



Cranford Quilters

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Tonight's meeting: Sue Warburton – "Quilts with Poetry"

Hello Everyone!

I have been out and about a bit more this month, but more of that below. Thank you Tricia for your contribution. I was sorry not to get to Quiltfest this year. I have however discovered that the past exhibitions are on the Quiltfest website and it is well worth visiting this site. I am not suggesting for a moment that this is a good substitute for the real thing and would thoroughly recommend anyone to make the effort to go next year. Perhaps we could arrange a car load or more.

Please note the requirements for next month's meeting, Joanne's owl, at the end of this newsletter.

Happy quilting - Diana

TONIGHT: Vote of thanks:

Edna Brereton

Refreshments:

Giulia Woodfine-Jones and Gwen Hayhurst

CRANFORD QUILTERS WEBSITE

E-mail your photos to Katy at katy.purvis@googlemail.com

CHARITY/APOLOGY

I owe Veronica an apology for saying last month that I had no information about this. Checking back through our e-mails to be sure I had moved all mine I found one from Veronica which I had for some reason not printed out and had forgotten about. There was a tie between the Samaritans and the homeless. On investigation Veronica found that it would be easier to raise funds for the Samaritans so that is what the committee agreed to. We plan to have a raffle whenever we have an outside speaker but to have just a few prizes. Our first is tonight.

EAST CHESHIRE & SOUTH MANCHESTER AREA DAY.

It was with some fear and trepidation I set off very early on Saturday 28th February to the spring area day now in its new location. Previously it had always been held just down the road in Chelford, where the village hall boasted a huge car park, but now we had been told that the new venue at the United Reform Church in Heald Green had limited parking. An alternative was to park in the roads opposite the church or on the main road, "but this is busy so be careful!" Would this country bumpkin ever get there? She did!

The speaker was Barbara Weeks and her talk was entitled 'Contemporary or innovative'. Barbara is a textile artist and tutor and brought with her several quilts for us to enjoy as well as entertaining us with a slide show, showing not only her own work but also those of her students. Most of her work is on her website, www.barbaraweeks.com We were also told that the tombola at the next Festival of Quilts will be 'Little Gem Quilts'. These will be A4 size and details again can be obtained from the website www.littlegemquilts.wordpress.com

After our packed lunches were consumed and we had spent more than we should at the trader's stands, Barbara Droop, our Linus quilt representative talked of the Linus quilts and where they would be going. She has a record and photograph of every quilt made since she took over the job. We had been told to bring along 2 1/2" strips and sewing kits and were shown how to make "Linus no measure partner blocks".

Unfortunately I had to leave before the end of the meeting, (I was on dog walking duties), but left a room full of ladies happily working on their blocks.

I thoroughly enjoyed the day and did manage to make three blocks later that afternoon at home. -

Tricia

Like Tricia I was wondering about the limited parking so chose to park in the turning just beyond the church and walk back. There is no problem parking there or in one of the turnings on the other side of the main road. All of these four turnings which were marked on Margie's map are cul-de-sacs. There is in fact room for 25 cars in the church car park behind the building.

I went to the workshop with Barbara Weeks as well as the Area Day. It was hand sewing which made a pleasant change. Someone commented how nice it was to be able to sit and sew without the whirr of machines. It was something of a challenge to produce an abstract piece of work from a landscape picture using strips of fabric. No-one finished theirs at the church but one was finished in time to show at the Area Day the following day. The unfinished work was also displayed.

For me these events are an opportunity to catch up with people who were doing City and Guilds with me and whom I rarely see otherwise, although several seem to belong to Poynton Quilters and came last month. - Diana

REGIONAL DAY

I was one of the members of Cranford Quilters who attended the Regional Day. (Where are your reports?) Philippa Naylor, who had lived in Saudi Arabia for fifteen years, took us on her homeward journey across the Middle East and Europe to her "new" home in Yorkshire. This home then took a lot of renovation but eventually she found time for quilting again, and has recently won the Pfaff award for Machine Artistry at Houston.

In the afternoon we were travelling again but this was a great contrast. We were visiting the Scottish islands, where Effie Galletly gets much of her inspiration. I can understand this having borrowed a friend's cottage on Lewis for a week a couple of years ago. Having done the workshop with Effie the day after Regional Day I have now applied to do a week's workshop with her on Lewis in June.

LITTLE GEMS

As you heard last month, the Quilters' Guild is asking people (members or not) if they would make an A4 size quilt for the tombola at the Festival of Quilts in Birmingham, 20-23 August 2009. They can be portrait or landscape, traditional or contemporary and using any technique. They have to be three layers joined by stitch and the edge should be finished appropriately. The quilt should have a label showing the title of your quilt, your name, contact details if you want to provide them, and any information you want to provide about the story behind the quilt. The quilts have to be sent to the QGBI Quilt Museum and Gallery, St Anthony's Hall, Peaseholme Green, York YO1 7PW, marked f.a.o. Judy Fairless. The website is www.littlegemquilts.wordpress.com

WHAT'S ON

- 28 March** Frodsham Patchwork Group is having An Evening with Anya Townrow, with a talk entitled "From Tulips to Triangles". If any member of Cranford Quilters is interested in going please let me know tonight. Tickets are £5 each and will not be available on the door.
- 3-5 April** Quilts in the Garden, Trentham Gardens, Stoke-on-Trent. Admission £7 adults, £6 seniors, £3 children. Contact Margaret 01384 277288 or e-mail Margaret@mqexhibitions.co.uk
- 24-26 April** Garstang Patchwork Quilters' exhibition at Bilsborrow Village Hall, Church Lane, Bilsborrow PR3 0RL. 10-4. Contact Rosie Johnstone 01524 37688 <http://gpq.our-info.co.uk>
- 24-26 April** Creative Stitches and Hobbycrafts Exhibition, Aintree Racecourse, Liverpool
- 14-17 May** Quilts UK, Three Counties Showground, Malvern. Beartown Ps and Qs are running a coach to Malvern on Sunday 17 May. There are forms available by the noticeboard if you wish to go on the coach.
- 21-24 May** Loch Lomond Quilt Show

See the noticeboard for Cheshire Needlecraft's workshop programme for March/April and also programmes for Alsager, Beartown and Poynton groups.

NEXT MEETING:

- 27 April** Owl workshop with Joanne Ridley
- Requirements for making one paperweight/pincushion size owl:
- 6" square of fabric for body
 - 3" square of fabric for breast
 - 2 buttons for eyes (shirt button size or slightly larger)
 - Embroidery thread or perlé cotton for tufts and beak
 - Polyester stuffing or bulgar wheat or pearl barley
 - 2p coin (very important!)
 - Needle and thread, pencil or pen that will mark your fabrics, a few pins, fabric scissors and paper scissors
 - Templates will be provided

Vote of thanks: Kristina Hughes

Refreshments: Pip Sumbler and Janet Baguley (Take the refreshments bag home with you tonight. Please buy milk and biscuits as required and claim expenses from Ann Brimelow.)