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TODAY'S MEETING

Lynne Quinn: Adventure in Design

WORKSHOP – Sunday 8 July Make a Workshop Bag

There are still a few places on tomorrow's workshop. Lynne will guide you through making a many-pocketed bag. The pocket fronts should have to be made in advance of the workshop, but a little bit of quick and simple sewing this evening should sort this out! Please see the workshop requirements on our website using the following link:

<http://oastquilters.co.uk/?event=workshop-bag-with-lynn-quinn>

The cost is £20 plus £1 for the handout.

Thank you to our hostesses:

Ethelburga and Drunkard's Path

Please note that as we are at St. Anselms' School today we are unable to serve hot drinks because we are unable to access the kitchen facilities. We hope you enjoy the cold drinks which we will serve you!

If you need to use the disabled loo and you cannot manage the stairs (!), please go outside via the concrete ramp and then in by the main entrance. The loo is to the left. Please don't hesitate to ask for assistance.

THIS YEAR'S CHALLENGE

"Kent – the Garden of England"

There is a maximum dimension of no more than 40" along one edge (which means that the item must not be larger than 40" square). You have to make your item (which has to have three layers, connected with stitch) in time for the AGM on 1 December 2012.



NEXT MEETING

OPEN DAY – SATURDAY 22 SEPTEMBER Simon Langton School for Boys

Doors open at 10.00am, afternoon commences at 1.00pm. Actual timings of the day's programme will be announced on the day

Morning Speaker: Margaret Walter

Talk: Me and My Quilts

Afternoon Speaker: Barbara Weeks

Talk: Contemporary or Innovative....? Art or Traditional?

Margaret Walter needs no introduction! A long-standing and strongly-supporting member of Oast Quilters, Margaret has served on the Committee for many years and is a past Chairman. What few people know is that she has an outstanding collection of old quilts....!

Barbara Weeks is based in Hertfordshire. Creating colour on cloth is the starting point of her textiles, which often feature painted silk and hand-made felt. Her inspiration recently has been drawn from the marine ecosystems of the Coral Triangle in the Pacific. She also delights in themes from the natural world nearer to home. Her journal quilts for 2012 with the Contemporary Quilt Group will feature fruit and vegetables. She enjoys playing with the materials of her craft. Wool and silk fibres are wet felted and stitched, and then felted again. This process is both physical and contemplative, connecting her with crafts people all around the world for whom 'making' is both a way of life and life enhancing.

WORKSHOP – Sunday 23 September Trapping Colour, Catching Light

A hands-on fun workshop for all levels, Create felt, incorporating wool and lustrous silk fibres and use silk sheers to create overlays of colour and pattern and stitch the layers, by hand or machine. To reserve a place please provide a deposit in the usual way – the workshop box is at the entrance. For further information please speak to Stephanie Blunt on 01233 641073 or email:

bingham.blunts635@btinternet.com

Booking Workshops – a reminder

Following one or two recent problems with members cancelling their attendance at workshops at short notice, the Committee discussed the issue in depth and the following condition will be adopted:

*The deposit for a workshop is non-refundable unless the workshop is cancelled. Cancellation by the member 28 days or less before the workshop means that the fee should be **paid in full** unless there is someone on the waiting list or the member finds a replacement. This condition may be waived only in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Committee.*

Thoughts from the chair (Jenny)

I have visited another two groups and am thoroughly enjoying the opportunities to meet the members on their home ground and see some fabulous work (which ought to come to Show and Tell!) I was also able to visit the Aldington and Crab and Winkle exhibitions - fabulous and inspiring (even though I didn't win a raffle prize!)

Young Oast

Venue:

Hythe Bay Primary School, Hythe CT21 6HS
Saturday 30th November 10.0am – 3.00pm

Thank you to everybody who has given so generously to Young Oast. It is lovely to have fabric to select from and the children appreciate being able to pick and choose.

Our next meeting will be a Christmas Workshop with festive fare as well. More details nearer the time but do make a note of the date.

Contact: Barbara Thorburn

telephone: 01303 238 809

email: barbarathorburn@btinternet.com

Members' Table

To remind you, members are entitled to book a table at Oast Meetings in order to sell off unwanted quilt-related items (what is your trash may be someone else's treasure!). The cost is 10% of your takings up to £10. A table can also be booked in the sad event of the need to sell on the quilting effects of a deceased member.

Today there will be a batch of fabric for sale from the stash of Jo Stubbs, a member of Ethelburga Quilters, who died recently. All proceeds will go to the "Fifth Trust", which is the charitable organisation running the Elham Valley Vineyard and providing life-long care and support for people with learning disabilities.

'In-House' Workshops

These are the workshops which are led by members of Oast Quilters and provide experienced tuition in a wide range of interesting techniques. They take place in the month in between Oast meetings.

Saturday 1st September: Mariners' Compass' with Jenny Hoyle. Please note that this workshop is not for beginners.

Saturday 10th November: Double-sided log-cabin with Sharyn Hutchings (quilt-as-you-go).

The workshops can be booked with a deposit – see the box at the entrance today.

For further information, please see the website or speak to Sharyn Hutchings on 01227 791856 or email: s.hutchings856@btinternet.com

Festival of Quilts

The largest quilt show in Europe now in its tenth year

Sharyn Hutchings is organising a coach to the FOQ from Friday 17th to Sunday 19th August, leaving Friday morning and departing Birmingham midday Sunday. The cost includes entry for 2 days, breakfasts and evening meals at the Ramada Hotel, Solihull. The cost for a double room is £180.00 and a single has supplement of £40.00. Sharyn has booking forms and will have brought them to today's meeting. The completed forms should be returned promptly to Sharyn. For further information, please contact her on 01227 7951856 or email : s.hutchings856@btinternet.com

Quilts of Valour

Can you make and donate an 8 ½" square block or 12 ½" square block in any pattern of your choice – using any combination of red, white or blue fabrics?

Phoenix Quilters in Deal will take the blocks and make them into quilts. Many of you may have already donated, but the war continues and the injured are still returning home and in need of our support.

Please pass your blocks to your Oast Committee Member or if you are an Independent – send to 11 Park Street, Deal CT14 6 AG and mark the envelope QOV.



FOR SALE

Brand-new Hinterburg Original Machine Quilting Frame made in USA



Sale due to death of keen quilter who never had the chance to use it.

- quilts up to king-size
- takes most home sewing machines (up to 11-inch throat)
- reversible handles
- two end tensioning clamps
- comfortable sitting height
- binder full of instructions, photos and helpful tips
- in use, overall depth 28ins x 10ft (less with shorter than 10' poles)
- packs away in 2 boxes (24" x 31" x 6" and 63" x 9" x 2.52)

Cost £434 – any reasonable offer accepted

Contact: p2barry@btinternet.com

Oast Post

Have you got anything for sale? Is your group having an exhibition? Have you been to an exhibition you can report on? Traders' adverts at the Editor's discretion (£5.00 per entry). All contributions to Oast Post are very welcome and should be sent to the Editor, Liz Coleman two weeks prior to a meeting. Tel: 01303 863197, email: liz.coleman@virgin.net

The Crab & Winkle Line Quilters Exhibition

Many thanks to all the Oast members who came to our exhibition, which was a huge success. We had about 300 visitors over the two days. After all expenses have been paid we have;

£2,420.50

to present to our chosen charity SNAAP*. The first prize quilt was won by an Oast member: Betty Glynn who lives in Wingham. The second prize quilt went to Mr & Mrs Miles of Herne Bay.

We had 25 prizes in the Grand Draw and some minor prizes went to other Oast members.

**SNAAP (Special Needs Advisory and Activities Project) supports families who have children with any additional need or disability living in the Canterbury & Coastal area.*

They provide good quality information and support to families and carers, to enable them to help themselves and their children. They also provide regular leisure activities and aim to increase mainstream inclusion opportunities for children with disabilities and special needs.

Ed's note:

I was one of the many Oast members who attended this exhibition and I must say, what a pleasure it was to escape the dreadful rain of the Jubilee weekend and to be enveloped by the warmth and sunshine of this quilt show! What a lot of quilts to look at – and only six members producing them. Like the Chairman (see above!) I was disappointed not to win anything in the raffle as there was such a good selection of wonderful prizes. I also had a lovely cup of tea, a cup-cake (why can't we call them 'buns' anymore!) and a sit down.



Exhibitions and Workshops

Bright Headland Quilters

Exhibition of quilts and wall hangings
at the Sheerness Library (in the Sheerness Gateway), 38-42 High Street, Sheerness ME12 1NL

(This is the old Woolworths' building and is only a short walk away from the railway station and Tesco's)

From 3 July 2012 for three weeks

Open Monday to Friday 10.00am – 6.00pm

Saturday 10.00am – 5.00pm

(finishing on or around 24 July 2012)

ALSO

Open Day

At Holy Trinity Church, Broadway, Sheerness ME12 1AF

Saturday 29 September, 10.00am – 4.00pm

There will be quilts and things made by club members, gifts, tea, coffee and cake on sale.

All proceeds to local charities

Entrance fee £1.50, which includes one cup of coffee or tea

Bears Paw Quilters

Open Day
at

Burham Old School Community Centre

Burham, Kent ME1 3SF

Saturday 28th July

11.00am - 4.00pm

Free Entry

Demonstrations

Children's Table - Make and Take

Quilt Raffle for Charity

Tea / Coffee and Cakes

Contact: 01634 365417 or 01634 375706

Jan Hassard Workshop

Dazzling Diamonds

Tuesday 28 August 2012 10.00am - 4.00pm

£35.00

Brassey Centre, Station Road

Aylesford, Kent ME20 7QR

Contact: Sandra Rocco

Tel: 01634668580 / 07720772089

Email: aar50cents@gmail.com

Bring your own lunch

Hougham Quilt Festival

Our triennial weekend celebration of Quilts - Flowers and Country Crafts will be held in St Lawrence Church and the Village of Church Hougham near Dover, CT15 7AN

Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 September

open 10.00am to 5.00pm each day

There is a Grand Raffle with handmade quilts being the first two prizes. There will be craft stalls and demonstrations throughout the village, with open gardens and teas, coffees, lunches, cakes etc. A fun dog show on Sunday and plenty of free parking on both days. Stalls are available and for any further information contact Wendy Finnis on 01304 214891.



And finally.....

WE NEED A NEW TREASURER!

Diana Baldwin is coming to the end of her three-year stint as Treasurer. The Constitution is clear that there must be a replacement! Diana assures me that this role is not onerous and there are helpers who take in the monies at the end of each meeting, and at workshops, and bank them. It is not necessary to be computer literate as this task could easily be done in a ledger. Diana is very happy to provide all the assistance a new Treasurer requires. All we need now is a volunteer! Please speak to either Diana or Jenny, either of whom would be able to talk you through the role.

