

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

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

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

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.

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

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? Then 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

Workshops – Spare places

If, after the workshop places have been offered to all the 300 members, there are still vacancies, they will be offered to **non-members** for the additional cost of £5.00.

Constitution

To all members of Oast Quilters

You may be aware that it is ten years since the constitution was amended; we were then meeting in the hall at St Anselm's school. The committee have decided to update it to take account of the many changes that have occurred in the last decade. This will happen during the next six months so that proper discussion can take place and members consulted on all the changes that are proposed, and a formal vote taken at the AGM in December.

As you are aware we cannot make changes outside the AGM unless we call an extraordinary general meeting and this we intend to do. This notice meets the requirement for 28 days' notice of such a meeting. The extraordinary meeting will take place at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday 4 May 2013. The doors will open 15 minutes earlier than usual to allow members to enter and be seated.

The issue we want you to vote on is in the second paragraph in the constitution which limits membership to 300. For the last three years we have had a waiting list which reflects our expansion and growth. The school has informed us that their limit for health and safety purposes is 400.

We are proposing that the membership limit be **raised to 350** with immediate effect (that is from the May meeting) which has the positive effects of:

- allowing all those on the waiting list to become members (at an appropriate proportion of the annual subscription rate)
- having some places available to offer people who might want to join following the Showcase at the end of May
- increasing the income of Oast Quilters without raising our current subscription rates.

The committee believes that this is a positive step and asks you to support it.

The membership will be asked to vote:

- to approve the increase of membership to 350 **or**
- to reject the proposal **or**
- to abstain.

[Note: any visitors who are present will not be permitted to vote.]

Jenny Hoyle (chairman) **01303 253343**

Young Quilters

Saturday 16 March at Hythe Bay School

We are looking at Wonky Block and Stash and Whack.

Sewing and quilting is a good starting point to get young people interested in textiles and if your young person is interested in joining Young Oast but aren't sure if it will suit them – or you, do please come along on 16 March and just drop in for a chat and a look at what we are doing. We are very happy to have amongst our number a young lad who I am sure would love some male company, so don't think this is just for the girls! We always have a happy day with a lot of fun, as well as learning - so please come along and join us. The day is entirely free, just bring a packed lunch. We have a good choice of fabric and trimmings very kindly donated by Oast members or you may prefer to bring your own.

Barbara Thorburn

Young Oast Organiser

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Tel: 01303 238 809

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!

To remind you, 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>

This month's reminders....

- Grab some entry forms from your Group representative or at the Oast meeting today – and enter something – it's no show without some things to look at!
- **READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE ENTRY FORM ☺ ALL OF THEM ☺**
- 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)
- 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).

FOR SALE

Horn Cabinet style NOVA in light oak, in good condition. Reason for sale - I have bought a larger machine which needs a larger cabinet. £300.00 or near offer. Buyer collects. For more information ring Joyce Brown on 01622 884558.

FOR SALE

Pfaff creative performance embroidery machine. Only 9 months old. Beautiful machine with a grand hoop size of 360 by 350 mm. Many embroidery stitches including Maxi stitches. Any trial with no obligation. I want to upgrade to another Pfaff. Price £2000 ovno Margaret Harrison mharratoc@aol.com or 01227721523

Sandra Hall – Phoenix Quilters

Bursary Recipient

I am afraid I will be unable to attend today's meeting to explain how I have used the £100 bursary I won in December 2011. At the time, I will be in Australia, hopefully enjoying the sunshine!

Four years ago, while in Australia visiting my late mother, I found an unfinished sampler quilt. It was very beautiful. It appeared my mother attended classes back in the 1970s, and this was a project her class was working on. Sadly, my mother had Alzheimer's and did not recall doing this lovely work. When I returned to the UK, I attended a group in Deal and learned the basics, including 'stitch in the ditch'

The next year, I returned to Australia and found the quilt again. My mother had originally started to hand quilt and I tried to finish the work. She did say to me that I was not doing it properly (so there was some recall). My sister now has the quilt and when I am there in 2013, I intend to re-do the work and make a better job of it!

Thus began my interest in quilting. I love doing 'Quilt as you go' and have completed several quilts by this method. On other quilts, I have been determined to go beyond 'stitch in the ditch', and have used the bursary money to attend courses in;

- Hand quilting (Puddleducks in Sevenoaks)
- Machine quilting ('Machine Quilting for the Terrified' at Lady Sew and Sew in Henley)
- Appliqué (Marion Fox workshop in Deal)
- Hand quilting (workshop in Deal organised by Phoenix Quilters)
- Foundation Piecing (Detling Show – Anja Townrow)

I have bought a book – 'The Complete Machine Quilting Manual' (Joanie Zeier Poole).

It has been a very elastic £100!!!

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to learn new skills this year. It has been fun.

Sandra Hall
Phoenix Quilters

See photographs of Sandra's work by the members' notice board today

The Fabric Fairy

New website went 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 £9.50 per metre

New! Hand dyeing workshops in our refurbished Dover offices

🌐 www.thefabricfairy.co.uk ☎ 01304 - 830474

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, and in time for this year's AGM. Good luck!

Web wanders

If you have an idle moment you might like to look at the following web sites:

<http://colouricious.us1.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=d2f9a4950af0884010efbd185&id=fcf55fab5f&e=8ad428f2ce>

This has a nice selection of mini videos, particularly of interest to people who enjoy some machine embroidery.

<http://www.museum.maidstone.gov.uk/events/201302/351/>

This highlights:

PEACING TOGETHER EHBITION

**Friday 15th February to Saturday 23rd March
at Maidstone Museum
All Day – FREE entry**

Stitched textiles have a resonance; they connect with the past. These works by Cas Holmes, on display in the costume gallery, were produced with reclaimed textiles. They connect through the material from the past to the present.

Exhibition: Open from 10:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Saturday. Admission charges may apply for some exhibitions.

<http://www.tassenmuseum.nl/en>

If handbags are your bag – then you are IN FOR A TREAT! This museum would be a fabulous place to visit if ever you were in Amsterdam

FOR SALE: LITTLE GRACIE II WOODEN HOME MACHINE QUILTING FRAME

£550 ono-Includes 2 Pattern Perfect Wooden Templates, and extension table.

Up to 56" Single Size, up to 90" Queen Size with extension attached. Max Machine Throat 16"

BROTHER QC1000 SEWING MACHINE
still in box £600 ono (new £1200)

Can deliver in Kent, for more information contact
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Exhibitions

**The Spring Quilt Festival, Detling
The Clive Emson Exhibition Hall, Kent
Showground, Maidstone, ME14 3JF
Friday 12 April to Sunday 14 April
10.00am – 4.30pm**

Cost: £7.00 adults, £6.00 senior citizens, £3.00 children aged 8 -16 **at the door.** Book in advance by 28 March to receive a discount of £1.00 on each ticket price. Book online via:

https://www.grosvenorshows.co.uk/html/tickets_spring_kent.asp

Quilts UK, Malvern

"The UK's No.1 Show for the quilting enthusiast"

**Thursday 16th to Sunday 19th May 2013
10:00am - 5:00pm (4:30pm on Sunday)**

Open Competitive Quilt Show

Special Theme Category: Celebrations

Closing date for entries: 5th March 2013