

# Mead Quilters

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## A LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Quilters,

I wrote this on **Easter Sunday** and hope that in our lifetime we will not see another Easter like this. I know that many of you are keeping occupied with various tasks, including items for the **NHS** and for charities.

It is also good to have time to plan new quilts which will not only give you pleasure but others also. I know how anxious we all are for family members who are in the 'front line' and also for friends and family in poor health.

We have to hold on to the fact that **Mead** will meet again though that time cannot be predicted. It is important that we all keep in touch so don't hesitate to phone, email or make use of our **Facebook** page. More information follows on this in this **Newsletter**.

**Elizabeth** sent me some fabric from her sales table, as, unlike most, I had been running down my stash. I am told that **Secret Garden** is very busy and that **Fashion & Fabrics** will also send out fabric.

**Heather Hunt**, via our website, has been challenging members to provide her with hexagons for a '**Mead**' quilt. Others, I know are tackling other challenges. We also need to be thinking about designs for the Raffle Quilt(s) for our **2021 Quilt Show**. Let me know if you have a '**cunning plan**' for this.

Hopefully this time of '**lockdown**' will see a huge surge in **Mead** activity and I look forward to the day when we can have a **Show and Tell** that will take up a whole evening meeting.

Meanwhile, please let our editor, **Linda Cosgrove** ([serendipity13@hotmail.com](mailto:serendipity13@hotmail.com)) have items to include in our monthly

**Newsletter** as this is a great way to keep in touch.

Keep well and safe.

*Valerie Pollington*

## TEA ROTA \_\_\_\_\_

. . . no tea rota necessary at the moment,

**BUT . . .**

**Stasha Martin** came across this little poem and thought it was appropriate for this strange time we are living through . . .

## A POEM FOR TEA \_\_\_\_\_

When the world is at odds  
And the mind is at sea  
Then cease useless tedium  
And brew a cup of tea

There is magic in its fragrance  
There is solace in its taste  
And the laden moments vanish  
Somehow into space

The world becomes a lovely thing  
There is beauty as you'll see  
All because you briefly stopped  
To brew a cup of tea.

(Freeview - [tea enthusiasts.com](http://tea.enthusiasts.com))

## QUILTCON 2020

It had long been my ambition to visit a major American quilt show, and in the middle of last year the opportunity arose to book a trip with my friend Sarah to Austin, Texas to participate in QuiltCon.

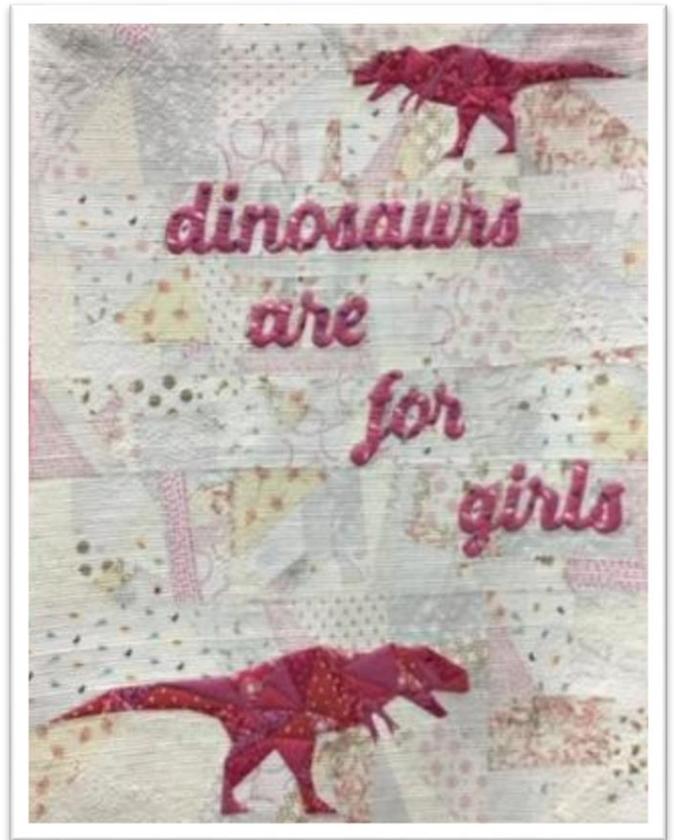
So here are a few more quilts from QuiltCon for you:



I don't have the maker's name for 'Oops' but it was a Charity Quilt and not how the maker intended to make it; the brief for the Large Charity quilt section was black and grey with text.

The second quilt (top, next column) was entitled 'I can't believe I have to say this'. It was made by Sylvia Schaefer in response to a number of people who kept telling her that dinosaurs were only for boys!

And the third quilt won the Viewer's Choice at the QuiltCon. It was made by Patti Coppock from a drawing by her grandson of this character that he named 'Bob'.



Would I go again? Certainly if the opportunity were to arise. Atlanta is the destination next year and the year after it's in Phoenix, not too far from our American family, so who knows!

Alison King

## BLOCK OF THE MONTH \_\_\_\_\_

Here are some blocks that *Hilda* has already made into a quilt top!



I have one left to do. Other pictures on our [Facebook](#) page. It will be SO good to see them all when we finally meet up again; here are a couple of blocks from *Mary Rich* . . .



## HERTS AREA DAY \_\_\_\_\_

. . . sadly, but as expected, has been cancelled.

## THE FESTIVAL OF QUILTS \_\_\_\_\_

. . . has been postponed until 29 July - 1 August 2021



## SOMETHING ELSE TO DO? \_\_\_\_\_

*Eva* from [HERTS STITCH](#) would like you to know that there is an online course opportunity to learn medieval embroidery at

<https://hertsbranch.wordpress.com/2020/03/21/medieval-embroidery-online-class/>

if you are interested.

## ISEWLATION QUILT \_\_\_\_\_

On March 17, with the threat of lockdown a mere mention in the News, I started to panic about being stuck indoors for weeks on end.

I put out a call on the [Mead Quilters Members Group](#) on [Facebook](#) to see if anyone was interested in making a Group Quilt; I called it '[Isewlation](#)'. I thought it might bring a welcome distraction. Little did I know I would be so distracted I wouldn't be able to sew for days.

I must admit I was panicking, worried at what was happening to the world. I had no control over anything; the shops were empty, people were fighting in the aisles over toilet paper. The only thing I know for certain is quilting, I can control that. I have enough of a stash to see me through a couple of decades of '[lockdown](#)' and can't even imagine finishing all my [UFOs](#).

I started making red and white 1" hexagon rosettes. A few others have joined on [Facebook](#), but for those of you who haven't seen the posts, I'd love it if you could make a few.



The white fabric is [Kona Snow](#), if you have some, great, if not I can post you a couple of strips so you can put the surrounding hexies on and hopefully soon we can put them all together. Just drop me an email to let me know how many rosettes you will be making:

[heatherrobinsonhunt@hotmail.com](mailto:heatherrobinsonhunt@hotmail.com)

1 inch hexagon papers can be downloaded [free](#) on line, try here:

<https://media.immediate.co.uk/volatile/sites/32/2019/05/Free-English-paper-piecing-hexagons-pattern-27a19b8.pdf>.

[Alison Williams](#) has made a cute little house block "as we are all at home" and these will be used on the border.



Again, I can send a pattern in the post or by email. It measures 4 inches by 6 inches finished.

Please join us in keeping busy in hand and mind. These are difficult days for all of us, I

for one have found some familiarity in the



repetitive motion of basting hexagons.

Looking forward to the day we put this quilt together to celebrate our community and the friendship we all have through quilting.

Stay safe everyone and keep stitching.



[Heather Hunt](#)

## ST FRANCIS' TREE FESTIVAL \_\_\_\_\_

This coming **December (2020)** we are hoping to decorate a tree at **St Francis' Tree Festival** once again. As it is the centenary of **Welwyn Garden City** this year, I have designed an ornament based on a **Flapper Girl** from the 1920s.



I have put together about **40 kits**. If you would like one sent to you, please phone me on **01582 715590** or email me at

[joanne\\_p\\_day@hotmail.com](mailto:joanne_p_day@hotmail.com)

You are welcome to make more than one using your own materials, once you have received the original kit with the pattern.

*Jo Day*

## OUR PROGRAMME . . . \_\_\_\_\_

I thought I would write a note to you all at Mead. Things have changed for us as to how we live for the next few months in these unprecedented times. The most difficult

thing is not being able to meet up and have chats with all our friends and acquaintances.

We need to keep ourselves occupied as best we can to keep healthy and fit. **BBC Breakfast** has the **Green Goddess** on Monday to Friday and she does gentle exercise which can be done sitting or standing. I believe it is 8.55am daily; I did catch it at 7.55am as well. It may be twice a day at 5 to the hour and it is good to exercise with someone else.

Just to let you know, **Living Crafts** has been postponed and is now planned for **8 - 11 October 2020**; we can look forward to that.

To be realistic, I doubt we will get together again before the Autumn, so I thought to cheer us up I would send you a list of speakers from September:

September 15: *Penny Bicknell* - talk TBA

October 20: *Nordeen Salmon* - My Life in Stitch

November 17: *Myra Hutton* - Capturing the Essence

December 15: Christmas Party  
2021

January 19: *Margaret S George* - Take an Element. Margaret is visiting from Australia

February 16: Members Night

March 16: *Michelle Moody* - My Life in Pieces

Please take care of yourselves and we can all look forward to meeting up again later in the year.

Take care and be safe.

*Carol Wort*