



SNIPPETS

The Farnham Quilters' Newsletter

June 2024

Please send items for June Snippets by 23 May, if possible, 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

- 10 June** Guild suitcase called "It's Grim up North" which was a challenge for Guild members to make a 12.5" square quilt.
- 22 June** Hale Sewing Day 10.00 am – 4.00 pm
£7 for members
- 8 July** Annual Garden Party

Parking

Don't forget there is now a parking charges of £2.00 in the evening between 6.30pm and 10.00pm.

This applies to Central Car Park, South Street (max 4 hours), Lower Hart and Brightwells Yard.

What's on Elsewhere

6 – 16 June

Spirit of Place - An exhibition of art textiles by Curious Threads. Sullington Manor Farm Sullington Lane Storrington West Sussex, RH20 4AE. 10.00 -16.00
Cafe and free parking

www.curiousthreads.co.uk

www.sullingtonmanorfarm

8 June

Thread – a festival of textiles.
Farnham Maltings 9.30 – 5.00 pm.
£8 in advance, £12 on the door
boxoffice@farnhammaltings.com

14-16 June

Kempton Park Quilt Show, Kempton Racecourse, Surrey (New venue - replaces Sandown Park)

<https://www.grosvenorshows.co.uk/>

See below



Last Month's Meeting

This was a birthday meeting, so we were welcomed by delicious cakes to accompany our tea and coffee and there was the usual show-and-tell. The speaker, Lynn Onions, had brought along a large selection of quilts, including those she had made for her degree, and described the different techniques she uses. She also related how she had started doing quilt workshops and eventually taken over her shop in Fareham.

Fleece backing

At the last meeting someone asked Margaret Mullery about the fleece she uses. Here are the details:

Online Home Shop

<https://www.onlinehomeshop.com/>

Dreamscene choose this type, not the very fluffy ones Most are discounted

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For the June meeting we shall have a Guild suitcase called "It's Grim up North" which was a challenge for Guild members to make a 12.5" square quilt.

From the Committee – re the Hale Sewing day on Saturday 22nd June.

We have been asked to donate a quilt to the Farnham Lions. We have decided to make a small lap quilt to donate to Lions. It will be a disappearing 9 patch quilt made with 5" squares. We would like to suggest that members make a block with one blue square in it to bring to the next meeting or donate some fabric if they don't want to do that. The blocks can be made into a quilt at the next sewing day. We also need somebody to hopefully offer to quilt it. After we know how many blocks we have, we will be able to tell Lions the size of the quilt.

Guest Speaker at Castle Quilters

On Monday 24th June, 2024 Castle Quilters, Farnham, has guest speaker Angela Madden - 'The History of a Quilter - Me'. Angela's quilts have won awards at all the major U.K. quilt shows. She has won 1st place for Innovative Appliqué at the Houston Quilt Festival and the Kairin Pisereva silver cup for pictorial appliqué at the U.K. National Patchwork Championship. Her work was included as one of the 25 quilters commissioned to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the British Quilters' Guild.

Visitors are most welcome (£5 per visitor). If anyone is interested please contact Jackie Hyne, Castle Quilters Events Coordinator, jackie.hyne@castlequilters.org.uk
The meeting takes place at Weybourne Village Hall (GU9 9EL) at 7.15 for 7.30pm.

Guild News

Become a member of the Quilters' Guild?

Have you thought about becoming a member of the Quilters Guild?

- As well as subscribing to the newsletter link below guild members receive a Members' Newsletter and reduced prices on the many international tutors now giving zoom workshops and lectures (see The Loft <https://www.quiltersguild.org.uk/special-interest/loft>)
- Members get discounted workshops and entrance to Festival of Quilts
- They also get advanced reduced fees on Area Days
- They also support the work the Guild does in preserving our Quilt heritage, lots of the Guild's collection can be viewed here <https://www.quiltmuseum.org.uk/collections/>
- There is also a members Facebook page!

t would be really good if more of our members were also guild members. Covid hit membership badly and HQ has had to make staff redundant and restructure to keep on an even keel.
Sheila Musson

Natural Dyeing Fabric Workshop with Tara Macdonald

Saturday 22nd June – 10.30am – 4pm

At - The Function Room, The Blacksmiths Arms, Lewes Road, Halland, Nr Lewes, East Sussex, BN8 6PN

Tara Macdonald will introduce you to the fundamentals of natural dyeing of fabrics and ribbons. With the use of botanical material, flowers, barks, leaves and roots to colour the fabrics, which is an ancient and fascinating craft. Spend a fun day creating your own eco printed patterns and dyes, with lots of fabric to take away.

Members - £85.00 Includes Tea/Coffee and buffet lunch

Non-Members - £102.00 Includes Tea/Coffee and buffet lunch

Please also see: <https://www.quiltersguild.org.uk/events/upcoming> for details of other virtual Guild events.

Sew-Along Incoming!

Have you considered making a temperature quilt? Over the last few years there has been a surge in this concept, and a quick online search will bring up an array of different styles and ideas, each one unique and a record of a year of daily temperatures. Michaela Knight, from region 5, created this incredible version (above) starting her diary in July 2022 - beginning and ending her quilt with the warmer Summer months.

"The centre blocks were the lowest temperature of the day, all cut 1.5" x 1.5" and ALL came out of my scrap box which was very satisfying to do" Michaela told us. "The outside of each block is the highest temperature of the day. I then took ages working out which red to use, which orange to use next to it. It was fun but hard work! I stitched my blocks for the first row, I stood back and examined my boxes of fabric and realised that if I use all my own fabrics, it would be very 'same-y', as all my reds are the same value, all my oranges are similar etc. At the next quilt meeting I asked my friends if they have strips of fabric they could let me have for my quilt and aren't quilting friends fantastic? They all donated fabric to me, it was very humbling, a big thank you to all my friends, I could not have done it without you! But the thing that was most fascinating was, my friends had made up 'my' mind of what is red. I did not have the difficult decision to make – is this red or is this orange? I was given a pile of reds, a pile of orange, etc. Therefore making my life so much easier for me! What a revelation that was!"



We decided in the office at HQ in York that we would like to try our own version, and we'd love for you to join us. We're putting a little spin on it and making a mood temperature quilt to help us talk about how we are feeling and how to be more aware of our own and each others' feelings every day. We know how important being creative is for mental health, and hope that this project encourages us to be more creative.

Michaela has these perfect words of advice as we start on our own quilts:

*"Now I am a proud owner of my very own temperature quilt and love it! Would I recommend it to others? Yes, definitely! With my advice:- stick to your guns! Decide your own colour scheme, your layout, your style. It is **your** quilt after all. I stopped counting how often people said:- I wouldn't have done it that way... Especially from male friends who are not quilters! Remember, it's my quilt and my decision and I love my quilt!"*

Region 5 has a zoom talk with Jo Avery on June 11th at 7.30pm where she will discuss the myriad of ways to create a temperature quilt and share her own version as well as many others. If you would like to book a spot on this talk, email Lesley Hagan on reg5@quiltersguild.org.uk . /guild members £5, non-members £8.

Quilting Podcasts

The Quilting Stories podcast interviews quilters about their quilts, their quilting journeys, and their creative process. Here are a few examples:



July 29, 2023

Tara Romero

Interview with quilter Tara Romero. Tara lives and quilts in Oregon where she teaches school when she's not busy at her sewing machine. You can find Tara on Instagram



Oct. 20, 2022

Ann Feitelson

Interview with quilter Ann Feitelson . You can view her work on Instagram



June 11, 2022

Irene Roderick interview - Episode 19

Interview with Irene Roderick, quilter, quilt teacher, and author of the book IM-PROV QUILTING .

You will find more podcasts at <https://www.quiltingstoriespodcast.com/>