



SNIPPETS

The Farnham Quilters' Newsletter

January 2026

Please send items for February Snippets before the end of January to Margie at pargles@yahoo.com if you have been to an exhibition or found an interesting website, please share!

Diary 2026 – event details below

The Next Few Months at FQ

**NEW VENUE! MEETING ROOM 2 AT
FARNHAM MALTINGS**

5 January

Preparation for the Maltings Quilt Fair
Please bring your quilts if you can't drop them at the Maltings on Saturday 10th
Show and Tell

Sunday 11 January 2026 Maltings Quilt Fair

Demonstrators and stewards needed
People needed to help set up on the Saturday and take down on the Sunday

See our winter programme below

Fridays

Farnham Library Stitch and Chat

Wednesday 7 January

7pm Treasures from the Collection
Talk by Heather Audin

11 January

Farnham Maltings Quilt Show

17th -18th January

The Loft. Online Retreat - Hidden Treasures

17 January Birtles Bags

19 January Beginner Patchwork Quilt

21 January Beginner Patchwork Quilt

Creative Quilting Workshops

Hampton Court Village

20-25th January

Freedom of Expression

CQ Surrey exhibition of Contemporary Art

Denbies Wine Estate

21 January

Sewing Café, West End Centre

30 January – 1 February

Ardingly Quilt Show

31 January – 1 February

David Owen Hastings workshop



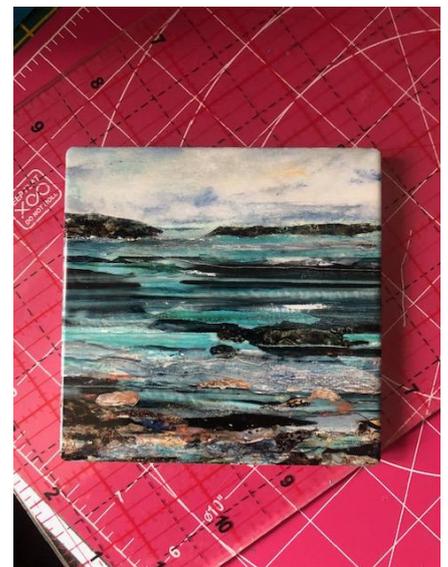
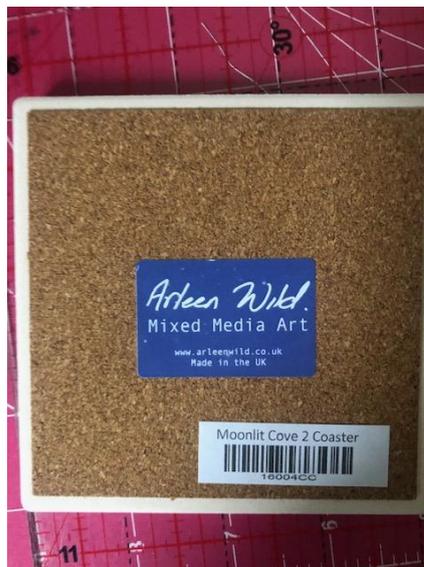
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Last month's meeting

We had a lovely Christmas Party; the food was varied and delicious and Elizabeth provided a brain teasing Christmas quiz.



We each got a secret Santa gift – this was mine. You may notice it is laying on my new rotating cutting mat ...



The Maltings Quilt Show

Please bring your quilts for the Maltings show either to the meeting on 5th January or drop them into the Maltings on Saturday 10th. We will need helpers to set up between 2 and 4pm on the Saturday and to take down between 4 and 4.30pm.

NB: Sheila's time on the committee should be up, but she is staying on until May so that we don't all fall apart, therefore we are still in need of another member on the committee, there is no set job, contributions can be discussed with the others.

Also

If you visit somewhere that you could put up a poster to get new members for our group, please ask for one

Frimley Health Trust are still grateful for any bonding squares, they should be 6" square, two pieces sewn right sides together almost all round the edge and turned out, then stitched round close to the edge. The contact is alison.stevens13@nhs.net

Guild News

Online Retreat – Hidden Treasures

The Loft

Online

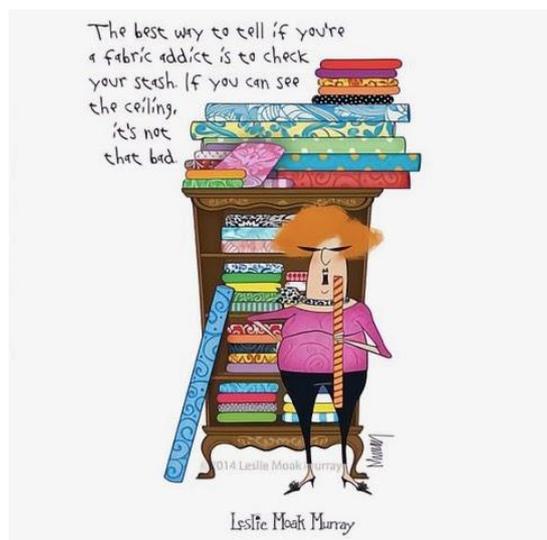
17th January 2026 – 18th January 2026 10:00am – 7:00pm

Price £50 Members Only

To book, visit <https://www.quiltersguild.org.uk/pages/join-in/events/onlineretreat>

The Guild's online retreat for members offers an opportunity to take part in a cornucopia of talks, sew-a-longs and mini workshops. When the weather outside is gloomy then this is the place to go – find your special spot where it's warm and comfortable, ensure life's necessities are at hand and relax.

With just one log in you can come and go as suits your day knowing that sessions are recorded and you can catch up later. Even if you are busy that weekend you can still enjoy the 'rewind' recordings at your leisure over the next four weeks. Just be sure you have bought your ticket in advance. Tickets will go on sale in the autumn.



2026 will be our third retreat and we have a wide range of speakers already lined up including our curator Heather Audin with some well-known faces and some new speakers you may not yet have heard. We have a broad range of topics so that there is something for everyone – some topics will be familiar, and some will be new to you but we hope that everyone will go away inspired with an idea or a technique to explore in their own way.

New information is being added as things develop. Follow the link in the booking section.

**Treasures from the Collection
Talk by Heather Audin
Wednesday 7 January 2026 7pm**

£10 MQG and Guild members
£15 non-Guild members

Contact mimi@quiltersguild.org.uk for bank details and to book your place on this Zoom talk

The Quilt Collection is a fabulous resource that numbers over 1000 pieces of historic and contemporary textiles and represents a broad range of patchwork and quilting styles that date from the early 18th century to the present day. This talk explores some of those wonderful pieces of our social and domestic history, each with their own fascinating stories of who made them and why they were made.

**David Owen Hastings –
Inspired by Art Workshop
The Loft
Members only**

31st Jan/1st Feb 2026
£85.00



Inspired by your favourite work of art, develop your own unique modern quilt design

This is a full 6-hour workshop over two consecutive days – 7th & 8th February 2026 from 2pm to 5pm

Starting with a favourite work of art, develop your own unique modern quilt design. Be inspired by shapes, colours, structure, or the feeling you get and design a block or whole quilt with an eye on modern minimalism.

judi@quiltersguild.org.uk

Other Events

**Farnham Maltings Quilt Show
Sun 11 January, 9.30am-4pm**

£8 in advance

£12 on the door, £6 on the door after 1pm

Concessions: £5 18-25 yrs (advance only), under 18s free

**Freedom of Expression
CQ Surrey exhibition of Contemporary Art
20-25th January 2026**

Art Gallery, Denbies Wine Estate, London Road, Dorking, Surrey,
RH5 6AA
admin@cqsurrey.co.uk

**Ardingly Quilting and Sewing Show
Thursday 29 – Saturday 31 January 2026**

Thursday – Friday 10:00am – 4:00pm

Saturday 9:30am – 3:30pm

South of England Showground

Selsfield Road, Ardingly, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH17 6TL

IMPORTANT! Tickets will be emailed as e-tickets

You will need to either show them on a smart phone or print them.

Tickets can be posted for an extra charge – please call us on [01406 372600](tel:01406372600) to book.

Tickets are not dated and can be used on any one day of the show.

Advance tickets available until the Wednesday before the show.

Tickets also available on the door.

Advance Prices: Adult: £8.50 Senior Citizen (65+) / Disabled: £7.50

Child (under 16): FREE

Advance tickets available until the Wednesday before the show

On the Door Prices: Adult: £10 Senior Citizen (65+) / Disabled: £9

Child (under 16): FREE

FREE PARKING

Farnham Library Stitch and chat

Every Friday 10am until 12 noon.

This is a free drop-in session

If anyone goes to this please don't forget to mention our group!

Sewing Café

Date: 21 Jan 2026 Time: 10:30am – 12:30pm

Price: £6.50 Age information: 18+

Venue: West End Centre, Aldershot

“A sociable group, where you come and sew in company and get sewing advice from Westy tutor Ginny Farquhar, an experienced community craft and sewing tutor. Bookings are encouraged to help you know numbers in advance, though you are welcome to turn up on the day

Drop in anytime between 10.30 and to 12.30 pm and stay as long as you like – our popular monthly sewing session uses our own Janome sewing machines in the Creative Studio on a Thursday morning once a month. Bring your own projects to work on, if you are a complete beginner Ginny can introduce you to simple stitching on our machines or you can help make drain bags or heard cushions to donate to your local hospital. Donations of clean cotton fabrics are always welcomed

Quilting classes

Creative Quilting

32 Bridge Road,
Hampton Court Village,
Surrey, KT8 9HA
info@creativequilting.co.uk
0208 941 7075

Birtles Bags 17 January 10.30 to 4.30 £55
Beginner Patchwork Quilt 19 January 11.30 to 3.30 from £38
Beginner Patchwork Quilt 21 January 10.30 to 4.30 from £55

To subscribe to our free e-newsletter and to receive the latest class lists, register [here](#).

The Stitching Room

Odiham, Hampshire, England, United Kingdom
Tel: [07897 415295](tel:07897415295)

Sign up to our newsletter to be the first to know about courses.
Can't see the course you are looking for?
1:1 sessions are available - please contact us for more information
Would you like to come with friends?
We can accommodate private groups - ask in store, or drop us a message

In Stitches

Creative Textile Courses
exciting courses for people who love textiles, dyeing, design, stitching and sketchbooks
Sunfield Studio,
Unit 12, Sunfield Business Park
New Mill Road
Finchampstead
Wokingham
RG40 4QT
<https://www.institchestextilecourses.co.uk>



WINTER PROGRAMME

JANUARY 5

**Maltings Quilt Show preparations
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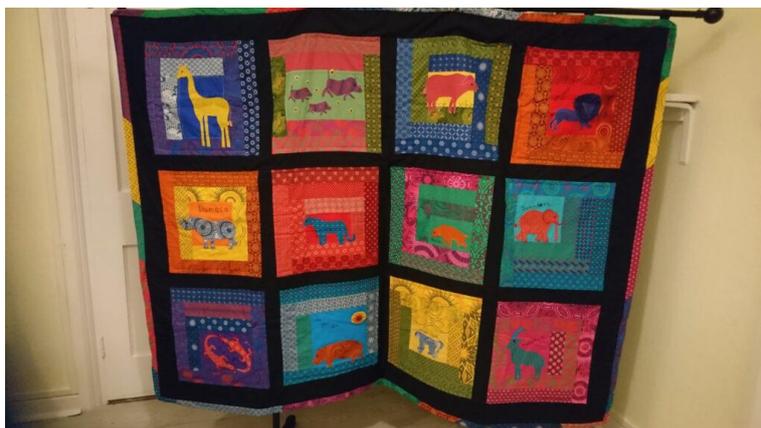
FEBRUARY 9

**The History and Art of Rag Rug making with
Chris Moss**

Everyone can have a go!

MARCH 9

**Trish Grammar with a talk on the vibrant South African Shweshwe fabrics
that she uses and sells in her shop**



!! HEALTH WARNING ADVISORY !!

!! BEWARE !!

!! HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS !!

Everyone in this building has been diagnosed with

QUILT POX

Symptoms include:

- Inability to stop buying fabric
- Giggling while sewing
- Insatiable Hoarding of Fat Quarters
- Severe need to bond with other quilters
- Savage desire to cut perfectly good fabric into small pieces and sew them back together
- Uncontrollable urge to make everyone you know a quilt... or two!