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Also check the Facebook and Instagram sites which are kept updated with interesting snippets...

You will find the email addresses of the compilers in your diary card and they will be very grateful if you send them anything but please remember to acknowledge the work of any designers whose work you may have used to avoid copyright issues.

News



This is the poster for our exhibition!

Next month, May 25th, will be all about Bargello designs.

The outing to Malvern Show is on Friday 13th May.

Apologies, this is going to be a quick newsletter or it will be another two weeks before it will get done.....(I have also skipped a month as the meeting is always so near the end of the month).

April Meeting

There was another good turn out of members.

The business began with an exhibition update. Teresa has sent out a link to The Good Exchange run by Greenham Common Trust. Any money which we can raise will be match funded to help with exhibition costs. If you know of any person or business who would donate some money to the venture please get in touch with her.

Linda has sent out an email with examples of the format for the labels for the exhibition. If you already know the details of any quilts which you would like to show you can get on with the labels and this will help Linda to spread the workload.

I don't think we have secured a personality to open the exhibition yet so please get in touch with Geraldine if you have any thoughts on this.

Malvern Quilt Show

The coach will leave the Wharf at 8.30am and do a pick-up at Chieveley village hall on Friday 13th May. It will leave Malvern at 4pm. Please let Teresa or Geraldine know where you will be joining the coach if you have not done so already

The outing is still open to family and friends but they will need to pay the full amount of the coach and the entrance ticket. The cost is £7 for members over 60 and £25 for non-members. Teresa is collecting the money which can be paid by bank transfer if you get in touch with her. There are still seats on the coach.

Our charity raffle quilt (as on the poster) will be on display at the show.

Festival of Quilts

A coach has been booked for Friday 19th August. A £5 deposit is now being taken by Teresa and the full cost is £32.

The coach will leave the Wharf at 8am and leave the NEC at 5pm.

It is a 48 seater coach and we would like to fill it as much as possible to cover the cost so please spread the word to family and friends etc.

Show and Tell

Annette is one of our newer members and to improve her skills she has done a 9 week course at Quilters Dream in Andover. She brought a quilt to show which is a sampler of various blocks which have been very neatly put together and completed with navy blue sashing.



Jan had been busy completing her Block of the Month, the one organised by Sue. She turned it into a table-topper for her dining room.



Also a wall hanging using the ideas given by Marianne in her Art Quilts workshop.

Jan has worked on a Japanese theme for her inspiration and tried out many different machine and hand techniques.

It has been hung on a piece of bamboo.



Hazel had brought along a quilt which had been started by an ex-member, Dawn. She was unable to finish it so asked whether anybody else would like to do so. Hazel has hand quilted it using a puckered quilting technique which adds interest and texture.



Maureen brought in a quilt which she had completed during lockdown which uses EPP hexies to form the pattern.



Teresa showed a Bargello quilt which she had not been happy with initially so she re-stitched it in the ditch and it looked much better.



Pat B, a member who is not able to get to meetings easily, had sent in a carrier bag full of mug rugs for the tombola at the exhibition. Many thanks.



Several members had made premmie quilts for donation—Maureen, Pat Bu, Jan—and Geraldine who had used hers to practice quilting with rulers.

(sorry if I have missed anybody)



April Meeting

Sue had been busy once again preparing samples of Crazy Patchwork. Members had also prepared a block using either crazy pieces or strips which Sue then encouraged them to embellish with embroidery stitches. Some had been foundation pieced, others had no backing.

She suggested stitches such as fly stitch, lazy daisy, French knots, buttonhole stitch etc. using thick embroidery thread. Also silk ribbon embroidery and sequins and beads.



The seams of the pieces could be followed or the patterns on the fabric enhanced...



This technique could also be used to practice using machined embroidery stitches.

The pieced fabric could also be layered and completed using the 'quilt as you go' method .



Examples of how this technique could be used were brought in by other members.



Rita had great fun creating a cover for her sketch book.

Jean brought in an embellished workbox.....



Many thanks to Sue for organising this demonstration. We will look forward to seeing some other members completed items and make a display of them at the exhibition.

Next month she will be showing us how to make a Bargello design. Instructions will be sent on how to prepare your strips for cutting .

By-the-By

There was a good programme on BBC4 on 7th April, Ulster's Folk Wonders: Inside Museums which included a talk about three of the quilts in their collection.

Forthcoming Events

The Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock

Oxfordshire textile Artists 'Connections' exhibition

May 7th—June 5th

National Needlework Archive

Mar 1st—June 30th

Stitching Botanical Artists 'I Spy Lichen' exhibition

May 3rd—June 30th

Open Studios 'Felted, Stitched & Cut'

Fashion and Textile Museum London

Apr 1st—Sept 4th

150 years of the Royal School of Needlework exhibition

Welsh Quilt Centre Lampeter

Re-opening 19th March with a new exhibition

Contemporary Quilters Group

May 24th—June 7th

Willesden Gallery London NW10 2SF

Local Suppliers

Please check our local suppliers for any sales and workshops coming up

Andover —www.quiltersdream.co.uk

- www.newthreads.com

Basingstoke —www.purple-stitches.com

Wallingford - www.villagefabrics.co.uk

Henley - www.ladysewandsew.com

Great Shefford—lornehillquilts@yahoo.co.uk

MSQ website

Cat will be keeping our website updated. There will be a link to the newsletter (which is why I am not including surnames or contact details within it but you have them in your club diary) If you would like her to post anything else of interest please send her a photo and some details by email.

Facebook

Kirsty has taken over the role of updating our Facebook page. Please send items of interest to her email which you will find on your diary card.

If you have not already found this then you need to sign up to Facebook and then do a search for market square quilters. You can request to join the group and Kirsty will let you in.

She is also going to update Instagram for us.

Long Arm Quilting

One of our new members, Nicole, has a long arm quilter and she is willing to finish quilts for other people.

She has asked me to include her contact details if you are interested. She is moving to Cornwall but intends to run the business from there.

www.nicolerolloquilting.co.uk

Sewing Sisters

This is a group of MSQ member who meet on the second Thursday of each month at St. Mary's church hall in Greenham from 10am — 3pm. You are welcome to join them, bring some sewing and some lunch and have a chat with fellow quilters. Drinks and biscuits are provided.

The Castle School

This group which met on the first Monday evening of each month has now ceased. The library is still there at the moment so please ask me if there is any subject you are interested in. I will bring a list of books to each meeting.

