



# OAST POST

## OAST QUILTERS' NEWSLETTER

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### TODAY'S MEETING

*Hostesses: Quay and Woodland*

#### **Traders:**

*Fabric Galore from London, Mandy Munro, Stitch Witch, Smartfrog and KarryDotCom*

#### **The speaker is:**

**Lynda Monk**

Whose talk is...

*'Creative Surfaces'*

Lynda (aka 'Purple Missus') is a mixed-media textile artist who uses materials such as Kunin Felt, Tyvek and Lutradur to great textured and unusual surfaces. She stitches, burns and melts materials before adding layers of acrylic mediums and colour. More recently new techniques using Termofax Screens combined with Xpandaprint and Lutradur have created surfaces she calls 'fragments'. You may already have seen her and her work at major shows, either with her own stand, or demonstrating different techniques on the ArtVanGo stand. She's already produced three books; 'Stitching the Textured Surface', 'Fabulous Surfaces' and 'Exploring Creative Surfaces'. Judging from the large number of tables she has requested – there will be lots of examples, so it should be a totally fascinating afternoon.

The Workshop on Sunday, at Lower Hardres Village Hall is 'Creative Surfaces III', (not II as in the programme card) in which in which metallic effect surfaces will be created using a combination of foils, tissue papers, acrylic gels and mediums with various other fabrics. You will probably be able to make a variety of postcard sized samples to take home. All materials will be supplied at a cost of £12.50 per person. See the website (and then click on 'events', then 'workshops') for further details). Listen out for information about any spare places at today's meeting.

### The Speaker on 23 July is....

Dawn Cameron-Dick

**Whose talk is...**

*'Needles and Threads, A Love Story'*

We are really fortunate to have this well-known quilter and teacher (with over 40 years of quilt-making under her belt) return to Oast Quilters. Dawn loves to travel, which is easy to understand when you know she was born in the USA, moved to Saudi Arabia in the early 1970s, then back to Colorado, where she opened a quilt shop in the 80's. 1988 saw her move to Belgium where she taught patchwork and was part owner of a shop, moving to the UK in 1995, where she now lives in Somerset with her husband John.

Dawn is the 'go to' quilter for invisible machine appliqué and is hugely knowledgeable about needles and threads; if you haven't heard her talk on this subject before you will be guaranteed to learn things that will be constantly useful to you. Her 'Pocket Tutor' is a very handy little book for all stitchers.

Her workshop on the Sunday (24 July 2016) will be a masterclass in piecing; 'New York Beauty with Invisible Machine Appliqué'. Don't be scared if you have never attempted this before as her instruction is so clear and logical that you are guaranteed to succeed (fingers crossed!). Here is a link to her website which describes the workshop:

<http://www.dawncamerondick.com/workshops/new-york-beauty-with-ima/>



### The Library

Unfortunately, there are still some books missing from the library – and they have been gone a while so please would everyone scour your shelves to see if you can find:

- 380** 'Successful Scrap Quilts', missing since **July 2015**
- 139** 'Quilts Grandeur', Kaffe Fassett, missing since **January 2016**
- 485** 'Fairyland', Natalie Bird, missing since **January 2016**
- 481** 'Folded Log Cabin Quilts'; signed out as 'B.H. Quilters' since **September 2015**

Unfortunately, members sometimes do not follow the guidance for borrowing books; that is, a book should be brought back at the following meeting and if you cannot attend, then the book should be brought back by a friend. Anyone who does not bring the book back by the third meeting after the loan will be asked to replace the book. The system for registering books in and out has reverted to the previous to avoid the queues experienced last time.

### Setting up the meetings

Acknowledging that many of our members find lifting chairs and setting them out for the meeting physically quite challenging, we are again asking the school if they will put out the chairs for us. We are aware that they may well charge us for this.

The Committee asks again, that people who are not helping, do not come into the room until it is ready. Group representatives may come in – so long as they help!!

When the doors open it is essential that you go over to the membership table and have your name ticked as present. This is an absolute requirement for health and safety reasons so that we have a definitive register in case of an emergency. It may shock you to know that at the last meeting 236 people were counted as present (actually, the largest attendance) – and yet **only 192 people had registered**.

### The September meeting – the Open Day

Unfortunately Rosemary McLavy is no longer able to speak at this meeting and so the morning talk will now be given by Donna Thornal from the London Modern Guild.

### Young Oast

Not much to report this month as we have not met recently, but hopefully everyone is busy preparing their items for the Showcase - we hope to have lots of Young Oasters' work exhibited.

New members are always welcome; we have lots of space now so bring along your daughter, granddaughter, niece etc. and have an enjoyable day (boys also very welcome). Come and see what we do at Showcase and chat to some of the Young Oasters perhaps!

Barbara Thorburn.

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### Special Oast Workshops

#### Sarah Fielke

**16, 17 and 18 July 2016**

*These classes are in addition to our usual programme, so there is no Saturday talk prior to the classes. There are a few places available and if not taken up by Oast Members, will be offered to quilters outside Oast.*

Sarah is an award winning quilter from Australia. Best known for being the co-author of the popular Material Obsession books, she has written several other books since. She teaches internationally, including at the big shows in the USA.

She will be in the UK in July to visit her son, and we are lucky enough to have her coming to teach workshops for Oast Quilters. She will be teaching a project called, 'Planting' on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>, with an applique class on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> that will be repeated on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July. Details are on the printed workshop sheet and also on the website.

Sarah has just let Judi know that it is a requirement that everyone attending her class has their own copy of the book/pattern. She says this is not her requirement, but that of her publisher. We apologise that we did not know this sooner.

She has given us the choice of either buying our own copy of the book (it is a different one for each class) or we can pay her and download a copy of just the pattern we are using, if you would rather do that.

Her books are not terribly expensive and if you add the cost of the book to the class, we are still getting classes from Sarah (cost to Oast members is £25.00) for less than half of the price being charged elsewhere - and there is nowhere nearer than Yorkshire!

### Secretary Required

Wilma Keighley's three year stint as Secretary to Oast Quilters' Committee comes to an end at the next AGM. Would you be interested in taking on this role? Please speak to Wilma and she will explain her duties to you.

### Project Linus

Project Linus will have a table at today's meeting and, as ever, welcome quilts for donation to children in need of a hug. The contact details for the Project Linus representative, Sandra Anderson are: [sandraanderson11@btinternet.com](mailto:sandraanderson11@btinternet.com) telephone 01227 375429, mobile 07889321788

### The 2016 Challenge reminder

(not the one for the Showcase!)

The Challenge topic for this year, as nominated by Lyn Browne last year's winner, is 'Birthday'. This has been selected in mind of the thirtieth birthday of Oast and relevant anniversaries of Aldington Quilters, Shakespeare and HM the Queen's ninetieth birthday.

### **The next UFO day will be on**

**Saturday 12 November 2016**

**Lower Hardres Village Hall**

**10.00am – 4.00pm**

Future dates include:

11 February 2017

4 November 2017

For further information please contact Ingrid Hudson on 01303 230117 or email:

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### **Trips to Quilt Shows 2016 with Carol James/Sandra Anderson**

Pick up points: W heatsheaf Bus Stop, Northdown Park Road, Birchington - The Square Bus Stop, Holiday Inn car park – Sainsbury's, Reeves Way, Chestfield, Whitstable.

Two day trips:

**Festival of Quilts** 13 - 14 August 2016

Day trips

**Sandown National Quilt Show** Saturday 18 June 2016

**Knitting & Stitch- Alexander Palace.** Sunday 9 October 2016

Please contact Carol James, 10 St Mary's Avenue, Margate. CT9 3TN

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or Sandra James on 07889321788

### For Sale

Janome Atelier 5 for sale, less than a year old, five years' warranty.

New £999.00 sell for £750.00

Contact Sylvie Plested on 01303 241124

### Thanet Quilters' Programme

**Tuesday 7 June:** Speaker; Abbie Anne Searle; talk "Quilt Plunderings!!!"

Workshop - Pile and Plunder - on Wednesday 8 June. Venue - Our Lady & St Benedict R C Church, Minnis Rd, Birchington-on-Sea, Birchington CT7 9SF Cost £25.

**Saturday 31 July:** trip to Lady Sew & Saw's (their last day of sale so lots of bargains!!)

Contact Cath Moss [birchymoss@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:birchymoss@hotmail.co.uk) Cost £15

### Summer Workshops

All proceeds to our charity, JDRF

1. Cathy Northcutt, Saturday 2 July, Book Covers.
2. Carol James, date TBA. Ruched Flower Bouquet Arrangement.
3. Margaret Harrison, Saturday 3 September. Stained Glass Applique.

Venue for workshops; Our Lady & St Benedict RC Church, Birchington.

**Tuesday 4 October:** Speaker Jennie Rayment.

Workshop - Scrip Bag - Wednesday 5 October  
Venue - Our Lady & St Benedict RC Church, Birchington. Cost £25

**Saturday 8 October:** Doughty's Road Show at Manston Sports & Social Club. 10.30am to 2.30am

**Saturday 26 November.** Christmas Fair. Proceeds to JDRF.

For more information contact Carol James  
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### Doughty's Sale

The Committee would like to profusely thank Sylvie Plested for organising a successful 'Doughty's Sale at Petham. It was very well attended by both Oast members and 'outsiders' and, despite the fact that they had problems with the electronic card payments (owing to lack of signal!), the company was also very pleased with the day. We will look into rebooking them again next year, but will try for a more central location (likely the school, if we can; we could not be there this year owing to a previous booking).



## **OAST SHOWCASE**

**3-5 JUNE 2016**

**Friday – Sunday**

**10.00am – 5.00pm Friday and Saturday. 10.00am – 4.00pm Sunday**

**The Simon Langton School for Boys, Nackington Road, Canterbury CT4 7AU**

**Nominated Charities: Headway, Cleft Lip and Palate Association (CLAPA) and East Kent Unit for Breast Screening (EKUBS)**

### **The Exhibition itself**

We are delighted to say that we have a really fabulous selection of quilted items for display, full of interest and variety – it's going to be the BEST SHOWCASE EVER! Please note that everyone who has entered will be allowed **one free entry on one day** (for themselves!). Anyone who attends the Showcase and proffers a handbill will be entitled to 50p off the cost of entry – one handbill, one person, one entry only!

### **Helpers Needed**

We need a lot of helpers; on the sales table, raffle table, tombola, Quilt Angels (AKA 'white glove ladies'), people to help with the refreshments. Please add your name to the lists on display, indicating the times you want to be there.

### **Demonstrating at Oast Showcase**

Would you be prepared to demonstrate your favourite technique to the general public (some of whom may not be quilters)? Each session will be timed for about 20 minutes. Your reward? The satisfaction of sharing your wisdom – and a voucher for a hot drink and a piece of cake! Please contact Sheila Stojasavljevic at: [sheila47kent@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sheila47kent@yahoo.co.uk)

### **Tell People About the Showcase**

NOW is the time to be handing fliers to friends and family to encourage them to come. Please also see if you can put a notice in your community/village/parish Newsletter.

### **The Quilters' Guild of the British Isles**

#### **Trunk Show with Sarah Fielke**

Saturday 16 July 2016

Chartham Village Hall. Doors opening at 6.00pm.

We expect the evening to finish by 9.30pm  
The Quilters' Guild is delighted to be hosting an evening with Sarah Fielke, Australian co-author of the Material Obsession books. The cost is £5.00 for Guild members and £7.50 for non-members. Tickets can be obtained from either Judi Kirk or Mary Cunningsworth on a first-come, first-served basis. Please bring a fat quarter with you if you wish to be eligible for a door prize. Any Oast members who are attending the Saturday workshop are welcome to buy a ticket and stay for the evening event. We plan to take orders for fish and chips!

#### ***By the way....***

Julie Morgan (Xtreme – and one of our librarians) won a major competition in the 'Sewing for Pleasure' show at the NEC this March. The competition was to make a modern interpretation of a vintage pattern. Julie's prize was a Janome sewing machine, a £100 dress pattern voucher – and so much Vilene, she will never need to buy any again! Congratulations Julie!



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