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HAVE YOU SIGNED IN??

TODAY'S MEETING

Hostesses: *Ethelburga Quilters and Hop Pocket*

Today's Traders are:

Little Lavender Patch, Heidi's Crafts and Lina Patchwork

Today's Speaker is Mandy Munroe and her talk is: 'My Adventures with Quilts'

Patchwork has been Mandy's passion for 25 years and she has been teaching patchwork for 20 years. She has been a member of Oast for many years and is also a member of the international Modern Quilt Guild.

Her quilts and textile art have been exhibited in quilt shows and galleries in London, Paris and New York. Various quilts have been selected into shows in the UK, including Olympia and Malvern. Mandy's work is inspired by travel and architecture and she is known for working in recurring themes such as geometric log cabin, free form cutting, abstract urbanscapes and split backgrounds.

She has recently moved back to the UK after a second stint of living in New York. Designing quilts and craft projects for Popular Patchwork and Quilt Now magazines keeps her busy and she also writes reviews and interviews for quilt magazines.

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. The particular fabric for the Challenge is A-8381-B Blue. Your completed quilted item should be ready for display at the December AGM.

Refunds

Did you book for the cancelled Stuart Hillard workshop? Make sure you collect the refunded £5.00 deposit today.

Visitors

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.

Committee Meeting

All groups should send a representative to the Committee Meetings, which run from 7.00pm to 9.00pm (promptly!). The next meeting is on Monday 10 July 2017, again at the **Thanington Neighbourhood Resource Centre CT1 3XE**.

Young Oast

Our last meeting in March was an excellent day with Alison Smart from Smartfrog guiding us through her design for a small tote to keep sewing/quilting aids together. The highlight was learning how to do Prairie Points in a continuous line which was useful and fun (not only to the children). There were nine children in attendance for the day plus their respective relatives and a jolly time was had by all.



Here's a picture of the bag made by Elaine Gore's daughter, Ella – fabulous!

If you have a keen young sewer in the family who would like to join Young Oast, please contact the Organiser, Barbara Thorburn Telephone 01303 238809.

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Programme News

Andrea Ashwell has been booked as the afternoon speaker for September (to replace Stuart Hillard). Andrea was born in Germany and is married to an Englishman. She has lived in Wiltshire for over 20 years and teaches at Midsomer Quilting. Her speciality is wholecloth quilting. Louise Mabbs will be our speaker in May next year. www.louisemabbs.co.uk



Did you notice that Tracy Aplin's quilt (as above) is pictured on the Festival of Quilts' website? If you go to the Social Events page, it is being used as the link for the Designer Supper. Well done, Tracy!

Oast Quilters on Facebook

There are now 81 members of Oast Quilters' Facebook. In the last few weeks there has been a really wide and interesting variety of postings, from quilts just finished to photos of exhibitions and shows, including Stephanie Blunt's visit to the quilt show in Nante, and Belinda Jeffries visit to the Auckland (NZ) museum where she saw the collection of British and Maori textiles. We've all been following Belinda's trip around New Zealand with a great deal of envy! We are looking forward to seeing the completed 'I'm a Farmer's Daughter' quilt! 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.

Workshop Organisers

A reminder: 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. Jack is **VERY** keen to ask everyone to complete the paperwork clearly – so very often she cannot read the stated email address. Please be very precise....an underscore can make all the difference!

Saturday 4 November
The next UFO day
Lower Hardres Village Hall
10.00am – 4.00pm

The Quilters' Guild of the British Isles

Little People Workshop

Saturday 4 August 10.00am-4.00pm
 Godmersham Village Hall

To learn more, check out the Guild table or from Mary Cunningsworth on 01227 453460 or email: mary@cunningsworth.fsnet.co.uk

BBC Get Creative Weekend

This is an annual event where the BBC encourage the public to get creative in all kinds of different ways. Two local libraries, Sandwich and Faversham, took up the challenge so Mary Cunningsworth and Judi Kirk, as local reps for the Quilters Guild, went along. People who attended were able to make fabric postcards or stitch and flip blocks – and most of the attendees were complete beginners! Well done to Mary and Judi! This is an annual event, so watch out for future mini workshops.

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'.

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. 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



**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

QUAY QUILTERS QUILT SHOW

*In aid of the Meningitis Research
Foundation*

The Abbey School London Road
Faversham ME13 8RZ

Thursday 1 June 10.00am – 7.00pm
Friday 2 June 10.00am – 2.00pm

Admission £2.50 Free parking

Refreshments * Lunches * Traders
Raffle * Tombola * Sales * Demonstrations

Details from:

V Sherston-Baker 01303 840846

**BRIGHT HEADLAND QUILTERS
QUILTING EXHIBITION**

Saturday and Sunday 9 and 10 September
10.00am – 4.00pm

Entry £2.00 (including Tea/Coffee)
Sales Table, Traders, Raffle Quilt

**Holy Trinity Church Hall, Broadway,
Sheerness, ME12 1AF**

Light Refreshments
Disabled access and Parking



Road Show coming to Oast

Sunday 14 May 10.00am – 2.30pm

Petham Village Hall, Petham, Canterbury CT4 5RD

Free entrance, Refreshments available

Please bring your friends,

You don't have to be an Oast member to come to the Road Show

FOR SALE £250.00

Hardly-used lightweight Brother sewing machine as seen on television – over 100 embroidery stitches including; monograms, various buttonholes and hand-stitched look quilting, automatic needle threader, walking foot, extended table, operation manual and instruction DVD. Contact Joan Hinns 01227 793926.

The Quilters' Guild of the British Isles

Exhibition at Tennants' Garden Rooms, Leyburn, North Yorkshire 30 March – 1 May 2017

Following the closure of the exhibition area at St. Anthony's Hall, the Quilters' Guild's headquarters in York, it is excellent to know that the Guild is taking selections of quilted items out into the regions for display. As well as the Leyburn exhibition, there has been one entitled, 'Family Connections' in Edinburgh which and another, 'Threads: Celebrating Creativity in Historic and Contemporary Quilts' continues at Torre Abbey in Torquay until 4 June 2017.

'Tennants' is a large auction firm, with regular ordinary and specialist auctions throughout the year. They have built a magnificent range of modern (but tasteful!) buildings on the outskirts of the attractive town of Leyburn, which is at the foot of Wensleydale. Not only can exhibitions be viewed, but they have a large café area – and you can even have your wedding celebrations there!

As I hail from North Yorkshire and family still lives in the area, it was no hardship to travel up north to see their 'Patchwork, Pattern and Print' exhibition. The exhibition area itself is beautiful; natural light comes from skylights and the cabinets were well lit. The items displayed were heritage quilts and quilted items, including items from the 18th, 19th and early 20th century from the Guild's historic collection and explored the developments and changes in technology, construction and fashionable fabrics in patchwork and quilting. On my way out I bought 'Quilt Treasures; The Quilters' Guild Heritage Search'. This is a superb book and chronicles the unique character of British quiltmaking over a period of 300 years. Liz Coleman.



Another book recommendation:

Hexagon-ophiles amongst you will be green with envy.... Tansy Martin has been selected as one of the 10 reviewers for 'Happy Hexies; 12 handpieced hexagon projects to stitch and love' by Boutique-Sha. She is really excited!

Festival of Quilts Challenge 2017 – Project Linus

For the first few days of their life babies can only see in black and white so Project Linus is making this their theme of the year. They would like quilters to make a 30" square quilt in a geometric design, using only black and white fabrics. The finished quilt, or top, can be given to our local coordinator, or if preferred, handed over at the Festival of Quilts 2017. Look out for some finished quilts at today's show and tell.

For Hire

Over the years I have amassed a really large number of tablecloths! They would look great at a 'Vintage/Retro' style wedding reception or large family 'do'. I have; plain white damask, embroidered, lace edged – and lots of plain and embroidered napkins. Please contact me for more details. Liz Coleman lyminge.liz@live.co.uk or 01303 863197.