



Cranford Quilters

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TONIGHT'S MEETING: Sarah Bradney and her work

Hello Everyone!

Don't think I'll make it tonight: another crazy trip to my daughter's in Dorset and I may not be back until tomorrow. I shall be sorry if I miss tonight's meeting.

Happy quilting - *Diana*

TONIGHT: **Vote of thanks:** Joyce McNamara

Refreshments: Stephanie Burgess and Deirdre Thompson

NEEDED FOR APRIL MEETING

Does anyone have an old-fashioned stand-alone spin dryer which could be used for the April meeting. If so, please speak to Sue Keen or Sue Meyrick.

VISIT TO THE V & A

There are still places available on this visit on Thursday, 6 May, which includes a talk and time to see the quilt exhibition. The total cost is £42.00 (£40.20 for senior citizens). There is a list for people to sign up if wanting to go, and your phone number and a deposit of £10 is required. If you pay or have paid a deposit the balance is required by mid April, the April meeting at the latest.

EXHIBITION CHALLENGE

I realise that everyone is not able to take part in Edna's challenge so I have decided to open up another challenge for the exhibition. The challenge is for you to make a placemat. You can decide on the fabrics, colour and techniques. It can be as simple or as intricate as you wish. You have 8 or 9 months to complete your project so get your thinking caps on and make a start. – Joyce

This challenge is to be judged by the public; the fabric strips challenge is not to be judged, just for interest to see what members come up with and to be displayed at our exhibition in November.

JANET BAGULEY'S PATCHWORK EQUIPMENT

The sale of Janet's books, fabric and equipment raised £370.10. A book by Kaffe Fassett has been retained to be sold on-line as it is now out of print and worth considerably more than its original cost.

APPEAL FOR FABRIC SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN

My sister's baby grandson has a cancer-like condition that he has been having chemotherapy treatment for in Edinburgh Sick Kids. She was telling me recently that she makes little fabric bags for the hospital that the children use to keep the paraphernalia associated with getting their chemo in. Do you have any spare bits of fabric (either children's prints, bright colours or something suitable for older kids) you would be willing to donate for her to make the bags from. She needs about 15" x 6" per bag. Thanks very much. - Catherine Graham

TIPS BOX

It has been suggested that useful tips should be included in the newsletter so I propose to include a tips box in the newsletter each month so please let me have any tips you would like to pass on. I don't guarantee they will be in the next month's edition but I will make a note of them all and use them to fill the last page of the newsletter if there is space left.

WHAT'S ON

- 20 March - 4 July** V&A Quilts 1700 to 2010 exhibition – advisable to book exhibition tickets in advance (online free, www.vam.ac.uk/exhibitions/future ; by phone 0844 209 1770 booking fee applies); entry to museum free.
Cranford Quilters group visit – see separate article above.
- 26 - 28 March** Quilters Guild AGM and Conference, Southport
- 9 - 11 April** “Quilts in the Garden”, now at Uttoxeter Racecourse,
9th and 10th 10 am – 5 pm, 11th 10 am – 4 pm
- 25 April** Workshop with Edwina Mackinnon “but it’s very brown” – dyeing with potassium permanganate
- 30 April – 1 May** Mannin Quilters’ exhibition in Ballabeg Methodist Hall, on the Isle of Man. 10-4. Admission £1. If you should be there do support them.
- 6 May** Cranford Quilters visit to the V&A exhibition with talk.
- 8 May** Standish Quilters’ exhibition, Whitley Methodist Church, Spencer Road, Wigan WN1 2QR; admission £2.
- 13 - 16 May** Quilts UK, Three Counties Showground, Malvern 10 am – 5 pm
- 21-22 May** Southport Quilters’ exhibition, Methodist Church, Liverpool Road, Birkdale, Southport PR8 4PD. 21st 10-6, 22nd 10-5 £1 admission
- 26/27 June** Cranford Quilters demonstration of patchwork and quilting at Knutsford Heritage Centre
- 19 - 22 August** Festival of Quilts, NEC, Birmingham
- 5 - 29 October** Cranford Quilters exhibition at Knutsford Heritage Centre
- 9 October** Turkey workshop with Barbara Lane
- 13 November** Cranford Quilters’ exhibition, Knutsford Methodist Church

NEXT MEETING:

26 April: Edwina Mackinnon “The Story so Far”

Vote of thanks: Volunteer still needed.

Refreshments: Joyce McNamara and Veronica Walton

See the notice board for Cheshire Needlecraft’s workshop programme for March and April