



# OAST POST

## OAST QUILTERS' NEWSLETTER

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### TODAY'S MEETING

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### THE ANNUAL 'CORNERS' MEETING

Hostesses: *Bright Headlander & Woodland*

### Today's Traders are:

*Smart Frog and Rainham Sewing Centre*

### Choose four corners from the following:

- A. Linda Pearce, **Lose the Lump** - a non-binding, neat finish for small items.
- B. Marion Fox, **The Many Uses of Freezer Paper**.
- C. Liz Coleman, **Dyeing with Shaving Foam**.
- D. Pauline Baker, **Folded Pentagon Flowers**.
- E. Cathy Northcutt, **Quilt As You Go**.
- F. Mary Cunningsworth, **Stack and Whackerry Squares**.
- G. Wendy Finnis, **Wearable Art**.
- H. Sylvie Plested, **Fabric Bowls**.

.....and then....

At the desk you will be given tickets for each of the corners you have chosen to attend. It is important that you attend them in the correct order, so when it is announced that (for instance) everyone should attend the corner on their white ticket, please do so. This will ensure that the audience for each corner is regulated and that everyone will get a seat – and be able to hear the demonstrator.

This year, acknowledging that some of our members struggle to hear, we have reserved some seats at the front of each seating unit for those who are hard of hearing. Please respect these and enable the members to take their seats easily.

A pack of information sheets has been produced for all the corners, so you will be able to receive the instructions even if you are unable to get to the demonstration.

### Bursaries

A reminder - bursary winners from 2015 will be providing presentations of how they spent their money in March 2017.

### 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. The particular fabric is A-8381-B Blue as illustrated here. The fabric concerned is the top one with the blue dashes. The other fabrics are only part of the range. Smart Frog has this fabric on sale today.



You don't have to use the other fabrics from the range as this fabric will 'go' with lots of fabrics in your stash, however, you should use at least a fat quarter in your quilted item (three layers held together with stitch), unless you are making a miniature, in which case the usage should be proportional. The item can be a quilt of any dimension, wearable art or a three dimensional item. It can be made a group. The winning challenge items are chosen by the members at the next AGM (2 December 2017). Any questions? Ask your Group Representative.

### ***A note on Cathy Nordström:***

Cathy is a surface designer and illustrator based in Stockholm. After working for ten years as a graphic designer she pursued her dream of adding surface pattern design and illustration to her skills. She mainly works as a surface pattern designer and illustrator, but also takes on the occasional graphic design job. She is crazy about vintage wallpaper and fabric and finds much inspiration there. Given that many of her patterns are floral, she finds a huge amount of inspiration in nature and books about flora and fauna. When developing a collection she tends to start with a personal experience, whether it be a childhood memory, or a recent trip to a new place. She loves to draw and tries to do it as often as possible, even if only for ten minutes. A handful of motifs can result in a beautiful pattern. Her style is both minimalistic and maximalistic. She finds her Scandinavian heritage is constantly present, but she has a deep love for lush and extravagant patterns and fabrics.

### **Members' Notes**

- There are now 287 members.
- At the last Committee meeting it was agreed that £15.00 is extremely good value for a year's membership. Visitors can attend Oast Meetings twice a year which is logged in the register. The Committee felt, however, that £2.00 entry fee is not enough and have put up the entry fee to £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. No visitors are permitted to attend the 'Corners' meetings.
- Members **MUST** ensure that they 'sign in' at the door at each meeting.
- Please make sure your Group Representative has collected your group's membership cards at this 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 we are now paying a lady to put out and put back the chairs at the beginning and end of each meeting. However, those hostesses (and committee members) who are physically able should still continue to help.
- The Oast website is up-to-date with all the programme and workshop details.
- Oast Quilters' constitution can be read online on the website.

- The list of over 400 items in the Oast Library can be perused on the website.
- The next Committee Meeting is at **7.00pm** on Monday 27 February 2016 at the **Thanington Neighbourhood Resource Centre CT1 3XE**. Please note the new start time and the new location. Other locations are being researched. All group representatives should attend or send a deputy.

### **Oast Quilters on Facebook**

At the time of writing 60 members have registered with this closed group since the December AGM. All members are encouraged to post on items they think would be of interest to fellow members. Information on forthcoming Oast meetings is posted as is information on local shows and shops found on trips which members may like – and all sorts of quilting related information. It is also lovely to see fellow members' projects. It is really easy to become a member, but if you need help please contact Beverley Brawn or Tansy Martin, the administrators.

It was through Facebook that we learnt of the unfortunate, and very painful accident that Tracy Aplin had with a rotary cutter at the beginning of the month. Suffice to say, several visits to Minor Injuries at Deal Hospital were needed. Tracy urges caution..... And then we heard from Jacqui Cotterill who had (by her own admission!) a really bizarre accident as she was sliced down beside the nail by a sequin! Lots of blood apparently.... Who said that quilting wasn't dangerous!

I hope your injuries have now healed well ladies!

### **Project Linus**



Project Linus will have a table at today's meeting and, as ever, welcomes quilts for donation to children in need of a hug.

### **Young Oast**

A Happy New Year to all our Young Oast members and their mentors. The next meeting is on Saturday 25 March at Etchinghill Village Hall. Hopefully Alison from Smartfrog will be visiting as members will be working from one of her patterns for a sewing roll or sewing bag. If you have a keen young sewer in the family who would like to join Young Oast, please contact Barbara Thorburn, Organiser at [barbarathorburn@btinternet.com](mailto:barbarathorburn@btinternet.com)

### Oast website

There was some discussion with regard to the website at the last Committee meeting. The website is an extremely useful repository of information as we all appreciate. However, Lyn Browne, who has been doing an excellent job of uploading information to the website, actually struggles with this and feels that she is not adequately trained with regard to 'Wordpress' – can you help? She'd be delighted to have a training session! Alternatively, perhaps there are more modern platforms out there that our website should be moved to? Again, if you have some expertise and can help or advise, this would be warmly welcomed. Please contact Lyn either at today's meeting or via:

[lyn\\_browne@btinternet.com](mailto:lyn_browne@btinternet.com)

By the way, anyone who has emailed Lyn and not received a reply (and from experience she responds quickly!) should note that there is an 'underscore' between her first and second names.

### Workshop Organiser

Lyn Browne would like to relinquish this post, but is happy to continue until someone else can be found. Would this be of interest to you? If you would like information about the role please contact Lyn at the email above – or in person at today's meeting.

### Treasurer's Report

As of 14 January the accounts were as follows:  
Current account £9154.61  
Reserve account £4160.92

### Desperately seeking....

Does anyone have some of this Liberty Lawn? Jenny Hoyle (01303 253343) would love a fat quarter of it (or even less!) to finish a quilt.



### Saturday 11 February

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

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! The cost is a mere £5.00 to attend. You'll need to bring a packed lunch but tea and coffee are provided. The next meeting will be on 4 November 2017. For further information please contact Ingrid Hudson on 01303 230117 or email: [raffles.leoville@btinternet.com](mailto:raffles.leoville@btinternet.com)

### Christmas Stamps

Don't forget to give Christine Duke (Membership Secretary) all your saved (used!) Christmas stamps. Christine sends them to CLAPA (Cleft Lip and Palate Association) as part of their fund raising activities.

### The Quilters' Guild of the British Isles

#### Quilters' Guild Stash Sale

Saturday 4 March  
10.30am - 2.00pm

Littlebourne War Memorial Hall, 58 High Street,  
Littlebourne, Nr Canterbury CT4 5NP

Entry: £1 Guild members, £1.50 non-members

Tables: £7.50 + Raffle prize + cake

Refreshments and cake

Door Prizes

A chance to find bargains or source no longer available treasures. A chance too to clear out no longer wanted fabric, notions, books, magazines and other quilt related items. If you don't have enough for a table, why not share one with a friend?

To book a table contact Mary Cunningsworth  
01227-453460 [mary@cunningsworth.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:mary@cunningsworth.fsnet.co.uk)  
or Judi Kirk 01227-458553 [judi@redpen.co.uk](mailto:judi@redpen.co.uk)



### Quilters' Guild Crazy Patch Bag Workshop

Saturday 18 February

10.00am – 4.00pm

Littlebourne War Memorial Hall, 58 High Street,  
Littlebourne, Nr Canterbury CT4 5NP

Cost 10.00 for Guild members and £15.00 for  
non members.

Refreshments available, but please bring your  
own packed lunch. If you are interested in  
attending, please speak to Mary Cunningsworth  
who is at today's meeting (doing a Corner!). Mary  
will have sample bags with her today.  
Alternatively write to Mary at 49 The Crescent,  
Canterbury CT2 7AW Telephone 01227-453460  
[mary@cunningsworth.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:mary@cunningsworth.fsnet.co.uk) or Judi Kirk, 38  
Oaks Park, Rough Common, Canterbury CT2  
9DP Tel: 01227 458553 [judi@redpen.co.uk](mailto:judi@redpen.co.uk)

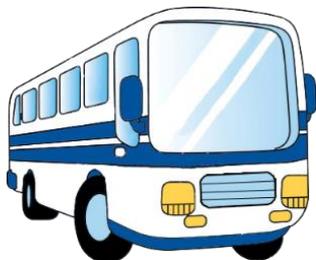
Please enclose a cheque made payable to: 'The  
Quilters' Guild of the British Isles, Region 2' with  
an **S.A.E.** or your email address, for list of  
requirements and directions. Places are limited to  
fifteen.

### Modern Log Cabin Workshops – a thank you

Thanks must go to Judi Kirk and Mary  
Cunningsworth for organising and delivering two  
Modern Log Cabin workshops during the end of  
2016, open to Quilters' Guild and non-members.  
Although most quilters are familiar with log cabin,  
this workshop explored negative space and more  
random placement of colour. Using the guidelines  
and design by Heather Hasthorpe of the Modern  
Quilt Guild, Judi encouraged us to be precise with  
measurements and have fun with colour. It was  
an enjoyable day, made all the better with Mary's  
lovely cakes. Since the project was a realistic size  
for the day I have completed the quilt and am not  
left with yet another UFO.

Nicky Triggs

### Festival of 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.

At this stage Sharyn would like to know who is  
interested so please contact her on 01227 791856  
or 0780198809 or by email at:

[s.hutchings856@btinternet.com](mailto:s.hutchings856@btinternet.com) Prices will follow.



## Abbey Patchers

## BIENNIAL QUILT SHOW

### St.Mary's the Virgin Church

Church Street, Minster-in-Thanel,  
CT12 4HA

**Saturday 27th May 10 - 4**

**Sunday 28th May 12 - 4**

**Monday 29th May 10 - 4**

Trader Tombola Sales Table  
Raffle Quilt

*(in aid of East Kent Independent  
Dementia Support)*

Light Refreshments. Free Entry

**The Turner Contemporary, Margate**  
**Admission FREE!**

**Open Tuesdays to Sundays 10.00am to**  
**5.00pm**

Did you see all the Turner paintings on display?  
Weren't they breath-taking! Now make a date in  
your diary to see 'Entangled: Threads and  
Making', which runs from Saturday 28 January to  
Sunday 7 May. This is a major exhibition of  
sculpture, installation, tapestry, textiles and  
jewellery from the mid-20th century to the  
present day. It features over 40 international  
female artists who challenge established  
categories of craft, design, and fine art. In  
advance of the exhibition a wonderful selection  
of Journal Quilts were on display in the  
down-stairs corridor.