

THAMESIDE QUILTERS Programme for 2009-10

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MONTHLY MEETINGS:

We meet at the **Magna Carta School, Thorpe Road, Egham-Hythe, Staines, TW18 3HJ** in the cafeteria. Entrance and parking through the St. Paul's Road entrance to the school. We usually meet on the **third Monday evening of each month, September to June, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.** (doors open at 7 p.m.). The **annual membership fee is £23** (£21 for O.A.P.'s and under 18's) .**Non-members are welcome to attend : £6 speaker evenings; £4 all other meetings.**

28th September, 2009

Guest speaker – ANNE WALKER

Speaking about "**Pieces of the Past**". Anne is a lifelong quilter, quilt designer, and enthusiastic quilt teacher who will share her love of scrap and charm quilts with us.

19th October

Guest speaker – KATHLEEN LAUREL-SAGE

Speaking about "**Extrav-organza!**" Kathleen is a textile artist who uses organza, a sewing machine, and a soldering iron to create beautiful 3-D artifacts and jewellery.

16th November

Guest speaker and Mini Workshop– JUNE HURST

Speaking about "**Christmas Patchwork**". June will share a variety of ideas for decorating our homes and gift giving for the holiday season and teach us how to make a fabric Christmas ornament – bring your hand sewing kit, plus red and green sewing threads.

21st December

Christmas Supper, Quilt Raffle, and Quilters Auction

Take a break from all that holiday cooking and join us for a jacket potato stuffed with fillings of your choice. We have a fantastic Rosebud Row quilt to raffle to raise money for our charity, the Linden Bennett School. Please bring along any quilts, quilt tops, quilt blocks, jellyrolls, or metre lengths of quilting fabric you are willing to donate for the auction, and don't forget to bring your purse!

18th January, 2010

Old Fashioned Sewing Bee and Storytelling

Bring along your hand sewing kit and a hand project of your own, or help us make a block for our "**Lazy Daisy**" 2010 raffle quilt (materials, pattern, and instructions will be provided), while hearing about "Wagontrain Women and their Quilts" from Paula Doyle.

15th February

Guest speaker – SANDRA MEECH

Speaking on "**Connecting Art to Stitch**". Sandra is a graphic artist and designer who transfers photos to fabric and adds light and shade with machine quilting, exploring the influence of art, drawing, painting, colour & composition on modern stitched textiles.

15th March

Mini-Workshop-Japanese Folded Hexagon Quilt- by Isabel Hall

Bring your hand sewing kit, a fat-quarter of calico, and two or more fat quarters of colourful printed fabrics (such as 1930's prints, or William Morris prints) to get you started on making your own version of this "must have" quilt. Instructions and pattern provided.

19th April

A.G.M. – "Another Great Meeting"

This is the meeting where you nominate and decide which charity we will be fundraising for in the next year, and elect new members to the executive committee. We get the business end of things done very quickly so we can get to the "Stitch and Chat" section of the evening. We will also be handing out Exchange Blocks received from the Woodland Quilters.

17th May

Guest speaker- JANET TWINN

Janet describes herself as a "painter who expresses herself in fabric through dye, paint, and stitch". Straight from her spectacular one-woman show at the N.E.C. Festival of Quilts she will be bringing along several of her stunning award winning art quilts to show and talk about.

21st June

Guest speaker – SHEENA NORQUAY

Sheena is an award winning quilter from the Scottish Highlands and she captures the unique features and lighting of the Western Isles in her beautiful quilts. Join us for an evening of ooo's and aaa's which will last you until our September meeting!

WORKSHOPS: Unless stated otherwise all workshops take place at **Lyne Village Hall, Lyne Lane, Lyne nr. Chertsey, KT16 0AN** on the third or fourth Saturday of the month from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (doors open at 9 a.m.). Additional fees (usually £25 for a FAB workshop, £10 for UFO day) are payable for all workshops except for the annual **Quiltathon**. Sign up for these at our regular meetings. Sign up early to avoid disappointment.

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| 28th November 2009 | FAB workshop “Greek Key Log Cabin Quilt” class £25
UFO day £ 10 |
| 23rd January 2010 | Annual Charity Quiltathon – come make a “Credit Crunch” cuddle quilt to donate to a needy child, learn a new technique, and get a free quilt pattern and free instruction from Paula Doyle as our thank you to you. BONUS! “Leftover Credit” quilt pattern! |
| 20th February | Anne Walker workshop “Midnight Sky” quilt |
| 20th March | T.B.A.
(Possibly Kathleen Laurel Sage workshop <u>or</u> a FAB UFO?) |
| 22nd May | Janet Twinn workshop |
| 26th June | T.B.A.
(Possibly FAB UFO <u>or</u> a second Quiltathon?) |

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NOTE : FAB / UFO Saturdays: For Absolute Beginners / Un Finished Objects

Other items activities included in the monthly meetings:

***Add-a-Border Challenge** - Envelopes to be opened at the **October, December, February, April, and June meetings** containing MEASUREMENT, STYLE, and SPECIAL REQUIREMENT for each of the five borders participants will be adding to their centre blocks.

October:	5” - APPLIQUE Border	- Must include a star
December:		
February:		
April:		
June:		

Participants can stop at the challenge anytime they feel like their project is large enough.
Participants can add additional borders if desired.

***Block Exchange** – We will exchange blocks this year with members from The Woodlands Quilters Guild, near Houston, Texas – block parameters TBA with Venetta Morger. Would like to exchange blocks in March so they are received for the AGM.