



SNIPPETS

The Farnham Quilters' Newsletter

August 2018

Please send items for September Snippets by 31 August to ruthandpeterh@gmail.com

If you have been to an exhibition or found an interesting shop or website, please share!

Coffee Rota Reminder.

August

Lyn Stallybrass and Judith Murray

September

Margaret Mullery and Bernie Collins

The Next Few Months at FQ

13 August

- Sew and Chat
- Bring and Buy Sale – please label items with name and price.

10 September

Ann Beare 'Textiles – The Journey So Far'. Ann is a contemporary textile artist whose work encompasses quilting, embroidery and mixed media. She creates her own fabric through the use of dye and/or paint which is then embellished by hand/machine stitching.

Liz Wilson

I was very sad to learn we have lost our member Liz Wilson. In the time I knew her she never had great health but it deteriorated markedly in the last couple of years but still she maintained her independent spirit much to the consternation of those members closer to her. She was managing to live at home alone with very little support right up until quite recently. Liz was an early member of Farnham Quilters and served on the committee and held the post of Treasurer. She always gratefully received any small scraps of fabric and managed to use them in Quilts as long of course they were NOT yellow.

Sheila Musson

What's on Elsewhere

9-11 August

Festival of Quilts NEC, Birmingham.

See thefestivalofquilts.co.uk

17-18 August

Wessex Quilmakers Summer Exhibition, 'Nearly 40' at the Middle Brook Centre, Winchester SO23 8DQ. Details below.

31 August-1 September

West Country Quilt & Textile Show, Exhibition Centre, University of the West of England, Filton Bristol BS34 8QZ (details on website) www.gatheringmemoriesuk.wordpress.com

31 August – 2 September

Handmade and Homegrown Festival, Hever 10 am until 4 pm at Hever Castle & Gardens, Hever, Edenbridge, Kent TN8 7NG. contact Mags James mags.james@googlemail.com

4-16 September

'Just One Day' – By Design's latest exhibition. Romsey Abbey SO51 8EP. 10-4 pm 5

September

Southampton Quilters Exhibition, Hilldene Community Centre, High St. West End, Southampton SO30 3DU. Adm £2.50.

Contact Peggy Goddard 01489 575738

22 September

Surrey Regional Day, The Old Barn, Church Road, Great Bookham KT23 2PQ..See below.

15-16 September

Dulwich Quilters Exhibition, Bell House, 27 College Road SE21 7BG 10-00-5.00 pm £4 In aid of Alzheimers Society

5-6 October

Mole Valley Quilters and Dorking Quilters Exhibition of Quilts, St. Nicolas Church, Church Road, Great Bookham, KT23 3PD. Fri noon to 5pm, Sat 9.00-4.00pm Entry £3

26-28 October

Richmond and Kew Quilters Exhibition Landmark Arts Centre, Ferry Road, Teddington TW11 9NN 10.00-5 pm, (4.00 Sat) Adm £3..

Last Month's Meeting

After a stiflingly hot day, this year's Summer Garden Party in Lyn's lovely garden was, literally a 'breath of fresh air' as a welcome breeze kept the temperature just right. We had to usual delicious buffet supplied by the members with some tempting desserts and plenty of cool drinks. The garden was bedecked with Pinewood's quilts, some of which had won awards at Sandown. (See below.) Altogether a lovely, relaxing evening.

Haslemere Show-and-Tell

Don't forget our return visit takes place on September 26th and we will need quilts to show! Quilts can be brought to both the August and the September meetings.

Pencils Quilt

The 'Pencils ' quilt pieced at our April meeting, which Judy quilted and finished, was given to Parkside for their Summer Fair raffle. We have had a thank you from them saying that one of the young ladies from one of the groups won the quilt and was the envy of some of the others, winning such a beautiful quilt!

The second quilt is being quilted by Gill Tilburn and will be given to Linus after The Maltings.

Pinewood Quilters at Sandown

An eagle-eyed member has noticed that quilts by Pinewood Quilters which achieved second and third in the Group Quilts section at Sandown are featured in the August edition of British Patchwork and Quilting, as well as Lyn Stallybrass's 'spot' quilt, awarded third place in the Bed Quilt category.

Guild News

Festival of Quilts - volunteers

Deborah Harding, the editor of the Region 2 Newsletter has had the following request for members who are knowledgeable about the Guild, maybe some of you will be interested

"This is NOT an appeal to ask you to do more, but a request that you think whether there are any members with a good knowledge of The Guild that could be asked to do even just an hour to help us out. Past Coordinators, ex-Trustees or long standing volunteers all come into that category.

Unfortunately because of increased Guild presence at FOQ the rota's are still looking pretty thin. As you know anyone doing 2 x 2hr slots is offered free entry but this may be too much of a time commitment for visitors. We'd still be grateful for an hour of someone's time! If anyone is interested could they please contact Sheena Roberts who is now managing the rota - foqofficer@quiltersguild.org.uk"

Help with Young Quilters at Hever

As many of you know we do a "Sit 'n' Sew" for all children between the ages of 5 to 18 and to do this we have to call out to you for your help. I am starting to put a rota together to ensure that we can accommodate all the children that want to "Sit 'n' Sew". This is very often their first experience at a sewing machine. Think how rewarding it can be, as you've help sow the seed to the next generation and possibly into the wonderful world of sewing.

I'm planning two-hour sessions on any of the three days and in return for your time you will receive a free ticket into the grounds for one day. I

f you haven't given it a go before then please do think about it, why not give it a try this year. Two hours of your time can prove to be very fulfilling and it is a lovely day out at Hever where you can also see the Quilting Exhibition in the main marquee and of course the other stalls at their Homemade and Homegrown Festival. I believe this maybe the last Hever and this will make a good saving on the entrance price.

Dates and times, 31st August to 2nd September from 10 am until 4 pm at Hever Castle & Gardens, Hever, Edenbridge, Kent TN8 7NG.

Please contact Mags James mags.james@googlemail 07907 833336
Sheila Musson.

Stewards and others needed for Hever Quilt Show – 31st August, 1st and 2nd September

It's not hard work. It's chatting to people while wearing white gloves and handling quilts. It's not for long. You will do two stints of 1 1/2 hours and the rest of the day is yours to explore the gardens, look at the quilts and do some retail therapy. It won't cost you anything – entry to the grounds of the castle is free for stewards, programme sellers and other helpers. Can you sit with a visitor and show them how to make a quilt block? We also need adult beginner companions who can show them how to and help them make a simple block and get them started on the slippery slope to being quilters! You all know how addictive it is! Free ticket for you!

Can you sell programmes? Greet people with a smile as they arrive in the marquee? Tell me when are available and I'll add you to the rota. You get a free ticket as well!

Are you available to help with setting up the show on Thursday or taking down the quilts on Sunday? Even if you've done it before and know the ropes, quilt stands, etc, please let me know if you are available to help out this year again. Free entry to the grounds!

Contact Jan Allston 01323 487411 allston.towers@hotmail.co.uk for details and glove sizes!

Need an idea for the Hever tombola? Here's a free pattern for an easy cushion cover!

http://www.makeitcoats.com/us/product/nautical-anchor-patio-pillow/?sc_src=email_1097128&sc_lid=77112620&sc_uid=Kfp9csKICl&sc_lid=17606&sc_eh=b1ead26efb323d9d1

Rosemary Blackburn is looking after the raffle again this year, Rosemary would like any new stitching items you might like to donate to make up raffle prizes. You can get Rosemary's contact details from April's edition of Two's Company or give items to your Area Representative who will make sure they are delivered..

Surrey Regional Day (*They need more ticket sales*)

Saturday 22 September The Old Barn Hall, Church Road, Great Bookham, Surrey KT23 3PQ
10.30 Stephanie Crawford talk 'My Unfolding Story' (How I arrived at the work I do now and the way I go about it)

1.45 Jennie Rayment **new** talk 'Got Stitched Up' –

£12 for Guild members - £16 if booked after 31 July. Non members £16/£20

Tea, coffee, biscuits provided – bring own lunch. Contact jan.surrey2@btinternet.com

'I am going to The regional day on Saturday 22nd September in Great Bookham so if anyone would like a lift please let me know.' Sheila Musson.

Advance Notice of Workshop

Jill Rose Brennan, a contemporary quilter from Hampshire has been asked to tutor a workshop on Saturday 10th November 2018 at Little Bookham Village Hall, Little Bookham Street, Bookham Surrey. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. It is hoped the cost will be around £25 for members and £30 for non members. The topic is yet to be finalized but they would be looking at printing and painting backgrounds which would then be used for machine quilting and appliqué, and final details will be available for the next edition of 2s Company or before. It would be very good to have an idea of the interest in such a workshop. Jill Rose Brennan has a web site with examples of her work (see her galleries) at jillrosebrennan.co.uk, though no doubt by November she will have new ideas! Please contact Jan Godding: email jan.surrey2@btinternet.com or phone on 01372 453801 to discuss the workshop and express interest.

International Quilters!

On 16th July whilst sitting outside a Café in Fornells, Menorca enjoying an early morning cup of coffee when I glanced up and who should come out of the café but Sheila Musson (what are the chances of that). We were both with our husbands!!!!

Bourne Quilters Exhibition Emsworth 28th July 2018

I love to visit Bourne Quilters Exhibition every other year. They always have a wonderful display of their work. This year I particularly liked the quilts including "Hampshire" on them. The design of the print used was by Emma Ball but when I looked up the fabric I found they are tea towels designed by her and then cut up. There seems to be a tea towel for every county. Also showing were some interesting ideas on how to use up all those little squares with animals on that I seem to have a lot of.

And guess who I bumped into from Farnham Quilters - Sheila Musson!
Pam Andrews

'Sisters ' Quilt Tour.

At a very early hour on July 2nd three intrepid members of Farnham Quilters and one husband (bag carrier) joined others at Heathrow Airport for a flight to Tacoma, Seattle in Washington State with the ultimate aim of a visit to Sisters in Oregon for the outdoor quilt show, held every year on the second Saturday in July.

We spent the first four nights on Bainbridge Island, off Seattle where we enjoyed the 4th July celebrations, a firework show, a day in Seattle and also an evening cruise out of Seattle to Blake Island where we enjoyed an excellent dinner and a show by local dancers wearing wooden masks weighing 55lbs! Our last day there was a visit to Port Gamble Quilt Shop who provided us with a picnic lunch---a VERY large sandwich and an equally large piece of brownie. This followed a talk, given by Maggie Bell, an English quilter now resident in America. She showed us some quite lovely quilts.

The next two days were spent in Portland. We drove via Mount St. Helens, a most impressive sight with an illuminating and helpful film show in the Visitors Centre. The following morning we visited the McKenna Ryan quilt shop. She has a very particular style of quilt design and there were many kits and pre-packs available to buy. The afternoon was free and there were several choices of venue to visit. We opted for Powell's Book Store, reputedly the largest book store in the USA. I restrained myself and only bought four quilt books!

On Sunday we set off to Bend for a seven night stay, visiting The Fabric Depot en route. During our time in Bend, we made several visits to Sisters (about 15 miles away) , visited more quilt shops, Joann's and Walmarts , the latter two by popular request. There were also trips to Crater Lake and the High Desert Museum. The day before the show we went over to Sisters for a picnic tea followed by a Show and Tell from the two main organisers of the show, Jean and Valori Wells.

The highlight of the tour has to be, of course, the outdoor quilt show. It was a very hot day - 97 degrees - and quite a few didn't manage to stay all day. We arrived about 8.00am and the first call for many of us was to see the display brought over by some of the tour group, some 28 quilts in total. I think we put on a good show and certainly flew the flag for Great Britain. There were over 1000 quilts on display, hung from railings, buildings, stands, roofs and, in fact, anywhere a quilt could be hung. The main streets were closed to traffic and it was very busy, but it never felt crowded and there was a lovely atmosphere, friendly, excited and happy.

We travelled with P&Q tours with Judi Mendelssohn as our guide. I cannot praise her too highly and I can certainly recommend this tour. We arrived home tired, happy and all shopped out!
Judy Jones