



OAST POST

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

And a very warm welcome to new members of Oast Quilters

We now have 326 members!

Independents – may we have your email please so that we can be sure to keep you informed?
Please provide this to the ladies at the door.

TODAY'S MEETING

CORNERS!

Traders: . Smart Frog and Karrydotcom
Ethelburga Quilters, Hop Pocket and a number of Independent Volunteers

Reminder: these are the corners to choose from:

Stephanie Syvret A Little Bird Told Me – a gadget case for phones, tablets etc

Judi Kirk Thread Catcher – a small useful container

Sally Hearn Origami Butterfly Brooch

Sharyn Hutchings Disappearing 9 patch - a piecing technique

Marion Fox Continuous Bias Binding - how to make it

Chris Lloyd Easy Zipped Bag with Variations

Liz Coleman Baltimore but not as you know it - fabric flowers

Michelle Cooper Five Minute Block - a piecing technique.

Please be very careful when you move from one corner to another – there will be lots of trip hazards to look out for.

For new members – and as a reminder

Information on Oast Quilters workshops, news and events can be found on the website

www.oastquilters.co.uk

To add your name to a waiting list, please go to the members' boards where instructions will be provided – and envelopes!

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 Lyminge.Liz@live.co.uk

Belonging to Oast Quilters.....

FOR HIRE – Quilting frames and stands.

There are six quilt stands which can be borrowed and two plastic tubular quilting stands. **Does anyone know where the carrying case is for one of the sets? Does anyone know where the other set is??** For further details please speak to the Chairman, Margaret Walter.

FOR LOAN – Library books etc. We have a vast and varied selection of books and DVDs and videos, with regular new purchases. The Library is always located in the dining area. If you haven't borrowed anything before, the Library Ladies (XTREME) will guide you. Please make sure that you bring back anything borrowed **at the following meeting**. If you can't attend the following meeting, please ask a friend to bring it back on your behalf.

Tomorrow and Monday's Workshop
Carolyn Forster – Comfortable with Curves

Over the years Carolyn's work has been featured in various British and International quilting magazines. Her quilts have appeared on the television, both here and in the US, and she has contributed to books published by New Holland and That Patchwork Place. Since self-publishing her first book, Quilting-on-the-Go, Carolyn has written books for Landauer Publishing in the US, and Search Press in the UK. She teaches widely both here and abroad. Most recently at The International Quilt Festival in Houston. Carolyn lives in Tunbridge Wells, Kent with her husband Craig and their son, who is not short of quilts on a chilly winter's night!

Please note that you will need her special template, but if you have one already, or you can borrow one from a friend, then you do NOT have to purchase one on the day. If you need to buy one on the day, please bring £12.00.

Accommodation for visiting speakers

If you are able to offer suitable, preferably non-smoking, bed and breakfast style accommodation for our visiting speakers, who may need accommodating for up to three nights if they are undertaking two workshops, please inform Carol Anne James (Organiser) or Margaret Walter (Chairman). Oast Quilters will pay 'the going rate' for this service.

UFO (UnFinished Objects) Workshops
Saturday 28 February and
Saturday 7 November

If you would benefit from a day away from home, in the company of quilters, where you can get on with that project totally uninterrupted – then a UFO day is for you! So far two meetings have been booked for 2015, both are at the Lower Hardres Village Hall, both cost £5.00 to attend. You'll need to bring a packed lunch but tea and coffee are provided. For further information please contact Ingrid Hudson on 01303 230117 or email:

raffles.leoville@btinternet.com

Donations to Charity

Don't forget to put your spare change into the collecting pots as you collect your tea or coffee. Every time we have saved up £100.00 we send a cheque to a nominated charity. It's amazing how often we are able to do this. If your group has not nominated a charity so far, please let Margaret Walter know your choice.

The date of the next Committee Meeting is Monday 2 March 2015, 7.30pm at Cranmer House, London Road, Canterbury.

The Next Oast Meeting

Saturday 14 March

Speaker – Barbara Chainey

Talk – 'It's all in the Stitch'

Workshop (Sunday only) 15 March

'Essentials of Hand Quilting'

Hostesses: Bear's Paw and Castle Wall

Barbara's particular speciality is traditional hand quilting and quilting design. She has been teaching, writing and designing for more than 25 years, during which time she has encouraged and inspired quilters of all skill levels through her workshops, demonstrations and lectures. Her first book "The Essential Quilter" (1993) is an established classic reference for hand quilters and her third book "Quilt It" (1999) is a standard reference for all quilters. Barbara has six signature fabric collections to her credit and many of her quilting designs are available as stencils.

Barbara maintains a busy local, national and international teaching schedule which has included judging at all major UK shows, judging and teaching in the USA, Johannesburg and New Zealand, teaching in Dubai, Cairo, Abu Dhabi and the Netherlands. She has also taught for several years at the prestigious International Quilt Festival in Houston and Harriet Hargrave's Machine Quilting Celebration.

Members' Tables

Members wishing to have a Member's table (for selling off unwanted quilting bits and bob;, for instance fabric that you've fallen out of love with!) should request this in good time to be considered at the committee meeting immediately preceding the Oast meeting. The cost is 10% of your proceeds up to £10.00. Members wishing to trade on a regular basis (rather than ad hoc) will be deemed to be traders even if they need only a small space. The committee is concerned not to set any unwanted precedents.



Young Oast meetings 2015

Etchinghill Village Hall 10.00am - 3.00pm

Saturday 28 March

Saturday 27 June

Saturday 21 November

Children, grandchildren, etc. of Oast members are very welcome but must be accompanied by their relative all day.

Tea, coffee, soft drinks etc supplied but bring a packed lunch. Large car park.

Oast Challenge 2015

This year's challenge is fabric based. The previous winner of the Oast Challenge, which was Margaret Harrison, was asked to choose a fabric which we could buy from a local trader. Margaret has chosen a lovely lime green modern fabric with white linear flowers and bits and bobs on it. The fabric is from the range, 'Flyaway', by Dashwood Studios and its code is 1077. Alison will have this fabric at today's meeting and will also bring the coordinating fabric for you to see. The challenge fabric will be sold at £3.25 per quarter. There is no restriction to the size of your finished quilted item and it doesn't have to be a quilt, but can be a bag, cushion, or other three dimensional object. However the rule is that it must be composed of three layers which are quilted together. The item should be made for display at the AGM in December and an entry form must be completed and submitted by **31 October 2015**. The form can be downloaded from the website and will be available as hardcopies at the September meeting.

From an email communications.....

"Just found this lovely little shop right at the Malt House end of Hythe High Street right round the corner to the left towards the sea. Full of lovely yarns, felting stuff and other things. I hadn't found her before but really fab stuff for sewing. Well worth the few extra steps - we need to keep our shops so please keep it in mind and give it a try. Her website is www.woollieandfeltie.co.uk" DB

"It is indeed a fab shop....I was lucky enough to do a wet felting workshop there - really good fun and only three of us (it IS little) so I'm happy to recommend it!" love Jenny

Jill Blackman RIP

Jill Blackman sadly passed away on December 5th 2014.

Jill was born and lived all her life in Hythe. Leaving school she worked for Barclays Bank and then as a receptionist at Sun Lane Surgery, later becoming the Practice Manager.

Jill was a very well known, a kind, caring and generous person, well thought of by the patients and respected by her NHS colleagues.

Previously a member of Martello and more recently Grove Quilters, Jill was a very happy person with a great sense of humour, slightly irreverent at times, and she was a valued and popular member of our group. Jill enjoyed knitting but was simply in love with quilting, especially appliqué. She was an enthusiastic and prolific quilter; it seems as if every newly born baby in Hythe has been given one of Jill's quilts.

Two years ago she was persuaded to become Oast Vice Chairman but unfortunately not long afterwards she became ill and was subsequently diagnosed with terminal cancer. A very determined lady, she continued to quilt till shortly before her death.

She is and will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Our thoughts are with her children; Ross and Sophie, and her two grandsons, "her little boys", Jack and Harry.

Grove Quilters.

Editor's note:

I knew Jill professionally, for many years – even before she and I confessed our mutual addition to quilting. She was one of the most helpful NHS colleagues you could have wished to meet. When I was looking to change career path she was very generous with her advice and time. I know the NHS and her colleagues and patients at Sun Lane will also miss her sun beam.

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ABBNEY PATCHERS

...will be holding their Biennial Quilt Show
at

St. Mary's Church, Minster, Nr. Ramsgate
CT12 4BX

on the following dates:

Saturday 23 May 2015	10.00am - 5.30pm
Sunday 24 May 2015	12.00pm - 4.00pm
Monday 25 May 2015	10.00am - 4.30pm

There will be a large display of Quilts,
Sales Tables, Traders, Charity Quilt Raffle and
Refreshments

Admission Free

Please contact Sandra Anderson for further
details: 01227 375429

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The website is up to date (thank you Judi) with information on all this year's speakers and workshops together with workshop requirements for the majority. We will be uploading photographs, including all the entrants to the 2014 Challenge shortly. Please let us know if you do not want images of yourself or your work to be posted on the website and we will ensure that these are excluded. We will keep a list of those members who have notified us of this.

2015 Programme

Please note that the programme cards will be available at the January meeting. Please will all group representatives ensure that they have collected the bundle for their group.

Rose Garden Studios Workshop Dates 2015

"A beginner's guide to quilting" with Tracy

Tuesday 10th February 2015

Tuesday 13th January 2015

Tuesday 10th March 2015

Tuesday 7th April 2015

Tuesday 5th May 2015

Tuesday 2nd June 2015

Holiday Break

Tuesday 8th September 2015

Tuesday 6th October 2015

Tuesday 3rd November 2015

Tuesday 1st December 2015

FULLY BOOKED

"Stitched Initials" with Stephanie

Friday 27th February 2015 (£25.00)

"Stitched Landscapes" with Stephanie

Friday 20th March 2015 (£25.00)

"A little bird told me" with Stephanie

Friday 17th April 2015 (£25.00)

"Bunting and Beyond" with Stephanie

Friday 29th May 2015 (£25.00)

Please see our website for further details

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