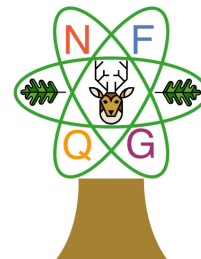


New Forest Quilt Group Newsletter

July 2017



CHAIRMANS CHAT

We hope you are all enjoying this lovely summer weather, long may it last. The only trouble is, we seem unable to concentrate on sewing as it is so hot. Any excuse not to finish those UFO's. Talking of which, we are delighted so many of you have risen to the challenge to finish your UFO's for the December meeting. Well done to all of you. There is still plenty of time to make a pledge & there is a prize if you manage to complete the task!!

We have had another two wonderful months. May saw the Committee hosting a New Members Evening when we had sixteen new members in attendance. It was such a lively evening and so much enthusiasm from the new members along with some beautiful work they have already completed.

We do hope you enjoyed the Question & Answers evening in June. It really was a fun evening & we are sure that you received some helpful tips for your projects. The panel were certainly lively and very entertaining. Many thanks to Pam & Sue for organizing it.

We have a full programme for the rest of the year & more workshops. If you have never been to a workshop, do try ONE. They are a lovely friendly day & you are learning new skills with enthusiastic tutors, so why not give one a go.

Sheila & Carol

Group Quilt

The Group Quilt is starting to take shape.



Sashiko Workshop

Sashiko (meaning little stab or little pierce) began as a way to add extra warmth & strength to fabrics stitched by people living in the North of Japan, where winters are long & cold.

We had a lovely day playing around with hand sewing & producing lovely patterns.





SPEAKER SECRETARY CORNER

JUNE QUILTERS QUESTION TIME

Our three panel members gave us a really great, entertaining and informative evening. They showed us lots of examples to help their answers, Penny provided a colour wheel and Kate showed us what to do with all those paint samples from B&Q! Who would have thought a DIY store would be helpful to our quilt group!

JULY SPEAKER

We have the great pleasure to welcome back Kate Percival in July to talk to us about her quilting life and in particular how she became the ACCIDENTAL QUILTER.

Let's hope the weather is kinder to her this month, after she had to travel home in dreadful storms after the June meeting.

OUR GROUP QUILT

We started to look at how to construct our group quilt at our Come and Sew day on 10th June, and would ask that if you have any finished squares please bring them along to the July meeting so that we can take this project one more step forward. It's beginning to look stunning and we have decided on the sashing. Time to quilt soon!

AUGUST MEETING & WORKSHOP

We are hosting Abbie Anne in August. Abbie Anne is a bigger than life character, you might have seen her at Sandown, she has purple hair!! On the Tuesday she is running a Reverse Applique workshop, where we will be producing a table runner or wall hanging, see Sue for details and the notice board for a picture of the runner. Proving to be very popular so book early to avoid disappointment!

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Cathy Corbishley Michel who is giving us a talk on 'Cyanotype on Textiles' producing quilts based on photographs taken on 1914-1916 during Sir Ernest Shackleton's near disastrous voyage to the Antarctic. Sounds fascinating!!!

UFO CHALLENGE

We are challenging you to pledge to finish a UFO(S) by our December meeting – for a grand Show and Tell at the Christmas meeting!

At the June meeting 36 people pledged 47 UFO projects!!!!

What a fantastic response. Even though it is only July, can't wait to see them all in December. It's not too late to pledge – see Sue or Pam

A QUILTERS NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

My 2017 resolution is to finish all my UFOs from 2016 that I should have done in 2015 after starting them in 2014 after planning them in 2013 and buying the fabric in 2012 while having the pattern for them since 2011!!!!

Keep Sewing!!! Sue and
Pam

Exhibition 2019 - Update

The very good news is that we have found a venue for our exhibition in 2019. We have provisionally booked Ballard School for the Bank Holiday weekend of 25 to 28 May 2019. The plan is to set up the exhibition on Saturday 25 May and open (10-4) on Sunday and Monday (26 and 27 May) and 10 -2 on Tuesday 28 May to allow time in the afternoon to 'knock down'.

We will use the performing arts centre, with kitchen and seating area, plus two other rooms in the main school building. Both are lovely rooms: one is the chapel, the other, next door, has French doors opening onto the lawn. This should give us plenty of space for quilts, traders, demonstrations and of course a good seating area for tea and cakes. It's a very nice venue and is very competitive for price.

Now we can turn attention to the exciting stuff! We need to decide on a major theme for quilts, plus other displays and challenges.

Since 2019 is believed to be the 40th anniversary of the NFQG, a theme of 'Ruby' has been suggested, perhaps for a challenge for small quilts with judging by visitors.

For a major theme 'New Forest' seems appropriate and gives broad options, forest, coast, towns and villages. A group quilt would be a lovely idea. Other suggestions include a cushion display/tombola, a display of charity work (Linus quilts, syringe driver bags, 'heart cushions for breast cancer patients).

Of course these are just first thoughts so please, if you have any thoughts do let me or any other committee member know.

We will need an Exhibition Committee to look after specific areas of the organisation. These include:

- Budget and financial management – Jenny Davies, our Treasurer, has agreed to take this role.
- Organisation of a group quilt if we decide to make one – an artistic director?
- Displays of smaller pieces and challenges – we have discussed the theme of our Ruby Anniversary for example. All things Ruby Red ?
- Magazine and local advertising including posters and flyers
- Booking traders – Ann Trott has agreed to oversee this area.
- Ideas and booking for demonstrations
- Sales Table – what to sell? Will we have themes? (Pat Keane has already offered to take on this role) Proceeds to our charities for the year?
- Refreshments

Many thanks to those who have already offered help. If you feel you could take on one of these organising roles, again please contact me or any committee member. Later on of course we will be asking for help with more specific tasks.

Later in the year we hope to dedicate time at a meeting for more detailed discussions – meanwhile I hope the creative juices will flow and look forward to hearing any ideas.

Annie

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A 2017 date list that Penny knows about so far...

Do confirm before travelling...

1-16 July Romsey Quilt Festival

15th July Winding Ways Quilt Group Exhibition

10am – 4pm Burton Green United Reformed Church Salisbury Road, Burton BH23 7JN

27-29 July Quarterjack Quilters exhib at Merley House, BH21 3AA

4-8 Aug Dorset Arts & Crafts Assoc exhib Purbeck School, Worgret Road, Wareham BH20 4PF

10-13 Aug Festival of Quilts

24/25 Aug Sale at Pauline's Patchworks, Poundbury

24th -26th August Happy Patchers' Exhibition, Church House, Wimborne BH21 1Ht

Daily 10-5

1-3 Sept West Country Quilt Show, UWE, Bristol

1-3 Sept Great Northern Needlecraft Show, Harrogate

7-14 Sept Dorset Architectural Heritage Week

17 Sept Canford Needlework Festival, Hamworthy Club, BH21 3AP

22-24 Sept Scottish Quilt Championships, Edinburgh

22 Sept QG Reg 4 W/shop

23 Sept QG Reg 4 Quilters Day with Angela Daymond

7/8 Oct QG Reg 3 Q's Day and W/shop Day at Littleton Village Hall

11-15 Oct Knitting & Stitching Show, Alexandra Palace

20 Oct Autumn Quilt Festival, Malvern

27-29 Oct Autumn Quilt Festival, Duxford



Funds Raised So Far This Year

Raffle

- Just to update you on the first half years takings for the raffle.
- Remember, half of the takings goes to our chosen charity for the year & half goes into our own funds.
- Always a big thank you to everyone who contributes to the Raffle by bringing prizes & buying tickets.

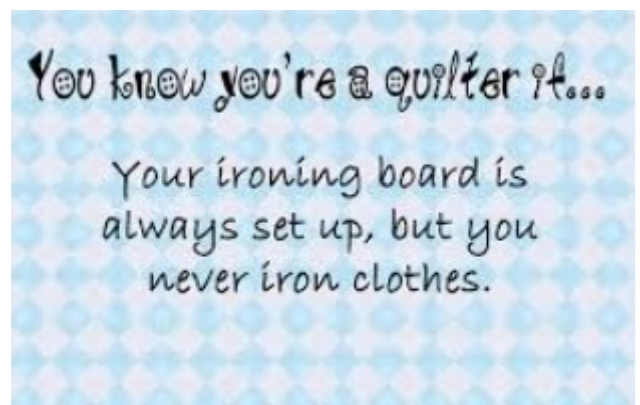
Total from Jan to June is £253

Charity Table

Takings for Jan to June £92.82

Library

- Total raised on the library from Jan to May £25



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 Carol at carol.marchant@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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