



Mole Valley Quilters

MARCH 2024

Dear Members

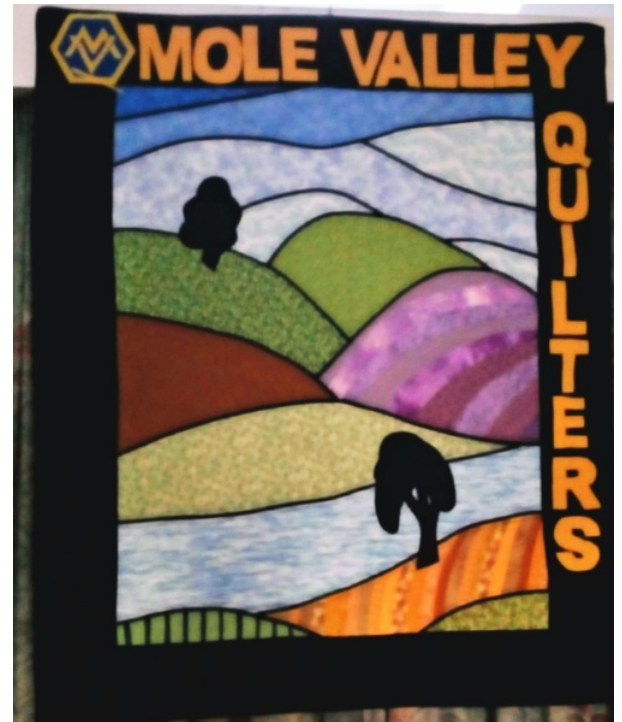
Spring is definitely on the way despite the rather dodgy weather! The evenings are becoming gradually lighter and lots of daffodils, crocus and snowdrops are showing their faces, but I can't say the same for our camera birdbox. There aren't any birds showing an interest but perhaps it is still a bit early!

Talking of daffodils, last month we had a terrific Zoom meeting with Sally Moss talking about the history of Welsh Costume which was really interesting. We had a large turnout of members which is always good with visiting speakers.

The meeting next Thursday is with the ever popular Kate Findlay. She is a regular visitor to our group and always gives us an interesting and enjoyable evening. I won't be there as I am off to Australia for a few weeks, and am truly sorry to be missing the meeting - I shall enviously think of you all as I try to get over the jet lag!

Best wishes

Jane x



NEXT MEETING

Thursday 7th March 2024

Kate Findlay is coming to speak to us about appliqué birds.

As usual the meeting is in the Harrison Room beginning at 7.30, please arrive at 7.15 so that we are ready to start.

Tips for Quilters

I find the tip of a letter opener (pointed but not sharp) perfect for pushing out and smoothing the seam allowances inside mitred binding corners before I stitch them into place on the back of the quilt.

Nina Lord, Annapolis USA. From : Tips for Quilters, Ed Rachel T Pellman. Pub: (1993) Good books

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7 March 2024 - Kate Findlay talking about Appliqué Birds

8 March 10 March Spring Quilt Festival Duxford, Cambridge.

21 March - 24 March - The Stitch Festival - Business Design Centre London. This is a festival of contemporary dressmaking, sewing and stitching. More information from www.fibre2fashion.com

22 March 2024 - Quilt as you go workshop with Jane Byford. Places still available - see details below. (Repeated from last month) Anyone already attending - the payment for the workshop is due now!! Marie Louise has sent out a reminder this week.

27 March - 7th April - a retrospective of the work of Penny Armitage a former member.

4 April 2024 - AGM

14 - 16 June 2024 - Quilt show at Kempton Park Racecourse

1 Aug - 4 Aug 2024 - Festival of Quilts. NEC Birmingham

10 October - 13 Oct 2024 the Knitting and Stitching Show, Alexander Palace London

An Exhibition - A retrospective of the work of the late Penny Armitage

The exhibition will take place between Wednesday 27 March and Sunday 7th April at Cowslip, in Launceton Cornwall

Penny was at one time a member of MVQ.

Whilst it is a long way to travel - if anyone happens to be in the area on holiday it will definitely be worth a visit.

AGM 4 April 2024

The club AGM will take place in the Harrison Room at Bookham Village Hall . It is one of the most important meetings of the year as it is a chance for members to vote for the committee and give input as to how your club is run.

Please put this date into your diary so that you can participate fully in the running of your club





MVQ Quilt As You Go Workshop with Jane Byford - 22nd March 2024 - The Harrison Room (9.30 am – 4.00pm)

This fun workshop will cover 3 different techniques for making Unit Quilt As You Go. You will make 2 sample pieces and a mystery item.

Bring your sewing machine and general sewing kit, sewing scissors, cutting equipment (a 12in x 12in board is the largest you will need).

1. Circles into Squares you will need:-

- A 10inch square of fabric
- A 5 inch square of a contrast fabric
- A 5inch square of wadding to cut to 4 and a half inches square
- Matching thread
- Walking foot, optional
- Spray starch, optional
- Templates will be provided

2. Squares into Triangles you will need:-

- 4 X 5inch squares, this should be 2 pairs with contrast eg. 2 plain and 2 pattern or 2 different sets of colours
- An 8 inch square of wadding
- Matching Thread
- Point turner
- Quarter inch foot, optional

3. Mystery Liberty Hexagons

The kit will be provided by the tutor just bring a neutral coloured sewing thread.

The cost will be £30 to MVQ members (£35 for those outside the club). Please arrive at the Harrison at 9.30am for a prompt 10am start and bring your own packed lunch.