



# SNIPPETS

The Farnham Quilters' Newsletter

April 2022

Please send items for May Snippets by 30 April to [ruthandpeterh@gmail.com](mailto:ruthandpeterh@gmail.com). If you have been to an exhibition or found an interesting shop or website, please share!

## FQ COVID GUIDELINES

To provide a safe environment for everyone, please do not attend the meeting if there is any chance you have the virus. Even though you may not have any symptoms you would be putting the rest of the group at risk. Mask wearing is now optional, but we understand that some of you may prefer to keep wearing your mask. Please let a member of the committee know if you would prefer to sit with other people wearing masks.

At present we are not providing teas & coffees and recommend that people bring their own refreshments as required. This will be monitored regularly.

We want our meetings to be safe and enjoyable for all.

## Next Few Meetings

- 11 April** – Block of the Month  
Dresden Plate with Lyn and Celia  
See details and requirements below
- 9 May** – Block of the Month (TBD)
- 13 June** – Guest Speaker Andrea Ashwell  
*Please see more information below*

For your diary ...

**Sat 11 June**  
thread... a festival of textiles, Farnham  
Maltings.9am-5pm, £8, under 18s free  
Tickets available  
<https://farnhammaltings.com/events>

## What's on Elsewhere

### 1-3rd April

Guild AGM & Conference 2022  
Wherstead Park, The Street, Ipswich IP9  
2BJ, a Guild event being organised by  
Region 8. 11:00am on 1st April,  
to 9:30pm on the 3rd April

### 2 April

World Textile Day South East England –  
Surrey, East Horsley Village Hall,  
Kingston Ave, E Horsley, Leatherhead,  
Free entry to exhibition and sale of fair-  
trade textiles. 11am talk *Palestinian  
Dress and Costume* £5 at the door  
[http://worldtextileday.co.uk/2022-  
dates/south-east-2022](http://worldtextileday.co.uk/2022-dates/south-east-2022)

### 28-30 April

The National Quilt Championships  
Sandown, Sandown Exhibition Centre  
Sandown Park Racecourse, Portsmouth  
Road, KT10 9AJ. Thur-Fri 10:00am –  
4:30pm, Sat 10:00am – 4:00pm  
Advance Prices: Adults: £8, Seniors: £7  
Child: £2, On the door: Adults: £11  
Seniors: £10 Child: £4

[https://www.grosvenorshows.co.uk/the-  
national-quilt-championships-sandown/](https://www.grosvenorshows.co.uk/the-national-quilt-championships-sandown/)

### 30 April-1 May

Meon Valley Quilters Exhibition,  
Rookesbury Park, Southwick Road,  
Wickham, Hampshire PO17 6HT. Sat  
10–5 pm, Sun 10–4 pm, Adm £3.50  
Talk by Joy Savage, 2 pm Saturday  
Tickets £3 in advance or on the day  
[www.meonvalleyquilters.org.uk](http://www.meonvalleyquilters.org.uk)

### 12-15 May

Spring Quilts UK Malvern, Three  
Counties Showground, Severn Hall,  
Malvern, Worcestershire WR13  
6NW10am-5pm (Sun 4.30pm)  
[https://www.grosvenorshows.co.uk/quilts-  
uk-malvern/](https://www.grosvenorshows.co.uk/quilts-uk-malvern/)

## Last Month's Meeting

Natalie introduced a new member – another Margaret and thanked everyone for their hard work. Photos were going onto the website. Brigitte's book sale raised £87.50 (see below). Natalie suggested we should make up a 'to do' list to help people organising future Maltings exhibitions. Natalie also reminded members that the 2022 Challenge, *My Garden*, should be handed in at the October meeting/AGM.

Many thanks to Sheila for showing those who had never done Log Cabin how to do it and reminding those who hadn't done it for a few years. A fun evening was had by all. Next month's activity will be a Dresden Plate block with Lyn.



## Message from the Committee

The committee would like to thank everybody for all their help at the Maltings, which seemed to be very successful. Brigitte's sale of books raised £85.85 and this has been rounded up to £90 and donated to Farnham Assist is a charity for older people in Farnham.

We would also like to get a feel for how many people use the Farnham Quilters Website. It is built on old technology, and we are struggling to maintain it to a professional standard. It will cost us £75 to renew, so if having a website is important to the group, we are going to need help to maintain it.

But there are alternative options like using Facebook. For those of you on Facebook but haven't joined the FQ group please do so on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/143458490437324> You will be asked the following question:

*"Please let us know your interest in Farnham Quilters"*

So just say member. I am having a look at how interactive I can make it, with reminders for meetings and events.

We do have people on the Facebook group that aren't members as we may be able to get them to join us for a sewing day or a speaker night, even if they don't join the group.

Please let me know your thoughts.

Thanks – Natalie

## Maltings

Message from Caroline Pearce, Craft coordinator, Farnham Maltings:

Dear All,

Thank you all so much for all your marvellous displays it was wonderful to have all your fantastic hard work on display this year we missed it so much last year! Please do spread the word about the maltings mini quilts it would be lovely to have more in over the year, our plan is to make them into bunting for the glass entrance so we will need lots more to create this!

Please save the date for 2023 Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan.

<https://farnhammaltings.com/artists-and-makers/craft/festivals/quilters-fabric-sale/quilters-fair-maltings-mini-quilt-2-1-1-1>

## Block of the Month – April Meeting

Lyn and Celia will be demonstrating and discussing the traditional 'Dresden Plate' technique. If you would like to start one at the meeting, you will need about 12 fabric scraps roughly 6½" x 3½", either matching, co-ordinating or 'scrappy'.



## Speaker, 13 June Meeting: Andrea Ashwell.

You are welcome to invite friends and guests who would be interested in joining us for this meeting. The charge of £5.00 per guest. Please forward the details below to anyone you think might like to come:

**Monday 13<sup>TH</sup> June – 19:30 / £5.00**

**The Spire Church, South Street, Farnham, Surrey, GU9 7QU**

Please join Farnham Quilters for an evening with Andrea and her amazing quilts.

A little about Andrea in her own words -

I was born in Germany, and I am married to an Englishman. We have lived in Wiltshire for well over 20 years. When I was in my twenties I discovered the joys of quilting and started to find out all that I could about the craft, making my first quilt in the mid-1980s. After exploring English Piecing, I went on to learn about other methods - but it had always been my dream to make a wholecloth quilt. I constantly sought out classes (wherever they might be) which I felt could increase my skills until I was finally ready to design my first wholecloth quilt. You'll find some images of the quilts I have made since then in my gallery pages. Then I was invited – for the very first time - to teach at Midsomer Quilting. Word quickly spread and I haven't looked back

# Guild News

## Lullingstone Quilt & Craft Festival 2022

15<sup>th</sup> - 17 July This event runs from and will take place at Lullingstone Castle, Eynsford, Kent, DA4 0JA. It is a Guild event organised by Jan Allston, [exhibitionorg\\_reg2@quiltersguild.org.uk](mailto:exhibitionorg_reg2@quiltersguild.org.uk).

## From Jan Alston, Region 2 Newsletter

### Ukraine

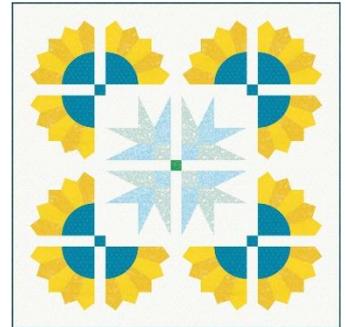
I had an ail from one of our quilters asking if anyone in the southeast is co-ordinating efforts to get cot and child quilts to arriving Ukrainian refugees coming to the UK? Rather like the Linus Project. She said she would very much like to contribute to something like this. If you have heard of anyone doing this please let me know and I will pass the information on. Jan Allston [allston.towers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:allston.towers@hotmail.co.uk).

If you would like a free quilt pattern to support Ukraine then look here:

<https://sewcanshe.com/peace-for-ukraine-free-sunflower-quilt-pattern/>

Peace for Ukraine – free sunflower quilt pattern

[free quilt patterns](#) | [misc](#)



## Hand-painted fabric design by Matthew John

As new member of the Quilters' Guild I'm delighted to announce the launch of my new fabric design company Ombre and it's first collection of twelve original patterns.

My interest in quilting began when I lived in New Zealand but it was during lockdown that I fully embraced my passion for pattern design and first explored the possibility of transposing them onto fabric. I would like to think the twelve varied designs featured in the launch collection provide a refreshing new look at fabric design and that as experienced quilters' you might use them as a tool to further your creativity.

I look forward to meeting you all, perhaps at The Festival of Quilts where I plan to take a trade stand. In the meantime, if you have any questions or suggestions concerning the website or my designs, I'm sure your feedback would be informative, and I'd welcome it. I also have an Instagram page you can link to on the follow section of the website [www.ombrecollection.com](http://www.ombrecollection.com) Lastly there is a **10% Quilters' Guild discount code QG10** at the website check out should you be tempted. Matthew John,



**Ombre**

10 Market Place, NE46 1ZG, Hexham

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## Quilt Fabrics for Ukraine

Extract from Cotton Patch Newsletter 27 March

It is difficult to comprehend how, in the 21st century, we have yet another war in Europe, but there is no denying the trauma and suffering of the Ukrainian people as they flee the bullets and bombs. On a positive note, it is inspiring to see how many people are offering help to the refugees and many people are looking at how they can use their skills to make a difference. For those children who have had to flee with nothing but the clothes they are wearing, the gift of a quilt is a source of comfort and we know that some of our customers are already getting creative on a local level to make this happen.

[If you are thinking of doing the same you may be interested to know that we have a selection of some of our child-friendly fabrics that we are offering at £3/m off our regular price.](#) You can find these under our new Quilts for Ukraine page. If you decide to make a quilt to donate, please do send us a picture if you are happy for us to feature it on our social media.

[cottonpatch.co.uk](http://cottonpatch.co.uk)

### 2022 Programme

2022	Meetings	Mtg Activities	Hale Days	Sewing Days	Other Significant Dates	
Jan	10 Jan	Zoom Meeting				
Feb	14 Feb	Maltings preparation	07 Feb	United Quilters		
Mar	14 Mar	BOM - Log Cabin (Sheila)			13 Mar	Farnham Maltings Quilters Fair
Apr	11 April	BOM - Dresden Plate (Lyn)			28 - 30 April	National Quilt Championships Sandown
May	09 May	BOM - TBD	09 May	United Quilters		
Jun	13 June	Andrea Ashwell	18 Jun	Farnham Quilters - Blocks	11 June	Threads Festival of Textiles Farnham Maltings
Jul	11 July	BOM – Flying Dutchman (Vera)				
Aug	08 Aug	BOM - TBD			18 - 21 August	Festival of Quilts NEC Birmingham
Sep	12 Sep	BOM - TBD	10 Sep	Farnham Quilters - Quilt as you go		
Oct	10 Oct	AGM Return of Challenge				
Nov	14 Nov	TBD	19 Nov	Farnham Quilters - Finishing quilt		
Dec	12 Dec	Christmas activity				

BOM = Block of the Month

TBD = To Be Determined

Saturday 9 th April, 10am to 4pm

## Fabric and Craft Sale

*Whether you want to sell or buy*

Patchwork, dressmaking textiles and notions  
knitting, embroidery or craft supplies  
patterns and craft books

Visitor Entrance : Free

To book a sales table or for more details

Contact: Beverly Vaughan [beverlyvaughan@me.com](mailto:beverlyvaughan@me.com)

Mobile: 07788 417091

Trader: Janet's Fabrics will be there with fabrics,  
Embroidery, dressmaking, bag making notions



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