



SNIPPETS

The Farnham Quilters' Newsletter

February 2024

Please send items for March Snippets by 28 February to ruthandpeterh@gmail.com. If you have been to an exhibition or found an interesting shop or website, please share!

Teas and Coffees

Just a reminder about refreshments. Tea/coffee, including Decaf, are available but please bring your own herbal tea if you wish and don't; forget to bring a mug.

Our coffee volunteer to manage the basket is Kathryn Gibbons.

Next Few Meetings

12 February - 4 Quilts – 4 Quilters

11 March - Yasmeen from Sand and Stars talking about her hand appliqué.

(It is hoped that Julia Gahagan's talk on Miniature Quilt Making can be re-scheduled for later in the year)



What's on Elsewhere

23-25 February

Unravel – a festival of yarn, The Maltings, Farnham
Fri, Sat 9.30-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm. £12 in advance, a£14 on the door.
boxoffice@farnhammaltings.com

16 March

Region 3 Regional Day, Swanmore Village Hall, New Road, Southampton SO322PF

17 March

Region 3 Workshop, '3-D and Hexagonal Happening'. See details below.

21 – 24 March

The Stitch Festival, Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, London
<https://www.thestitchfestival.co.uk/>

16-19 May

Quilts UK Malvern, Severn Hall, 3 Counties Showground, Malvern, Worcs

14-16 June

Kempton Park Quilt Show, Kempton Racecourse, Surrey (New venue - replaces Sandown Park)
<https://www.grosvenorshows.co.uk/>

Please see also:

<https://www.quiltersguild.org.uk/events/upcoming>

for details of virtual Guild events.

Last Month's Meeting

A busy meeting, making preparations for the Maltings Quilt Show. Those who had brought their quilts did a show and tell', And the 2024 Challenge was handed out.

Farnham Quilters Challenge 2024

Make a lovely quilt using half square triangles. You can use squares as well if you want to.

The quilt should be at least forty-two inches square. As You know, there are many patterns to choose from – your chance to go wild with something unusual.

As the quilt will be a suitable size, you can gift it to the Linus Project if you don't want to keep it.

Maltings

We had a good day at the Maltings quilt fair and the room looked good. There were lots of visitors, particularly during the middle of the day. Lots of photos were taken and as usual people were surprised by the number of quilts produced by a small group. All the spare programmes were picked up and 3-4 people interested in joining were encouraged to come to a speaker night.

Val collected 30 Linus quilts on the day, and we received £20.70 in donations in the bags. The one with the most in belonged to Penny so she will choose the charity it goes to.

Margie

Hale Sewing Days

- The 16 March booking at Hale has been transferred to Pinewood for the International Quilting Day.
- Remaining FQ sewing days are: 22 June and 21 September.

Young Quilters

We had very successful 'Make and take' sessions with The Young Quilters at Farnham Maltings Quilter's Fair and have signed up quite a few new young members. They had the choice of a hanging bird or a mug rug. Many thanks must go to all who helped especially those that supplied kits ready to go and those that stayed beyond their allotted time to keep helping. I had a lovely e mail from one Mum, who hadn't known that Young Quilters existed to say how much her daughter had enjoyed making her Mug rug which was now on her bedside table. Two boys, who are not Y Q's or local, came along for the third year running. Viv from Purple stitches sent her son up, he then returned with a friend to help her make a mat and brought us 5 different ½ metres of fabric!!

We will have a presence at Thread in June running a have a go for adults and children. Open to suggestions but maybe make blocks that can be used for Project Linus quilt/s?

Sheila



Fleece Blankets

I have been given two fleece blankets which I have washed. If anyone would like them, please contact me or I'll give them to a charity.

Thank you. - Brigitte

Spire Church Doorbell.

We haven't had any response from Spire on the subject of the doorbell so for the moment, if anyone has a problem getting in, please phone Sheila on 079019 34 137 to get in.

Guild News

Region 3 Regional Day and Workshop, 16 and 17 March at Swanmore Village Hall, New Road, Southampton.

Regional Day: 16 March, 10.00 – 4.00 pm

Morning: Jackie Dimmock with tales of the police force as well as quilting stories

Afternoon: Internationally acclaimed quilter, Jennie Rayment will entertain with a light-hearted romp through the mysteries of fabric manipulation and surface texture.

Workshop: 17 March 10.00 – 4.00 pm.

Jennie will be running the workshop '3D and Hexagonal Happenings!'. From triangles, diamonds and hexagons, create a multitude of 3D and diametrically different designs.

Cost for the day is £19 for members and £22.50 for non-members. Bookings must be made at reg3@quiltersguild.org.uk or write to Rose Cottage, Village Street, Thruxton, SP11 8LZ. Give your name, membership number and telephone number. Tickets will not be issued in order to 'save the planet' but names will be checked off on a list on the day.

Two solid days of Guild Entertainment

On 20 and 21 January the Quilters Guild ran a fund-raising online Retreat with the theme Reduce and Recycle. For £40 we got a programme running from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on each day, including a total of 16 short lectures featuring Stuart Hillard, Judi Kirk, Sarah Cook and Sarah Hibbert amongst others, a workshop with Philippa Naylor and plenty of "chat" time. There was a Quiz on both evenings, a 75 questions quilt based one on Saturday and a more informal Region 3 Kate Christie one on Sunday. So, who knows how many eyes there are in a standard pack of playing cards? Much argument and frantic counting up ensued. Also, all the lectures were recorded and are available for a further month to watch again or catch any that were missed.

If any Guild members wish they had signed up and didn't, or anyone now wants to join the Guild to participate, next year's Retreat will be 18/19 January.

Penny Savill.

Enthusiastically endorsed by Sheila

The Loft Events

The Loft has lined up a calendar of exciting events, starting with a programme of online international speakers. The schedule is bound to draw a large audience, so we advise booking as early as possible to avoid disappointment. Keep an eye out for more details and booking availability in

the fortnightly Guild Member Update emails. All talks will be recorded, and a link sent to all who purchase a ticket. It is not generally possible to record workshops. All ticket sales are final. Refunds will only be offered if the event could not take place.

To book, visit <https://buy.stripe.com/3csaFh2gD5vR4qQ3cC>

Scrappy Applique 2 - 10th February 2024, 13:00-17:00 Virtual £45.00

Scrappy applique takes the pressure off of piecing perfectly, allowing you to explore colour and pattern in a fun and easy way.

Templates give you just enough direction to give you confidence in your finished quilt, but freedom to create a quilt that is as unique as you are!

Choose your favourite Scrappy Applique pattern (there are lots of animals/dogs/cityscapes/sewing themes) and create your own quilt top in class. Katie will walk you through the whole process step-by-step, and let you in on all the insider tips and tricks.

Note that this is a second offering of this 4-hour class.



Allyson Allen - Gees Bend Quilts - 25th February 2024, 16:30 -18:00, Virtual, £8

Textile artist, author, teacher and curator Allyson has a special interest in American history and African folklore. She will talk us through the history of Gees Bend quilts illustrated by many recreated quilts.

Note that this talk is schedule for Sunday. This talk will be recorded, and a link sent to all who purchase a ticket.

