



Cranford Quilters

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Tonight's meeting: Four corners – Shisha Mirrors, Chenille, Use of the Computer, Use of Foil

Hello Everyone!

I hope those of you who visited our neighbours during the month enjoyed the experience. I would like to have been to both groups but had other things on. I was preoccupied with my birthday celebrations the night of the visit to Alsager and on the Isle of Lewis (see below) over the visit to Poynton.

Happy quilting - *Diana*

TONIGHT: Vote of thanks:
Refreshments:

Wyn Colligan
Lesley Henstock and Audrey Taylor

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Don't forget to e-mail photos of your work to Katy at katy.purvis@googlemail.com

MEET THE NEIGHBOURS

I gather the visits to both Alsager and Poynton were a success and that people found that the friendliness of quilters extends beyond our own group boundaries. Both host groups gave our members a warm welcome and there was a lot of laughter. I wish I'd been there.

LITTLE GEMS

Thank you Bernadette for your offer of Cheshire Needlecraft for us to make Little Gem quilts on 11 July. Those who are going, bring some lunch. You will also need to come with your ideas, paper and colour pencils for designing if necessary, fabrics, threads, sewing kit and machine if you want to use that. To what other people have done go to www.littlegemquilts.wordpress.com These will give you ideas but don't copy them.

EFFIE GALLETLY LANDSCAPE WORKSHOP AND EXHIBITION ON THE ISLE OF LEWIS

Effie Galletly was one of the speakers at the Quilters Guild Regional Day in March this year and I went to her workshop the following day in Frodsham. Inspired by this and sharing her love of Scotland, especially places like the Outer Hebrides, I came home so full of enthusiasm that I decided to go to her one week workshop on the Isle of Lewis and Tony decided we would make a holiday of the trip. We were so lucky with the weather and had a week's strong sunshine, almost too hot in a sheltered spot but the north-easterly wind cooled it considerably where there was no shelter. It was the middle of my course when the weather changed but it was only showery – no full days of rain, although torrential one night when out in the car.

The course was great and I really enjoyed it. If you ever go to the Isle of Lewis do go to the Morven Gallery at Barvas. The workshop was self-contained in an upstairs room with windows all round and in the roof. The light on the island is so clear that it was excellent for working in. Everyone got on well together and there was a nice atmosphere. Effie gave us a lot of attention and advice – there were seven of us – and by the end of the week we were mostly ready to begin sewing. The official course was Monday, Wednesday and Friday and we had the option of using the gallery on the other two days. I took Tuesday off to make the most of the fine weather with Tony but because of struggling with my sky I decided to go in on the Thursday and spent all day there. This meant I could start sewing on the Friday. We all enjoyed the week and I believe everyone went home having learned something new, however reluctant to accept that there was a good way that was different from what one planned to do and from what one had previously been taught.

Effie also has an exhibition in the Morven Gallery and it is lovely to see her work displayed in this setting. There is plenty of light and the walls are white, reflecting the natural light. The pieces are inspired mainly by the landscapes of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland and there is great variation in their sizes. Her landscapes truly evoke the mood of the places. - *Diana*

WHAT'S ON

- 11 April – 4 July** “The Embroiderer’s Eye – the Diana Springall collection”, Macclesfield Silk Museum, Park Lane, Macclesfield SK 11 6TJ
- 27 June-8 July** “Threads of Nature” exhibition by Preston Threads at the Platform Gallery, Clitheroe
- 4-19 July** Three Shires Textile Festival – Cheshire, Derbyshire and Staffordshire – copies of the booklet listing all the exhibitions and events can be obtained from the Town Hall in Macclesfield or on line.
- 11 July** Little Gems Day, Cheshire Needlecraft (Bernadette’s), 10-4
- 11 July** Sticky Fingers Quilt show, Coppull, Chorley, Lancs PR7 5BX
- 13 July – 12 Sept.** Minerva Quilts, Minerva Arts Centre, Llanidloes – antique, quilts, the Contemporary Quilt Group and A Celebration of Welsh Quilting. Contact Minerva – 01686 413467 or e-mail quilts@quilt.org.uk Website: www.quilt.org.uk
- 20-23 August** Festival of Quilts, NEC, Birmingham
- 19-20 September** Abermule Quilters exhibition, Abermule, Montgomery, Powys SY15 6ND
- 16-17 October** Beartown Ps & Qs exhibition, Congleton
- 24 October** Pat Archibald workshop – Travellers’ Tales Told in Landscape - £25 incl. £10 non-refundable deposit
- 25 October** Pat Archibald workshop – The Seasons - £25 incl. £10 non-refundable deposit
- 13 November 2010** Cranford Quilters exhibition (setting up on the 12th)

See the noticeboard for Cheshire Needlecraft’s workshop programme for June and July and also programmes for Alsager, Beartown and Poynton groups.

NEXT MEETING:

- 27 July:** Summer party and outing to White Peak Alpacas, Paddock Hill, Mobberley, WA16 7DQ. Park at the Plough & Flail, Paddock Hill, Mobberley, WA16 7DB if possible and meet at the alpaca farm at 7.30 pm. People who have a problem with walking a short distance can park at the alpaca farm. Tonight would you sign up as to whether you will bring a sweet or savoury food to share (with fellow quilters, not the alpacas!) and a chair or something to sit on. Drinks will be provided by the committee. Please also bring money as there is a shop.

Vote of thanks: Diana Judd

Refreshments for September: Wyn Colligan and Kay Owens (Take the refreshments bag home with you tonight. Please buy milk and biscuits etc. as required and claim expenses from Ann Brimelow.)