

Mead Quilters

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A LETTER FROM THE CHAIR _____

Dear Members

By the time you read this, the **Christmas Tree Festival** at **St Francis Church WGC** will be over. **Jo Day** kindly organised our tree as she did at St Albans last year.

Before we contemplate a similar event in 2020 it would be useful to know how many Mead Members visited the Festival this year. Could you kindly let me know if you attended before Christmas overtakes us all. Email me at jandv@pollington10.plus.com or telephone 01438 832249.



Jo and Alison beside our decorated tree

Thank you to everyone at the December Tuesday morning meeting who helped to sort and put away all the **Quilt Show** boxes and for all the helpful comments about the Show. We have a provisional date for 2021; the **Memorial Hall** is to be refurbished in 2020 so the changes might affect our Show.

For those of you pursuing **Hilda's BOM challenge** of 'Stars', you will have until the New Year to finish any blocks you have already. Your next block will be issued in January; please bring your recently completed block to the January evening meeting for display.

Your Committee sends Christmas Greetings to all our Members and their families with wishes for Good Health and optimism for the future (I write this before the General Election has taken place!) We can all find solace in Quilting!

Hope to see you all at our Christmas Party.

Valerie Pollington

WORKSHOP

Carol Wort would like to remind you that we have an exciting workshop coming up on **22 January 2020**.

Moira Neal

presents

'Tuscan Landscapes'

The Workshop is from 10.00 am - 3.30 pm at the **WI Meeting Room** (behind the shop) in Wheathampstead High Street. It costs £25.00 for the day, bring your own lunch. Further details from **Carol**.

The workshop will give you the chance to create your own gorgeous, A3 Tuscan inspired landscape using colourful applique in *your* palette of colours from several designs.

BE PREPARED . . .

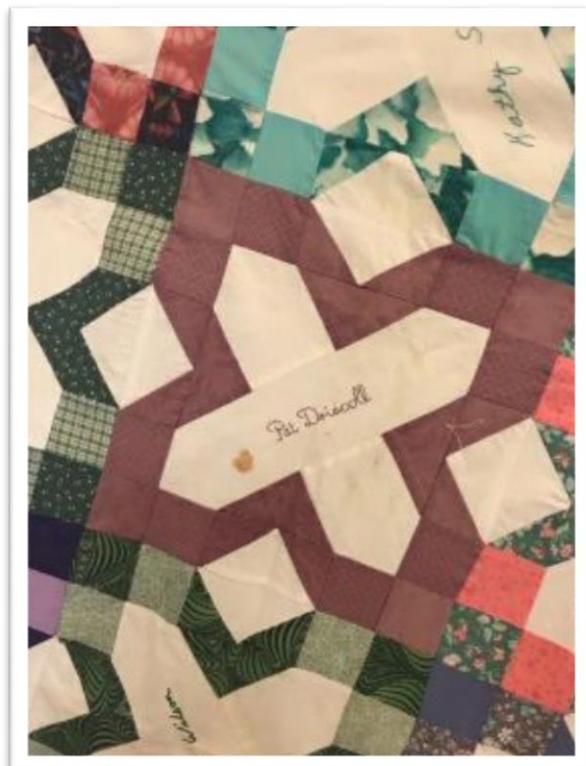
Irene Heathcote has asked us to remind everyone that her husband will be at the January morning meeting to **PAT** test your machines, irons etc if you would like them ready to go to **Denham Grove** at the end of January.

Here are some photographs from the **December Tuesday Morning** meeting's 'SHOW AND TELL'

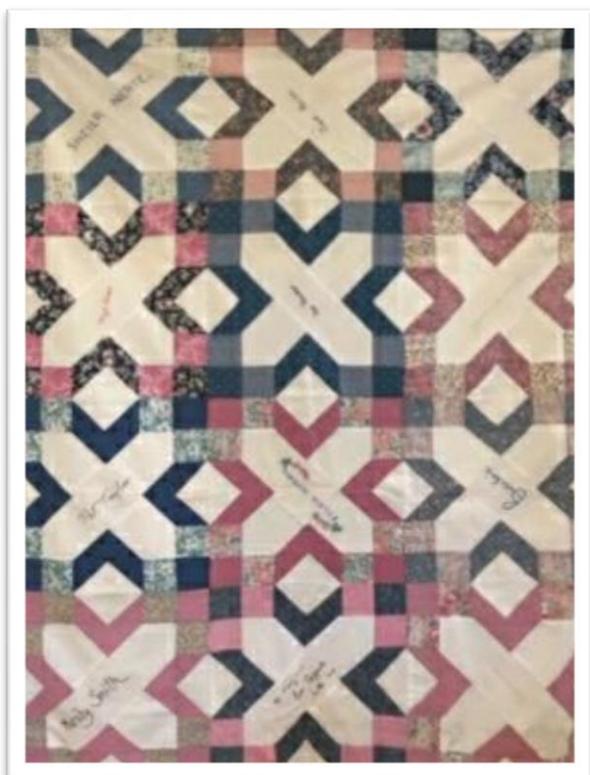


This beautiful quilt is by **Valerie Pollington** and is called 'The Call of the Running Sea', from the poem by **John Masefield** called 'Sea Fever'.

The next couple are from Mead Meetings quite a long time ago!



Mary Rich brought these in, they were made by Mead Members who embroidered their names on the blocks.



One of our members, **Hilda Goddard**, was 80 this month, so we signed a card for her and everyone enjoyed her birthday cake!

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Hopefully most of you will be at the December evening meeting for our Christmas Party, so here is a reminder of what to bring:

1. A fat quarter (wrapped) for our Righty Lefty game
2. A plate of 6 finger buffet items, sweet or savoury
3. Your August Challenge (Bag of Bits). For those who have given up in exasperation, Linda Noon would love your bag of bits for her Young Quilters.
4. Some coins to vote for your favourite items in the Challenge; each coin, regardless of face value will count as one vote.



AND FINALLY . . .

. . . a big 'Thank You' to . . .

Janet Goddard who has given copies of her 2 newest books to our library:

'Weekend Makes - Simple Applique and Patchwork to make' and

'Weekend Makes - 25 Quick and Easy Projects to make'.

. . . and a special Thank You to . . .

Mary Mayne who has once again generously given us a lovely quilt (above) to raffle; the money will go to a charity of her choice.

GUNNERSBURY PARK MUSEUM
POPES LANE, LONDON W5 4NH

15 October 2019 - 12 January 2020
10.00 - 16.00, Tuesday to Sunday

An exhibition of *The Acton Top* by *Susan Smees* (1859-1949)
Other quilty things are being exhibited

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This Month's Helpful Hint . . .

If you are considering making or are actually making the **STRAITS OF MACKINAC** quilt in the **Scrapbusters** supplement of the current edition of **Today's Quilter**, then be advised that the template on **page 18** is undersized! The units are **2¼" square** when they should be **2½" square**!! Either print your copies at 111% or, better, download a full size template from:

<http://www.todaysquilter.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Issue-56-Supp-Templates.pdf>