



SNIPPETS

The Farnham Quilters' Newsletter

May 2019

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

Janet Northcote and Ann Grainger

June

Gill Tilburn and Sara Jordan

July

Garden Party

The Next Few Months at FQ

13 May

The birthday meeting: 'The Good, the Bad and the Downright Funny' a talk by Jackie Dimmock about the funny things that happened during her 30 years as a police officer, illustrated with a series of small quilts.

* Visitors welcome.

10 June

Sewing Evening – 'Ditch the machine' English paper piecing and Japanese folded patchwork. (postponed from April)

What's on Elsewhere

On now until 14 July

'An Earthly Paradise: William Morris and the Thames' – exhibition at the River Rowing Museum, Mill Meadows, Henley on Thames. 10.00-5.00 pm. Adm. £12.50 Details: www.rrm.co.uk

What's on Elsewhere (cont'd)

30 April-12 May

Fabrications: Transition - an exhibition of textiles, mixed media and mosaic The Lightbox, Chobham Road, Woking GU21 4AA. Tues - Sat 10.30 - 5, Sunday 11 Free entry | Suggested Donation £3 www.thelightbox.org.uk

3 May

Talking Textiles, Assembly Rooms, Chichester. 10am to 4pm. See below

4-6 May

Annual Quilt Display, Lady Sew and Sew at the Henley Warehouse. 10.00-4.00 pm www.ladysewandsew.co.uk

11 May

World Textile Day South, 'Inspired to Create' – woven/printed/embroidered textiles. Wickham Centre, Mill Lane, Wickham PO17 5AL 10-4.30 pm. Adm free. www.worldtextileday.co.uk

11 & 12 May

Heather Quilters' Exhibition, Tringham Hall, Benner Lane, W. End, Woking GU24 9JP. Sat 1h0,00-5m Sun 10-4. Adm £3 details yvette@foxcedar.co.uk

16-19 May

Quilts UK, Malvern Three Counties Showground, Severn Hall, Malvern, WR13 6NW. 10:00am - 5:00pm (4:30pm on Sunday) www.grosvenorshows.co.uk

21-30 May

Guildford Quilters Exhibition, Holy Trinity Church, High Street, Guildford GU1 3RR, 10,00 – 4.00 pm

26-28 May

New Forest Quilt Group 40th Anniversary Quilt Exhibition, Ballard School, Fernhill Lane, New Milton BH25 5SU see details www.newforestquiltgroup.weebly.com

8 June

'Thread' at the Maltings. See below.

Last Month's Meeting

Six ladies from Aldwyck Quilters came all the way from the South Coast to present us with a stunning show-and-tell of their beautiful and varied quilts. This is a large group of about 60 members who have been meeting for 27 years. They meet on a Wednesday morning every month and in addition have four workshops a year with the likes of Rosemary Yeomans, Gail Lawther and Jenny Rayment. Their work ranged from extremely large quilts to small wall-hangings and some incorporated hand quilting, embroidery, beading and painted fabric. They showed us examples from some of their challenges. For one, a ninepatch square had to be recreated into another small quilt and we were impressed with their ingenuity. For another the challenge was to create a quilt that would fit into a hatbox. They are planning to hire out their 'hatbox collection' to other groups for a small charge which will go to a charity. The final speaker showed us quilts using her innovative techniques and illustrating her worldwide travels. She finished by showing 11 journal quilts depicting scenes as varied as Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Pyramids. There was a small prize for the person who identified the most locations.

2019 Challenge

'Inspired by ... in the style of ... My Favourite Artist'

Have you started yours yet? One person has finished theirs!!

Liz Wilson's Fabrics

I am delighted to be able to report that the sale of Liz's fabrics on Thursday April 11 raised just over £200! This is in addition to the £95 raised at the Maltings in January and various one-off donations since then. As a result, I will be able to send a cheque to the von Hippel Lindau Trust for £500 – and there is plenty of fabric still to go! I will arrange another sale after I get back from holiday, probably sometime in June.

A big thank you to all those who have given most generously towards this little-known syndrome which affected Liz.

Margaret Jackson

Thread

Preparation for THREAD has arrived rather more quickly than expected!! This year it is on the 8th June. It has been decided to make blocks for Linus Quilts I do have quite a lot of random strips but we would love everyone to help by supplying 2 ½" left over strips at least 7" long especially bright colours please.

Thank you

Sheila



Festival of Quilts NEC - Tickets

Sheila will need to know definite numbers for tickets this month as there is a new system this year. She needs to reserve a minimum of 10 tickets and they to not have a sale and return basis this time. So if you want Sheila to reserve you a ticket, please contact her.

Guild News

40 Shades of Red: Conference & AGM 10-13 May 2019

Jubilee Campus, University of Nottingham NG8 1BB

www.quiltersguild.org.uk

Lullingstone Quilt & Craft Festival 2019

As you all know, we have now said goodbye to Hever Castle and 27 years of lovely quilt shows there. The good news is that we have relocated to Lullingstone Castle, Eynsford, Kent. DA4 0JA. and we will have our Quilt and Craft Festival there this year from **19th to 21st July**, 11am-5pm each day. It is a Guild event being organised by Jan Allston, allston.towers@hotmail.co.uk. At the moment Jan is looking for volunteers to help with stewarding, programme selling, hanging quilts (on Thursday) and taking them down on Sunday. You only have to do two x 1 1/2 hour stints to get your free ticket - you'll have fun talking to visitors and know you are making this event a resounding success! Please contact her with details of how you can help on which day/s.

Admission (which includes a visit to the castle, the grounds and The World Garden designed by Tom Hart-Dyke whilst he was in captivity in Panama and fearing for his life). Quilters' Guild members will only pay £5 entrance fee this year (half price) but will get a free ticket if they enter a quilt or can help at the show itself. If you are a member of an affiliated quilt group, then you can enter your quilt for £7.50 and still save money on the entrance fee. What's not to like? Entrance for Non-members £10.

The garden is now well established and one of the nationally celebrated attractions at the castle which has been his family home since 1497. If all goes to plan, you should find quilts in the house, in the church which is also set in the grounds and perhaps in the marquees as well where our traders both quilt and local crafts will be waiting to spoil you with all sorts of exciting wares.

Message from Sheila:

I would like to encourage everyone to enter. There were some lovely quilts made for the challenge last year and it would be lovely to see them hanging in July. You no longer need to be a member of The Quilters Guild to enter you can enter using the group affiliation. Delivery can be to a local contact and I can arrange this if needed. See entry form on final page below.

The Quilters Guild 40th Birthday

To celebrate, they are asking people to make these Party Hat blocks which will be displayed at this year's Festival of Quilts.

The pattern costs £3.50 and is available from www.quiltersguildshop.org.uk. However the license to make it is only for the buyer. If you would like to participate, but not buy the pattern, I have some completed blocks that just need embellishment and backing.

Wadding and quilting is optional. I will bring them to the May meeting.

Penny Savill



Talking Textiles - 3rd May - Assembly Rooms, Chichester

Talking Textiles will be a day of presentations from leading contemporary artists who work with thread. Talking Textiles will be about exploring textile art, the maker and how they approach their art. Ann Sutton MBE in conversation with Deborah Harwood. Ann Sutton, internationally renowned artist with a commitment to innovation, new materials and a joie de vivre in every work will be talking with Deborah Harwood about her work and her life as a rebel!

Speakers:

Claire Benn - artist, teacher and writer of the must-read blog Her Quiet Materials

Ptolemy Mann - weaver with works in major collections and venues around the world.

Kessia St Clair, best-selling author of The Secret Life of Colour and the Golden Thread.

Deborah Harwood, artist and founder of The Textile Space.

Assembly Rooms, The Council House, North Street Chichester PO19 1LQ Admission £30.

Disabled access and toilets. Parking: Northgate Car Park, PO19 6AA £5.60 for the day

Registration - coffee and tea - 9.30am Talks commence at 10am The day will conclude at 4pm

<http://www.thetextilespaceshop.com/workshops-20/talking-textiles-3rd-may-assembly-rooms-chichester-851.html>

FLAG OF THANKS

Neil Stace (the Sewing Soldier from the Sewing Bee TV programme) is after some help.

I am spearheading a project called Flag of Thanks. I am asking for the nation to create customised quilted flags that reflect their gratitude and support for the Armed Force Community, from those currently serving and veterans.



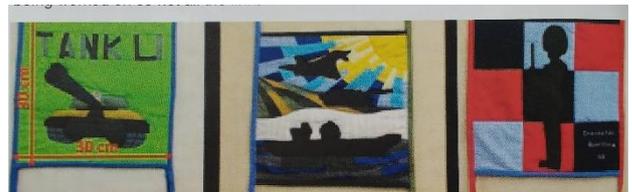
All the flags will be displayed in a public exhibition in Salisbury, as part of the Armed Forces Day celebrations. After the display, my plan is to join the flags together to make something useful like quilts, ponchos or sleeping bags. These will be gifted to veterans who are or have previously been homeless, as a gesture of support and community.

The quilt is symbolic of having a home and the making of quilts has been a part of the Armed Forces, dating back to the Crimean War. I believe that receiving such gifts that have been personally made will have a considerable positive impact on the individuals.

My target is 1000 flags, so I need help in making them and I need you please to forward this email to everyone in your group and everyone else you know who has a creative spirit. The website flagsofthanks.org gives more details about the project and where to send the flags when complete. Please note that the website is still being worked on so not all the links will work.

The flags can be patchwork, applique, embroidered, drawn or painted with washable fabric ink, or any combination. Designs are to be military themed images or literal messages of thankfulness. There are some examples in the instructions. For those who have not sewn or quilted before, please create a flag and I will do the quilting and binding.

A few examples of the kinds of flags wanted.



Deadline for the Flags is 10th June, 2019. Contact: sewingsoldier@icloud.com

Grenville Quilters' Exhibition

Early in April I visited the one-day show staged by Grenville Quilters. This group of just 18 ladies from near Andover manage to exhibit every two years and produce enough quilts, wall-hangings, bags and more to provide a feast of colour and delight for the eyes.

A small exhibition but every inch of space in the hall was used to good effect with quilts showing a whole variety of techniques, wall-hangings, bags and more. It was refreshing to see many of the quilts had been made using traditional paper piecing methods and few, if any, had been quilted by a long arm pro.

Several were still in progress, but this didn't detract from my enjoyment. It shows non quilters and would be quilters a little about what's involved in producing the finished article.

The star(s) of the show? A king-sized quilt made of hexagons that must have been only about $\frac{3}{4}$ " big and another similar one in progress by the same lady. It's often said "The best things come in small packages" and this was certainly true with this exhibition.

Doris Dove

Verona Tessile

When I booked a long weekend in Verona for my birthday at the end of, I had no idea it would coincide with *Verona Tessile*, an international event which transforms the city of Verona into a museum of textile art and takes place in some of the city centre's most beautiful locations. The programme includes exhibitions, talks and workshops and seeks to highlight textiles as a form of art.

I managed to see two of the exhibitions. The first was an exhibition in a medieval building in the historic centre of the town of Hungarian Blue Quilts. There were about two dozen quilts, none very large, in a wide variety of mostly traditional designs with many incorporating exquisite embroidery and applique. In another, rather grander building, there was an exhibition hosted by the *Associazione Ad Maiora* called 'His Majesty the Hexagon'. These were displayed in a huge room with plenty of space between exhibits. Each quilt was based on the use of hexagons and they ranged from traditional to modern, from soft colours to vibrant tones and ranged from medium to very large in size. In the foyer outside were some brightly coloured quilts on show and a 'Quilt Mart' – I managed to resist the traders! Altogether it was an unexpected birthday treat.



The 2019 Lullingstone Challenge "Castles in the Air"

Name.

Address.....

Post code

Guild Membership No. Tel.....

Email.....

Value for insurance.

Information about your quilt for the catalogue – maximum of 30 words

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Portrait/ Landscape - Delete as appropriate

Closing date for entries is 31st May 2019

Rules for the challenge quilt

The journal quilt must include 3 layers, but it can be constructed of any material. .
It must measure up to 1m x 1m and it can be either portrait or landscape. It must be made specifically for the challenge.

Quilting and finishing are both included within the wider judging criteria, so attention should also be given to these areas, as well as to design, theme and colour.

A 2" hanging sleeve must be attached.

Entries which do not comply with the rules will not be judged.

Please send: The hanging fee of 25 may be paid by cheque payable to QGBI Region 2 or by BACS. ACCOUNT NAME: QGBI Region 2 SORT CODE: 60-83-01 ACCOUNT NO: 20323990 REF: Lull Challenge

Please email the treasurer to let her know if you have paid by BACS. treasurer_reg2@quiltersguild.org.uk

Please send sae for tickets and instructions to: Jan Allston address: - The Lilacs, Dittons road, Polegate, East Sussex. BN26 6JQ. Your quilt image may