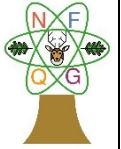




New Forest Quilt Group Newsletter January 2020



Chairmans' Chat

Firstly, may we both wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New year for 2020. The start of a new decade! A very scary thought. We hope you will all agree we had an amazing 2019 with some great speakers, workshops and our Ruby Exhibition. It was lovely to end the year in December listening to the Sway Hand Bells Group and chatting with friends. With all your contributions to the Xmas raffle we raised £137. Thank you so much to everyone for their contribution of prizes, it really is appreciated. Also, a big thank you to everyone who helped on the night to make the evening such a success.

Our thoughts are now moving on to a full packed year of speakers and workshops. Eddie, Terry and Rita have been busy organising another exciting year for you all and hope you will all enjoy the evenings planned and maybe join us for a workshop.

We hope you have received your meetings and workshop information for 2020. There will be some printed copies at January's meeting.

We're looking forward to the 'Journal Quilt' challenge. Time to experiment, and for the likes of me try something completely different.

Once again, a very 'Happy New Year'

Best wishes for 2020

Carol & Sheila



Ladies, as you know several members are stepping down from the committee in March.

At the moment Jenny has offered to stand-in to chair the group **but only** if she can joint share the role with somebody else. It has worked out so well for Sheila and myself, as we worked to our strengths and shared everything and had fun at the same time.

Denise has offered to take up the role of **either** treasurer or secretary, but we need someone else to take on **the other** of these roles.

Anne's role as trader secretary also needs to be filled. All traders have been booked for 2020 so it will be a gentle easing into the role.

We are very proud that New Forest Quilt group continues to grow from strength to strength with a membership of over 90, but it cannot continue without a functioning committee. Sadly without your support the group will not survive.

Please contact any of the existing committee for more information.

Speakers Corner

Hopefully everyone will have had a lovely, relaxing Christmas by the time we meet on 6th January. You will recently have received by email our 2020 leaflet giving you details of the upcoming speakers and workshops – if you need any more details please do contact me.

For our first meeting of the new year we will be welcoming back one of our own; Penny Bicknell will be sharing her experiences and skills in a talk she calls 'By Design – Quilts and Influences'. Our trader for the evening is the wonderful Kallosphere who you may remember from our Ruby anniversary exhibition with their creative acrylic quilting and applique templates. Take a look at their website 'Kallosphere.co.uk' and remember to bring your purse!



In February we are delighted to have booked the very busy and award winning textile designer Sandie Lush who will be giving us a talk entitled 'From Old Cloth to Whole Cloth'. Sandy is a UK based

quiltmaker and designer with a special interest in hand-quilted wholecloth quilts. Sandie has recently published a book called "Welsh Quilting Design" which is reviewed in the winter issue of 'The Quilter' and she is part of the Quilters' Guild focus on wholecloth quilting for 2020.

Sandie will be delivering a workshop for us on 4th February at Mary Magdalene Church Hall (£25 for members secured by a non-returnable £5 deposit). Contact me to book your place.

If, like me, you have been forced to take a break from your stitchery over the festive season, you will be looking forward to a new year full of new projects and inspiration. My New Year's resolution is definitely to "Buy More Fabric!"

Terry Loader (terryloader@gmx.com)

Quilts for Care Leavers

The Hampshire Quilts went to several different Christmas Dinners this year – Brighton and Hackney and some went up North. . We have also got some already completed for the 2020 dinners.

I was at the Brighton Christmas Dinner and the young people headed straight for the table with all the Quilts laid out to choose one. They were absolutely fascinated with them, and asked lots of questions about them. I have been told one young person planned to add her quilt to her sensory space and another that she had wrapped herself in it like a big hug..



Dates for your Diary

Please check before your journey

2 Jan	Sale:Cherry Tree Fabrics, Boscombe
7 Jan	Sale:Nicola's fabrics Lymington
10-11 Jan	Sale: Pauline's Patchworks, Poundbury
11 Jan	Doughty's at Landford Village Hall, SP5 2AE
12 Jan	Fabric Sales and exhibitions, The Maltings, Farnham (Coach – contact Selina 07715 905587)
24-26 Jan	Spring Quilt Festival at Ardingly
13-15 Feb	Craft4Crafters, Exeter
21-23 Feb	Spring Quilt Festival, Harrogate
27 Feb – 1 March	Spring Knitting&Stitching Show, Business Design Centre, London
2-4 April	Craft4Crafters, RB&W Showground, Shepton Mallet
3-5 April	Spring Quilt Show, Exeter
17-19 April	Quilters Guild AGM & Conference in Stirling
14-17 May	Quilts UK, Malvern
25-25 May	Brockenhurst Needlework Fiesta
19-21 June	Nat Quilt Championships, Sandown Racecourse, Esher (Coach – 21 June contact Selina)
4-19 July	Romsey Quilters' exhib, Romsey Abbey
12 July	Fabric Fiesta, Crossfield Hall, Romsey
30 July 2 Aug	Festival of Quilts, NEC, Birmingham
20-22 Aug	Summer Sale at Pauline's Patchworks, Poundbury

20-22 Aug	West Country Quilt & Textile Show, UWE, Bristol (Coach – 22 Aug contact Selina)
4-6 Sept	Great Northern Quilt & Needlecraft Shows, Harrogate
9-16 Sept	Mayflower 400 Flower & Quilt Festival, Plymouth
3 Oct	Doughty's at St Mary Magdalene Church Hall, New Milton Knitting & Stitching Show, Alexandra Palace, London
8-11 Oct	
15-17 Oct	Craft4Crafters, RB&W Showground, Shepton Mallet
16-18 Oct	Autumn Quilt Festival, Malvern

Thank you to all who contributed to this month's newsletter. If you have any items of interest to our members, please email them to Eleanor at Eleanor.dowe@gmail.com. Don't forget to visit our website to see all the photos taken at meetings and about forthcoming speakers etc.

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