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TODAY'S MEETING

is

THE ANNUAL 'CORNERS' MEETING

Hostesses: *Canterbury Quilters, Grove and Independent Members*

Today's Traders are:

Smart Frog and Karrydotcom

Choose four corners from the following:

- A. **Transfer Painting** (by kind permission of Mary Gamester) - Sylvie Plested
- B. **Ice Dyeing** - Chris Witney
- C. **Playing with your Sewing Machine** – Louise Jessup
- D. **Log Cabin Star** - Mary Cunningsworth
- E. **Sewing Hints and Tips** - Marion Fox
- F. **Using Ink Intense Pencils on Fabrics** – Sue Jennings
- G. **Interchange Appliqué inspired by Gillian Travis** - Judi Kirk
- H. **Making a Mug Bag** - Tracy Aplin and Sandra James

.....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 everyone should go to the corner on their (for instance) white ticket, please do so. **Please hand in your ticket to the demonstrator.** Numbers are restricted to allow everyone to see and hear the demonstrator.

Again 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 2017 will be providing presentations of how they spent their money in March 2019.

The Oast Challenge

The winners of the 2017 Challenge were; 1st Sue Maudling, 2nd Liz Coleman and 3rd Victoria Scott.



Challenge 2019

Sue, as first prize winner, has to choose a fabric (which we can buy in any quantity from a fat quarter up), from which entrants to the Challenge may make anything they choose, so long as the item is made of three quilted layers. The challenge form will be down-loadable from the website and must be submitted to the Secretary (Judi) by 31 October 2019. We have a 'theme' one year and a fabric the next.

Members' Notes

- Members **MUST** ensure that they 'sign in' at the door at each meeting.
- **Independent Members** will be recruited at each meeting to help with the hostessing. This is because many groups are small and not all members of the groups are able to assist with hostessing. Once you have helped with hostessing during 2019, your name will be ticked off on a list so that you are not asked again.
- Please make sure your Group Representative has collected your group's membership cards at this meeting.
- When your group hosts a meeting (check the membership card for details), please note that you are responsible for helping with **all** the clearing up and especially for putting any quilt stands back in Margaret's car.
- The new email for the Treasurer is: oast.treasurer@hotmail.com
- The next Committee Meeting is at **7.00pm** on Monday 25 February at the **Thanington Neighbourhood Resource Centre CT1 3XE**.

The next UFO day is on:

Saturday 23 February 10.00am – 4.00pm
at Lower Hardres Village Hall

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 will need to bring a packed lunch but tea and coffee are provided. The next meeting will be on 23 November 2019. For further information please contact Ingrid Hudson on 01303 230117 or email: raffles.leoville@btinternet.com

Stamps

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

Young Oast Quilters 2019 Dates

- 2nd February
- 16th March
- 18th May
- 29th June
- 28th September
- 16th November

Meetings are held at Etchinghill Village Hall
10.00am – 3.00pm.

On 2 February we will be making a 3D Country Cottage Basket in the morning and in the afternoon continuing with our free motion quilting project. Christine has cut out all the fabric needed so just bring a sewing machine (if possible with a free motion foot), sewing kit and your lunch. For further details please contact Christine Duke on 01797 363948. New members are most welcome.

Project Linus

Reminder! This year's theme is to make quilts in any style, but using **ONLY red, blue and yellow**. The size of the quilt should be 36" – 42" square. The finished quilt can be handed in at Festival of Quilts, or to Sam Sawyer and team at any Oast meeting.

The Quilters' Guild of the British Isles

Region 2

Stash Sale

Saturday 6 April

10.30am – 1.30pm

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

Entry: £1 Guild members, £2.00 non-members

Tables: £7.50 + Raffle prize + cake

Refreshments and cake

Door Prizes

Contact Tansy Martin or Beverly Brawn if you would like to have a stall. Come and find a fabric bargain and feed your stash.



The Lullingstone Quilt and Craft Festival 19 – 21 July 2019

Readers will be aware that 2018 saw the last Hever exhibition. Region 2 of the QGBI has negotiated very favourable rates to hold a similar festival this year at Lullingstone Castle. The Challenge theme this year is 'Castles in the Air'. Further details are in 'Two's Company', the Region 2 newsletter.

Is your group putting on an exhibition this year?

If so, *firstly* let the Oast Post Editor know!

Secondly you may like to know that Region 2 now has a good supply of around 90 very sturdy wooden quilt stands as well as six metal telescopic black ones. These stands are available for groups or other organisations to hire for shows, exhibitions, etc. The wooden ones were kindly donated to Region 2 by Hever Castle at the end of their association with it. Further information from exhibitionorg_reg2@quiltersguild.org.uk

Oast Showcase 2020

The Showcase will take place in 2020. If you would like to be involved in any way, no matter how small, speak to Liz Coleman who will be delighted to utilise your offer. The **challenge** for the Showcase is 'Twenty-twenty'. Entries should be of three layers and must be 20 inches square. More details will follow in the coming months.

The Programme for 2020

As previously mentioned, we are absolutely delighted that Rosemary Marozzi will be giving a talk in January about her life-time's passion for quilting. It will be a unique opportunity for members to see her quilt collection, including many Baltimore-style quilts. They are truly beautiful.

This means, of course, that Corners will not take place in January 2020. Instead, at the Open Day in September, there will be 'make and take' sessions (by hand) in the morning and a speaker in the afternoon. If you have a 'make and take' style project that you would like to teach, please let Mary Cunningsworth know. Participants will be expected to either buy a kit, or to provide their own ingredients from a list previously provided.



Dates for the Diary

Thanet Quilters

5 March: Speaker: Stuart Hillard
Quarterly meeting, Church House, Birchington.
Doors open at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start.

16 March: National Quilting Day
Manston Sports and Social Club, Daigor Lane,
Manston, CT12 5BG
10.00 am – 3.00 pm. Making scrap quilts for the
Hospice. Please bring scrap fabrics, threads,
sewing kit, sewing machines and your lunch. Tea,
coffee will be provided.

4 June: Speaker: Sylvia Critcher
Quarterly meeting, Church House, Birchington
Doors open at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start.

1 October: Speaker: Gail Lawther Quarterly
meeting, Church House, Birchington
Doors open at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start.

Quilters' Guild of the British Isles Region 2

20 February: Catherine Lawes - 'The Green
Man'. Members: £25.00. Non-members: £37.50

1 March: Gail Lawther – Seaside Sampler
Members: £25.00. Non-members: £36.00

2 March: Machine Appliqué Techniques
Philippa Naylor. Members: £40.00.
Non-members: £60.00

See 'Two's Company' for further details or
www.quiltersguild.org.uk

Patchwork Workshops/Play Days With Mandy Munroe

31 January: Sew and Slash
Emporia Fabric and Crafts, Ashford – 01233
612278

15 February: Kasbah Star
The Sewing Space, Hythe - 01303 261329

24 January: *Rags to Riches Free Form

13 February: *Beginners Taster

21 March: *Kasbah Star

*All at: Hometown, Rochester – 01634 838880

7 February: Log Cabin Birds
Little Shop of Fabrics, Smarden Barn
01622 892008

BBC

Starting 12 February - The Great British Sewing Bee Returns!

"My mum loves this show and she's bursting at the seams she's sew excited! Weave talked about it and she says I'm tailor made and I'll have the contestants in stitches.", Joe Lycett is quoted as saying....

Joe is stepping into the shoes of dry-witted favourite, Claudia Winkleman as the new presenter. The judges continue to be Esme Young and Patrick Grant and filming finished for the new series in early autumn 2018. So, we can guarantee that many if not most Oast Quilter members will be incommunicado during the evening of the second week of February!



Turner Contemporary 26 January – 6 May



If you ever wanted to know what the colour of the universe from its very beginning to its eventual end might be, then you need to pop along to the Turner Contemporary from today to Monday 6 May to see, *'A place that exists only in moonlight'*. This is a new work by Katie Paterson, commissioned by Turner Contemporary; Katie has created a spinning wheel which charts the colour of the universe through each era of its existence.

"Katie Paterson is an astronomical artist – in the fullest sense of the word. The sky is not the limit for her. It is the beginning." Kate Kellaway, the Observer.

Membership of Oast Quilters

Sadly, the Committee has noted a decline in the number of members this year. The reasons seem to be; the increasing average age of members which leads to ill-health and some people not liking recent programmes. Another reason is that we are not recruiting younger members; many of us remember joining Oast Quilters when we had small children – or even before the children came along, but this is rarely the case currently.

We acknowledge that 'you can't please all the people all the time', but, as has been mentioned before, it is sometimes difficult to book popular speakers, given our calendar of dates. To emphasise, however, if there are any speakers you would like to recommend, please speak to Mary Cunningsworth. The 2020 programme is largely composed of members' recommendations.

We are sure that next year's Showcase will generate new members, but in the meantime, we intend to undertake a 'recruitment drive' with publicity in local shops, libraries and GP receptions. If your group has vacancies currently, please will you let Heather Powell know, so that she can collate a list of groups who can take on new members.

Ethelburga Quilters

Meeting at Etchinghill Village Hall, we have workshops (10.00am – 4.00pm), with a varied programme of 'makes' during the year.

On 9 February we are making up Gillian Travis' 'Indian Ladies' from kits supplied by her at the reduced price of £5.00. If you have one of these kits already (and there may be some spare to buy), then you are welcome to join us. From March through to May there will be a Mystery Quilt to make. In June we will be making a really useful bag, which packs flat for holidays and in July a sampler of quilting in colour using coloured threads on a plain background will be taught. In the autumn Liz will be teaching a fresh 'take' on Hidden Wells. The year concludes with a modern Christmas tree wall-hanging.

Each workshop costs £10.00. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided, but you will need to bring a packed lunch. For more information, please contact Liz Coleman on 01303 863197 or lyminge.liz@live.co.uk