the prizes for December – so extra-special!!
- As this is likely to be a long meeting today, there will only be time for **Three Corners**.
- **You will get two Oast Posts today** – this one and the previous issue (Vol 12 No 6)!

CORNERS

Please choose three ONLY from the following list. The three sessions will be A,B and C. So when you choose your tickets you will need one from the "A" pile, one from the "B's" and one from the "C's". So, you might choose (for instance) A8, B4 and C2. The "corners" will be placed in consecutive order. After the AGM please listen **very carefully** to the instructions about moving/placing chairs around the corner areas. The chairs we use are comfortable – but heavy, please be very careful.

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

TODAY'S TRADERS

The Fabric Fairy and
Crossthreads

JANUARY WORKSHOP

Tomorrow's 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, but please see Judi if you can't access a computer. There are a few remaining places so, 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. The cost for all workshops is £20.

SAM BERESFORD – EMBROIDER

Sam trained as an apprentice embroiderer at the Royal School of Needlework for three years and has been a professional embroiderer and teacher for over 15 years. She loves all aspects of textile art and enjoys dabbling in many techniques, but her passions lie with felt-making and stitch, both by hand and machine.

She was felt-making even before the apprenticeship and has recently wandered into needle felting, which uses a barbed needle to mesh together wool fibres to create a felt background. The resulting soft-toned backgrounds are perfect to stitch gently rolling landscapes ontoand of course, using the lovely Kent countryside.

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.

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.

WORKSHOP DATES FOR 2011

Dates for next year's Oast meetings and external workshops are on the printed sheet, 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.

HOSTESSES FOR 2011

Although these will, of course, appear on the programme card, it would be useful if groups would note the following:

March Bear's Paw and Hop Pocket

May Blockmakers and Jo Blox

July Pieceful Patchers and Pumpkin Patchers

September Crab & Winkle, Minnis and Valley
(Open Day)

December Dragonfly

January Aldington
2012

CONNIE DENNISON

Members of Oast Quilters will be sad to learn of the death of Connie Dennison on January 10th.

Connie was a long standing member of Oast and also of Quay Quilters, which she left over 10 years ago to become a valued member of Barn Owls. She was an inspiring teacher of patchwork and often exhibited her ongoing work of large, interesting and well thought out quilts, including a 3-generation quilt in the Oast 2010 Showcase.

Those of us privileged to have known her will remember her kindness, her straightforward attitude to life and her wonderful sense of humour. Connie will be remembered by her many quilting friends as a truly lovely, remarkable lady.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Despite several reminders, a number of people did not renew their membership by the well-established cut-off date. This means that they have now been deleted from the membership list and their places have been offered to people of the waiting list, the majority of whom have now accepted.

As a consequence to all the difficulties caused to the membership secretary (who did try to contact all the members who had not renewed) a new system has been put into place. This is because the renewal period took place over the lead up to, and the Christmas holidays. In future, the cut-off date for membership renewal will be **1st November** (for the following calendar year). This will give ample time for the administration to be done.

A permanent membership badge will be issued in future, and evidence of renewal will be a sticker (probably a star) which the member will apply to the front of the badge.

Visitors may attend two Oast Quilter meetings per year, at a cost of £2.00 per meeting. This will be "policed" via the attendance sheet which **EVERYBODY** must sign on entrance to the hall. This is a vital requirement for emergency procedures; if we should need to evacuate the hall, we must have a register of everyone attending on that day.

PICTURES FOR OAST WEBSITE

Some photographs will be taken at today's meeting for inclusion on the Oast Website. If you would rather you or your work are NOT featured, please contact Judi Kirk (judi@redpen.co.uk or 01227 458553).

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

OAST FINANCES

Currently the total funds, excluding our charitable donations from the Showcase, are £5793 which provides a good cushion and funds in hand to start off Showcase 2013. The budget for the year has been reviewed by the Committee and income is set to cover costs without the need for a rise in subscription rates.

NEXT MEETING

Saturday 5 March, doors open at 2.00pm
Simon Langton School For Boys
Hostesses: Bears Paw and Hop Pocket

The Speaker will be Edwina Mackinnon. Formerly a primary school teacher, Edwina completed the City & Guilds Embroidery Course in 1993 and has also been a C&G Tutor. She also assesses courses on-line for DesignMatters and has students worldwide.

Her own work is influenced by her fascination with surface decoration. At the beginning of each new series she likes to develop a palette of fabric which involves dyeing and printing a variety of materials according to her theme. Edwina is a member of the textile group, **SIX** and exhibits regularly both nationally and internationally. If her name rings a bell it is because she was the assistant editor of British "Patchwork and Quilting" magazine.

SEWING MACHINE FOR SALE

Janome 4900 QC quilting and sewing machine. The machine has recently had a service when I decided to sell it. Price: £500.00 this includes an extension table worth £75.00, knee lifter and several extra feet. I will have the machine on show at my corners table. Sylvie Plested: 01303 241124

OTHER SEWING MACHINES FOR SALE

Cathy Northcutt had a range of sewing machines for sale advertised in the December issue of Oast Post.

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.

INTERESTING WEBSITES

Regular traders at Oast also have websites – these are given on our own website:

www.oastquilters.co.uk

n.b. Neither Oast Quilters nor the Editor of Oast Quilters has any connection, financial or otherwise to the following which is given just for interest and information

<http://www.creativegrids.com>

They are currently offering free postage

<http://www.doughtyonline.co.uk/>

<http://www.contentedcat.co.uk/>

Watch out for their sale – they generally have one towards the end of January.

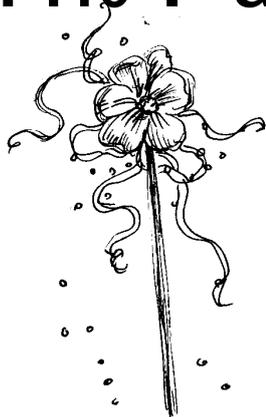
<http://www.patchworkonline.co.uk/index.php>

Some of the cheapest patchwork cotton in the UK (£5.50 a metre)

<http://www.remnanthouse.co.uk/index.php>

A slightly bizarre site (the spelling can be a little erratic!), but some really good bargains can be found. As well as the patchwork range, have a look at their cotton poplins – often very good backing fabrics can be found there.

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



Fancy a Quilting Retreat in France?

Have a look at www.thereallybigdreamcompany.com

This is a relatively new venture in the gorgeous Burgundy region of France and features two familiar quilters (amongst the other offerings) - Christine Porter and Liz Coleman.

Liz will have some print-outs available at today's meeting

