

OAST POST

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TODAY'S MEETING

Kate Findlay: Atomic Textiles

Inspired by the Large Hadron Collider

Traders: Crossed Threads, Fabric Fairy, Karry Dot Com, The Sewing Shop and Smart Frog.

Thank you to our hostesses:

Phoenix

designing quilt patterns, making quilts and teaching.

Paula now works in a garden studio on the banks of the river Thames in Surrey. She loves both Traditional and modern patterns and she has a passion for new tools and materials. Her first book, 'Mini Mosaics Quilts' was published last year.

REMINDER!

Kate Findlay's workshop

Short Circuits

will be held on

Tomorrow, 3 March 2013

At Lower Hardres Village Hall

10.00am – 4.00pm

The cost is £20.00

There are a few places left so please contact Stephanie Bunt URGENTLY this afternoon

Paula Doyle's workshop

Hand appliqué for beginners

will be held on

Sunday 5 May 2013

At Lower Hardres Village Hall

10.00am – 4.00pm

The cost is £20.00

Please see the website for the full details and the requirements. To book a place, please follow the instructions at the entrance. For further information contact Stephanie Blunt on 01233 641073 or email bingham.blunts635@btinternet.com

NEXT MEETING

Saturday 4 May

Speaker: Paula Doyle

Talk: Quilt Herstory

Paula was born in Massachusetts, but spent her childhood in Brazil, as her parents were Methodist Missionary teachers. Her mother taught her how to use a sewing machine when she was nine and her Grandmother helped her make a patchwork cushion when she was ten. After a career in banking Paula moved to London in 1987 when she married.

Quilting became her passion when her husband's career took them to the U.S and Canada. Paula made a sampler quilt in a class in Quebec. After lots more classes, Paula moved to Connecticut and eventually started to teach patchwork and quilting classes at the YWCA, the local quilt guild.

The family returned to England in 1995 when her son was five and Paula opened Green Mountain Quilts, where she continued to teach patchwork and quilting classes. She closed the shop after thirteen years to concentrate on

MEMBERS' SEWING DAY

Saturday 13 April – for Beginners' (and Improvers'!)

10.00am – 4.00pm, cost: £5.00

This is an ideal opportunity to sharpen your skills and learn tips and techniques from established quilters. Learn how to use your rotary cutter safely, how to ensure a ¼" seam and so on.

Are you 'stuck' on a project – get friendly assistance. The day is guaranteed to be fun, relaxed – and productive!

BOOK SOON!

To book contact Ingrid Hudson on 01304 230117 or email: raffles.leoville@btinternet.com

Oast Quilters' 2013 Challenge

Liz Coleman (winner of the 2012 Challenge) has selected a challenging fabric – a floral on a black background! Purchase a minimum of a thin quarter from Fabric Fairy and make something which comprises three layers, stitched through, in time for this year's AGM. Good luck!

YOUNG OAST

Provisional dates:
2nd or 16th March.

29th June.

22nd or 30th November.

Please contact Barbara Thorburn at

barbarathorburn@btinternet.com

for further details

Making a Plaited Wreath.

If any members are wondering where they can get the foam tubes as mentioned in my hand out at the corners meeting in January, they can be purchased from Dunelm Mill or any other shop that sells curtain accessories. They are usually sold to make plaited tie backs!

I have already seen an Easter wreath that a member has made following my demonstration; it is lovely. Hope to see more in the show and tell sessions over the coming months. Marion Fox

A Reminder

An issue of Oast Post is published at each of the six meetings of Oast Quilters. Members are invited to submit copy for the Newsletter, which should be provided to the Editor at, or before, the Committee meeting prior to the relevant Oast Meeting (this is held on the Monday two weeks before the Oast meeting). As a member you can advertise one-off items for sale free of charge. There is a charge to traders for advertising in Oast Post. Please let us have details of any local patchwork and quilting exhibitions or events which may interest members. For further information, please contact the Editor, Liz Coleman on 01303 863197 or by email at Liz.Coleman@virgin.net

Oast Showcase

31 May – 2 June 2013

Behind the scene the Oast Showcase Committee is working diligently to ensure this is the best exhibition ever!

We are delighted to announce that the charities we will support this time are:

- The John Graham Centre – an organisation based at Blean for adults with a learning disability.
<http://www.thejohngrahamcentre.co.uk>
- Macmillan Cancer Support.
<http://www.macmillan.org.uk>
- Young Carers' Projects in Kent
<https://shareweb.kent.gov.uk/Documents/childrens-social-services/carers-and-family-support/young-carers>

What you need to be thinking about and doing **NOW** is....

- Putting the dates in your diary!
- Volunteering your time for at least one session during the exhibition
- Telling friends and family about it
- Make a note to put something in your local/church/community newsletter – we need the publicity!
- Making items for the sales table (perhaps you might like to have a sewing day with friends)
- Finishing off (if necessary!) quilted items to display in the exhibition – don't forget this is NOT a juried exhibition – everyone's quilts are extremely welcome, especially from new quilters.
- Sewing a 3" hanging sleeve to the back of your quilts
- Making a bag for the bag tombola
- Sorting out anything you would like to sell in the upstairs sales area (10% commission to Oast Quilters).

When the exhibition entry forms are available – please read them very carefully because:

- You need to submit the form(s) in very good time so that we can work out the hanging order and then create the text for the catalogue
- You need to give the dimensions of your quilted items in **INCHES**
- You need to let us know the main colour-way of your item
- You need to give the item a name (it's more interesting!) and acknowledge any artistic sources.

The Fabric Fairy

New website goes live 14th January 2013!

Wide range of 100% Cotton fabric remnants @ £5.00 per metre

Wide range of 100% Cotton fabrics from £8.00 per metre

New! Luxury Wool/Polyester 60/40 mix wadding £15.00 per metre

New! Bag Batting £10.00 per metre

New! Hand dyeing workshops in our refurbished Dover offices

 www.thefabricfairy.co.uk  01304 - 830474