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Welcome to Today's Meeting

The hostesses are Pogles Wood, Castle Wall and Independents J - L

The trader is SmartFrog. There's also Project Linus and a members' table (Ann is selling Celia's stash).

Our speaker is Shree Desai.

Shree's talk will be 'Batik - A Resist Painting Process'.

Shree is a textile artist teaching workshops on Silk painting, Block Printing, Tie Dye and Embroidery too.

Batik, with its enthralling wax effect on fabric, has always captivated her, 'The interplay of colours creates a mesmerizing spectacle that unfolds with each brushstroke'.

The word batik originates from the Javanese "tik" and means to dot. To make a batik, selected areas of the cloth are blocked out by brushing or drawing hot wax over them, and the cloth is then dyed.

Workshop: Batik Workshop at Littlebourne 10.00am-4.00pm Create your own batik design and fabric.

The workshop will be an 'Introduction to Batik: Resist Dyeing Techniques', Shree will take participants through creating artwork, understanding of materials, wax combinations and effects. Wax application, preparing the dye bath, the dyeing process and wax removing process.

There are a few places available. Contact Pen Swann oastworkshops@gmail.com £55 member/£70 non-member (includes kit) www.shreethreadart.com



Our next meetings

Oast Open Day 28 and 29 September

Doors open at 10.00am at St Anselm's School
The hostesses will be Swallows, Bears Paw and Independents N - R.

The first speaker on 28 September is Deborah McGuire and her talk will be: 'Remember Me'. A scant history of British Patchwork and Quilting since 1700: New Quilts from Old Ideas'.

Deb is a traditional hand quilter, sewing British vernacular-inspired modern new work on an extant Welsh quilt frame from 1900. A passionate advocate of the tradition of framed hand quilting, she taught quilt making and now works as a mentor for artists and makers using the frame.

Deb is also an historian, writer, teacher and hand quilter. Her work presents the quilt as an emotional object, exploring its role in domestic history, women's history, material culture and regional histories.

If her name is ringing bells, you may have read her column in The Quilter (QGBI) and other publications

The afternoon session will begin at 1.00pm and the speaker will be Joy Harber. Her talk is 'Log Cabin Obsession'. An attendee of one of her talks said: 'Joy delights in torturing herself by making the tiniest and most exquisite log cabin quilts ever to be seen. She was both entertaining and awe inspiring and those of us booked for the next day's workshop became very excited and nervous in equal measure'. Exhibiting her work around the world, Joy won the Quilters' Guild Challenge in 2015 at FoQ which also hung there last year in the Winning Quilt Retrospective Gallery. Her talks are a visual tour through her work, including knitting, embroidery and patchwork, through real life quilts and samples focusing on her Log Cabin series.

<https://www.instagram.com/patchworkjoy/>
<https://joysalvage.wordpress.com/>

Joy lives with her family in the Cotswolds. A long armer by day she believes 'that having your quilt professionally long armed should be accessible and affordable for all' and offers a reduction for the more quilts you have done!

Joy will be taking the workshop on Sunday 29 September at Lower Hardres VH on Log Cabin Obsession.

There are places available on the workshop. Contact Pen Swann oastworkshops@gmail.com £30 member/£45 non-member (includes kit)

Members' News

You will be pleased to know that numbers are steadily increasing; we now have 183 members. An amazing 105 people came to the last meeting. Julia and Debbie ask members to note that they will be leaving today at 3.00pm and apologise that they brought a limited selection today. Make sure you return your books on arrival at today's meeting. Please note that a hot drink will only be supplied to the Traders and the Speaker at the beginning of the meeting. The hostesses will be on duty during the interval. If you find you need a hot drink on arrival, please bring a thermos or insulated cup in future. Sadly we ran out of milk at the last meeting owing to the number of members requiring a drink.

Oast Sewing Bee



The next Sewing Bee will be **Sunday 28 July 2024** when we will be creating quilt tops using scrap strips, or left-overs from jelly rolls .

It's best if you arrive at the hall at 9.30am to set up. Bring a bag of strips of fabric, and also something for a foundation—light weight calico, an ugly fabric you think you will never use, or even nappy liners. a packed lunch, a mug, your machine, sewing kit and an extension lead. £10 for Oast Members, £15 for non-members.

The workshop will be held at Petham Village Hall. Church Lane, Petham, Canterbury CT4 5RD 10.00am – 4.00pm Contact oastsewingbee@gmail.com for more information and to reserve your place. Spread the word that people new to sewing and non-members are very welcome.

HandiQuilter Sweet Sixteen.



A "sit down" longarm quilting machine. With a 16" throat space and comes with the "InSight" table which ensures built-in stitch regulation. Easy to install and does not take up much room/space in a workroom. Comes with many extras so please ask for details.

Recently serviced and working beautifully.
All packaging and boxes still available for use.
Happy to demonstrate free motion quilting and ruler work as required.

Any sensible offers would be considered.

Contact Cathy Northcutt email cathyquilt@btinternet.com or mobile 07860 695327 or home 01843 220744.

Committee members needed

At the AGM in November we will require the following committee posts to be filled: **Chairman**, **Programme Secretary** and **Workshop Organiser**. These roles require the holder to be computer literate, able to access and respond to emails regularly and attend zoom committee meetings.

The **Programme Secretary's** role is very interesting and is an opportunity to correspond with the very many talented speakers and teachers in the UK. By keeping aware of new upcoming techniques and personalities in the quilting world, and getting recommendations from people who have attended events such as Quilters' Guild Talks or Festival of Quilts, you are able to plan a programme which offers broad range of tutors and techniques. Contact Julia oastprogramme@gmail.com

The **Workshop Organiser**; takes all the bookings at Oast meetings or via email, communicates with the attendees, liaises closely with the Programme Secretary with regards the tutor's requirements, advertises the workshops, and books the workshop halls. Contact Pen oastworkshops@gmail.com

Contact the current role holder to chat about what's involved. Each current post holder has very much enjoyed their time in the role and is happy to support the new post holder while they settle in to the position.

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. The Committee.

Oast Festival Showcase 25 and 26 October Open 10.00am to 6.00pm both days



Our mini showcase, which is in conjunction with the Canterbury Festival, will be upon us before we know it!

How are you getting on finishing those UFO's? Entry forms are available now, at the meeting, on the website or by email. Don't be shy—without quilts, there will be no show! Please send your entry forms to Liz Coleman lyminge.liz@live.co.uk At the time of writing we have five entries.... We do need more!!

For the tombola we are making up scrap bags of pieces no smaller than 5" square. Bundle up your scraps and pop them into sandwich bags from Lakeland, taping down the opening (preferred!)—or give to Liz Coleman and she will do this.

The Library will be there with a sale of books and magazines. There will also be a number of traders including Little Shop of Fabrics and Lina Patchwork (Saturday only). Project Linus will also be in attendance. The church has its own café which visitors should 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. Please find the volunteer list on the members' table. If anyone is willing to do some mini workshops, that would be great.

Quilt Stands..... Have you or your group any we can borrow please? Hiring the Region 2 QGBI stands may be problematical. Please let Liz Coleman know as soon as possible.

Set up will be from 2.00pm—6.00pm on Thursday 24. The entry forms say that quilts can be dropped off by 8.00am on Friday 25—but that's only as a **very last resort**—we'd like them much earlier please, ideally at the September meeting. The cost for entry to the show is £3.00 and under 25s are free. Free show entry to all volunteers.

Contact Liz at lyminge.liz@live.co.uk or 07714691673

Oast Sewing Bee



What a great time we had at Petham Village Hall in May! We made 15 bags of all shapes and sizes and many were donated for Region 2's Zippity-Doo-Dah Tombola at the Festival of Quilts. Many thanks to all who came along and made it such a lovely day.

The Quilters' Guild South East Kent area



On 23 June sixteen ladies attended the Cas Holmes' UMOs (unidentified meaningful objects) workshop at Aldington Village Hall. The workshop was both interesting and different. People left feeling emotional, having shared information about their meaningful objects. It was a wonderful day.

On 6 October the annual 'Birthday Bash and Stash Sale' will be at Littlebourne. During the day there will be some mini-1-hour workshops, each with a charge of £5. If you would like to reserve a stash table, the cost is £10 for members. but there will be no entry fee.



Jill is hoping to set up a zoom event for November to make Scandinavian style reindeer but is having difficulty contacting the organisation she had seen through the Miniatures Group of The Quilters' Guild. Watch this space!

Nothing has yet been planned for 2025, but Jill is delighted to say that a lovely lady called Leslie has come forward to assist her in continuing to make this an interesting and active section of The Quilters' Guild.

Contact Jill Moorcroft at southeastkent@quiltersguild.org.uk

Thank you to everyone who continues to support Project Linus UK Kent and Medway, we are very fortunate to have so many quilters supporting us.

We have three more workshops planned for the rest of year. If you are interested in attending please book your space via <https://www.littleshopoffabrics.co.uk/courses> This helps us to keep track of the numbers of people attending. The dates of the workshops are **Saturday 17 August, Friday 11 October, and Sunday 14 December**. The workshop days are free of charge and tea and coffee will be available too. We will be cutting, sewing, and binding quilts throughout the day. No experience is necessary just a willingness to take part.

We have started to think about Halloween and Christmas and thank you to everyone who donated unwanted fabric last year. Our fabric stocks are getting low so if you would like to donate fabric, unfinished quilt blocks or quilts, we would be happy to receive them. Daisy Rudnick, who runs the Project Linus table at the Oast Quilters' meetings, will happily collect any donations on our behalf. Alternatively, you can contact one of your local Project Linus Area Coordinators:

Lou Matthews, Kent, and Medway, 07938537375 or louisemattthews5@icloud.com
 Michelle Hogben, Ashford, and surrounding area, 07706 582662 or shellhogben2004@hotmail.com
 Christine Gainsford, North Kent area, 07931 294836 or Christine.carey61@gmail.com

Dates for your Diary 2024

19 - 21 July	Lullingstone Quilt and Craft Festival
28 July	Oast Sewing Bee at Petham VH—fun with scrap strips
1 - 4 August	Festival of Quilts NEC Birmingham
17 August	Project Linus Sewing Day at Little Shop of Fabrics
24 - 26 August	Phoenix Quilters Show, Deal
22 September	Oast Sewing Bee at Petham VH—Flying geese
28 September	Oast Open Day at St Anselm's School with Deborah McGuire and Joy Harber
29 September	Oast Workshop with Joy Harber at Lower Hardres VH
6 October	Quilters' Guild Birthday Bash And Stash Sale Littlebourne MH
11 October	Project Linus Sewing Day at Little Shop of Fabrics
18 - 20 October	Autumn Quilt Festival, Three Counties Showground, Malvern WR13 6NW
25 - 26 October	Oast Festival Showcase, St Andrew's Church, Watling St, Canterbury CT12UA
1 - 3 November	Autumn Quilt Festival, Imperial War Museum Duxford CB22 4QR
2 November	Oast UFO Day at Lower Hardres VH
23 November	Oast AGM and 'Song Title' Challenge Vote
14 December	Project Linus Sewing Day at Little Shop of Fabrics



Ashford Sewing Centre are offering a 10% discount on everything in the shop (*excluding machine promotions) to all Oast members. All members have to do is say the word **Oast** at the till to receive the discount. The sewing centre also supply, service and repair all makes and models of Sewing, Embroidery & Overlocker machines.

This issue of Oast Post has been edited by me, Liz Coleman, as Lynne Newell has been recuperating from an operation. So any errors and omissions are mine! However, I'm pretty sure wild horses won't have kept her away from this meeting!

What's in a name?

I was going through some old Oast documentation recently and found the following note from Marion Collins, the first Chairman of Oast;

'Dear Oast Quilters, I hope you like the name. It was chosen last week at the first meeting of group representatives, though the name 'cherrypickers' was also considered. The Oast Quilters is an umbrella name for the eleven groups so far formed in the area.' etc (Summer 1987). Liz C

Hostess Rota	2024
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	