



# SNIPPETS

The Farnham Quilters' Newsletter

August 2019

Please send items for September Snippets by 31 August to [ruthandpeterh@gmail.com](mailto:ruthandpeterh@gmail.com). If you have been to an exhibition or found an interesting shop or website, please share!

## Coffee Rota Reminder.

### September

Patra Wells and Sue Dawson

### August

Ruth French and Judy Jones

### October

Penny Savill and Sheila Musson

## The Next Few Months at FQ

### 12 August

Sewing Evening – 'Sew and Chat'. For those who were not at the June meeting, Lyn and Vera will bring along the two 'Ditch the Machine' projects again.

### 7 September

Sewing Day at Hale Institute 10.00-4.00 pm  
Tea & Coffee provided, bring own lunch. Cost £5.  
Sign up at August meeting or email Carole Johnson. See more details below.

### 9 September

'My Quilting Life' by Chris Dobson

### 14 October

AGM  
Return of the Challenge

## What's on Elsewhere

### 1-4 August

Festival of Quilts, NEC, Birmingham.

### 9 - 31 August 2019

West Country Quilt and Textile Show  
the University of the West of England  
Exhibition Centre, Filton Road, Bristol,  
BS34 8QZ 1000am to 1630pm daily.

Tickets £12

[www.westcountryquiltshow.co.uk/tickets](http://www.westcountryquiltshow.co.uk/tickets)

### 30-31 August

Chailey 6 Textile Group exhibition of  
textiles, patchwork & Quilting, Chailey  
Reading Room, Chailey Green (A275)  
Chailey, BN8 4DA 10.00-4.00 pm

[barbara@diamondconsulting.co.uk](mailto:barbara@diamondconsulting.co.uk)

### 17-29 September

Textiles from the Edge, Edgy Stitchers  
(CQ Kent), Upper Gallery at Creek  
Creative Studios, Faversham, Kent

ME13 7BE 10.00-4.00 pm (except

Mondays) [creek-creative.org](http://creek-creative.org)

### 21-22 September

Roundabout Quilters Show, All Saints'  
Church, Southern Road, Basingstoke  
RG21 7NP (disabled parking only).

10.00-4.00 (Sat), 12.00-4.00 (Sun)

Admission £3

[roundaboutquilters@gmail.com](mailto:roundaboutquilters@gmail.com)

### 28 September

Surrey Regional Day, Old Barn Hall,  
Church Road, Great Bookham KT23  
3PQ. 9.00 am-4.00 pm

[westsurrey@quiltersguild.org.uk](mailto:westsurrey@quiltersguild.org.uk)

More details below.

### **Last Month's Meeting**

A lovely evening in Lyn's beautiful garden. As always, members contributed to a delicious meal and the weather was kind to us. We were treated to a super show-and-tell, including Pinewood's winning entry in the group quilt section at Sandown.

### **Sewing Day on Saturday 7 September**

Come and spend a day sewing, away from interruption.

- Explore the possibilities of Strips.... With a selection of six fabrics cut into strips, piece the simple but impressive Hidden Wells block - or try a variant which only uses four.
- Or start with strips to make a basic Nine Patch - and perhaps take it further with a variant like Disappearing Nine Patch.
- Share tips and techniques for accurate and speedy cutting and piecing.
- Alternatively, just come along with your own sewing.

If you've got stuck with a technique and would welcome some help, let Natalie know [Natalie.lang@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Natalie.lang@hotmail.co.uk) beforehand and we'll try and organise some help.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the August meeting or you can email Carole at [fgmembershipsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:fgmembershipsecretary@gmail.com)

### **St Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

We have been invited to participate in this event. This involves making **a lot** of fabric Christmas Tree Decorations!

Our theme is **Stars**, using **red, cream and gold** fabrics.

The Committee is looking for patterns, the more the merrier. If you have anything suitable or can provide some fabrics in this colour range please let Carole or any member of the Committee know.

We will be making them at the **November** meeting but if you want to get started before that, please feel free!

Please note that we will not now be trying to put together a Christmas themed quilt/quilts for Linus at the November meeting but if you are interested in making one have a word with one of the Committee at the next meeting.

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## **Guild News**

### **Region Two annual exhibition**

Previously held at Hever Castle for over twenty years this exhibition had a new venue and date this year at Lullingstone Castle. The venue is just off the M25 at junction 3 down quite a long narrow lane but as I was early everyone was going in the same direction. One hour and 5 minutes from Farnham.

The quilts over 100 of them, slightly more than the competition quilts at Sandown, were displayed well in the castle and a marquee. It was a lovely sunny day on Sunday but I wonder how the light was on the wet Friday and Saturday viewing the quilts in the castle? The challenge "Castles in the air" only had 6 entries but the winner Pascale Michalski with 'The King is yawning' was stunning, though not my cup of tea.

The rest of the show is only judged by visitors' choice. The winner was number 197 'Round the Garden' by Sheila Rayner a worthy winner, so much fine detail. It says in the catalogue that it was a block of the month from The Quilt Modern magazine you can see the pattern here [https://www.materialobsession.com.au/epages/mama12093.sf/en\\_GB/?ObjectPath=/Shops/mama12093/Products/%22Round%20The%20Garden-Pattern%22](https://www.materialobsession.com.au/epages/mama12093.sf/en_GB/?ObjectPath=/Shops/mama12093/Products/%22Round%20The%20Garden-Pattern%22)

It was difficult to decipher the entry numbers of some quilts and they were also hung in totally random order. This always vexes me as I like to make sure I have seen everything! There were quite a few quilts I could happily have homed.

You can now enter a quilt if you belong to an affiliated group, which we all do, or be a Quilters Guild member. So how about it??

There were other traders and crafters in the marquee and face painters and eagle heights falconry in attendance. A refreshments marquee appeared to be run by volunteers.

I am afraid the journey home was not quite as speedy as there was a lane closure on the M25 but as my daughter lives just off Reigate Hill I took the opportunity to pop in for a coffee and all was clear when I returned.

Sheila Musson

### **Next Year's Lullingstone Show**

Provisional dates are 10th to 12th July 2020 - they are trying to keep it away from Festival of Quilts which seems to get earlier every year and Sandown. They might even be able to get a large screen for those who want to see the finals at Wimbledon!

Region 2 next event is the September Regional Day in Bookham on 28th September. Please see Two's Company for details or ask Irina Ince/Alison Gisvold our Surrey Reps.

### **Surrey Regional Day**

28th September 2019 from 9:00am to 4:00pm and will take place at Old Barn Hall, Church Road, Great Bookham KT23 3PQ. It is a Guild event being organised by Alison Gisvold or Irina Ince, [westsurrey@quiltersguild.org.uk](mailto:westsurrey@quiltersguild.org.uk).

Speakers:

Cathy Corbishley Michel (Textiles and Blue Printing)

Tiggy Rawling (travels in India)

Traders, Demonstrators, Quilt display, Project Linus, Raffle

Bring packed lunch, refreshments available with donation. Free parking and disabled access

Tickets: After 31st July members £20 non-members £30

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### **Update**

Following the item on "Faith Ringgold Quilts at the Serpentine Gallery – until 8 September" in last month's Snippets, Alan Yentob interviewed Faith Ringgold for the 'Imagine' Series on BBC 1 on Sunday 14 July.. The programme is available on iPlayer until 12 July. There wasn't very much about her quilts, but it was a fascinating programme about an inspirational woman. *Ed.*