



# SNIPPETS

The Farnham Quilters' Newsletter

September 2021

Please send items for October Snippets by 30 September 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.



## The Next Few Months at FQ

**13 September** – Meeting in the Spire Hall

Further details to follow.

## Save the date .....

### Quilters' Fair

Annual Sale and Exhibition

Farnham Maltings

Sunday 16 January 2022

9.00am to 4.00pm

Timed entry tickets £8 from 9.00 am  
£5 after 1.00 pm

Box Office 01252 745444

## What's on Elsewhere

### 10-11 September

Sweater Weather 2021, Farnham Maltings, In-person tickets are timed entry to help manage numbers and traffic flow around the building. In-person tickets are £8 (under 16s free) or join in online for only £4. Best of both worlds: in-person + online tickets are just £10. [boxoffice@farnhammaltings.com](mailto:boxoffice@farnhammaltings.com)

### 10-12 September

Great Northern Quilt Show, Great Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate. 10-4.30 [www.grosvenorshows.co.uk](http://www.grosvenorshows.co.uk)

### 22-27 September

'New Beginnings', an exhibition by new group Chichester Creative Textiles, at Oxmarket Centre of Arts, East Street, Chichester. Tues-Sat 10-4.20 (Sun 3.30). Free admission. Contact: Phyl Wilson 01243 782797

### 25-26 September

Lockdown Community Textiles hosted by Dulwich Quilters, Bell House, 27 College Road, London SE21 7BG, 10.00-5.00pm, Free Entry. [jenny4strong@gmail.com](mailto:jenny4strong@gmail.com)

### 15-17 October

Autumn Quilt Festival, Three Counties Showground, Malvern. 10-4.30 (Sun 4). See website for adm. Prices. [www.grosvenorshows.co.uk](http://www.grosvenorshows.co.uk)

### 12<sup>th</sup> February 2022,

The Fairground Hall, Weyhill, Andover, Hants. SP11 0QN, 9.30am – 4.00pm

## Last Month's Meeting

Having had to cancel plans for the July Meeting to be in Farnham Park, we tried again this month only to be rained off again! So it was back to Zoom again... which 10 of us joined. The meeting was hosted by Connie as Natalie was away on holiday on the Iona's maiden cruise - which we will all be keen to hear about when we do get to meet up, all being well, in the church hall for our September meeting

Despite having had a gruelling schedule of radiotherapy and physiotherapy through the last month, Margaret M had finished a birthday quilt for her sister-in-law (a pattern from Liz Wilson) and another Linus quilt, this time seaside themed.



Val thanked everyone who has given her quilts recently. She has just taken some to a local Domestic Abuse charity. Some of her usual outlets have not been taking quilts during the lockdowns but she was expecting that 'normal service' would soon be resumed.

Lyn and Penny M brought a number of quilts destined for Linus made by members of Pinewood Quilters, to the Arts & Crafts Exhibition in Hale on the last weekend in July. Brigitte and Sue D were also showing some of their work there. It had been a nice, friendly event – and maybe a few of the visitors will have been inspired to have a go at patchwork and quilting as a result.



Kathryn showed us a jazzy quilt top using Half Square Triangle scraps. She had also been making covered coat hangers.

Sarah has been getting material together to make a baby quilt for her 9<sup>th</sup> great-niece.

Other people had been busy too with non-quilting makes: from Lyn there was a very cute pink elephant soft toy; Carolyn had made a linen summer dress; Margaret L had been doing some knitting and sewing and Connie had been producing Goodie Bags for her grandchildren's end of year gifts to their teachers.



To end with, if you are in Farnborough or Frimley Green look out for the knitted hats (makers unknown) which are adorning various post-boxes!

## Message from the Committee

Hello Ladies

My message this month is a plea for committee members. Currently only Ann Grainger and myself are on the committee next year and our constitution requires us to have a minimum of 4 people. The one role we really need to fill is the secretarial role, but if you want a full diary for next year then ideally we will need a Programme secretary too. Full help and support will be given to anyone wishing to take up either of these roles.

We are also looking at breaking down the tasks required to support the club to see if there are other ways of doing things. It might be that we ask some of you to take on more tasks when we have our meeting e.g., having someone specified each month to take the register, in the same way we have a coffee rota. We have had one person saying that they are happy to arrange the Hale sewing days, which is great, so if anyone wants to lead for Farnham Maltings this would also help if we only have a small committee.

Also please don't feel you have to sign up for 4 years, even saying you will help for a year will support us in the short term.

Happy quilting and looking forward to meeting you in September (restrictions permitting!!)

Natalie & the committee

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## Guild News

### **Region 3 Week-end 16/17 October.**

This will be held at Swanmore Village Hall, SO32 2PF starting at 10 a.m. Please do book a ticket for a great day on Saturday with speakers Alison Hume and Carolyn Forster. Tickets £15 for Guild members and £20 for non-members. To book please email Margaret Jefferies at [treasurer\\_reg3@quiltersguild.org.uk](mailto:treasurer_reg3@quiltersguild.org.uk)

Then the Workshop on Sunday is the Flying Swallows Block with Carolyn, price £35 for Guild members or £45 for non-members. There will also be a Young Quilters Workshop on Sunday morning making Autumn/Halloween items. Non YQ members are welcome, and the cost is £5 including materials. Please contact Penny Savill at [yq\\_reg3@quiltersguild.org.uk](mailto:yq_reg3@quiltersguild.org.uk).

### **Chichester Regional, Day 2021 13th November 2021**

9:40am to 4:20pm at Chichester College, Westgate Fields, Chichester PO19 1SB.

Janet Clare 11.00am 'She believed she could and so she did'

Gill Towel 2.15pm Gaining Confidence With Colour

Lunchtime mini workshops, Traders, Raffle

There are still tickets available for this amazing day out with some lovely speakers and tutors. Take advantage of early bird prices now from the website! <https://region-2.quiltersguild.org.uk/events/view/chichester-regional-day-2021>

£15 Members (£18 if booked after October 1st) 22 non-Members (£25 if booked after October 1<sup>st</sup>)

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### **Festival of Quilts**

I deliberated long and hard about whether to attend this event with Covid still evident. In the event all was very well organised. The organisers had gone to great lengths to make the NEC safe. We had wider aisles an extra hall lots of loos and eating/ drinking kiosks so no queuing needed. I do not know how the timed entry system worked as I had early entrance as I was stewarding. As stewards we were informed not to do anything we did not feel comfortable with so could keep our distance not that crowds built up often near a quilt. The exhibitors selling were well spaced as well.

The quilts as usual were the main draw for me and there were some amazing ones. I was struck by how many were reflecting on issues, was this because we had been isolated I wonder. One in particular was a triptych “a journey of prejudice to pride in Cheshire as inspiration. Informed by the lived experiences of the LBGQTQ+ community.” The first showing cuttings from newspapers or court reports from early twentieth century with homosexuals being beaten or imprisoned, or offered ‘cures’ in dark colours to the centre panel highlighting HIV and the third really colourful celebrating Gay pride.

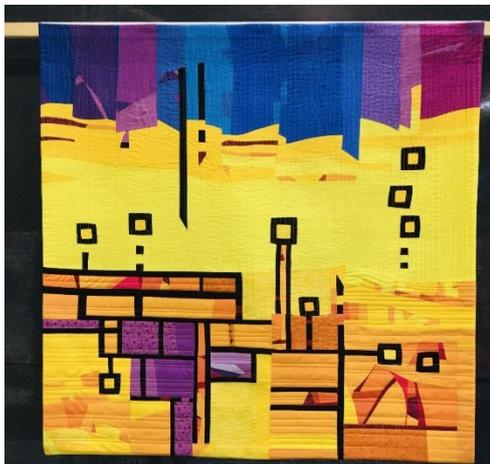
In the pictorial group Anna Julia from Australia won the thread mastery award with Black widow she says “What I love about black widow is the portrayal of female empowerment and how women can become heroes just as much as men can” her family are all big Marvel film fans.



I also loved this pictorial quilt I cannot tell you anything about it as the write up was in Spanish!

Another Pictorial quilt this time from USA used over 21,000 squares each ¼” finished to make President Obama. She had digitized pictures of some of the opposition and used these as white dots signifying the grey hairs they had given him!

Although no international visitors this year they were there in spirit with their quilts.



In the modern section I love this quilt from Italy inspired by reflections on the waves I would just love to visit her inspiration in Trieste.



Finally the Young quilter winner in aged 5-9 was seven year old Eliza Rose Watson with her The World is Crying she says “I made the world cry because everyone is sad. We couldn’t go on holidays, the schools closed. I couldn’t see my friends, people got sick. Because I was home from school I learned to sew with my granny and I liked it. I want the virus to go away” I think we all agree with Eliza

Sheila Musson

## Threads through Creation

On 17 August Salisbury Cathedral launches, a stunning exhibition of twelve enormous embroidered panels that explore the story of the Creation. Inspired by the poetic verses of Genesis, the first book in the Bible, textile artist Jacqui Parkinson reimagines this ancient story in a vibrant combination of eight million stitches, layers of silk, hand-dyed materials, metallic leathers and gold leaf. The panels, some as large as 2.5m by 3m/8ft by 11ft, vary in appearance from elemental pieces illustrating the first days to more complex and lush work as we enter the Garden of Eden.

Speaking about the show and how her work was created, artist Jacqui Parkinson said:

"I start simply with antique bedsheets, which hold their own tales of life and death. Then gradually build up my stories by quilting the sheets and painting them with fabric dyes. Once that is done, I add layers of silk, which I stitch into place using thick black thread and a free motion sewing machine. This allows me to construct my 'drawings' line upon line."

"My aim is to capture the wonderful extravagance of the Creation story and to delight people who view it. Despite Adam and Eve's fall from grace, it remains a story of love and promise, something we can all do with these days."

**Threads through Creation** runs from 17 August to 26 September, just ahead of the COP26 global climate change summit being held in Glasgow – and follows the announcement that Salisbury Cathedral is the first English Cathedral to receive the A Rocha UK Eco Church Gold Award.

Prebook your tickets to guarantee entry at your time of choice <https://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk/visit-plan-your-visit/booking-your-visit>

## Brenda King – Obituary for a leading member of the Textile Society.

I thought this might be interesting to read as it is about textiles. (I had never heard of Brenda King.) <https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2021/aug/17/brenda-king-obituary>

Brigitte

### The Quilter

Not just a hobby,

But so much more.

A creative inspiration,

A late-night idea.

Minutes into hours, and hours into days.

Determination for completion.

Not just a talent,

To sew, to stitch, to assemble.

But so much more.

She creates warmth, safety, security, and happiness,

With her hands.

With her heart.

Not just a quilter,

But so much more.

*A thank you to Doris for this one*