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OAST QUILTERS' AGM

Saturday 1st December 2012 at
Simon Langton School for Boys
Canterbury

Thanks to our many Hostesses today - **Quay** take the lead, but a number of groups and individuals have volunteered to make today as smooth as possible – thank you everyone

Confirmed Traders: Crossed Threads, Daisy Chain Designs, Fabric Fairy, Puddleducks

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Officers' Absence
2. Minutes of the 2011 AGM
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Programme and Workshop Report
7. Young Oast Co-ordinator's Report
8. Quilters' Guild Area Representatives' Reports
9. Any Other Business
10. Date of next AGM

The Oast Quilters' Challenge

This year's challenge is "Kent, the Garden of England". You will have been given a voting slip at the door so don't forget to vote for the quilted item which you think is the best. There will be cash prizes of £30.00 (1st), £20.00 (2nd) and £10.00 (3rd).

MERRY CHRISTMAS



The committee would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and happy quilting in 2013

The Bursaries

Every year three bursaries worth £100.00 each are conferred. Any member may enter the draw for a bursary so long as she has not won one previously. If you were to win a bursary, you would be expected to spend the money on something which would extend your patchwork and quilting skills, whether that is through the purchase of books or DVDs, the attendance of workshops or the purchase of goods or equipment. The winners of the bursaries this year will be expected to give a talk or demonstration at the March 2014 meeting to demonstrate how they spent the money.

Badges

Anyone who had needs a badge please see Ann Wood at the entrance desk from where you can also purchase stylish pin badges.

Independents

Any new Independents – please let Liz Coleman have your email address so that you can be included in the distribution of information which is sent to Group Representatives and so that you can be alerted if we have to cancel a meeting due to inclement weather. Liz.Coleman@virgin.net

The Next Meeting – Saturday 12 January 2013

Corners again!.....

During the afternoon you will be able to select from a sample of demonstrations. This is for members, by members and includes:

Tracy Aplin	Four ways of Paper Piecing
Michelle Cooper	Sewing Beads using a Machine
Marion Fox	Plaited Wreath
Sally Hearn	Several Appliqué Methods
Louise Jessop	Workshop Sewing Container
Chris Lloyd	A New Easier Way of Foundation Piecing
Cathy Northcutt	Painting on Fabric
Joan Wood	Bargello

Each 'corner' takes 20 minutes. A pack of information sheets will be available.

Please note that owing to the popularity of this meeting no visitors will be admitted this year

Next year's schedule

(main hall at Simon Langton School for Boys,
Canterbury CT4 7AS)

- January 12 Corners
January 13 *Workshop* - Carolyn Forster – 'The Spools Quilt'
- March 2 Kate Findlay - 'Atomic Textiles inspired by the Large Hadron Collider'
- March 3 *Workshop* – 'Short Circuits'
- May 4 Paula Doyle – 'Quilt Herstory'
May 5 *Workshop* - Hand Appliqué for Beginners
- July 6 Janet Clare – 'I'm a Designer'
July 7 *Workshop* - Drawing with your Sewing Machine
- Sept 7 (am) Sara Impey – 'Stitch and Text'
 (pm) Isabel Hall – 'My 39 Steps; you can get here from there'
- September 8 *Workshop* - Exploding Pineapples
- December 7 AGM

Speaker and In-House Workshops

A good way of extending your skills and trying out new techniques is to attend one of the Oast Quilters' workshops. These workshops are good for both the novice quilter and the more experienced, and we particularly welcome those who have never attended a workshop before to 'give it a go'. We have been delighted to note that more members have signed up for the workshops – and are still keen to encourage everyone to try a workshop during the year – not only do you learn new techniques – you make new friends!

Speaker workshops

These follow a meeting of Oast Quilters and are run by the Speaker. Some Speaker workshops are so popular that they may be scheduled for both the Sunday and (generally) the following Monday. As Oast Quilters is able to attract some of the best Speakers currently on the circuit it is a real bonus to attend their workshops.

To ensure that allocation of places is equitable, all you have to do is put a deposit of £5.00 in an envelope. Write the workshop title on the outside of the envelope and your email address. You will be contacted by email and the requirements will be an attached document. The requirements list will also be found on the Oast Quilters' website. If you do not have email, use a stamped, self-addressed envelope and leave the flap open. Put a note in it with the title of your preferred workshop. The SAE will be used to send your requirements list.

Completed envelopes can then be dropped into the box which can be found near the entrance. Should you wish, you could apply for any of the year's workshops right at the beginning of the year as your information will be held until such time as places are allocated. **As from 2013 places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.** However, if there are spare places then they will be offered at the relevant Oast meeting.

The list of attendees for the Workshop on Sunday 13 January is now closed – sorry.

Other Members' Days

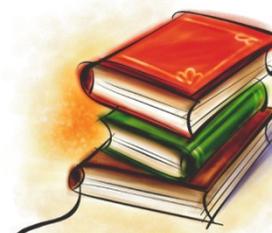
Rather than have taught workshops this year we have decided to have two 'UFO' (UnFinished Object!) days and two 'Sewing Days', where there will be experienced quilters on hand who can offer advice on your project, but there won't be any formal teaching.

If you have problems finding 'protected time' in which to sew – this is absolutely ideal for you! The times are as usual – 10.00am to 4.00pm and the arrangements very familiar... bring a lunch, but tea and coffee will be provided.

The two UFO days will be on 23 February 2013 and 9 November 2013 (to give you a chance to catch up with your Christmas projects!). The two Sewing Days will be on 13 April 2013 and 21 September 2013. All but the September workshop will be at Lower Hardres Village Hall – the September one is in Adisham Village Hall. If any of these dates appeals to you – pop it/them in your diary now! The cost (to cover hall hire and tea/coffee etc.) will be £5.00, but you will need to take a packed lunch. To book a place please contact Ingrid Hudson on 01303 230117 or by email, raffles.leoville@btinternet.com

Treasurer's Report

There will, of course, be a full financial report at the AGM, however, members will be interested to note that there was a surplus over the year of £1789.69. This is largely because the speakers were relatively local and we did not have to pay a lot towards mileage (we once had to pay for air fares to/from Scotland which made that particular speaker quite special!). The Treasurer reported that some £225 was made from the sale of books from the Library, which was excellent. It was thought that a book sale might be considered annually.



Young Oast Meeting – November 2012

Our recent meeting of Christmas Workshop and Festive Fayre was a good start for us all in preparing for Christmas stitching (and eating). A variety of hearts, reindeer, angels, birds, bells and fairies were constructed to be strung into garlands and much fun and laughter was had by all. The food was good as well! Dates for 2013 will be printed as soon as I have confirmation. Thank you to all who have supported us with generous donations of fabric and all sorts.

Young Oast Year Report 2012

We have had an excellent year with three meetings in the new venue at Hythe Bay School. We have made owls, bunting, beach huts, garlands of hearts, reindeer, angels and Christmas trees. As always the children are innovative and free in their applications and the pleasure for me has been in the variety of items from a simple idea. We are all looking forward to 2013 and future projects.

Barbara Thorburn Young Oast Representative

Oast Showcase Friday 31 May 2013 to Sunday 2 June 2013 The Sports Hall, Simon Langton School for Boys

A Committee has been formed and is already working hard on the arrangements for our once-every-three-years (triennial!) exhibition, **The Oast Showcase**. The term "Showcase" was deliberately chosen as this is not a judged exhibition; it is a showcase of members' work over the last three years. We are keen to exhibit work from new quilters as well as established quilters and we are very anxious to make that point – in other words, don't be shy – show! We have 300 members – how wonderful it would be if everyone put in at least one item! We certainly have the space in the sports hall for a huge display. Time to get all those UFO's finished?

Liz Coleman will be giving a full report – and a list of requests at today's meeting, but the main items are:

1. Quilts for Private Sale

We have allocated space in the upstairs area which we use as a café for the sale of quilted items which members do not wish to exhibit, but would like to sell. The onus is on the sellers of the items, not the Committee of Oast Quilters to make the sales. If you have items for sale, an unsealed envelope must be pinned on the back of the item in which there should be a slip of paper with your full details. Standardised forms will be provided prior to the event. At the point of sale, the buyer will be provided with the slip of paper as a receipt and the payment will be put in the envelope and sealed. The buyer's name and address will be required for the back of the cheque. The envelope will then be held for the seller. The buyer can then take the item away. The seller takes the risk that any cheque will not 'bounce' and the seller is obliged to provide 10% commission to Oast Quilters. A condition of entry to this scheme is that the seller must 'man the stand' for a minimum of a two hour shift (more if there are lots of items).

2. 'Staffing' during the Show

We calculated that we would need a minimum of 17 helpers per two hour shift – so we need plenty of volunteers! Please put the dates in your diary now and if you can, let Joan Wood know as soon as possible if you can help. We are planning to make some sashes so that visitors can identify 'Quilt Angels' etc.

3. Things to Make

We will have the usual **Members Sales Table**, selling a range of sewn items. All monies will be given to our selected charities. Daisy Rudnick and Myra Heard have volunteered to coordinate the Sales Table – and are already collecting items for sale. Perhaps your group could have a 'making day'? The **Bag Tombola** was extremely popular last time and we are hoping to repeat this again – watch this space!

4. Advertising

There are a number of ways of promoting the Showcase, but one of the best is through yourselves! If your home area has a Parish/Village magazine, please would you arrange to put an item in it for the April/May 2013 edition? If there's a cost, let the Committee know. Also, please take handbills to any club or society to which you belong.

OAST QUILTERS

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 3rd December 2011 at The Simon Langton School for Boys, Canterbury.

1. Apologies for Officers' Absence

No apologies had been received.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January 2011 had been circulated to members and were agreed to be a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave a brief account of the year's activities and thanked the Committee members for their hard work and supporting her during her appointment. She had enjoyed attending the workshops when able and was always inspired by Show & Tell. It was with great regret that she was stepping down early but she was sure the group would be in capable hands.

5. Treasurer's Report

Copies of the audited Accounts had been circulated to members.

No questions were raised. Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Liz Coleman and seconded by Patti Schroll. A vote of thanks to Simon Milburn was proposed by Trudy Smethurst and seconded by Ursula Hodson.

The Treasurer reported that the accounts showed a healthy surplus, bearing in mind the Oast Showcase payments.

She was not proposing to raise membership fees this year but this would need to be reviewed next year. She thanked Maureen Corrigan, Ann Wood, Judi Kirk and Sharyn Hutchings for their help in banking monies.

The Treasurer advised that once a new Chairman had been elected there would need to be a change of signatory on the Bank Account and this amendment to the mandate was approved.

6. Workshop Co-ordinator's Report

All the workshops had been well attended with some speakers kindly agreeing to take a couple of extra bodies.

Speakers had proved generous with their time and skills and members who attended had learnt a lot.

Belinda Jeffries reminded members to let her know if they came across anyone who they thought would be a good speaker for Oast.

7. Young Oast Report

Tracy Aplin reported on the meetings held through the year and encouraged members to look at the children's work on display. She advised that both she and Sandra were stepping down from the role as they felt it was time for some fresh ideas.

8. Quilters' Guild Area Representatives' Reports

East Kent Area Report:

The workshop held in March with Terence Gilbert on spinning stars was well attended and very successful. Take-up for the May workshop in Teynham was disappointing. Canadian Quilter Judy Gascho-Jutzi was demonstrating her 3D landscapes. In September the *Kaffee & Kuchen* at Hawkinge was an opportunity to sample some very good cakes and admire members' work. The Annual Guild Birthday party was held in October and Carol James ran a workshop on rectangular Cathedral Windows which all enjoyed. Cilla Joyner made a delicious birthday cake. The 2012 event would be on 20th October. Anne Mole and Margaret Walter had taken over as reps from Ruth Dolby and they thanked her for all she had done during her time in the role.

West Kent Area Report:

The Sevenoaks Regional Day held in January was well received. Lesley Morgan's talk was very interesting and the mini-workshops in the afternoon were all full. In June there was a transfer Image Dabble Day which proved popular. Frances Pickering's workshop in July was a great success and books in a number of styles were produced. In July the Heart of Kent Hospice Quilt Show was held and members helped to staff the Guild Table. The exhibition raised £5100 for the Hospice.

9. Appointment of New Chairman

Jenny Hoyle was proposed by Patti Schroll and seconded by Louise Jessup. There being no other nominations she was duly elected and took the chair for the rest of the meeting. She thanked Joan Hinns on behalf of all the members for her work as Chairman and made a presentation to her, Tracy Aplin and Judi Kirk to show appreciation for their work.

10. Bursary Awards

Bursaries were awarded to Sandra Hall, Patricia Barry and Joyce Brown.

11. Any Other Business

The Chairman reminded members to vote for their favourite Challenge entry.

12. Date of next AGM

Saturday 1st December 2012

The meeting closed at 3.15pm

Jenny Hoyle CHAIRMAN