

MIMRAM QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

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Hello Ladies

It is the Autumn Equinox tomorrow, from then the days will be getting shorter and the days longer. What that means to me is more time to do some sewing and putting the garden to bed for the winter, and of course Christmas not far away. Time is running away...

We had a very good evening last month with Janet Clare when she talked us through her work. I loved her style of work and ease with which she designs. She brought along some wonderful examples of her work. For those of us who attended her workshop the following day in Codicote will know that we had a fun filled day 'drawing with our sewing machine'. I will admit I had great difficulty just letting go. I will have to practice some more. Did you know that you can sign up for Janet's newsletter and then receive monthly downloads of wildflowers to applique and free machine. Visit her website for details. They are very pretty.

Our AGM is taking place at the October meeting. I have every intention of moving through the formal business as quickly as possible. Following this I will be demonstrating hand quilting. This is to encourage you to give it a try and maybe use to finish some of your work for the exhibition. You will be given a small quilt sandwich with a design drawn on it which you will start to hand quilt. I will be bringing a variety of quilting threads and needles. Please try and find a thimble that fits your third finger on both hands, you need one for each hand. The thimble should have a flat top. You can find these very cheaply online. Remember scissors too.

I do hope you are working through your UFO's or WIPs (unfinished objects and works in progress) so that we will have a wonderful display of work at our exhibition in March. I am hoping that every member will have at least one item on show. Don't forget the challenges. The Journal quilt A4 size entitled Celebration and the one for members only is Reflections of India. This must not exceed 24" X 36". I hope you are also working hard of items for our sales table. We are expecting some wonderful items that you have made for selling.

Tip of the month. What to do with those wooden stirrers we find in coffee shops? Bring them home, wash them and then use them to feed the fabric under your needle. There is no chance of your needle breaking if it makes contact with your needle as it would do if you were using your unpicker instead.

Happy sewing.

Sally x