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TODAY'S MEETING

Thank you to today's Hostesses:
Trio, Swallows, and Fat Quilters

Today's Traders are:
Mandy Munroe and Rainham Sewing Centre

Our Speaker today is
Janet Bottomley and the topic is Liberated and Improvisational Quilting

Janet lives in Barnsley and teaches many regular patchwork classes in the area. Mary Cunningsworth heard her speak at the Quilters' Guild AGM in Newcastle last year and her workshop on improvisational patchwork there was very popular. Janet's talk will focus 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: Liberated and Improvisational Piecing

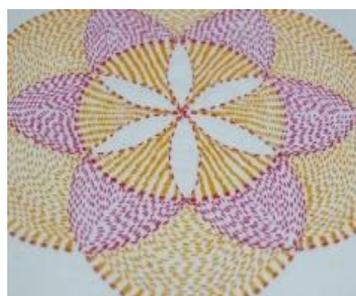
Teachers of improvisational quilting seem to be few and far between, so you may wish to regard the workshop as a technique and sample day or combine your efforts into a finished piece with Janet's examples to inspire you. Sometimes it's good to experiment with a fresh approach! Attendees will benefit not just from Janet's quilting expertise but a lifetime of teaching experience.



Our next meeting 20 July

Angela Daymond is an experienced teacher whose twin passions are Kantha and natural dyeing and she has three books and a DVD to her name. She is inspired by her Fenland surroundings and her students get to enjoy therapeutic qualities of hand stitching in her classes.

Talk: Colour my World



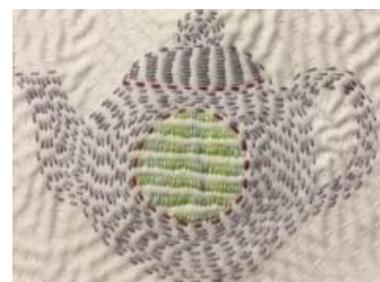
Take a trip around the world looking at how people have used traditional plants, animals and minerals to colour cloth for centuries around the world.

The process of

natural dyeing has changed very little over time. You will hear about traditional European plant dyes, travel east to view tribal mud resist dyeing to the blue indigo vats from Japan.

21 July Workshop Slow, Slow, Stitch, Stitch, Slow

In this workshop you will use the soft colours of naturally dyed fabrics and threads. This day is all about learning how



therapeutic and relaxing hand stitching can be whilst creating your very own masterpiece. You will learn about traditional quilting stitches, Kantha quilting, Japanese Boro and patchwork techniques. The combination of cottons, silks and linens with varying thickness of threads will give endless design possibilities. You will be able to continue stitching into your work after the workshop.

SPECIAL RAFFLE PRIZE TODAY!!

Two free tickets to the Festival of Quilts! The tickets can be used on any of the four days.

Project Linus

RAFFLE 2019

Please visit our stand today and buy a raffle ticket to help support the good work of Project Linus.

Tickets £1 each

Community Interest Company No.08422226

There are three prizes each comprising:
Warm Company wadding donated by **Andrews Agencies** plus a selection of fabrics donated by **Lewis & Irene** (items may not be exactly as shown on table)

Do remember our slogan:

'A quilt is a hug you can keep'.

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Young Oast

We had a busy meeting on 16 March. We made a fish out of coloured strips, appliqued them onto a background and then machine quilted them. The results were very colourful. Some are going to make wall hangings and others cushion covers.

Many thanks to Kerry Huntley for her original idea and thanks also to Carol Goldson and Lynne Brown who helped cut out the colourful strips for the fish.

Next time we are going to have a go at Crazy Patchwork. We have a lot of donated scraps which we will put to good use.

We would also like thank the members who have donated material, threads and notions and also a small sewing machine. We are very grateful as it enables us to make such a variety of items.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Doughty's Road Show

Sunday 12 May 10.30am - 2.30pm

Petham Village Hall, CT4 5RD

Free entrance, Refreshments available

Bring your friends



Biennial Quilt Show 2019

St Mary's Church, Minster-in-Thanel,
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

Quay Quilters Quilt Show

31 May - 10.00am – 4.00pm

1 June - 10.00am – 3.00pm

The Abbey School, London Rd,
Faversham ME13 8RZ

Raffle quilt in aid of FACE Faversham
Assistance Centre

Tombola, Sale Table, Traders,

Home made refreshments

Free parking

Admission £2.50 Under 16s £1

(See photo of raffle quilt at the end of Oast Post)

In house workshop

Hever Stars with Judi Kirk

8 June

10.00am – 4.00pm

Petham Village Hall

Church Lane

CT4 5RD



The next Committee Meeting

will be on **Monday 8 July** at 7.00pm at the
Thanington Neighbourhood Resource Centre
CT1 3XE

The Little Lavender Patch

**Big Clearance Sale
Oast Meeting July 20**

Fabrics

Trimmings

Patterns

Kits

and anything else I find!

See you there for lots of bargains

www.thelittlelavenderpatch.com

0757 8841444

The Lullington 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 Lullington Castle. The Challenge theme this year is 'Castles in the Air'. Further details can be found on the Region 2 section of the Quilters Guild website.

In-House Workshop – Happy Villages

What a great workshop this was with so much creativity and imagination. Here are just a few of the results from the day. *(Editor selected and adjusted)*



Workshops

A polite request if you attend one of our excellent workshops, please take a few minutes at the end to help clear away the tables and chairs, and to check lights, water taps and heaters are turned off. Thank you.

For Sale

Gracie Queen Quilting Frame (99"Lx40"Dx32"-52"H approx) complete with Janome 1600 PQC Sewing Machine £1620

Gracie SureStitch stitch regulator £495

Gracie Laser pointer for paper patterns £30

Gracie Cutter Switch

Unused due to health issues £2145 now **£1600**

Additional Gracie 6-panel Pattern Templates £130 now **£100** each: Tulips, Lavender, Hearts, Popcorn, Swirl and Spiral.

Please contact Sylvie Plested

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Library

Spring has come again! And it's a wonderful time to have a sort out of fabric, books and magazines. If you are able to donate books and magazines to the library either to be sold to raise funds for the library stock or to be added to the library, it would be very much appreciated. The library are aiming to have a book sale at the September meeting, so please plan to bring your donated books and magazines to the July meeting.

An exhibition well worth a visit

The American Museum in Bath has a special exhibition of 20 brand new Kaffe Fassett and Brandon Mably designed quilts. These stunning quilts have been inspired by the Museum's world renowned collection of antique American quilts. Kaffe, Brandon and their design team, worked closely with the chief curator Kate Hebert to select quilts and these treasures were then reimagined and recreated using fabrics designed the team. The exhibition, **Kaffe Fassett's Quilts in America**, is open until 3 November and will provide a unique opportunity to see the old and new alongside one another.



The Old

The New



Quercus Quilters

Recently Quercus Quilters completed a Bluebird Lane Block of the Month challenge. Members were encouraged to alter the pattern in whatever way they wanted. Here are some of the blocks:



Another exhibition to visit?

London Quilters

Quilts at the Library

3 - 28 June 2019 at the Swiss Cottage Library, 88 Adelaide Rd, London NW3 3HA

The exhibition will be open during normal library hours 10.00am to 8.00pm Monday to Thursday and 10.00am to 5.00pm Friday and Saturday. Members of London Quilters will be stewarding the show and will be happy to talk with visitors about any of the works on display.

The beautiful Quay Quilters' Raffle Quilt



Colour and Comfort – a collaborative exhibition with the Quilters' Guild exploring rural quilts and quilting.

1 – February to 8 May,

Hawes, North Yorkshire

“People’s art, sadly now only exercised by the middle class, funded by the poor people’s tax – the Lottery”. This was the last comment in the visitors’ book when I visited the exhibition, ‘Colour and Comfort’ at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes, North Yorkshire. I was appalled! And I have to add, it was the only negative comment in the book. This was a small and perfectly curated exhibition incorporating pieces from the collections of the Quilters’ Guild of the British Isles (QG) and the Dales Countryside Museum. Now that the QG do not have display facilities in York, they are exploring a number of small and intimate exhibition spaces. The exhibition hall in the Museum at Hawes was perfect

The changing fashions and fabrics in the 19th and 20th Centuries were well illustrated with some pieces being made from lavish silks with a vast amount of work in them alongside very utilitarian and worn ‘every day’ quilts. One or two items had received no use or much wear, whereas there were several of the practical quilts which were literally dropping to pieces. This in itself was interesting to study, especially where the silk patches had been conserved. Several of the local quilts had originated from one family and were obviously much appreciated. One such was rescued from a tractor-cover destination by the owner’s cousin when it was deemed no longer fit for the bed.

Liz Coleman

