



New Forest Quilt Group Newsletter July 2019



Chairmans' Chat July 2019

Well what can we say but a huge "thank you" to everyone who helped make the Quilt Exhibition so successful, it really was fantastic, especially after all the worrying the Committee went through as to whether it would be a success or not. See later in the newsletter for all the details about the Exhibition.

It's now back down to earth and back to sewing. It took several days after the Exhibition to realise it was all over, such an anti-climax but a memorable occasion.

Our June meeting was lovely hearing all the buzz of chatting, such a good way to get to know each other. We hope some of you managed to make a name badge and will wear them at our meetings. It is so nice to be able to see names, and hopefully remember them.

Annie and Eddie have been busy organising our meetings for the next year. But check your membership cards for workshops and speakers we shall be having in the next few months.

If you have any ideas or wishes for activities you would like to see included in our meetings please speak to any one of the committee members.

There are two exciting workshops coming up. We'd love to see you there.

Happy Sewing

Sheila & Carol



NFQG Ruby Exhibition

As most of you will know by now, our exhibition at Ballard School over the Bank Holiday weekend at the end of May was a great success.

After a whole day of exhibition set-up, with people, tables, chairs and quilt stands everywhere, I walked in on the Sunday morning and was thrilled to see how beautiful it all looked! We have received some wonderful comments from visitors who remarked on the both quality and quantity of work on show. One overheard comment was that it '..was better than Malvern'. Praise indeed.

The organising committee felt that Ballard School was an excellent venue with very helpful and accommodating staff. Inevitably there were a few minor problems, but these were successfully overcome.

Marian Birtles has been uploading photographs to our website so please do take a look. There are photos of the raffle quilt winners as well as more general photos.

The Judges' Choices were awarded rosettes by Faye Maxwell and Mandy Springett before the exhibition opened and winners were:

1st Lorraine Firth 2nd Liz Gibson 3rd.Barbara Langdon

The Scrappy Quilt and 'Ruby' Challenges were judged by Lourdes Ball and Kathy Osland-Moore and winners were:

Scrappy Quilt Challenge : 1st Wendy Clayton 2nd Lesley Warner

Ruby Challenge : 1st.Terry Loader 2nd Emma Douglas 3rd. Liz Gibson

At our May monthly meeting we announced the results and awarded rosettes to the winners of the Visitors' Choice quilts and these were:

1st Laraine Firth for her fabulous hand-sewn 'Floating Tumbling Blocks Recovery Quilt'



2nd Sheila Lovegrove for her foundation pieced and appliquéd 'Dinosaur Quilt'



3rd Carol Marchant for her beautiful Bargello 'Pixelated Quilt'



Thanks to Laraine, Sheila and Carol for bringing their winning designs along to the meeting.

Financially the exhibition was very successful. We had 720 paying visitors and takings from entry fees, catering, tombola, sales table, the raffle, card making, traders and a generous donation from Malcolm Wheeler (wood turner) were more than £5250.

We shall be able to make substantial donations to the two local air ambulance charities later in the year, in addition to money raised during the event for Project Linus and the Air Ambulances who had their own tables in the lobby of the school building.

I would like to thank everyone, members and friends and family who worked so hard both leading up to and during the exhibition to make this such a great success and I hope everyone enjoyed themselves as well.

My thanks go especially to all the exhibition committee members who have organised and overseen the various elements over the past 18 months to two years.

Carol Marchant and Sheila Lovegrove did a great job on publicity as proven by the number of visitors: to Pam Thatcher and her team for being so organised in co-ordinating the hanging of the quilts and all that goes with it in describing the quilts for display, receiving them and overseeing the small army of helpers who collected and put up the stands and hung the quilts (then took them down again!);

Liz Gibson and her catering team, including the emergency washers-up who stepped up when the dishwasher failed to work: Ann Trott for organising the traders' tables (all of whom told us the event was successful for them); Pat McKean and her helpers who ran the amazing sales table and to everyone who made items for sale; enise Mangles for organising the tombola; Laraine Firth and for card making and to Jenny Davies for card making and (with Wendy Westrap) for the important role of looking after the finances and cash handling.

There isn't enough space to mention everyone by name, but thanks to all who volunteered their help for stewarding, selling raffle tickets, manning stalls and the entry table, for making cakes, organising car parking and producing signs.

At times being the Chairman of the organising committee was rather daunting, but I'm pleased now to be signing off after such a good experience.

Annie

Speaker Secretary Corner

We all enjoyed the Jan Hassard workshop "Strips Galore" in May, and are looking forward to seeing your completed projects at Show and Tell.



The next workshop is with Gail Lawther, the title is Twilight Silhouettes. It is to be held on Tuesday 3rd September St Mary Magdalene Church Hall. Places are going fast, so please see Eddie at the July meeting to book your place.



We have booked Jenny Rundle for a workshop called 'TT Magic', on Saturday 9th November. Jenny came to talk to us in September 2018, when amongst others, she showed us her quilts made with pictorial scenes (from tea towels) and co-ordinating fabrics. There was a lot of interest in these at the time so we hope this will also be a popular workshop. We will provide more information and details of requirements nearer the time, so please keep an eye on the notice board.

Eddie and Annie

Sewing Day – Quilts for Care Leavers

Saturday 27 July 10 – 4

St Mary Magdalene Church Hall, New Milton



We will be making up Quilt Tops, Blocks and sewing together backing fabric on this day. This is a top completed at the last Sew Day.

Please bring your machine, general sewing kit, extension lead (if you have one), any fabric or wadding to donate or swop and a packed lunch. Drinks and home made cakes available all day.

A small donation to cover the cost of hiring the hall would be welcome.

Many thanks to all who have already donated blocks and fabric. We have made up a number of packs/projects using these for people to sew on the day. Please keep the donations coming, we are grateful for it all.

If you would like to come along, please let Eleanor know on Eleanor.dowe@gmail.com

Trip to Sandown

It was a full coach load of quilters who went off to the National Quilt Championship at Sandown in June this year.

A gloriously hot summer day meant the number of visitors were down which made moving around easier. There were less Traders than usual, so they must have been disappointed.

The Quilts were inspirational



Congratulations to Rectory Quilters who together with Hayling Island Piecemakers won a 2nd place rosette with their "Graffiti Wall", quilt.



There was much chatting, shopping, and tea/coffee drunk and a good day was had by all after a relaxing drive home on the coach. We all woke up for a raffle. Thank you to Pat McKean for organising a super day.

Dates for your diary

Always check details before going....

1-4 Aug Festival of Quilts, NEC, Birmingham

15-17 Aug Sale at Pauline's Patchworks, Poundbury

29-31 Aug West Country Quilt & Textile Show, UWE, Bristol

22 Sept Canford Needlework Festival at Hamworthy Club, Magna Road

10-13 Oct Knitting & Stitching Show, Alexandra Palace, London

17-19 Oct Craft4Crafters Show, B&W Showground, Shepton Mallet

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