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WELCOME TO TODAY'S MEETING

Our Speaker is

Valerie Nesbitt of Just Hands-on TV

The hostesses are Chaucer and Independents C-D.

The traders are Creative Quilting and The Sewing Space.

Our Speaker is Valerie Nesbitt, the founder and



Creative Director of justhands-on.tv. Valerie has nearly 30 years experience of patchwork & quilting so has a wide depth of patchwork knowledge. She also founded Creative Quilting Shop near Hampton Court, where she still teaches to this day.

She loves to work with quick and easy patterns particularly those linked to rotary cutting and the sewing machine.

Valerie has recently become a YouTube celebrity with over 3 million views, across the globe, of her "40 minute scrap quilt" tutorial.

The workshop on **Sunday 3 March** at Lower Hardres VH 10-4pm, is the jelly roll friendly 'Two Strip Mix up'. Great for beginners and accomplished sewers alike – do you need some inspiration? You get a choice of 2 very different designs, both of which are appealing and easy to sew. You will need to purchase a set of 4" Thangles to work on this project. These will be available on the day.

To book a place, please contact Pen Swann

oastworkshops@gmail.com



Our next meeting

4 and 5 May 2024

Doors open at 2pm at St Anselm's School

The hostesses will be Pieceful Patchers, Martello and Independents E-H



Janet Clare is our speaker. Famous for her Artisan Apron, first created in 2012 and over time she has added a lot of embroidered sayings and motto's such as 'She believed she could and so she did'. She says *'When I put on my apron in the morning I feel creative and inspired and ready for work. And when I take it off I feel 'off duty' and that is a simply marvellous feeling'*.

Her talk is about her career as a textile designer creating fabric collections for Moda. She writes popular books and patterns too. Janet wrote 'The Wordsmith' book in 2015 and is the inspiration for the workshop. Her new fabrics, based on Cyanotype blues, will hopefully be available for you to buy at the meeting.

The workshop on **Sunday 5 May** 10-4pm at Lower Hardres VH, is titled 'Quilted Memories to Cherish'. During the day you will learn how Janet uses techniques



such as fusible applique, free-motion stitching, hand quilting, embroidery and quilt-as-you-go and you will begin to create unique pieces inspired by your favourite sayings, animals, holiday, song or other memories! She will be right there to help you draw, design and create your own family heirloom. *'So come, gather your letters and your threads and stitch with me'*. Janet's website is janetclare.co.uk

Oast Sewing Bee

The next Sewing Bee will be **Sunday 17 March 2024** when we will be exploring 'Quilting with a Walking Foot'. You will need to bring all those blocks that you have made at various workshops that are waiting to be put together, as well as wadding and backing fabric. OR bring quilt sandwiches that measure 16" - 18" square.

It's best if you arrive at the hall at 9.30am to set up. Bring a packed lunch, a mug, your machine, sewing kit and an extension lead. £10 for Oast Members, £15 for non-members. Contact oastsewingbee@gmail.com for more information and to reserve your place. Non members very welcome.

The workshop will be held at Petham Village Hall. Church Lane, Petham, Canterbury CT4 5RD 10am – 4pm

Committee members needed

At the AGM in November we will require the following committee posts to be filled:

Treasurer, Programme Secretary and Traders Organiser.

Richard, Julia and Tansy are more than happy to help you settle into the role. Just contact them to chat about what's involved. Please do consider taking up one of these roles as without someone in post it will make the running of this group very difficult. Thank you.

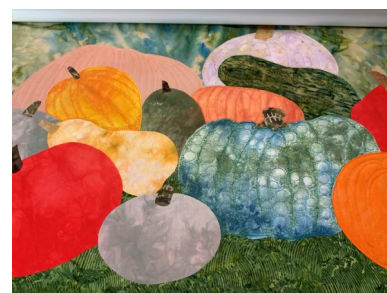
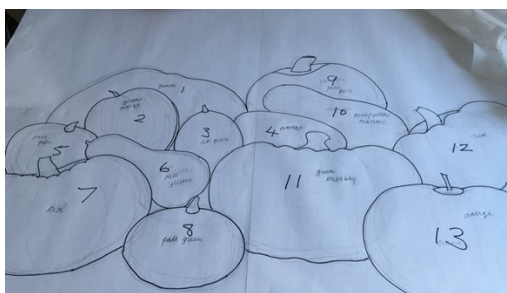
Oast Programme Secretary

Julia Freeland will be stepping down at the AGM in November but needs to hand over the role during the next few months. The Programme Secretary organises the speakers for the year. This involves keeping aware of new upcoming techniques and personalities in the quilting world. You also get recommendations from people who have attended events such as Quilters' Guild Talks or Festival of Quilts. After booking you liaise with them on the choice of workshop, costings and requirements needed. With the Workshop Organiser you monitor numbers of participants and advertise on the Oast Facebook pages.

You attend the zoom committee meetings that happen two weeks before the Saturday talk and write short articles for Oast Post on the upcoming speakers and workshops. You do not have to attend the workshops yourself but hopefully you can and enjoy some quilting time and inspiration.

Do contact Julia at oastprogramme@gmail.com to discuss this role and potentially start planning 2025 speakers together this spring.

Jan Bevan Freeform Design Workshop 2 June Lower Hardres Village Hall 10.00am - 4.00pm



Have you ever wanted to design your own quilt, or develop an idea from something that has inspired you? In this workshop Jan will take you through the stages of designing and planning your own quilt.

We will explore ways to develop your own design from an idea, sketch or photograph to make a small quilt A3 size. Please bring your image and have it blown up to A3 at a copy shop or print out on home printer, in both colour and black and white. I suggest a landscape, or something which can be broken down into simple shapes.

Using pencil and tracing paper, and later coloured papers, we will analyse the design, find simple lines and shapes, build the composition and think about the construction, before selecting fabrics.

Contact Pen oastworkshops@gmail.com to book your place. You will receive the requirements after booking.

£25 members £40 non members

Quilters' Guild Events



On **Sunday, 23 June 2024**, Cas Holmes will be leading a workshop on her mindful hand sewing of UMO's (Unidentified Meaningful Objects). This will be a complete joy to partake in. Bring along a small object that has meaning for you which will then be hidden under layers of textiles that will be embellished to finish into a ball. Do have a look at her website casholmes.uk
Aldington Village Hall TN25 7EE 11am-3pm. Cost £30 including hot drinks and cake. Money to be collected on the day. Please contact Jill Moorcroft to reserve a place southeastkent@quiltersguild.org.uk

Lullingstone Quilt and Craft Festival Tombola 19 - 21 July This year, in concert with the show's theme of 'Egypt', the Tombola would love to tempt folk with 'Cat' items or 'black and white'. As it runs for three days we need as many items as possible which can include pot holders, cards, small quilts, bags, key rings, brooches etc. If you can possibly make some bits that would be wonderful. Please bring along with you if you plan to visit the show or contact Jill Moorcroft at southeastkent@quiltersguild.org.uk.

Festival of Quilts 1 - 4 August 2024 The theme at Festival this year for their Tombola is 'Zippity-Doo-Dah'. Anything is very happily received, so long as a zip is included. Contact me at Jill Moorcroft southeastkent@quiltersguild.org.uk

Advance Notice. October, 2024. Annual Stash Sale at Littlebourne Memorial Hall to celebrate the Guild's Sapphire Birthday. We shall also be offering the opportunity to take part in a variety of mini workshops at £5 each. Have you ever made Dorset buttons or Yorkshire buttons? Just two of the workshops on offer. More information to come so do keep watch.

Oast Challenge 2024 - 'Song Title'.

Let your imagination run wild! This challenge is open to all members of Oast Quilters. 3D items and quilts made by two or more people are welcome, but all contributors must be Oast members. There is no size limit, but the entry must have been made specifically for this challenge. The closing date for the entry forms will be 1st November 2024. Entry forms will be available at the September meeting.



This is a lovely show with some amazing quilts made by a very talented group of quilters. It is well worth making the effort to visit, you won't be disappointed.

If you do go, please write a short article about it for the next edition of Oast Post.

Thank you

The Editor

Oast Festival Showcase 25 and 26 October Open 10.00am to 6.00pm each day

Oast Quilters are delighted to say that we will be joining the Canterbury Festival for 2024 and holding a mini showcase on October 25 and 26. The venue will be St Andrew's Church on Watling Street, Canterbury CT1 2UA. The showcase will be open to the public from 10am to 6pm each day. There will be an small entrance fee of £3.

We will of course require a good selection of quilts to display, so please aim to finish a few of those UFO's that are lurking in your cupboards just calling out to be quilted. We will run a tombola but not a raffle. The Library will be there with a sale of books and magazines.

The church has it's own café which we would encourage visitors to use on the Friday. However, as the café is closed on Saturday, we will need cakes to serve with the teas and coffees as well as volunteers to man the refreshments stand.

Volunteers will also be required to help with the set up on Thursday 24 October and breakdown will be on the Saturday after the close of the showcase.

There will be more information in the next Oast Post, but do contact Liz Coleman oastvicechair@gmail.com to offer your volunteer help to man the refreshments, the library or the tombola. Free entry to all volunteers.



Project Linus

As the days start to get longer, and the daffodils and the crocus peep their heads above the ground, many of us start to think about having a bit of a spring clean of our quilting projects and fabrics stash. Project Linus is 100% funded from donations, whether that is a financial donation or a donated item we can repurpose or sell to raise funds. Have you got any quilting projects or orphan quilt blocks that you are unlikely to finish? Have you got any offcuts of fabric from completed projects that you can't find the right project for? Do you have any fabric in your stash that is no longer to your taste? Then please think of Project Linus we would happily receive any of the above and of course any finished quilts.

We welcome quilts in the following sizes: baby quilts up to 36" square; child under 5 years up to 40"x50"; child 6 to 10 years 40"x60". Larger quilts, 50"x70", for teenagers and quilts that are gender neutral or suitable for boys are always in high demand. We will issue a special request when we need incubator quilts. Please do not add embellishments such as ribbons and buttons which could come off and be swallowed. All quilts must be machine washable.

We are grateful to Little Shop of Fabrics who have four Project Linus workshop dates arranged in 2024, the next two are April 20 and June 14, booking details are available on their website littleshopoffabrics.co.uk/workshops

Daisy Rudnick, who runs a Project Linus table at the Oast Quilters meetings will happily collect any donations on our behalf. Or you can contact one of your local Project Linus Area Coordinators:

Lou Matthews, Kent and Medway, 07938537375 or louisemattthews5@icloud.com

Michelle Hogben, Ashford area, 07706 582662 or shellhogben2004@hotmail.com

Christine Gainsford, North Kent area, 07931 294836 or christine.carey61@gmail.com

We look forward to another bumper year of quilts with your continuing support. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary 2024

3 March	Oast Workshop Two Strip Mix Up At LHVH
3 March	Quilters' Guild South East Charity Sewing Day at Littlebourne MH
8 - 10 March	Spring Quilt Festival, Imperial War Museum, Duxford CB22 4QR
17 March	Oast Sewing Bee Quilting with a Walking Foot at Petham VH
13 April	Quercus Quilt Show Knole Academy Sevenoaks TN13 3LE
14 April	Doughty's Roadshow at LHVH 10.00am - 1.30pm Free entrance
20 April	Project Linus Sewing Day at Little Shop of Fabrics, Smarden
4 May	Oast Meeting Janet Clare
5 May	Oast Workshop Quilted Memories at LHVH
16 - 19 May	Quilts UK Three Counties Showground, Malvern
2 June	Oast in House Workshop with Jan Bevan at LHVH
14 June	Project Linus Sewing Day at Little Shop of Fabrics
14 -16 June	Grosvenor Show Kempton Park, Sunbury on Thames TW16 5AQ
23 June	Quilters' Guild Region 2 Cas Holmes Workshop Aldington VH
1 - 4 August	Festival of Quilts NEC Birmingham
25 - 26 October	Oast Festival Showcase, St Andrew's Church Watling Street, Canterbury CT12UA



PAT TESTING

The village halls now require that all electrical equipment used in their halls is PAT tested, so we offer the opportunity to get your equipment tested. At the May meeting, Keith Brown will be attending to PAT test electrical equipment. He charges £1 per item. A sewing machine is 3 items: the machine, its foot pedal and lead. Keith is able to do approximately 100 items in three hours. We will be running a booking list on a 1st come, 1st served basis. Please email Pat James, oastsecretary@gmail.com to book your items onto the list. Extension leads and irons also need to be tested. Any item over 12 months old needs to be tested annually.

At the AGM [Patricia James](#) was elected to be the Secretary. [Marianne Drawater](#) is the Minutes Secretary. Both these posts use the oastsecretary@gmail.com email account. The sender's name is always at the bottom of the email, please reply to that name. It may be necessary to change the name of the oastsecretary@gmail.com account in your contacts list from Lynne Newell to Pat James. Lynne Newell is the Oast Post Editor. If you wish to contact Lynne please use oastposteditor@gmail.com Thank you

Hostess Rota	2024
Chaucer*	2 nd March
Independents C - D	
Pieceful Patchers*	4 th May
Martello	
Independents E - H	
Pogles Wood*	13 th July
Castle Wall	
Independents J - L	
Swallows*	28 th September
Bears Paw	
Independents N - R	
Hop Pocket*	23 rd November
Fat Quilters	
Independents S - Y	
*Denotes care of Hostess Box and Purchase of Raffle Prizes	