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TODAY'S MEETING

Janet Clare: 'I'm a Designer'

Traders: Fabric Fair,; Little Lavender Patch,
The Sewing Shop, Smart Frog and Through the
Loop

Thank you to our hostesses:

Dragonfly and Crab & Winkle Line

REMINDER!

Janet Clare's workshops on both Sunday and Monday are fully booked, but she can still accommodate one or two experienced machine sewers – please contact Stephanie Bunt URGENTLY this afternoon if you are interested.

Tel: 01233 641073 or email

bingham.bunts635@btinternet.com

The workshop is 'Drawing with your Sewing Machine'

Speak to Stephanie about the location
10.00am – 4.00pm
The cost is £20.00

NEXT MEETING

Saturday 7 September – OPEN MEETING

Morning Speaker: Sarah Impey: Stitch and Text

Afternoon Speaker: Isabel Hall: My 39 Steps you can get here from there

Sarah Impey's work will be familiar to all those who attended the patchwork and quilting exhibition at the V&A in 2010. She is part of a professional group of quilters, 'Quilt Art' whose members are scattered across Europe and USA. Founded in 1985, Quilt Art aims to extend the boundaries of quilting as an artistic medium and achieve wider recognition of the quilt as an art form. A number of members work in the field of mixed media. The group holds regular touring exhibitions in Britain and Europe and has also exhibited in Japan and Canada. To accompany each exhibition, the group publishes a high quality book.

Isabel Hall has been quilting professionally since 2003. Prior to that she undertook City and Guilds Patchwork and Quilting parts 1&2 with Jenny Last at Windsor. She went on to complete a diploma in Stitched Textiles with Jan Beaney and Jean Littlejohn.

She wanted to earn some money sewing but wasn't sure how to go about it, but there was a light-bulb moment when she spotted a longarm machine.

She studied with Beryl Cadman in Ireland and Linda Taylor in Texas as well as various other teachers. She enjoys working on both her own quilt tops and customers' quilts too. So far she has worked on over 1000 quilts!

She won first prize for longarm quilting at Harrogate and the National Championships and is working on developing her own style of quilting, combining the ease of computerised designs with entirely free-hand work particularly on appliqué quilts.

She teaches various workshops to groups and runs one day classes at her house in Weybridge with another longarm quilter, Susie Green. They aim to teach a pattern which can be completed in a day and then the top is left with them to quilt.

As every bed in her house is covered in multi layers of quilts she is now building up a stash of quilts for talks and trying to extend her comfort zone.

The Hostesses for the September meeting are Bear's Paw and Pumpkin Patchers plus Independent Member volunteers

Reminder.... Whenever your group is part of the hostessing team please make sure the catering boxes and the tombola are collected. Hostesses need to check that they have cars available large enough to accommodate the items. Hostesses should always come to the school by 1.00pm in order to help set up. Don't forget to get the money for the raffle prize!

The UFO Day is on

Saturday 21st September

(beginners are very welcome as there will be lots of help and support available!)

It will be at Adisham Village Hall from 10.00am to 4.00pm, cost £5.00

Please book a place by contacting Ingrid Hudson on 01303 230117 or email

raffles.leoville@btinternet.com

The next UFO day will be on

Saturday 9 November at Lower Hardres

Sales Table

The Sales Table at Oast Showcase was very popular and raised lots of money for our three charities – but there is a small selection of goods still for sale. Daisy has them on a table today – at reduced prices. Enjoy a good browse!

Quilt Stand

We now have both quilt stands back – and which can be hired out should you need a sturdy, free-standing frame on which to hand-quilt an heirloom. Both frames have a bag in which the components can be stored – but currently we only have one. Anyone have any idea as to where the other might be? Grateful thanks if you find it!

Raffle Quilts

Today you can buy raffle tickets for two beautiful quilts. The first has been made by Quay Quilters and will be drawn on Friday 5 July 2013. The other has been made by Dragonflies and the raffle will be drawn on Monday 26 August 2013.

Speaking of Raffle Quilts....

We're really, truly sorry, but the first prize raffle quilt at Oast Showcase was wrongly attributed in the catalogue. It was, in fact, expertly and beautifully quilted by:

Sandra Rocco of Bumbleberry Quilting Studio

Next Year's Programme

As ever, our Programme Secretary, Belinda Jeffries has done us proud! There is a very interesting programme for 2014 – something for everyone. The schedule (which is changed a little from that published in the last Oast Post) will be ready for the September meeting and details will also be in your programme card which you will be given in January 2014.

Reminder – Membership Fees

Please do not forget

Owing to the significant amount of work which used to occur over the Christmas break, it was agreed that membership fees for the forthcoming year would be collected by 31 October.

This issue has had a great deal of discussion, since a number of long-standing members did not manage to submit their renewal in time. While we have made some adjustments to the number of members permitted, this date, **31 October has not changed.**

Group Representatives will be given the membership list for their group so that they can gather in the subscriptions, deletions and additions (who go on the waiting list – a deletion does not give a new member an automatic place). If one cheque can be sent to cover all of the Group's fees it is much preferred.

Independent Members have a form to complete and return with the correct fee – please make sure you do this by:

31 October 2013

Young Oast Report June 2013

Thank you to everyone who visited the Young Oast stand at the Oast Showcase, we had many complimentary comments and only one negative (you can't win them all).

The Young Oast members were thrilled with their achievements and hopefully this will spur us all on to greater lengths. They were excited to see their names in the programme and enjoyed the exhibits and the whole occasion.

The Wonky Blocks made at the last session were successful large items and this time we will be looking at, and making, small patchwork pieces for gifts etc. For further information contact: barbarathorburn@btinternet.com
Tel: 01303 238809.

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@live.co.uk

Oast Showcase

"A fantastic show – credit to the makers and organisers."

"Well ladies you did us so proud, the showcase really had the WOW factor. Several from my group visited the show early yesterday (Friday) bearing cake thinking it would be very quiet, but it was buzzing from the start, and what an exhibition of work even our own my first which I was thrilled to see displayed and I feel privileged to belong to such a wonderful group Oast quilters. Many thanks ladies for all your hard work it was fabulous."

....Just two of the many kind and congratulatory comments we received after Oast Showcase! The initial figures suggest an income of £8,000 plus! But don't forget, that we have many expenses which have to be balanced against this. Bills are still coming in and the committee still has work to do before we can issue an official report. The Committee still needs to have a 'debriefing/wash-up' meeting so that we can discuss what went right and learn from the few things which could have gone better. Our eventual written report will be made available to the main committee as soon as possible.

All this would not have been possible without YOU! Thank you to everyone who exhibited an item, who volunteered to help, who provided demonstrations, all the traders with their interesting variety of goods for us to drool over, those who visited the Showcase..... but an especial thanks to Annette Walter and the catering crew (and the all makers of all those delicious cakes!). The café was a superb venue to rest weary feet, view the quilts from above, and catch up with friends – and to eat a delicious lunch and cake.

Please watch out for photographs of the winning quilts in the Visitors' Choice and their details on the Oast Quilters' website. Congratulations to Angie Buhlman, Trudy Smethurst, Belinda Jeffries and - worthy winners all!

There is still one unclaimed raffle prize:-
Double Membership - The Marlowe Friends
Ticket Number - 001758
Name - J Wilson

Unfortunately the ticket has an incorrect telephone number written on it. If you can shed any light on this, please contact Pam Paine on 01304 207955

Exhibitions

Whitstable Patchwork & Quilting Exhibition

Thursday 15th - Saturday 17th August 2013

St John's Church, Argyle Rd, Whitstable,
CT5 1JS

Raffle includes a queen size quilt and a large
basket of blue and yellow fabrics

Tombola - Sales table

Up to four traders each day

Light refreshments

Entrance only 50p (please buy raffle tickets)

All profits to two local charities.

Further information from Chris Lloyd 01227
360871

Festival of Quilts

8 -1 August 2013, NEC, Birmingham

Sharyn Hutchings is organising the annual trip to Birmingham for the Festival of Quilts. This is really well organised, with excellent accommodation in Solihull. The cost includes entry for two days, breakfasts and evening meals at the Ramada Hotel, Solihull; transport is in a top-quality minibus (or larger). Sharyn will have entry forms with her today or you can email her at: s.hutchings856@btinternet.com

Deal Dragonflies Quilt Show

Saturday 24 – Monday 26 August

(Bank Holiday weekend)

10.00am – 5.00pm (4.00pm Monday)

Raffle and Tombola

Homemade cakes, tea and coffee

*In memory of their dear friend and fellow quilter
Valerie Spears*

St Martin's Cheriton Community Centre Quilt and Craft Exhibition

Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 September

This exhibition is supported by SMCCC Trustees, Ethelburga Quilts, Jenny's Wednesday Sew&Sew Group and St Martin's Church PCC. There will be craft items for sale.

Other Events

White Cliffs Project Workshops

July and August 2013 at the St Margaret's Museum or the Yurt in the Pines Gardens

Patchwork hexagon pincushions using seaside fabrics (provided). Tuesdays 9th and 30th July. Decorating beach huts (provided) Saturday 13th July and 3rd August
Two sessions daily 11.00am – 1.00pm and 2.00pm – 4.00pm
£7.50 per session or stay all day for £15.00 (lunch available in the Pines Tea Room).
Painting workshop with Joan Weston on Wednesday 10th July. Meet at the entrance to the Pines Garden at 2.00pm, free of charge, bring your own painting equipment

Thanet Quilters Diary of Events 2013

10th July "Bag Workshop" with Margaret Harrison (Proceeds to TQ's and the MS Society)

3rd August "Quick Quilt in a Day" with Cathy Northcutt (Proceeds to TQ's and the MS Society)

13th-15th September "Doll Making with Ray Slater" weekend at the Holiday Inn Express, Manston (Residential or Non-Residential).

1st October Quarterly Meeting Church House, Birchington (Doors open 7.00 -7.30pm, £3 entrance) Speaker Chris Porter "Patchwork Pavements - European Style". Workshop with Chris Porter on the following day, 2nd October, "Jigsaw Puzzle Tessellation" £20.

Saturday 30th November "Thanet Quilters Christmas Fair" at Church House, Birchington. Bookings now open for £10 Sales tables or just come along and enjoy the day. Refreshments available.

For further information please see our website (www.thanetquilters.org.uk) or contact Cathy Northcutt 01843 599166 or email cathyquilt@btinternet.com

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 – 202270

The Sewing Space

Congratulations on a fantastic show! I really enjoyed my day there.

If you haven't managed to visit the shop yet, why not join us this summer on Saturday 20th July for a bit of a sewing bee with Mandy Munroe. There are three sessions of hand sewing throughout the day. Details for this and many more workshops are on the website.

Repeat visitors will find that our collection of lovely, modern quilting fabrics and supplies continues to grow!

I hope you'll visit us soon at 86 High Street, Hythe.

Tuesdays-Saturdays 10:00-5:00

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