

Mimram Quilters Programme 2012

Dates	2012	
Jan 9th	4 corners	Members of the committee will demonstrate different appliqué methods such as Needle turn, freezer paper, invisible machine, satin stitch
Feb 6th	Sally White Threads and Patches, talk	Sally owns and runs the shop "Threads and Patches" near Milton Keynes. She will be giving a talk about her experiences in quilting. She will be bringing a variety of items for sale, advance orders possible. http://www.threadsandpatches.co.uk/
Mar 5th	Mystery Project	A member of the committee will lead this
Apr 2nd	Ferret, talk	Ferret is a prize winning long arm quilter. She started out as a rocket scientist with degrees in physics and astrophysics, Come and hear about her quilting journey http://www.ferfab.co.uk/longarm.php
May 14th	Mystery Project continued	
June 11th	Jenny Dukes, Date change due to extra Bank Holiday	Jenny taught City and Guilds course in Patchwork and Quilting for several years. She is going to teach us a quick and easy project. This will be followed by our annual strawberry tea
July 2nd	Marlene Cohen, speaker	Marlene is a dedicated art quilter who exhibits internationally, lectures and also writes for textile journals http://www.mcquiltart.co.uk/gallery.htm
There is no meeting in August		
Sep 3rd	Wendy Lowes. Wendy specialises in ways of folding fabrics using origami techniques combined with stitch co author "A quilters guide to twists and tucks." http://newembroiderygroup.net/gallery/wendy-lowes/	
Oct 1st	AGM, Mystery project completion	

Meetings: 1st Monday of Month at 7.30 pm

Venue: CIVIC CENTRE, Prospect Place, Welwyn, Herts, AL6 9ER

Check for updates on our website <http://www.mimramquilters.org.uk/>

Mimram Quilters Newsletter

January 2012

Dear Member,

I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas Meeting and that you have all finished the fat quarter bag. I hope that you all had a great Christmas and managed to fit in some quilting and I wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year

At the January meeting we will be having 4 corners – unfortunately it is reduced to 3 demonstrations as Barbara is unable to attend as she has problems with her knee. Three types of appliqué will be demonstrated needleturn, raw edge with Bondaweb and using Vilene. A fourth table will contain books related to appliqué for you to browse. It may be a good idea for you to bring pencil and paper should you wish to take notes.

This year the February meeting will be a talk by Sally White who owns and runs the shop 'Threads and Patches' near Milton Keynes. Sally will talk about her experiences in quilting. She will also be bringing items for sale, advanced orders possible.

I hope those of you who gave us email addresses all received your newsletter last month – if not please let me know.

Accompanying this newsletter is a list of the committee members and their responsibilities. If you have any ideas about speakers you would like to hear, techniques you would like included in future hands on evenings or ideas for publicising Mimram to encourage new members please feel free to contact any of the committee. Also if you have experience/skills you would like to show to the members do not be shy in coming forward, we always welcome new contributors.

Exhibitions:-

12 Nov 11 – 21 Jan 12

New Horizons Textile Group – Retrospective

A varied selection of work some seen previously at New Horizons' exhibitions.

Open Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday from 10am – 4.45pm. Other times by appointment with the curator.

Venue Royston and District Museum and Art Gallery, 5 Lower King St, Royston SG8 5AL

Contact: Curator Phone: 01763 242587

16th Jan – 20th Feb 2012

Textile Arts and Valentines Exhibition

Venue The Upstairs Gallery, 268 High Street, Berkhamsted, Herts HP4 1AQ

This is a new venture supported by Joan Fisher – chairman of our region of the Quilters Guild. Website www.upstairsgalleryberkhampsted.co.uk

Regards Judith Coxell

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February 2012

Dear Member,

Last month the Four Corners concentrated on appliqué I hope that was useful to you. It was good to see so many of you there and I hope that you enjoyed the evening and found the demonstrations useful.

This month we have renewed our affiliation to the Quilters' Guild and we will continue to receive copies of the Quilter magazine and also a copy of Bits and Pieces the regional magazine of Region 7 our local region. I will leave these on the table at the entrance.

This month's meeting is a talk from Sally White from Threads and Patches, she will also bring a sales table. Remember to look at it for fabric for the next mystery project starting in March. To remind you the requirements for March are :

¼ metre of fabric, ½ metre of contrasting fabric, ¼ metre of firm needle punched low loft wadding or as close as you can get (fusible if possible)

Cutting out scissors, pen and pencil (if using dark fabric white would be best) and pins.

In October/ November we will start a quilt to be worked on over the next year. Debbie is designing this to be made out of a Jelly roll or 40 strips 2½ ins x 44 ins. We have asked Sally to bring some Jelly rolls so that you can start to think about the fabric you would like to use to make the quilt. We are hoping for a good show at the next exhibition in 2014!!

At the entry table there is a list for you to sign up for the UFO/Project Day on the 31st March – deposit £5.

Corrections to telephone number list :-

Tracey Atkinson – 01438 821282 or 07929 493008

Carole Godfrey – 01707 888513

Exhibitions:

16th January – 20th February Textile Arts Exhibition The Upstairs Gallery, Berkhamsted, Herts. Tues – Sat 10am – 4pm www.upstairsgalleryberkhamsted.co.uk

01st February – 22nd April – Cushy Numbers – Second exhibition of work by Northants patchwork and quilting groups. Tues – Sunday 10am – 4.30pm Phone 01604 603407

07 February – 03 March - Close to Home - An Exhibition by Spectrum

Venue: Art Van Go, 1 Stevenage Road, Knebworth, SG3 6AN

Phone: 01438 814946 www.artvango.co.uk

17th-19th February – Textiles in Focus at Cottenham Village College Cottenham Cambridge CB24 8UA
Tel: 01954 288751, 10am – 5pm Friday and Saturday, 10am – 4:30pm Sunday

25th February – 26th February - Secret Messages Exhibition, Bletchley Park
Region 7 exhibition. Contact: Jill Stillman Phone 0198 563622

1st to 31st March 2012 London Quilters Quilts at the Library, Swiss Cottage Central Library, 88 Avenue Rd, London NW3 3HA Admission Free www.londonquilters.org.uk

9th – 11th March Chilford Hall Vineyard, Balsham Road, Linton Cambridge CB21 4LE

Regards Judith Coxell

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March 2012

Dear Member,

We were sorry to cancel last months meeting but felt that it was not fair to Sally for her to come and talk to the very few members who would have made it to the meeting.

Tonight we make a start on this years mystery challenge I hope many of you will take part.

The UFO Day is on the 19th May – deposit £5. Please sign up as soon as possible. At these days there are a number of people who are happy to offer help and advice so if you have a project which you would like some help with please feel free to come to this days. They are also a good social event at which you can get to know other members of the group.

The second UFO/Project Day is on the 3rd November please add this to your programme.

In October we will be introducing a series of 5 meetings at which we will teach specific blocks. These blocks can be made into a quilt top, wall hanging or bag. If you wish to make a quilt we would suggest you use a jelly roll as you will need ready cut 2½ inch strips. If you wish to make a bag or small hanging it may be that you could find a friend or 2 to share a jelly roll with you or you can pre-cut your own 2½ strips. I have included this here as with all the summer quilt shows you may find a particularly tempting jelly roll – this gives you permission to buy it!!

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April 2012

Dear Member,

In March we made a start on this years mystery challenge I was sorry to miss the meeting but felt I did not want to give you all my cold. I understand that a large number of you started the project and look forward to seeing the progress you have made when we have the next mystery project session.

Tonight we are expecting Ferret to come and talk to us about her work. She has made a large leap from rocket scientist to award winning long arm quilter

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In June there is the Welwyn Festival – we have applied to have 2 tables at the street market on the 16th June 9am – 12:30pm and are looking for members to offer to man the tables. This our chance in 2012 to advertise ourselves and gain new members. We need to continue to gain new members as the costs of the hall and speakers are continuing to rise.

Don't forget to look for jelly rolls in your travels during the summer - in October we will be introducing a series of techniques/blocks we will focus on in 2013. We are hoping that any items made using these blocks will provide a good display at the exhibition in 2014.

Next month we have the next session in our mystery project – please remember to bring your work in progress and your sewing kit to continue work on this project

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21st April – Regional Day
Speakers Annette Emms and Jan Hassard. Traders, raffle, second hand books and Young Quilters Workshop
Venue: Eaton Bray Village Hall LU6 2DJ Contact Margaret Armstrong
Phone 01494 78202

Regards Judith Coxell

Mimram Quilters Newsletter

May 2012

Dear Member,

In April we had a wonderful talk from Ferret who made me feel very inadequate with all her exciting work. I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did. In early May Jill Elsdon, Sue Hickman and I did the craft fair at the Welwyn Civic Centre. We put out programs for Mimram and had a number of people expressing interest in coming to our meetings.

Tonight is the next session for the mystery project. If you missed the first session in March there is still time to start. Jill will be bringing part 1 with her tonight as well as part 2 so those of you who missed part 1 can get details tonight.

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Next month we have Jenny Dukes – who is bringing a project for you to do. It is also our Strawberry tea so please bring with you a small plate of strawberry themed food.

Exhibitions:

17th – 20th May Quits UK Malvern – Three Counties Showground, Malvern, WR13 6NW Adult £8 Seniors £7 Children £3. Free parking.

19th -20th May Icknield Quilters Quiltathon Studio 39, Baldock. Quilts made at the weekend to be raffled 9th Sept for Lister Kidney Foundation. Contact Michele Clarke for more info. 01462 790577

1st – 5th June Anglia Textile Works – 'In our own right' 11am 5pm The Guildhall Thaxted Essex CM6 2LA Admission to Guildhall £1. Free parking in village.

8th -11th June International Quilt Festival of Ireland 2012 Quilter's Village, National University of Ireland, Galway Campus

Regards Judith Coxell

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June 2012

Dear Member,

Last months meeting was the second session for the mystery project. I hope you all enjoyed it. I understand there was a good take up of the project and it is all progressing well. I am looking forward to seeing all the finished items at show and tell later in the year.

Eight of us attended the Project Day on the 19th May and came away with much progress made in our chosen projects. We also enjoyed a very good lunch at The Cowper Arms.

At the end of the week there is the Welwyn Festival – we have 2 tables at the street market on the 16th June 9am – 12:30pm. Anyone willing to help please contact Sally tonight.

This month we have Jenny Dukes coming to us. Originally she was going to do a short workshop but unfortunately she broke her wrist earlier in the year and so she will be giving us a talk instead. .

Warning!! When you are looking for jelly rolls this summer, check that you are getting one with 40 strips. It has come to our attention that not all of them have 40 strips. The project we are proposing for next year needs 40 strips.

Next month we have Marlene Cohen to speak to us. She is speaking about her quilting life

We now have a Facebook page for those of you on Facebook.

Exhibitions:

22 June – 24 June The National Quilt Championships , Sandown Park Racecourse, Esher. KT10 9 AJ Tickets Ad£8 Snr £7 Child £4.

Tel: 01406 372600 or 01406 372601 Free Parking, disabled access.

23 June Langford Log Cabin Quilters, Exhibition of Patchwork Quilts and Flowers, St Andrews Church, Church Lane, Langford, Beds., SG28 9QE 11am – 4pm. Admission Free. Sales table and refreshments.

23 June – 24 June Strawberries, Cream & Quilts, Christmas Quilters at Westmoor Farm, North Wheatley, Retford DN22 9DS. Sat 10am – 5pm Sun 10am – 4pm. Traders, refreshments, raffle quilt, Admission £3, proceeds to charity. Contact Marion 01427 880260

Regards Judith Coxell

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July 2012

Dear Member,

I hope you all enjoyed the talk we had from Jenny Dukes and the large selection of quilts she brought with her. I always enjoy listening to the varied ways in which people get into quilting.

On the 16th June Sue, Sally, Tracey, Monica and I spent the morning at the street market in Welwyn Festival. We had a great amount of interest and handed out 49 leaflets. We also appeared in the Welwyn and Hatfield Times. Hopefully we will see some visitors as a result of these efforts.

This month we are looking forward to a talk from Marlene Cohen, she came to us some years ago and it is a pleasure to welcome her back.

There is no meeting in August so there will be extra time for you to stitch! In September we are expecting Wendy Lowes who will be talking about Fabric origami.

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I hope you all have a good summer holiday and return in September having had a successful sewing holiday.

Exhibitions:

3rd July – 28th July Full Circle present Cre8 a textile exhibition at Letchworth Arts Centre, The Arcade, Letchworth Garden City SG6 3EW

7th July – 15th July New Horizons exhibiton 'LAYERS' open daily 11am – 5pm, The Guildhall, Thaxted, Great Dunmow, Essex. CM6 2LA. Free parking 300 yards, no disabled access. Contact 01371 830598

14th July - Quilters Guild Region 7 Regional Day, Cosgrove Village Hall, Cosgrove, Bucks, MK19 7JH 10am -4pm

1st August – 25th August Bramble Patch Summer Showcase 'Secret Messages' quilts from the Region 7 Bletchley Park Exhibition. Open Mon – Sat 10am – 5pm – all proceeds to Macmillan.

16th August – 19th August Festival of Quilts, NEC, Birmingham see www.twistedthreads.com tickets – 01394 288251, general enquiries 0208 8692 2299.

Regards Judith Coxell 01438 820245

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September 2012

Dear Member,

I was glad to see so many of you at the July meeting for Marlene Cohen and I hope you all enjoyed her talk. There was a distraction from the Zumba class which was noted by the Chair of the parish council who attended our meeting. I have since written to the council who have spoken to the person who runs the Zumba class. The Zumba class is moving to 7pm for an hour which means that they should be virtually finished before our speakers start at 8pm. We have agreed to this and will review the situation at the end of the year.

We had one visitor in July as a result of attending the Welwyn Festival, hopefully we will see more visitors in the Autumn

This month we are looking forward to a talk from Wendy Lowes, who will be talking about fabric origami.

Next month will be the AGM . If you are interested in helping with the running of Mimram quilters please contact a member of the committee.

After the AGM will be the last part of the mystery project. There will also be an introduction to the project for next year – the one for which you will need a jelly roll or part thereof.

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Note Chilford will be at Duxford Museum this year 2nd – 4th November and next March 8th -10th 2013

Exhibitions:

04 – 27th Sept – Parallel Perspectives – the work of Janet Cook and Jo Baker
Free entry, lots of parking. Open Tuesday – Saturday 10:30 – 4pm Full details on Cowper and Newton website.

Venue Three Hares Gallery, Cowper and Newton Museum, Olney, Bucks.

29th -30th Sept – Sew Inspired – an exhibition of quilts and embroidery by ‘Sew n Sews’ – a group of over 25 ladies who meet monthly to stitch. Over 200 exhibits of quilts, bags, cushions etc. Traditional and modern techniques will be displayed demonstrated and explained.

Open 10:00 – 4pm both days, admission £1, under 12’s free

Venue: St Bartholomew’s Church, Greens Norton, Northamptonshire, NN12 8BL

Contact: Tina Spink – 01327 861226

Regards Judith Coxell 01438 820245

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October 2012

Dear Member,

I hope you all had a good summer and managed to get plenty of sewing done.

I was sorry to miss the meeting with Wendy Lowes I hope you all enjoyed it. I understand from those of you who were there that starting the Zumba at 7pm instead of 8pm made life more pleasant for speaker and members.

Tonight is the AGM followed by the completion of the mystery project and the introduction to the next project. Next month we have Marian Murphy – talk entitled Tribal themes, This will cover areas of her work which have tribal elements in either design or concept. I will bring along sketchbooks and finished pieces to talk about

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06 Oct 12 Lisa Walton workshop – ‘Dyed and Gone to Heaven’ £30 QGBI members and £40 non-members
Venue Widmer End Hall, Grange Road, Widmer End, High Wycombe, Bucks, HP15 6AD Contact Margaret Armstrong, Phone 01494 785201
email:gandmarmstrong@ntlworld.com

27 Oct 12 Mead Quilters Open Day Speaker Anna Mansi
Venue Sandridge JMI Primary School Woodcock Hill Sandridge AL4 9EB 10am – 4pm Admission £2 for non-members -see details on the table at the entrance.

08 Nov 12 6pm – 8pm Opportunity to view an 1830s beautiful Patchwork Coverlet at the British Schools Museum in Hitchin. The Coverlet has been made using traditional English piecing methods based on hexagons and handstitched in "Grandma's Flower Garden" pattern. Also there is a chance to see our beautiful Sampler collection and examples of School Needlework. Admission £3.

10 Nov 12 Regional Day Speakers Sandie Lush and Janet Bolton. Traders, raffle, show and tell non-members welcome. Tea, coffee, biscuits and cake provided – bring your own lunch.

Non-memners £15 £17 on the day Guild members £10 £12 on the day.

Workshop for Young quilters.

Venue: Weston Village Hall, Maiden Street, Weston, SG4 7AA

Contact Margaret Armstrong, Phone 01494 785201

email:gandmarmstrong@ntlworld.com

Regards Judith Coxell 01438 820245

Mimram Quilters

November 2012

Hello everyone,

I would like to start by thanking Judith for all her hard work as chairman over the past years I know that you will all join me in wishing her well through her upcoming treatment. Of course Judith was ably supported by others and a big thank you to them too. Your new committee has met once and I am looking forward to working with them to maintain Mimram as a vibrant quilting group.

I went to the Duxford Quilt show on Friday, there were some lovely quilts on display and I did feel that it was easier to look at them than it had been at Chilford, I always find it difficult to choose a favourite -usually I try choose a traditional and an art quilts but this year the miniatures have stayed with me - I admire the exquisite workmanship and they really did look as if they could just be enlarged to a normal size and be just as beautiful. Duxford will never be Chilford but I am sure it will develop its own character, I hope the challenges found this time will be solved for the Spring show.

The planning of the programme for 2014 is beginning. Apart from speakers and the quilt exhibition we are considering the value of weekend stitching days. We had to cancel the most recent one due to lack of support. We have previously used them as a time for working on "Unfinished Objects"(UFO), bringing whatever we want to work on, there is no tutor as such, everyone helps each other. If you have any comments or suggestions for future speakers or activities please let me or anyone on the committee know.

Tip: If you hand sew usually over papers I have recently prepared pieces by folding over the template, spraying the seam allowance side plentifully with starch and pressing. This worked well with a class of 10 year olds, without putting in the paper (not my idea), and they all finished a basic "flower" without problems.

Next month we have our Christmas tea- pleas bring a plate to share according to your surname initial.

A-L Savoury

M-Z Sweet

Have a trip out!

Ashmolean Museum Oxford: <http://www.ashmolean.org/>

Threads of Silk and Gold: *Ornamental Textiles from Meiji, Japan*. 9th November 2012 to 27th January 2013.

William Morris Gallery, Walthamstow: <http://www.wmgallery.org.uk/>

Everyday encounters: *'Have nothing in your houses that you do not know to be useful or believe to be beautiful'* until 3rd February 2013

This gallery also has various weekend family craft activity days coming up

Best wishes

Debbie (Lewis-Brindley)

Mimram Quilters

Newsletter December 2012

Hello everyone

This month we have Liz Holliday talking about her response to the television programme "Who do you think you are". This sounds exciting as it consists of 12 contemporary sampler quilts! The Christmas tea is to follow along with the raffle.

I must admit I am a bit of a Christmas junkie! My tree will be up at the weekend and I will bring out all my old faithful decorations which no doubt will make my family sigh (but I bet they would miss them if I did not!). Each year I add something, this is my 2012 addition

Use up all your old Christmas fabric - scraps or fat quarters etc and make bunting. It has green (and red, gold, silver or any colour that you use!) credentials; if it is reversible it will last longer and next year you can buy the latest fabric guilt free! Make a triangular template to match the size of your scraps, mine was a rough 6 1/2 equilateral. Cut up all your fabric. Put right the together, 1/4inch seams and stitch side two side edges, turn right side out and press. Either use bias binding for the string, encasing the raw edges, or turn the raw edges in and use ribbon. Spacing as you wish, mine were just touching.

Next month we have our four corner meeting. Sally and others will be showing how to use those jelly rolls to make into a quilt. You should then be able to finish them in time for our exhibition in 2014! I am sorry that I will miss this meeting.

Wishing you a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year
Debbie

(Lewis-Brindley)

Have a trip out!

Milton Keynes Gallery Project Space, 900 Midsummer Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 3QA
Hemmed In, Embroidery and Needlework from MK and Beyond
7 December 2012 - 6 January 2013, Admission free

I must apologise for not including the exhibition at Art Van Go by the group Serendipity in last month's newsletter. This group includes current and past members of the committee. There was a wide variety of textile art and it was both interesting and inspiring. I hope you got the later e mail and were able to visit.

If you have any comments or suggestions for future speakers or activities please let me or anyone on the committee know.

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