

Mimram Program 2013

Date		Speaker	Topic
7 Jan 2013	Mimram		4 corners - Block Techniques
4 Feb 2013	Speaker	Tessa Barnes	Silk Painting
4 Mar 2013	Speaker	Janic Gunner	"Passtime to Profession" From Traditional techniques to contemporary constructions. A light hearted look at the life and works of a "quiltaholic", how my hobby became my obsession (in my husbands words)!
8 Apr 2013	Mimram		Quilt Project
13 May 2013	Speaker	Sally White	Threads and Patches
11 May 2013	UFO/Project		UFO / Project day - dates to be confirmed
3 Jun 2013	Mimram	Sally Ritchie	Sally Ritchie - Baby Jane Quilt - history and making
1 Jul 2013	Mimram	Strawberry tea & Sewing Project Shop- Secret Garden Quilting	Please bring a small strawberry based dish and your sewing kit - Folded fabric Kimono Needle case - fabric provided
1 Aug 2013	No meeting		No meeting
2 Sep 2013	Mimram		Layering up / Quilting - Demonstration of a variety of quilting methods - stich and flip method, quilt as you go, complete top
7 Oct 2013	Mimram		AGM &
2 Nov 2012	UFO/Project		UFO / Project day - dates to be confirmed
4 Nov 2013	Speaker	Sally Stott	Depression Era quilts
2 Dec 2013	Minmram	Christmas Party	Binding methods, labels and hanging sleeve

Mimram Quilters

Newsletter

January 2013

Hello everyone!

A Happy New Year to you all!

This month is our regular "4 Corners" meeting and is a start for the quilt with your jelly roll. We hope that you will use the blocks demonstrated - one or all of them for a quilt (or something smaller) to put into our exhibition next year (March 2014).

We currently have vacancies for new members so if you have friends who are "stitchers" why not bring them along as a visitor to a meeting. Next month Tessa Barnes is coming talking about silk painting. In March Janice Gunner- ex president of the Quilters Guild - a very inspiring speaker and quilter will be here. We deliberately have a variety of speakers - we can all appreciate different peoples work and might be inspired to use different techniques in our own quilts.

Confession time!

I started a quilt for Christmas and did not get anywhere near finished! It is therefore a "Noel UFO"

If you started a special Christmas item too and are in the same have position I challenge you to get it done for Christmas 2013 - then we can have a themed "show and tell" next December and then they can go in the exhibition. Note to self- finish it pdq so I can attend UFO day Saturday 11th May and get on with jelly roll quilt!)

I am sorry not to be with you this month

Happy Stitching

Debbie

(Lewis-Brindley)

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

<http://www.mimramquilters.org.uk/>

Mimram Quilters

February 2013

Hello Everyone!

Welcome to Tessa Barnes who will be talking to us tonight about her silk painting. I am looking forward to this, I know her work is beautiful and her talk on this, slightly different for us, textile art.

I am sure you all enjoyed four corners last month and I hope you have all started making a quilt. You have just over a year to get it ready for our exhibition next year:

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Mimram Quilters Exhibition 21- 23 March, 2014

Exhibit your jelly roll quilts and any other quilts you have made since the last exhibition. **Competitions**

Themed Section - Title - Memories - Maximum size 24 x 36.

Journal Quilts - Title -War (open to the public).

Other categories - Jelly Roll Quilts and Traditional Quilts.

We will have our 3D raffle so cushions, bags and the like will be needed for that.

A big reason to get on with your stitching - we need your quilts and to that end : **11th May** a day for stitching with likeminded people. A good opportunity to get on with your stitching without interruptions - put it in your diary now and sign up with Sally. This is often referred to as UFO day (unfinished objects) but you can bring anything you want to do whether it be an old or new piece. There is not a specific project. Members and non members welcome

There are some exhibitions coming up - but do not use them as an excuse no to stitch - get some ideas and supplies!

Textiles in Focus: Cottenham Village College 15th - 17th Feb, 10-5 (4.30 on Sunday)
Exhibitions, workshops, traders http://www.textilesinfocus.com/T_in_F_13/2013-show.htm
Duxford Quilt show: Friday 8th to Sunday 10th March 2013
10:00am - 4:30pm (4:00pm on Sunday)
http://www.grosvenorshows.co.uk/html/Spring_Duxford.html

Mimram Quilters

March 2013

Hello Everyone!

This month I am delighted to welcome Janice Gunner, ex President of the Quilters Guild, her talk is entitled "Pastime to profession" From traditional techniques to contemporary constructions. Janice has talked to us before and we know her talks are entertaining and enlightening.

I do not think the current weather suits anyone, however I am trying to ignore the cold and watching some tiny tiny green buds on trees when I walk the dog. I think there might be some touches of hopeful green in my next quilt. The sure sign that spring is on its way is that the exhibitions and shows start (see below).

Quilting tip: It is best if you can cut your patchwork pieces on the straight of the grain, this makes matching seams easier and for less distortion when blocks are completed, particularly triangles. Sometimes it's hard to see the position of threads in printed fabric, making it difficult to locate the grain to mark or cut patches. To locate the thread grains, flip the fabric over. The print should appear somewhat faded on the fabric's reverse, making it easier to see the threads. If the fabric is just as difficult to see on its reverse side, make a tiny snip along one side of the edge in the direction you wish to cut, and tear. Most fabrics will tear along the grain, helping you identify the straight grain's location.

I wish you all a Happy Easter! Debbie

Reminder:

**Next meeting is 8th April, Sally will be helping us with our jelly roll quilts
11th May 2013 UFO day, sign up with Sally tonight**

Shows:

Duxford (x Chilford) Friday 8th to Sunday 10th March 2013

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

http://www.grosvenorshows.co.uk/html/Spring_Duxford.html

The Spring Knitting and Stitching Show 14th to 17th March 2013 at the recently renovated Olympia, London.

Early notifications:

Wimbledon International Quilters' Show: 10-12 May 2013, St Paul's Church, 118 Augustus Road, London SW19 6EW. Friday 10-8, Saturday 10-5, Sunday 11.30-5pm.

Traders, raffle quilt, light refreshments, wheelchair accessible. Free parking.

Entry £3 to include catalogue. 15 minutes from Southfields Tube.

Contact : janicemonteith@gmail.com or Margaret Read 07771 708494

21 - 23 March, 2014 Mimram Quilters Exhibition

Mimram Quilters

April 2013

Hello Everyone!

I hope you had a good Easter,

This month we are getting on with our strippy jelly roll sampler quilt. Sally has lots of teaching experience and will get everyone on their way cutting and maybe some pinning.

We have booked a Saturday(11h May) at Digsweil village hall for a stitching day. Traditionally these days have been called UFO (Unfinished object) days but they are really about having a nice day sewing with like minded people.

They are the perfect opportunity to get help, layer up a quilt (there is plenty of room and lots of tables, so no crawling over the floor) start a new project or even do some mending or hems! Please do come, with 10 people there it costs about £8 and decreases proportionately with more. You can bring your own lunch or some people (well me at least) go to the local pub.

Sally is usually there and will help with the quilt if you are getting stuck - so will I and there are other very experienced stitchers there who will also help you if you need it, with anything you bring - well sewing wise- not so good with nuclear physics!

Quilting tip: This one came from Lynne Edwards. To avoid your $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam veering off at the end of the seam use the point of your stitch cutter to guide it through.

Get on with your projects for 22- 23 March 2014. Mimram Quilters Exhibition Competitions: 1) THEMED SECTION, 36 x 24", theme: Memories, 2) A4 JOURNAL QUILT : theme : War , 2) TRADITIONAL QUILTS

Enjoy the Mayday Bank holiday! Debbie

Reminders: Mimram next events

11th May 2013 UFO/ Project day, sign up with Sally at Monday 8 April night meeting

13th May Sally White, who owns Threads and Patches, will be talking to us

SHOWS:

The Upstairs Gallery in Berkhamsted is holding an open submission exhibition of Textile Arts from Thursday April 11th until Saturday May 11th 2013 inspired by the theme 'Dividing Line'. 268 High Street, Berkhamstead Hertfordshire. HP41AQ. Open 10am-4pm everyday, closed Sunday and Monday

<http://www.upstairsgalleryberkhamsted.co.uk/>

Roothing Valley Quilters, High Easter Village Hall, The Street, High Easter Essex, CM14QS. 13th and 14th April. 10am-5pm (both days)

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Open Meeting of Fat Quarters Quilt Group

It's the Colours - a talk by Amanda Hall of Monkey Buttons

Tuesday 9th April 2013, 7.30pm start All visitors very welcome. Visitor fee £4, refreshments included

Venue: Memorial Hall, Buryfield, Great Missenden, HP16 9AE

Amanda will be showing around 50 different items and explaining about the design, colours and techniques used to assemble them. She will have patterns and kits available for sale for these items as well as the Japanese Taupe fabrics she stocks.

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Mimram Quilters

May 2013

Hello Everyone!

Welcome to Sally from Threads and Patches, I have been looking forward to her talk and maybe an opportunity for little retail therapy?

How is your strippy sampler progressing? We really would like to have them all displayed at the exhibition so if you are stuck or need some help have a word with any of us on the committee. Sally, who welcomes us at the door, Marie Claire who organises our interesting programme. Sue and Patricia who manage the money, Heather who keeps the records, Carole and Estelle who organize our refreshments Wendy and Chris or me

At our sewing day on Saturday there were only five of us (plus two apologies). Those of us there agreed we had a good day with plenty of sewing, laughing and a good pub lunch but we have been wondering whether to continue them. At a future meeting there will be a little questionnaire for you to give us some of your views for future planning (anonymously if you prefer) future directions of the group.

Quilting tip: When you sit down to quilt, thread about ten needles with thread, stick them all into non moisturizing soap. When finished with each one, stick the empty needle back into the soap! They remain sharp and rust free for so much longer!!

Our next meeting is June and we have Sylvia Critcher coming. Her talk is entitled is this trapunto. You may have seen Sylvia and her lovely work at Duxford or previously Chilford

I hope you had a good bank holiday, and enjoyed the weather - hand quilting (something small) in the sun can be very soothing. So let's hope the next one will be just as sunny, so whatever you do - have fun!

Best wishes Debbie

Dates for your diary:

June 10th Ickneild quilters: Gail Lawther "Glimpses of Britain

Exhibitions and shows coming up

Quilts UK, Malvern 16 May - 19 May Three Counties Showground, Malvern, WR13 6NW

Until 30th May: North and East Herts Embroiderers Guild exhibition Letchworth Arts Centre

Tue 28 May - Sat 1 June 2013, PRISM, textile artists exhibition "Liminal" MALL GALLERIES, The Mall (near Trafalgar Square), London, SW1

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Get on with your projects

Needed: Strippy sampler, other quilts, 3D items for pocket raffle

Competitions: Memories;

War:

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June 2013

Hello Everyone!

A big thank you to Sally, our friendly face at the door who has stepped in to talk about the Baby Jane quilt this evening as our booked speaker has been unable to be with us. I hope you enjoyed Sally's, from Threads and Patches, talk last month (and maybe some retail therapy?). I really did and those quilts were lovely. I am not sure how she fits so much quilting into her life

How is your strippy sampler is progressing? I know we have a few nearly finished (maybe they are now?). It would be lovely to see them at "show and tell", you do not have to keep them hidden until the exhibition!

It is always great to see all your work and you may put any quilt you have made since in the last three years in the exhibition. There are several categories plus a prize for best in show. We have visiting independent judges arranged. The offer of help from all the committee with your strippy is still open.

Quilting tip: Another one associated with soap! If you are given beautiful soap which you are reluctant to use (like a favourite fabric!) unwrap and keep with your fabrics. When the soaps become hard and the perfume seems to have dried up cut them in half and use again. The fabric is a joy to use and just finding the soap will remind you of the giver.

Last month I notice I mentioned the good weather over the bank holiday and we have just had another one, hope you enjoyed it - I am remaining convinced it was another practice run for a glorious summer! Best wishes Debbie

Dates for your diary:

June

10th Ickneild quilters: Gail Lawther "Glimpses of Britain"

Exhibitions and shows coming up (sorry font so small)

June 7-8th Springfields Quilt Show, Spalding, Lincolnshire

<http://www.grosvenorshows.co.uk/html/Springfields.html>

June 21st-23rd National Quilt Championships, Sandown, Esher,

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If you are visiting Wales over the summer:

8 July - 7 September Minerva Quilts 13 Llanidloes, Powys, SY18 6BY. Well worth a visit

<http://www.quilt.org.uk/event-59-Minerva+Quilts+13.html>

8 - 11 AUGUST 2013: The Festival of Quilts 2013 (NEC, Birmingham)

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July 2013

Hello Everyone!

Wow! What lovely quilt(s) and story last month - thanks Sally.

Name badges: It has been raised that name badges would be a helpful welcome to our new members and visitors. The committee have committed to having theirs by September, members asap. It can be as plain or fancy as you like

Exhibition: We will be asking you to help and to that end have started setting up sub groups - we will need help from you from the Friday to the Sunday evening to set up, man the doors, look after the quilts, run the raffles, work on the sales table etc etc (extra men welcome particularly for setting up and dismantling!) A few hours will be appreciated however if you can give a large amount of time, as several of us will be, it should be fun! : Carole and Estelle, who cheerfully do our coffee and tea every week will be asking for your help with the refreshments at the exhibition (and I think, possibly, Sally Ritchie may be involved too)

Quilting tip: If you are using multiple borders in a quilt, and plan to mitre their corners, sew all of the strips for each side together lengthwise before cutting them to their final length, and then sew each multi-border unit to the quilt in one piece.

I hope you have an enjoyable time this evening, the little project looks so pretty. Stitching and strawberries - bliss!. Our next meeting is on September 2nd, wishing you all a happy summer; Best wishes Debbie

The offer of help from all the committee with your strippy quilt is still open.

Local Show: Bedfordshire Quilters, Saturday 3rd August, 10-4 Barton Le Clay Village Hall, MK45 4JY, contacts: 01582 720075 or 01582729192

8-11 AUGUST 2013: The Festival of Quilts 2013 (NEC, Birmingham), see Sally on the door re Coach trip

Other exhibitions and shows coming up, just a selection for your holiday locations: Stowmarket, Suffolk: www.eastanglianlife.org.uk, Tyne and Wear. www.newcastle-arts-centre-org-uk Norfolk. www.samphire-quilters.org.uk Carmarthenshire: ring 01550 777523 for further info (Jill-chairperson), North Yorkshire, ring Elaine 01723 862990, Bath email: jprior1005@aol.com Bangor email: jme@edwardsres.clara.co.uk, Powys, <http://www.quilt.org.uk/event-59-Minerva+Quilts+13.html> A LOT more are to be found on the open webpage of Popular Patchwork <http://www.popularpatchwork.com/events/>

Get on with your projects

Needed: Strippy sampler, other quilts, 3D items for pocket raffle etc

Competitions:

1. Members only - Memories; Maximum size 24x36" any orientation:
2. Open - War: Maximum size A4

MIMRAM QUILTERS

September 2013

Welcome back everyone!

I hope you have all had a lovely summer - the weather has been so good for holidays and gardening and picnics.

How is your strippy quilt coming along. This evening some ways of putting your quilt together are being shown and will help you get on and finish that top- you know a quilt is not a quilt until it's quilted! Then it will soon be ready for the exhibition.

On that subject I hope you have picked up your information about the exhibition in March - we think it includes everything you wanted to know at the moment - if you have any questions just ask any of the committee particularly Sally, Marie Claire or myself or Michelle who is chairing the exhibition committee.

Next month is the AGM. This is a plea from me to you to consider joining the committee. We are losing at least one member after quite a few years of valiant service. We meet about 6/7times a year at each others homes!! If you would like to chat to any of us about it please do. As chairman I hope I keep actual meetings short and to the point but there is plenty of time for chatting afterwards.

A couple of meetings ago the committee agreed that visitors and new members would find it easier if they could see peoples names. Obviously we had to set an example so some of us have made ourselves little badges. My challenge is for you to make one too! The pin was given to you as you signed in and I am really looking forward to everybody wearing them - in fact as an incentive there will be a Chairmans prize each meeting till Christmas for members who have completed and are wearing theirs! (note to committee - sorry, you are not included!)

When you are starting a new project: Date a file/folder. In this keep selvedge's with the print name, a small set of scraps from the top and backing, along with the type of wadding (including weight if appropriate) Add details of pattern and its source, finishing date and if a gift - recipient details. Add a photograph of the finished item and the date. Alongside the details on the label of the quilt this provides a lovely and useful (in case of damage)record.

Happy Stitching Debbie

MIMRAM QUILTERS

October 2013

Welcome everyone!

As you all know the October meeting is our AGM. Once the business is done - and there are some very important announcements, we can get on starting our Christmas decorations, thanks to Sally, they are lovely to put in a card or on a present. Christmas decorations that come out every year do add to the build up.

I hope that by getting this before the meeting will give you an opportunity to decide to join the committee. We really do need "new blood" It is not arduous but it is important that there are new ideas and the group moves on and ideas to attract new members are conceived. We meet about 6/7 times a year at each others homes!! If you would like to chat to any of us about it please do. As chairman I hope I keep actual meetings short and to the point but there is plenty of time for chatting afterwards.

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Chairman's Challenge: Name badges

Do not forget to wear your name badge. If you did not get a pin last meeting we still have some left. As an incentive there is a Chairman's prize each meeting till Christmas for members who have completed and are wearing theirs!

Next months speaker is Sally Stott, her talk is entitled Depression Era Quilts.

No tip this month - you have a Christmas tree, a name badge and your strippy quilt to finish

Happy Stitching Debbie

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MIMRAM QUILTERS

November 2013

Welcome everyone!

And a special welcome to our speaker Sally Stott, her talk is entitled Depression Era Quilts, the history associated with quilts is fascinating and I am sure we will all enjoy it

The exhibition is drawing ever closer and I do hope that everyone feels able to take part and have at least one entry. We also need prizes for the 3D raffle (bags, cushions and the like) and we will have a sales table. The exhibition itself will need a lot of "manning" over the whole weekend- putting up on Friday - partners welcome (to help), refreshments, raffle, door, sales table, looking after the judges, general stewarding (looking out for "touchers" etc), - an absolute minimum of 8 at any one time both the Saturday and Sunday and then putting everything away on the Sunday which is slightly quicker but still hard work. The more people that help, of course, means shorter "stints" for help everyone.

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Chairman's Challenge: Name badges

Make and wear your own handmade name badge. If you did not get a pin we still have some left. As an incentive there is a Chairman's prize each meeting until Christmas for members who have completed and are wearing theirs!

Tip of the month: Come and have a fun day of stitching on Saturday 9th Digsweil Village Hall - please tell Sally if you are definitely coming but if you suddenly find you have the time free confirm on the morning with Sally and come and join us anyway - help, ideas, fun, chat, machine, hand or bring your knitting!

Exhibitions:

Mead quilters Saturday 16th November - 10am- 5pm, Memorial Hall, Marford Road, Wheathampstead, Herts AL4 8AY

Taking Textiles Further 2nd - 30th November, Art van Go, Knebworth

Happy Stitching! Debbie

Mimram Exhibition 22-23 March 2014

Members Themed quilt competition - 'Memories' size 24" x 36",

Member competition: Traditional quilt (any size)

**Open Competition 'Journal Quilt' - theme of 'War' in memory of World War 1 ,
size A4***

MIMRAM QUILTERS

December 2013

Welcome everyone!

First I have promised not to mention the "you know what" so I hope you find the newsletter inspiring in other ways!

This month "our" Marie Claire is talking about Swedish Christmas and then we have our Christmas party

A couple of meetings ago the committee agreed that visitors and new members would find it easier if they could see people's names. If you did not get a pin we still have some left.

I hope you all enjoyed last month's speaker, Sally Stott. Her talk about Depression Era Quilts was quite fascinating and turned some of my "beliefs" about quilting around.

Some of you sadly missed our UFO day, great fun was had by all and some of us got quite a lot of sewing done too. Another one will be arranged for the spring, as soon as we have the date we will let you know and I recommend you "save the day"!!

Spend a little time away from the hurley burley of the season by finishing your Christmas tree decoration from October and or making another one of a different size.

Exhibitions: Maybe plan a trip, to the Fashion and Textile Museum, 83 Bermondsey Street, London SE1 3XF, they have an exhibition coming up from 31st January called "Artist Textiles: Picasso to Warhol"

Next month "4 corners" Demonstrations of 4 techniques - Binding methods, labels and hanging sleeve (guess why?)

Happy Stitching! Best wishes for the holidays! Debbie

PS. No, I don't count the footer!

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