



SNIPPETS

The Farnham Quilters' Newsletter

May 2018

Please send items for June Snippets by
31 May to ruthandpeterh@gmail.com

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

Coffee Rota Reminder.

May

Ann Grainger and Janet Northcote

June

Gill Tillburn and Sara Jordan

The Next Few Months at FQ

14 May

Birthday Meeting

Susan Chapman talk 'This wonderful life – my life and work in textiles.'

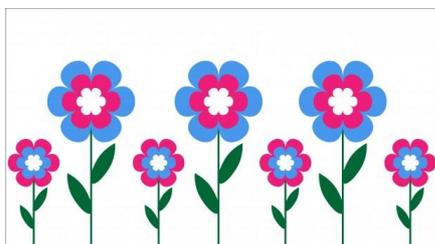
Susan is a professional artist, tutor and lecturer in stitched textiles and contemporary art practice. She exhibits and sells her work both nationally and internationally and is a member of a number of British and European textile groups.

11 June

'Show and Tell' by Haslemere Quilters

9 July

Garden Party – venue to be announced



What's on Elsewhere

5-7 May

Henley Art's Trail and Annual Quilt Exhibition at Lady Sew & Sew

10.00-4.00 pm daily – details below

9 May

United Quilters: talk by Susanne Pickup on 'Stitches in Time', a tale of threads and patches made in Bratton. United Reformed Church, Small Hall, 2.00 – 4.00 pm

Visitors welcome £5 incl. tea/coffee & biscuits

12 May

Region 2 Regional Day. Speaker Philippa Moss, mini workshops pm. Sevenoaks Community Centre, Carmptons Road, Sevenoaks TN14 5DS 9.30-4.00pm

£13, non members £19.50 contact

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12 May

Orpington Quilters Exhibition, St John's United Reformed Church, Lynwood Grove, Orpington BR6 0BG. 10.30-4 pm. Adm £4

Contact rhona.redding@gmail.com

15 May

Workshop with Jenny Rayment '3D and Hexagonal Happenings' Albury Village Hall, The Street, Albury GU5 9AD

£25, non-members £37.50.

Contact jhalferretsend@hotmail.com

17 May to 20 May 2018

Quilts UK, Malvern

Three Counties Showground, Severn Hall Malvern, WR13 6NW

10:00am - 5:00pm (4:30pm on Sunday)

[Grosvenor Shows @btconnect.com](http://GrosvenorShows@btconnect.com)

22 June to 24 June 2018

National Quilt Championships, Sandown Park, Portsmouth Road, Esher, KT10 9AJ

10:00am - 4:30pm (4:00pm on Sunday)

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Last Month's Meeting

On a drizzly evening there was a good turnout for our 'collaborative quilt' evening. A great deal of preparation ensured that the evening went smoothly. Sewing machines and strips of coloured fabric were ready at the tables and with everyone getting busy, we managed to complete all ten 'coloured pencils' by the end of the evening, ready to be assembled into a quilt top at our next sewing day on 21 April.



Sewing Day at Hale 21 April

It was a lovely sunny day, at least to start with, and members soon got busy with their UFOs. Judy had assembled the 'pencils' for the group quilt and these were then 'sandwiched' ready for quilting, Val was busy adapting a donated quilt to a more suitable form for Project Linus, and Annette spent the entire day on her knees on the big table basting a quilt. There was a warm, sociable atmosphere and lively discussion at the lunch table. We all worked hard with delicious cakes in the afternoon as a well-deserved treat.



Guild News

Surrey Regional Day

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

Judges' Training Course

If you are:

- An experienced quilter
- Passionate about the development of textile art
- Wondering how to take your knowledge and skills to the next level

then, have you considered training to become an accredited quilt judge?

The Quilters Guild of the British Isles has successfully been running quilt judges' training courses since 2003 attracting students from Europe and Australia as well as from the UK. The course comprises a compulsory introductory residential weekend followed by 6 tutor monitored self-study units covering topics including art, design, construction techniques, jurying and judging. These modules are taken over a two year period with the next course due to start in November 2018. The course fee is expected to be around £1,600 which covers all tuition but excludes the cost of materials and any travel to and from course related events.

A limited number of places are available – to register your interest and receive further details please email the course coordinator at fjsqgj@gmail.com

Quilters Guild AGM

I travelled up North last week to Newcastle for The Quilters Guild AGM visiting my son and grandson en route and also spent an afternoon with Anne Steele – she is well but her husband unfortunately is not so good. Anne was one of the founder members of Farnham Quilters and I am sure many of the original members will remember her.

Now news from the AGM There are 6,763 members 424 Young Quilter members 13 schools and 477 affiliated groups with the specialist groups, Traditional, contemporary, Miniature Quilt study group and Modern having 1,777 members. Percentage wise Region 17 retained the most members and Region 10 signed up the most new members A record number of new members were signed up at last year's Festival of Quilts but more members would help the Guild enormously especially as funding from other sources is down. The treasurer Ann Gosling has agreed to remain treasurer for another year, but only one year!! She was given life membership, as was Margie Jenkins the retiring chairman and Katherine Guerrier, for her services. The chairman asked the audience to raise their hands if they had attended one of Katherine's workshops and a sea of hands went up.

The Guilds 1718 silk coverlet, the oldest known dated patchwork coverlet, is 300 years old this year and is currently on display at The American Museum in Bath. It will also be shown at The Festival of Quilts.

A mass art project is taking place and the Guild will be participating (see <https://www.1418now.org.uk/commissions/processions/>). A banner has been made and the Guilds logo and crosses are being stitched on it by members. It will be on 10th June in London.

Life begins at 40 challenge

We were each given a small square of ruby red fabric and some cut hexagon fabrics along with paper templates with the instruction to get together with friends and produce an item of our choice to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of The Guild next year. We can be as creative as we want – Ideas required my friends!! Next Year's AGM is in Nottingham 10-12 May.

The AGM challenge for Young Quilters was 'Castles'. We sent in 5 entries, one being three dimensional. There was a bumper number of entries with some very inspirational interpretations. Two of our newest members, both grandchildren of Vera Hearn, came first and second in the youngest age group. Hermione Hearn was first with her sandcastle and Sofia Susio second with her Castle Bag, complete with drawbridge with compartments for taking playthings on outings. In her closing speech Margie Jenkins congratulated all the Young Quilters, saying the Guild's future will be in good hands. She thanked all those who help in any way with the Young Quilters. She then announced that the Traditional group give a year's membership to the most promising traditional Quilter in each age group and Hermione was chosen. More photos of entries can be seen on QGBI members post by Helen Vivian trustee for Y.Q's Sunday 22nd



The whole weekend was topped off with the most glorious weather, so it was quite a challenge not to skive off as some did to visit the coast. But I did manage a bit of site seeing too.

Sheila Musson

Thread

THREAD a festival of textiles is at Farnham Maltings Saturday 30 June. Volunteer helpers, please contact Sheila Musson.

Bunny Cushions – multiplying like

It all started when my daughter-in-law was browsing through one of my magazines and spotted a design for a 'rabbit cushion'. 'I'd like one of those for L (my 3-year old granddaughter) if you have time', she said. Well, it took 2 fat quarters for the top so there was enough fabric to make a pair, with contrasting colourways. L was thrilled, and no, she didn't want to give one of them to her little cousin M. She wanted both of them herself!

I took them in to an FQ show-and-tell and they caught Margaret Mullery's eye so I passed on the pattern for her to use at a workshop making items for a Refuge.

Then Sheila Musson spotted them and thought they would be just right for a young Quilters' session (see photos below). And after that, YQ officer, Sarah Illing said she would like to put the instructions on their website. I checked, and found that as well as being featured in my magazine, the pattern was available free on line. So if anyone else wants to have a go, just check out <https://www.sewmag.co.uk/free-sewing-patterns/bunny-block>. They're very easy, fun to make and obviously popular with the young.



Lady Sew and Sew Annual Quilt Exhibition and Henley Arts Trail

The weekend of Saturday 5th May to Monday 7th May, is when Lady Sew and Sew hold their Annual Quilt Exhibition, with Henley Art's Trail. The Warehouse is open 10am until 4pm daily, with nearly 100 textile quilts and art works on display. They say it's a wonderful weekend, full of inspiration and a chance to meet local artists.

Lady Sew and Sew, Farm Road, Henley on Thames, Oxon RG9 1EJ