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TODAY'S MEETING

Thank you to today's Hostesses:
Chaucer, Owls and Hop Pocket

Today's Traders are:
**Creative Quilting, Heidi's Crafts and Fabric
and Love Tobi**

Today's speaker is Sara Cook
Topic: Bojagi Korean Textiles

Sara Cook is a very experienced teacher of textiles from Brighton. She is also a qualified quilt judge. She first became fascinated



by the traditions of Bojagi Quilts after seeing Chungi Lee's "No Name Women" collection at the 2009 FOQ. Research progress was slow given the small number of examples in this country and the language barrier. She jumped at the chance to attend the 2016 "Bojagi - The Living Tradition" international forum in Suwon. This gave her the opportunity to study historical examples, to enjoy an exhibition of pieces inspired by bojagi and to study with experts and to dye silk scarves in Hong Chang's dye baths as well as to listen to lectures and shop. Now she is sharing her experience through a series of talks and workshops.



Our next meeting

Saturday 4 May Janet Bottomley

Topic: Liberated and Improvisational Quilting

An interesting talk which focuses on the origins of liberated quilting, starting with the Amish, through the Gees Bend quilters, and on to the modern improv quilters. There will be a display of her collection of liberated and improv quilts.

Workshop Sunday 5 May Improv Blocks and Porthole Quilting

Teachers of improvisational quilting seem to be few and far between so Mary Cunningsworth was very pleased to come across Janet Bottomley's classes on the internet and even more pleased when she heard her talk at the Guild AGM and learnt how workshop attendees had enjoyed her class. So you may wish to regard the workshop as a technique and sample day or combine your efforts into a finished piece with Janet's examples to inspire you. Sometimes it's good to experiment with a fresh approach!



Bursaries

The December 2017 bursary winners: Jean Parsons (Dragonfly), Jenny Bough (Independent) and Debbie Ribchester (Canterbury Quilters) will be giving a short talk and/or demonstration on how they used their bursary.

Due to the reduced number of members, the committee has decided that there will be no bursaries awarded in December 2019.

Workshop News

You may already have heard on the grapevine that the Workshop scheduled to be held on 10 March on Bojagi: Lotus Leaf, has been cancelled as so few members had signed up for it. Instead, we are having a **Sunday Sewcial at Lower Hardres Village Hall on 10 March from 10.00am to 4.00pm**. The day will be open to both members and anyone interested in quilting. It will be similar to a UFO day, where you can bring along a project to work on - or you can just pop in for a tea or a coffee, cake and a chat. The **Crafty Mastermind** trader will be there with lots of lovely sewing goodies to tempt you too. We would like to encourage you to bring members of your group who are not currently members of Oast Quilters, as well as like-minded friends - the more the merrier! Members of Young Oast would be very welcome too. You may be aware that the date is very close to Worldwide Quilting Day (16 March) - so it might be a good time to introduce your sewing friends to the wonderful world of quilting! If you want to attend for UFO purposes (i.e. most of the day) then the charge is £5.00. Contact Ingrid Hudson if you want to book a place for sewing on 01303 230117 or by email: raffles.leoville@btinternet.com. On the other hand, if you and your friends just want to pop in coffee-morning style, then a donation in the pot is all that is required.

In House Workshop

The in-house workshop on April 7 (Sunday) is 'Happy Villages' with Marianne Drawater at Lower Hardres Village Hall. Marianne's in-house workshop is a way to use and play with those tiny pieces of fabric for a super decorative result. Create the place of your imagination or work freely from a picture or photograph. A fun way to remember a holiday destination perhaps but in any case a 'Happy Village'. Check out the examples here today.

Non members at Workshops

We have had some requests that non-members be allowed to attend Oast workshops. As an experiment, this year the Workshop Organiser will run a waiting list for non-members and, if there are several spaces remaining on a Workshop a month before it takes place, those on the list will be offered places on a first-come first-served basis at a cost of £30. We always intend to give priority to Oast members, so please book your places in good time if you would like to attend. If you would like to add a friend to the non-member waiting list, please email oastworkshops@gmail.com.

Young Oast

At the last meeting we had a wonderful time at making Country Cottage baskets. Ella is going to use hers for her make-up, Hiba will keep her books in hers, Jacob is going to put chocolates in his basket to give to his mother and Sophie is using hers for her knitting.



After lunch we did more free motion quilting. We practised 'Pebbles/Bubbles' and the results were excellent, including 6 year old Jacob. The children are all working towards their own special quilt which will be made up of samples of free motion quilting.

At the next meeting they will be making hand sewn brooches and free motion quilting the pattern 'Tree Bark'.



As always donations of fabric, wadding or thread are most welcome so if you are having a sort through your stash, please consider donating to this very keen group of young quilters.

For further details please contact Christine Duke on 01797 363948

Thank you

Christine Duke would like to thank everyone for their kind message following her fall.

28th National Quilting Day

In 1989, the Kentucky Heritage Quilt Society organized a "Quilters' Day Out" on the third Saturday of March to celebrate the rich tradition of quilting in Kentucky. In 1991, National Quilting Association officers were so enthused with the concept and success of "Quilters' Day Out" that they voted to take it to a national level. The first National Quilting Day was observed in 1992 and since then it has grown into a global celebration for all quilters and quilt lovers.

Project Linus

We worked very hard to deliver a large quantity of quilts and blankets to all our needy contacts at Christmas, and then again in January to a local respite home for autistic children. Our stocks are quite low now as you can imagine. Any help you can give to replenish them would be most appreciated. These are the sorts of things we need:

Children's quilts in colourful cottons for all ages up to 18 year olds. If you look at our website, there are lots of patterns if you need one. They can be found at: www.projectlinusuk.org.uk. Suggested sizes are as follows, although we are not too strict about this:

- Lap quilts 36" square
- Cot quilts 47" X 55"
- Single bed quilts 55" X 79"
- Incubator quilts - 2 fat quarters enveloping wadding, with no quilting - these are for premature babies to lie on.
- Baby quilts - to cover the babies, these can be patchwork and quilted if you like.
- Laundry bags - one fat quarter, or near enough, folded and sewn with a drawstring at the top.

If you like knitting, we need the following:

- Baby blankets - 36" X 44"
- Orange premature baby hats
- Cannula mits for babies
- Baby cardigans, size 14" - 16" chest
- Large knitted or crocheted blankets for older children

We would also be very grateful for any donations of 100% cotton material. So, if you are clearing out your stash, please do think of us.

Thank you so much for your support for Project Linus. We really do appreciate it and so do all the organisations whom we support. You have given lots of comfort and security to babies, children, and teenagers who are sick, disabled, distressed, or disadvantaged. Do remember our slogan:

'A quilt is a hug you can keep'.

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Thanet Quilters

Quarterly meetings are held at Church House, Kent Gardens, Birchington CT7 9RS
Doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start.
4 June: Sylvia Critcher
1 October: Gail Lawther

28th National Quilting Day 16 March

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The Quilters' Guild of the British Isles Region 2 Stash Sale

Saturday 6 April 10.30am – 1.30pm
Littlebourne War Memorial Hall, CT4 5NP
Entry: £1 Guild members, £2.00 non-members
Tables: £7.50 + Raffle prize + cake
Refreshments and cake
Door Prizes

The next Committee Meeting

will be on **Tuesday 23 April** at 7.00pm at the Thanington Neighbourhood Resource Centre CT1 3XE.

Doughty's Road Show

Sunday 12 May 10.30am - 2.30pm
Petham Village Hall, CT4 5RD
Free entrance, Refreshments available



Biennial Quilt Show 2019

St Mary's Church, Minster-in-Thamet,
CT12 4BX

Saturday 25 May 10.00 – 5.00

Sunday 26 May 12.00 – 4.30

Monday 27 May 10.00 – 4.30

Sales Tables, Traders, Tombola,
Raffle Quilt for St Mary's Church and
Pilgrims Hospice, Refreshments

Entry £1.00

Tea and Coffee Donation

The committee request a small donation of 50p to help with the cost of the use of the kitchen at the meetings. Thank you

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.

Canterbury Quilters

Canterbury Quilters had a busy year in 2018. The 14 members made and donated 5 blankets, 66 quilts, 45 laundry bags, 86 incubator quilts and 50 cannula mitts to Project Linus for distribution locally. Late last year we were asked if we could make 15 lined crib covers for William Harvey Hospital. The NHS paid for all the fabric and we managed to get them completed for delivery just before Christmas.



It may sound as if the group only make Charity Quilts, but different techniques are learnt or improved including foundation piecing, making half square triangles and with squares making various designs, log cabin, hand and machine appliqué and playing with rectangles, different scrap quilts etc.

The group also made themselves a chenille pencil case, a mug bag, rucksacks and even had a go at beaded jewellery, with beautiful results.

We started off 2019 making soft baskets, a chicken quilt, a scrap quilt and make up bags using lace edge zips. More cannula mitts will soon be made, we are lucky to have a member whose daughter has a children's clothing business and gives us organic cotton jersey off cuts in adorable prints! Our varied program for the year has lots of projects which are suggested by members and we are all looking forward to see the results of our labours, with fun and laughter!

Oast Post

In order to reduce wastage, from the next meeting fewer copies of Oast Post will be printed. If you prefer, or if no copies are left, Oast Post can be found on the Oast Quilters website. www.oastquilter.co.uk

Library

To aid the transportation of the library to each meeting, groups or individuals are invited to make a book bag, a pattern for which will be available on the website.

Challenge 2019

Sue Maudling, as first prize winner, has chosen a fabric which is available from Love Tobi and can be bought 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 Kirk) by 31 October 2019.

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', which is 20"x20". Any quilt of three layers but no larger than 20 inches square. More details will follow in the coming months.

UFO Day

At the February UFO Day there was a good turnout but we still had plenty of space to spread out and enjoy a day of good company, lots of sewing, chat and yummy cheese cake kindly provided by Sylvie. Thank you to Ingrid for organising the day.



Note from the editor: News from other groups on their activities, shows and charity quilts will be much welcomed for publication in Oast Post.