

MIMRAM QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

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Ladies

Here we are facing the sixth month of the year, it hardly seems possible and it will soon be the longest day of the year. I have spent loads of money on bedding plants and plan to spend a couple of days planting up my patio and hanging baskets. Sadly that means time away from the sewing, but you have to do it. The results will I know be worthwhile.

I do hope you enjoyed last month's speaker Annelize Littlefair. She brought some wonderful examples of her beautiful quilts and spoke animatedly and emotionally about overcoming her difficulties. To me it proved that whatever doesn't kill you makes you stronger. Annelize is certainly an example of this.

This month we are having a hands on evening. Wendy has made up some fabulous kits for making a stained glass tulip block. This is a technique that uses bias binding to cover the raw edges of fabric shapes and gives the look of stained glass, hence the name. You will need needles, pins, sewing and paper scissors, pencil, ruler, black and tacking thread. If you would prefer to bring your own fabrics please feel free to do so. For those of you on Facebook you will have seen a picture of the block. No need to worry for those who are not, you can go to Mimram Quilters website and get a glimpse of the block there. It could be a block to be inserted into a sampler quilt or it would make a fabulous cushion. Thank you Wendy for your huge efforts and I am sure we will have an instructive evening.

We are coming to the end of the Mimram year, only one more meeting in July when we will be having our summer strawberry evening. I will remind you again later, but perhaps you would like to make a note of it now. Those of you with surnames beginning A - L will you please bring along some kind of strawberry themed sweet treat and those with M onwards bring something savoury? I know you will all surprise and stun us with your culinary inventiveness.

On the topic of coming to the end of things, may I remind you that in October we will be having our AGM. Memberships will be due but also we will be having a major changeover of committee members. Several of the committee have done sterling work and supported me during my three years and it is time to move on. Are there any of you who would be willing to come onto the committee and bring with you fresh ideas of how to take this wonderful group into the future? It is not an arduous task, we meet four times a year, plan the meetings and have a lot of fun. Please make yourself known to any of the committee and we can give you further details of what is involved and which positions will become vacant. Without a full complement of committee members we cannot continue functioning.

Tips: When using templates from template plastic you have cut, be very careful to keep your mark line very thin and close to the edge. When cutting it out too, if the line is too thick cut on the inside of the line. This eliminates each piece of fabric 'increasing'. When you are drawing round your templates it is also very useful to use a piece of fine sandpaper underneath your fabric. This stops the fabric from slipping. Even before you use your templates to ensure that the edges are perfectly smooth run an emery board or very fine sandpaper round the edges.

The creative soul always obsesses. This is a good thing, because out of all that creating, ruminating and obsessing comes our very best work.

Happy sewing or gardening. Sally x