

MIMRAM QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

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I have painted my toe nails, planted up the patio pots and hanging baskets, it is June and it should be summer but I still have the heating on. There is something wrong here.

Didn't we have a wonderful meeting in May? I was so happy to see Mary Gamester. Her talk was very full and informative and made her trips sound very exciting. What a tremendous amount of textiles she managed to purchase on these trips. I came straight home and looked up her travel agent with the possibility of doing a similar trip sometime. I have always wanted to go to India. A girl can dream can't she? Mary also conducted a workshop the following day that went well.

Next week we are welcoming Joan Fisher who will be entertaining us with her talk about the Tentmakers of Cairo. This is a subject that I have been interested in for a while and when I saw them at the Festival of Quilts last year I said there and then that I would like them to come to Mimram. I hope you will enjoy it too. Do bring along friends as visitors, they are always welcome. Do feel free to let us know of any special speakers you would like to come to talk to us.

Next month we will have a second session of offering you Afternoon Tea. We tried it last year for the first time and it seemed to go well, so do come along and the committee will serve you tea.

How are you doing with getting on with your quilts, wall hangings, A4 journal quilts, and 3D items for our exhibition next March? Don't forget that will be a sales table that you can sell items that you have made. More information will be given as times moves on. If you want to ask any questions in the meantime, just ask one of the committee and they will be more than happy to help you.

Tip of the month for you appliqué. When that piece of fabric won't turn under properly or the piece of fabric is becoming frayed use a tooth pick, cocktail stick or orange stick. Lick it and use the same way as you would your needle. The wood swells and sticks to the material better than your needle and bingo you have a result. Second tip this month. I always use a cook board on my knee when I am appliqueing and I can ensure I never attach myself to my work but it also it great for parking your pins, thread etc.

I am reading a book at the moment of short stories using sewing in different forms bringing together the stories. It is called Sewing can be dangerous and other small threads by S R Mallery. It is a survey of history and the art of hand crafts but also of how it affects the human spirit and daunting situations. I like the short stories as I find I can finish one and not worry I am going to miss something by falling asleep before the end.

Happy sewing

Sally