

MIMRAM QUILTERS

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January 2010

Dear Member,

I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas Meeting and have all finished the angels and they had pride of place on the Christmas tree. I hope that you all had a great Christmas and managed to fit in some quilting and wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year

At the January meeting Bridget Long will be talking about her collection of historic needlework items. I believe Bridget has been to talk to Mimram before but it was before my time!!

This year the February meeting will be four corners. The four corners will be
Printing on fabric using a computer with Marie-Claire Scherman,
Felt beads with Barbara Corbett
Shrink fabric with Debbie Lewis-Brindley
Foundation piecing with Sally Ritchie

Please come and join us for what I expect to be a educational and entertaining evening

The Mimram Quilters website is looking good, those of you who have access to the internet should have a look to see the progress. The address is www.mimramquilters.org.uk . Any suggestions for items to be included on the website should be given to the members of the committee. Also please let Marie-Claire have any photographs to be displayed on the website.

Tip – This one is for me - Change your machine needle often. Most needles only last for 8 hours of sewing time.

Sales:-

The Crafty Quilter has a sale until 16th January 2010 the address is the Olde Watermill Shopping Village, off Faldo Road, Barton le Clay, Beds.MK45 4RF
Opening times 9:30-5:30 Mon-Sat and 10-5 Sun. Phone 07971 505208

The Studio 39 Baldock has a sale which starts on the 11th January 2010 until the 16th January 2010 usual opening times closed Thursday.

Exhibitions:-

EG meets UH at AVG - 29th January 2010 for 3 weeks usual opening times.
A selection of work from members of the Embroiderers' Guild and the University of Hertfordshire. (AVG is Art Van Go)

Regards Judith Coxell

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February 2010

Dear Member,

I thought the January meeting was very interesting and I hope all of you who came to the meeting enjoyed a slightly different talk. We try to provide a variety of talks during the year. Debbie Lewis-Brindley is now organising the programme so if you come across a good speaker let her know so that we may include them in a future programme.

Tonight's meeting is four corners. The four corners will be
Printing on fabric using a computer with Marie-Claire Scherman/Judith Coxell
Felt beads with Barbara Corbett
Shrink fabric with Debbie Lewis-Brindley
Foundation piecing with Sally Ritchie

On a four corners night we try to provide a selection of textile information. We hope that there will be at least a couple of corners that interest, educate or entertain you. If there is something you would like to see included in a future four corners or hands on evening let a member of the committee know.

The March meeting is a talk by Dawn Cameron-Dick called a One Women Quilt Show, this is the talk deferred from last February when we cancelled the meeting because of the snow.

Don't forget to look at the Mimram Quilters website to see the progress made to date. The address is www.mimramquilters.org.uk. Any suggestions for items to be included on the website should be given to a member of the committee. Also please let Marie-Claire have any photographs to be displayed on the website. Thanks go to Marie-Claire for her efforts so far.

Tip – When machine quilting, don't look at the needle look at the line you are drawing on the quilt.

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Textiles in Focus at Cottenham Village College 19th -21st February 2010 10am - 5pm except Sun when 10am – 4:30pm

Hot Needles Cool Stitch – Knitting, felting, stitching Sat 27th February 2010 – Sat 13th March 2010 10-4 Tues-Fri 10-2 Sat at Art Van Go

6th March 2010 Spring Regional Day Great Missenden Memorial Centre 10am – 4pm. Speakers Diana Boston and Brenda Boardman. Traders.

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March 2010

Dear Member,

I was pleased to see so many of you at four corners and I hope that you found all of the corners interesting and entertaining. Unfortunately as I was helping to present one of the corners I did not get much time to look at the others. I would like to thank the other presenters for the work that goes into preparing for a corner.

This month we welcome Dawn Cameron-Dick she is giving her talk One Women Quilt Show, this is the talk deferred from last February when we cancelled the meeting because of the snow. I am sure that this will be very entertaining and as there are no slides there will be a lot of quilts to see.

In April we are having the last session of the mystery quilt please remember to bring all your sewing stuff and your work so far. You will also need your cutters, rulers and cutting mats. You should also bring lots of pins so that you can pin it together in case you do not get around to tacking and you will need labels to identify pieces and alignment. April will be a busy night so we will want to start promptly.

At the desk there is a form to sign for those of you who want to attend the UFO day on the 22nd May. We will be collecting a £5 non returnable deposit when you sign up. This will be an opportunity to continue with your Mystery quilt and there is plenty of space in the hall to enable you to lay out your quilt.

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Tip – Remember that the perfect tone could be achieved by using the back of a fabric.

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23rd March – 3rd April 'Eclectic' by Textile group Full Circle Courtyard Art Gallery, Port Vale, Hertford Tues-Sat 10am – 4pm, 5pm on Fridays.

Regards Judith Coxell

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April 2010

Dear Member,

I hope you all enjoyed the talk by Dawn Cameron Dick – I thought she was very entertaining and it was nice to see all the quilts – not just slides.

This month we have the last piece of the mystery quilt – after tonight you will all be able to see the layout of the finished quilt. At the desk there is a form to sign for those of you who want to attend the UFO day on the 22nd May. We will be collecting a £5 non returnable deposit when you sign up. This will be an opportunity to continue with your Mystery quilt and there is plenty of space in the hall to enable you to lay out your quilt.

In May we have Janet Bolton to talk about her work – this is a slide show but she also brings a large number of samples of her work. At the desk is a book and some postcards so that those of you who are not familiar with her work can get a preview.

Don't forget to look at the Mimram Quilters' website to see the progress made to date. The address is www.mimramquilters.org.uk. We are starting to get enquiries and information generated from the website which is very encouraging.

We have been given the opportunity of holding a mini exhibition and having a sales table at the Dutch Nursery at Brookmans Park. This will be on the weekend of the 25th/26th September 2010. We will be looking for contributions to the sales table and helpers to man the tables as well as a small number of quilts to display. We are hoping that this will provide us with opportunity to gain publicity for the group and hopefully new members. More details to follow.

Tip – Two pieces of felt makes a good cheap practice surface for machine quilting and is also perfect for testing new motifs.

Exhibitions:-

9th April – 8th May Spectrum by Serendipity at the Campus West New Maynard Gallery (in the theatre foyer) – Opening times as per Campus West

16th, 17th and 18th April is York Open Studios for any of you who are travelling in the North – contact Ruth King 01904 470196 or www.yorkopenstudios.co.uk

17th April Cromwell Quilters - Spring Trade Fair - Brampton Memorial Hall, Brampton, Huntingdon PE28 4TB 10am – 3pm. Traders, Raffle and Light Refreshments

24th-25th April Berkhamsted Quilters, Civic Centre, Berkhamsted, HP4 3HB. Entry £3. Traders, sales table, demonstrations, light refreshments and quilt raffle in aid of the Air Ambulance

Regards Judith Coxell

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May 2010

Dear Member,

I hope that you have all got on well with the mystery quilt this month and that the small hiccup we had in the final stages did not detract from your enjoyment of the night. Debbie has worked really hard to produce this quilt – it is original not one taken from a magazine or book and therefore was all the more work to produce. Since last month you should all have received updated instructions to enable you to continue. At the desk there is a form to sign for those of you who want to attend the UFO day on the 22nd May. We will be collecting a £5 non returnable deposit when you sign up. This will be an opportunity to continue with your Mystery quilt and there is plenty of space in the hall to enable you to lay out your quilt. We will also allow some time in the July meeting for dealing with any problems that you still have with the quilt

Unfortunately this month Janet Bolton has had to cancel her talk due to illness in her family. We have approached an alternative speaker but with no response therefore this month we have brought out our standby project - we hope you enjoy it.

Next month we have Margaret Johnson speaking on Quilts Ancient and Modern. A little of the history of quilts from 100BC to the present day. Plenty of quilts on show.

Remember that on the 25th/26th September we have the mini exhibition and sales table at the Dutch Nursery – please keep making things for the sales table. A form for you to fill in of things you want to sell will be available next month.

The weekend after, October 2nd the Quilters' Guild is holding its Autumn Regional Day at Welwyn. We have been asked to help but I am still waiting to hear from the region exactly what they would like us to do.

Tip – Sorry no room this week.

Exhibitions:

May 13th -16th 2010 Quilts UK at Malvern

30th May – 4th June 2010- Quilts in the Church at Weston Parish Church 11-4pm
Sunday after Patronal Festival with Christina Rees 10-4pm other days.

5th – 12th June 2010 Bramble Patch - Strawberry and Cream week for Cancer Research.

12/13 June 2010 Nene Quilters Exhibition – venue The Saints Rugby Ground, Northampton

18 June 10 Summer Coffee with Sheena Norquay – Joan Fisher is opening her house and garden in Berkhamsted to welcome Sheena Norquay. Sheena is giving a talk with quilts. 10.30 – 1.30 pm Tickets £5 Contact Gillian Thomas for details phone 01908 534337. There is also an associated workshop on the 19th June at Hemel Hempstead – contact is Gillian.

Regards Judith Coxell

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June 2010

Dear Member,

I was sorry that Janet Bolton could not come to speak to us last month but I hope we can approach her again for a future date. I was glad that we were able to provide a standby project and that so many of you were happy to spend the evening stitching.

This month we have Margaret Johnson speaking on Quilts Ancient and Modern. A little of the history of quilts from 100BC to the present day. Plenty of quilts on show.

In July we will be having the Strawberry Tea. As work will have started on the refurbishment of the Welwyn Civic Centre by then we will be holding this meeting in the Parish Centre, Lockleys Drive Welwyn AL6 9NT There will also be some Strawberry based sewing so please bring a sewing kit. If you are still struggling with the mystery quilt please bring that along as well for some help.

Remember that on the 25th/26th September we are at the Dutch Nursery please make sure that you have picked up the two separate forms associated with this venture.

The weekend after, October 2nd the Quilters' Guild is holding its Autumn Regional Day at Welwyn. We have been asked to help but I am still waiting to hear from the region exactly what they would like us to do.

Tip – Try different types of wadding to see which you like using - we are all different so are they.

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19 June 2010 Quilts, Flowers and Music – Log Cabin Quilters are organising this exhibition. – venue St Andrews Church Langford Beds. SG18 9QE. Contact Heather Smith 01462 700079.

29th Jun 10 – 27 Sep 10 Exhibition of canal quilts as seen at the Festival of Quilts 2009 venue Canal Museum Stoke Bruerne 10 – 5 daily

Regards Judith Coxell

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July 2010

Dear Member,

I am sure you all enjoyed the knowledgeable talk we had last month from Margaret Johnson. She will be giving a different talk at the Region 7 Autumn Regional Day to be held at Welwyn on Saturday October 2nd. More details below.

This month we have the Strawberry Tea. Debbie has once more produced some sewing for you, this time based on strawberries. Space will be a little restricted tonight but we thought it better to have the meeting rather than cancel.

In September we have Kathleen Laurel Sage coming to talk to us about her work with sheer fabrics which may be a new venture to some of you. On the entrance table there is a magazine containing pictures of her work.

Once again I ask you to think about making items for sale at the Dutch Nursery. If you do not have the forms we gave out last time but need them please let Sally know and we will get them to you. Both forms should be returned at the September meeting.

The weekend after, October 2nd the Quilters' Guild is holding its Autumn Regional Day at Welwyn. We have been asked to help by serving teas, coffees and cakes at the beginning of the day and at lunch time – please can you let us know if you can help. Hopefully there will be a refurbished kitchen to use.

Tip – No one but you knows what you meant to do when machine quilting. If you are striving for a motif and it morphs into another shape – go with it!

Exhibitions:

28th June – 25th July Serendipity are holding a retrospective exhibition in the café gallery of the Dutch Nursery. Opening times as per the Nursery.

29th Jun 10 – 27 Sep 10 Exhibition of canal quilts as seen at the Festival of Quilts 2009 - venue Canal Museum Stoke Bruerne 10 – 5 daily

23rd/24th July 2010 10th Anniversary Exhibition An exhibition of work produced by the classes at Patchwork Corner since the shop opened. Venue Belmont Baptist Church Hall, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead. Shop will also be open those days. Contact Patchwork Corner 01442 259000

19th – 22nd August 2010 Festival of Quilts at the NEC.

Regards Judith Coxell

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September 2010

Dear Member,

I hope you have had a good holiday and that you have managed to make some items for the sales tables at the Dutch Nursery on the 25th/26th September. Please ensure your forms and items for sale are returned to Sue tonight. Your items need to be priced and initialled to ensure we credit the correct person with the sale. We have labels at the desk if you require them.

This month we have Kathleen Laurel Sage talking to us about her work with sheer fabrics which may be a new venture to some of you. I hope you enjoy this experience.

The Saturday after the Dutch Nursery, October 2nd the Quilters' Guild is holding its Autumn Regional Day at Welwyn. We have been asked to help by serving teas, coffees and cakes at the beginning of the day and at lunch time. It is not too late to volunteer, please give your name to Sally.

This is a busy time of year for us, there is a list at the desk for those wishing to sign up for a UFO day on the 23rd October. The cost depends on the number of people attending.

Next month is the AGM after which Michele will be showing us work from the last exhibition to hopefully inspire us to greater things for the exhibition next April.

Tip – If you have a large area to quilt one way to make it more interesting is to combine two or more patterns.

Exhibitions:

Now until 27 Sep 10 Exhibition of canal quilts as seen at the Festival of Quilts 2009 - venue Canal Museum Stoke Bruerne 10 – 5 daily

October 2nd Quilters Guild Regional Day at Welwyn Civic Centre
Speakers are Sandy Snowden winner of the Bernina prize for wearable art at the Festival of Quilts 'My Imagination, Wearing It, Showing It' and Margaret Johnson 'A Quilt for All Seasons' Traders, show and tell, non-members welcome.
Contact: Mo Smith. Phone: 01327 871340 email mo-smith@hotmail.co.uk

October 7th – 10th Knitting and Stitching Show at Alexander Palace open 10.00 – 5:30 (5.00 on Sunday)

October 9th/10th King Sutton Arts and Craft Fair
Craft Stalls, quilt exhibition, trader Lady Sew and Sew. Demonstrations and refreshments Saturday 11-5pm and Sunday 12-4pm. Venue: Kings Sutton Memorial Hall Contact Carole Hill: Phone 01295 811134

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October 2010

Dear Member,

I was spellbound by the talk from Kathleen Laurel Sage last month and I hope you all enjoyed her talk and the chance to look at all her work in detail.

The exhibition and sale at the Dutch Nursery went reasonably well and I hope that we will have many people interested in coming to our meetings. By the time you read this we will have hosted the Quilters' Guild Autumn Regional Day at Welwyn. I hope all of you who participated in either event enjoyed yourselves.

This meeting is our AGM and I must thank Sue for taking over and acting as chairman as I have a prior engagement at the theatre. The AGM will be followed by a talk by Michele Clarke on the last exhibition. This should get you in the mood preparing for April next year.

Do not forget the UFO day on the 23rd October there is a list at the desk for those wishing to sign up. Please contact Sally if you are not at the meeting but still wish to come. The cost will depend on the number of people attending.

Next month is the start of the fabric challenge. We will be giving each person a piece of material and a set of rules to encourage you to make anything you wish from the fabric and some fabric from your stash. Don't forget your sewing kit. We hope to have a varied display to add to the exhibition.

Tip – You can free motion quilt using other than straight stitch, zig-zag works well moving the quilt towards and away from you.

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October 16th -17th Gone to Pieces Quilt show in the Chalfont Centre for Epilepsy, Chalfont Centre, Gerrards Cross. Bucks. SL9 0RJ. (sign posted from the A413). Open between 1000 and 1600 each day. Admission £3. Raffles, sales table, traders, and light refreshments. There is ample parking. Contact Ann Fitch (01784 452832)

Regards Judith Coxell

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November 2010

Dear Member,

I was very glad to hear how much you all enjoyed Michele's showing of the 2008 Exhibition photographs. I was sorry I missed it but 'Yes Prime Minister' was also very enjoyable.

The UFO day on the 23rd October was very productive for those who participated. Unfortunately there were only 5 of us who attended. Is this because people are not interested or where we just unlucky with our choice of dates? UFO Days booked for 2011 are 23rd March and the 8th October please add these to your programme. We will review UFO days in 2012 if attendance does not improve.

This month is the start of the fabric challenge. Each person will receive a piece of fabric and the only rule is that whatever is made the fabric must be visible in the piece of work. We have on display the various items made already. We also have magazines and books and paper for you to take notes of anything you are interested in making.

Next month will be the Christmas party, as usual we are asking you to make contributions of food, those with surnames starting A-L please make savoury and M-Z sweet. Please also bring your sewing kit. As yet I do not know what will be asked of you but it will include using a needle and thread.

Tip – When machine quilting use a lighter weight thread in the bobbin than in the needle, this will help keep the bobbin thread in the middle of the quilt sandwich where it belongs.

Exhibitions:

November 5th – 7th Chilford Quilt Festival Chilford Hall Vineyard Linton Cambs.
10.00am-4.30pm Adults £6.50 for info phone 01775 712100/722900/767400

November 6th Mead Quilters Open Day, Lemsford Village Hall 10.00am – 4.00pm.
Making quilts for injured servicemen or continue with your own project. Speaker in the afternoon is Norma Bean – Roses from the Heart. Entrance £1. More details at the entrance table

November 20th Region & Northants Area Day – Cosgrove Village Hall MK19 7JH
Morning 'activities – Christmas' afternoon speaker Yvonne Bell- Silk for Sundays Traders and YQ's workshop. Guild members £8 - £10 on the day.

November 25th-28th Knitting and Stitching Show at Harrogate

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December 2010

Dear Member,

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at Novembers' meeting at the start of the fabric challenge. I hope that from the items made by the committee and the books, magazines and patterns we provided that we were able to help give you some ideas on what to make. The items made will form a section of exhibition next April. For anyone who wasn't at last months meeting there are still some pieces of fabric available, speak to Sally on reception.

This month is the Christmas party, and I look forward to tasting your food contributions. Debbie has once again been hard at work and has provided kits for you to make a Christmas decoration. There is also a raffle included in the cost for the evening..

Next month we will once again be presenting Four Corners. As a change from previous years where we have presented a selection of different textile demonstrations this year as we prepare for the exhibition we have decided to focus on different methods of finishing your quilt.

The Quilters' Guild has recently introduced a facility whereby groups such as Mimram can affiliate to the Guild. This will enable us to use the Guild insurance to cover our meetings and exhibitions. The cost of this is £50. Commercial insurance is prohibitively expensive and therefore the committee wishes to take advantage of this possibility. In order to do this we must have a constitution. A constitution has been drawn up by Barbara Corbett with the assistance of her husband Don for which I am very grateful. Copies of the constitution are available at this meeting. In order to adopt this constitution there will be an Extraordinary General Meeting at the beginning of the meeting on the 10th January. Please try and attend. We need to expedite this matter to enable us to take advantage of the insurance for our exhibition in April.

Tip – No room this time around

Exhibitions:

Until the 6th March 2011 – Threads of Feeling - at the Foundling Museum, 40 Brunswick Square, London, WC1N 1AZ. Tel: 0207 841 3607
Fabric Swatches from the 18th Century tell stories of mothers and babies parting.

Until 6th March 2011 – Inside Out – New Horizons Textile Group and Westhope Group – at Stockwood Park Discovery Centre London Road, Luton LU1 4LX 01582 548600 Entry Free. Note this is textiles in the Garden open to all the weather that this winter is throwing at us.

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