



Bourne Quilters Newsletter

May 2024

Chat from the Chair

Things are really hotting up now towards our Show at the end of July. There is lots of information in this newsletter and on the website. Also, more details will be available at this month's meeting. As always, we are aware that we won't answer everyone's questions, so please ask if there's anything you are unsure about.

In previous years we have made sizable donations from the show proceeds to local charities. This year we are asking for nominations from you, our members, of charities whose work you feel would benefit from a donation. We are particularly interested to hear about any charity that may be supporting your family or friends. In the past we have not asked for these nominations until after the show but it was felt that if decisions were made before the show the charities involved may be able to help publicise the show. Please speak to a committee member or email me busybarrells@gmail.com if you would like to nominate a charity.

The next job is to start registering quilts etc. The relevant information and forms are available in PDF attached to this email for you to print and fill in by hand when you have your registration numbers. Alternatively, you can get paper copies from Kathy at our meetings or download copies from the website to fill in electronically. Please, do ask a committee member if you have any questions.

Meeting Report 1st April

We had a good turn out for this meeting, despite it being a Bank Holiday. We started with a demonstration of the revamped Bourne Quilters Website from Frances, who has done an amazing job pulling everything together. As well as showing the general layout and where you can find past newsletters and the BQ programme, Frances talked about the "Making for Others" section where you can find information on how to make quilts for Special Care Baby Cots and Incubator quilts, as well as Borrow Bags (see below). She also emphasised the Show page which will continue to develop as we get nearer the show. You can



already see details of the "End Wall Project" and the "Chairperson's Challenge", as well as instructions for how to create a sleeve for your quilts.

You can "follow" the website by entering your email address in the right hand bar - this will result in you getting an email (from WORDPress) whenever a change is made to the website.

The website address is: www.bournequilters.com

If you have anything you would like added to the website, or any comments to make, please let one of the committee know.



Francis also gave some feedback from the Borrow Bag workshop held on April 6th in Cosham, where she delivered 11 bags that had been made by BQ members (left). In Emsworth, the bags are being used in a number of places, including the PO10 gift shop, the Bookshop (right), the Butchers and the Greengrocers.



Karen gave us feedback from the scrappy workshop we had in March and showed us how she had used scrappy square to make a book cover.



Caron showed an example of a scrappy roll she was building.

The rest of the evening was a mixture of people doing their own sewing - and sharing what they were doing - and learning from others about things like putting a sleeve on a quilt, making a BQ Sash etc. It was a lovely opportunity to learn from each other and make new friends.

Fabric Flowers Workshop - 20th April



A small group of us (6) joined Alyson Griffiths who showed us how to make large fabric flowers similar to those that were made at the 'Sewing for the show' workshop. It was a brilliant day, the sun shone outside as we set about making the flowers in a range of designs. We experimented with some techniques which was fun and at the end of the day we had all completed a flower.

It was quite addictive, and I can see a spring bunch budding in my sewing room. The chatter was great and the ideas for the different uses (not just a bunch of flowers) came out as part of the creative process.



Many thanks to Alyson for leading this workshop, its so good to have so many talented members who can share their knowledge.

Coming Up.....

Monday 6th May - Meon Valley Quilters "Show and Tell" Meon Valley

Quilters will be showing us examples of their work. It's bound to be an inspiring evening from a local group.



June 3rd 2024 - Samantha Boot

Samantha is a textile artist and quilter from Stockbridge and she is coming to talk to us about '**The Perfection of Imperfection**'. You can find out about her work at www.samanthaboot.com. She has recently had an exhibition called Garlick Lane and is running workshops at Hillier Gardens in June.

June 22nd - Hand Stitched Mini Quilt Workshop

Samantha will be running a workshop to create a hand stitched mini quilt inspired by place. The workshop will be on Saturday June 22nd at Westbourne from 10am to 4pm The cost will be £25 - requirements will be sent out nearer the date.

2025 Program

We are in the process of gathering ideas for our 2025 program - if you have any recommendations for talks or workshops that you have seen or attended elsewhere, please let Lisa know on: lisa.harnett@outlook.com

Bits and Bobs and Supplies

In the newsletter last month there was a piece about having a repository for those pieces of hardware we use for bags etc where we have to buy 50 and only need two!! The collection has been started as we have been donated a few pieces. If you have an excess of 'D' rings, buckles, beads etc and could spare a few please bring them in.

IT'S SHOW TIME

Bourne Quilters Quilt Show - Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th July

It really is countdown to the show now - **only 12 weeks to go !**

Between now and July things will really be focussed on pulling together all the organisation that has been going on in order to get to the actual weekend and put on a show of the quality that Bourne Quilters always provide.

SHOW PLAN

For those of you who have been involved in previous shows, we are going to try a slightly different layout. We also appreciate that we have a lot of new members who may want to have a better overview of what it entails. Caron Moss has put together a plan that will be on display at the future meetings. It will provide a visual plan, as well as notes on how you can contribute and get involved.

As always - if you think there is anything that's missing or you feel would help then please do share your ideas

REGISTERING YOUR QUILT

Registration for your quilts for display starts at the May meeting. At the beginning of the meeting we will talk through what you need to do (for those of you have not done it before) and a reminder for those of you who have.

For those who won't be at the May meeting, there will be a follow-up email to all members after the meeting.

This year we are trying to make everything available on paper and electronically so you can use whichever method you prefer !

QUILT LABELS

It's great to have a few words of your own to describe your quilt and they look particularly great if they are typed up and laminated.

To get a similar presentation for all quilts, your words will be typed up and laminated for you, but you will need to supply the description.

This can be done on paper - there will be forms for you to use or you can send the text in an email to Caron (caronmoss1@gmail.com) - **please remember to add your registration number for each quilt !**

VOLUNTEERS

Chris will be coordinating the volunteers and the sign up sheets will be available from May. You don't need to be there all weekend or all day! Many hands make light work and Chris will draw up a rota.

Any other questions?

If you want to know anything else please ask - I'm sure there will be others who are thinking the same question.

The Last Page.....

If at any time you are aware of another member who has been bereaved, is ill, in hospital, or just needs cheering up then please contact Kathy on: patchworkbear@gmail.com 07909 692559 or 01243 373545 so that Bourne Quilters can send a card. We would rather be told twice than not at all.

If you would like to come to our Monday meetings but find it hard to get there, please let a member of the committee know, it's not a promise as it would depend on where you live and who is passing but several members who come along have said they would be prepared to pick up and drop off if needed. Let Karen know on karen.lillington@btinternet.com or 07886796857

BQ has **wadding for sale** at the Monday meetings at a very reasonable price. It is available in multiples of half a metre.

Price: 80/20 - £10/metre Bamboo - £11/metre

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Bourne Quilters Programme 2024

Also on our website: www.bournequilters.com

May 6th	Meon Valley Quilters Show and Tell
June 3rd	Samantha Boot - The Perfection of Imperfection
June 22nd (Saturday)	Hand Stitched Mini Quilt Workshop Samantha Boot - Westbourne 10am-4pm
July 1st	Show Preparation
July 27th and 28th	BQ Quilt Show
August 5th	Jackie Dimmock Part 2 - The Good, the Bad and the Downright Ugly
September 2nd	Joy Harper - An Obsession with Log Cabin
September 3rd (Tuesday)	Workshop - Joy Harper Log Cabin Emsworth 10am-4pm
October 7th	Kate L'Amie - local textile artist
October 8th (Tuesday)	Workshop - Kate L'Amie Emsworth 10am-4pm
November 4th	Christmas Sewing
December 2nd	AGM and Party

Bourne Stitchers Dates 2024

7th, 21st May	4th, 18th June	2nd, 16th, 30th July
13th, 27th August	10th, 24th September	8th, 22nd October
5th, 19th November	3rd, 17th December	