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TODAY'S MEETING

Hostesses: Fat Quilters and Grove

Today's Traders are:

Creative Quilting, Daisy Chain & Mandy Munroe

Today's Speaker is Mary McIntosh

Mary started patchwork and quilting in 1995 during a year spent in Canada and was (like a lot of us!) immediately hooked. She spent the next ten years combining her hobby with the demands of a career and family, developing her traditional patchwork skills. However, she had always wanted to become more creative and to design and make art quilts so in 2007 she took the plunge and began a City and Guilds (C&G) Course with Annette Morgan. After completing both the C&G Patchwork and Quilting Certificate and the Diploma, she was delighted that her work was selected to be displayed in the Further Education Gallery at the Festival of Quilts in 2011. The C&G courses completely opened up a new world of skills and creativity for Mary and as a passionate advocate of C&G she wants to share her knowledge with others. She is now teaching C&G as part of 'Creative Stitch, Suffolk' alongside Annette Morgan and has become a fully qualified teacher with a PGCE qualification awarded in 2014. Follow Mary's blog at thecopperqueen.blogspot.com.

Reminder - The 2017 Challenge

The Challenge Fabric, as chosen by Margaret Harrison, is by Andover Fabrics. The designer is Cathy Nordström and the collection is called Floral Splendor. Smartfrog has supplied a basket of fat quarters and yardage for purchase at today's meeting. Other local traders (e.g. Rose 'n' Tony) can also supply this fabric and others in the range.

Bursaries

The three bursary winners from 2015 (Valerie, Ann and Heather) will be providing presentations of how they spent their money at today's meeting. Please do take a look at their work – and ask questions!

Workshops

There are vacancies on the following workshops:
Mandy Munroe - Log Cabin Interrupted (7 May)
Maggie Breakspear - Christmas placemats (10 June)
Gail Lawther - Twilight Silhouettes. A second workshop has been booked for this, so there are places available on Monday 24 July.

The Library

The following books have been recently purchased for the library:
Christmas Patchwork Loves Embroidery
Euphoria Tapestry Quilts
Gossip in the Garden Pattern
Iznik Garden Quilt
Snow Happy
New Adventures of Sue and Billy by Reiko Kato
Promenade in a Dutch Castle
Quilts for life made with love
Quilts from the Colonies
Dresden Carnival; 10 Modern Quilt Projects by Yvette Marle Jones
Thoroughly Modern Dresden by Amelle Belden
Scandinavian Stitches by Kajsa Wilkman
Please go to the Oast Quilters' website for a full listing of the over 400 library books.



Today there is a sale of library books which are no longer borrowed by members. Proceeds will go towards the purchase of new books!

Members' Notes

- There are now 311 members of which 83 are independent members.
- **Reminder** - Visitors can attend Oast Meetings twice a year, which is logged in the register. The entry fee for visitors is now £5.00. If a visitor attends the Open Day then the cost will be £10.00, which will be charged even if only attending for half the day.
- To comply with safety regulations, everyone attending a meeting **MUST** ensure that they 'sign in' at the door at each meeting.
- When your group hosts a meeting, please note that you are responsible for putting tables away at the end, and also putting the quilt stands back in Margaret's car.
- Please note that the lady we have employed to be in charge of setting out the chairs and tables is not available today – so please will you assist if you are physically able at the end of the meeting.
- The next Committee Meeting is at **7.00pm** on Monday 24 April 2016, again (provisionally) at the **Thanington Neighbourhood Resource Centre** CT1 3XE.
- In future the Treasurer's report will not be given in Oast Post as it has caused confusion to members. Please note that while we appear to have an extremely healthy balance currently, this is because all the membership fees have been paid in. During the year, as we pay hall fees, printing, speakers' costs etc. the account becomes diminished. However, should you wish to peruse it, a report is given in the minutes from each committee meeting which are available from your Group Representative.

Project Linus

Representatives will not be available at today's meeting, but have arranged for any donated quilts to be collected. Thank you to everyone who continues to support this very worthy cause. 36,000 quilts were donated (nationally!) to Project Linus in 2016.

Oast Quilters on Facebook

There are now 73 members of Oast Quilters' Facebook. It continues to enjoy very lively and varied posting with members showing us quilts finished and in progress. Information about future exhibitions, museums and events are also posted. It is easy to become a member (if you are on the Oast membership list) but if you need help please contact Beverley Brawn or Tansy Martin, the administrators.

Young Oast

Our first meeting of the year is on Saturday 25 March 2017 at Etchinghill Village Hall 10.00am - 3.00pm. We will be making a bag for all your sewing necessities, Alison Smart of Smartfrog Designs will be joining us and be on hand with advice, help and encouragement. Please let Barbara know if you are coming along as she will need to know for catering requirements. If you have a keen young sewer in the family who would like to join Young Oast, please contact Barbara Thorburn, Organiser, on 01303 238809 or at barbarathorburn@btinternet.com

Sorry but....

Neither Stuart Hillard nor Ricky Tims will be able to attend Oast Quilters. Stuart Hillard has had to cancel his visit to Oast in September as he will be filming with the BBC. Nevertheless, he hopes to come in 2018. In the meantime the Committee is approaching other 'headlining' speakers to replace Stuart's September talk. Those who were already booked to attend one of his workshops will be contacted in May once we know who will be Stuart's replacement.

We also heard that Ricky Tims' schedule has prevented the journey to Kent this time, but he hopes to return to the UK in 2019, when he promises that we will be 'top of the list'. For further information about Ricky, please go to his website www.rickytimes.com There are also absorbing YouTube tutorials to look at, including an overview of a Ricky Tims Quilt Seminar.

Workshop Organisers

Please note that Jack Barons and Daisy Rudnick now organise the workshops – Jack does the administration and Daisy is hostess on the day. Email addresses: jacklynbarons@uk2.net and rudnickd@hotmail.com

Saturday 6 May

The next Oast Quilters Meeting
Speaker – our very own Mandy Munroe!
'Trunk Show'

Hostesses: Ethelburga Quilters and Hop Pocket

Saturday 4 November

The next UFO day
Lower Hardres Village Hall
10.00am – 4.00pm

For further information please contact Ingrid Hudson on 01303 230117 or email: raffles.leoville@btinternet.com

The Quilters' Guild of the British Isles

Quilters' Guild Stash Sale

A successful stash sale was enjoyed by many on Saturday 4 March at Littlebourne Village Hall. There was a queue at the door before opening time! All stash sellers did well (although it looked as though lots was going home again – but this was because we bought from each other's stalls!) and everyone enjoyed the delicious cakes. Many thanks to our local representatives, Judi Kirk and Mary Cunningsworth for organising the event

Hever Exhibition 1 – 3 September

There are three sections to the exhibition this year:

1. The main display in the marquee.
2. The Challenge; 'Forest Fauna'.
3. Quilts Outside

While there is no restriction on size for the main display and the quilts outside, the challenge is A3 sized. More information in 'Two's Company'.

Quilts, Birmingham



Sharyn Hutchings is organising a trip to Birmingham from 11 August to 13 August. This is a very enjoyable way to see the show as anyone who has been on the trip will tell you. Please contact Sharyn on

01227 791856 or 0780198809 or by email at: s.hutchings856@btinternet.com

Pogles Wood Patchers

presents

Quilts at St Michael's Church

Saturday 13 May, 10.00am to 4.00pm

Entry by donation

Raffle tea, coffee and cakes.

Disabled access. Parking

St. Michael's Church, Summer Hill,
Harbledown, Canterbury CT12 8NW

Spotted on YouTube

See if you recognise a familiar face.....

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bzrxv0an6dw&feature=youtu.be>

also....

Grab a copy of the Quilters' Guild's latest magazine, 'The Quilter' (journal no 150, Spring 2017) and turn to page 12 – there is a feature on Penny Jeffries (daughter of Belinda) and how the Guild's 2015 BA student bursary helped her develop her gorgeous textile designs. Her family must be really proud – but we all are! An Oast speaker for the future perhaps??

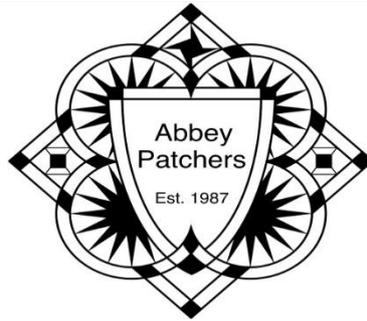
Sewing Machine for Sale



New Home Model 639 for sale. I am selling on behalf of a friend, but it does not appear to have had much use – it is very clean with little to no scuffing. It seems to me that it would be a very good machine to take to a workshop as it is not too heavy. It has an instruction manual and a bag of feet etc. £50.00. I will have it with me today – so please see me if you want more information. Liz Coleman (lyminge.liz@live.co.uk or 01303 863197).

This artwork is a woven textile made by Anni Albers who lived from 1800 – 1994. She was a German-American textile artist and print maker. The piece is in the exhibition currently on at the Turner Contemporary in Margate and is particularly striking in that it could so easily be one of our 'modern quilts' of today. See over for more information on the exhibition.





Abbey Patchers BIENNIAL QUILT SHOW

St.Mary's the Virgin Church
Church Street, Minster-in-Thamet, CT12 4HA

Saturday 27th May 10.00am – 4.00pm

Sunday 28th May 12.00pm – 4.00pm

Monday 29th May 10.00am – 4.00pm

Trader Tombola Sales Table Raffle Quilt

(in aid of East Kent Independent Dementia Support)

Light Refreshments. Free Entry

Entangled – Threads and Making

At the Turner Contemporary, Margate until 7 May 2017. Tuesday – Sunday 10.00am – 5.00pm



This exhibition may not be everyone's cup of tea – and indeed it has had mixed reviews. However, considering that it is on the doorstep – and the exhibition is free – it is definitely worth a visit. The exhibition brings together some 40 artists from different generations and cultures who challenge the boundaries between craft, design and fine art. There are displays of sculpture, installation, tapestry, textiles and jewellery from the mid-20th century to the present day. If you have a pacemaker it is not advisable to travel in the lift – there's an artwork which is attached to the lift sides with powerful magnets. The artwork-in-the-lift is likely to get smellier as time goes on... yoghurt was involved in the making!