

## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR . . .

**Mead Quilters** has been established for over 30 years. That happened because **Barbie Edwards** made a monumental effort to start a patchwork group and has contributed towards the running of the group ever since. Throughout that time many of you will have been on the **Committee**, involved with the Exhibition, made raffle quilts, made tea, and run little workshops at 'Four corners' meetings.

But . . . here's the thing: if the group is to continue for another 30 years, and I sincerely hope it does, we need **EVERYONE** to be actively involved in the group. When all the work is left to a few, they become disillusioned and get worn out. Mead Quilters needs you, and to paraphrase the great JFK: 'Ask not what your quilt group can do for you, ask what can you do for your quilt group'.

I would like to ask you all to please bring your quilts to **Show and Tell**; they don't have to be finished. Please help others develop their skills, write something for the **Newsletter**, send tips, put your name down for the **Tea Rota**, get involved in our private **Facebook** group, volunteer to help out, but most importantly, please keep spreading your love of quilting.

Let's build a community of quilters who are known for their innovation, ability and friendliness. Let's be that group who everyone wants to join – not just be entertained once a month with a speaker, but enrich each other's lives by sharing our passion for the **Art of the Quilt**.

*Heather Hunt*

## NEW MEMBERS . . .

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members: **Sandra Roache**, **Joanna Meaden**, **John Cole-Morgan**, and **Geraldine Edgington**. We thank you for joining us and look forward to meeting you all and seeing all of your wonderful quilts quite soon.

## EVENING MEETINGS ARE BACK . . .

After a 2 year hiatus, evening meetings will finally commence this month. **Sally Ritchie** will join us with a trunk show of her quilts on **15 February at 7.30 pm**.

## . . . AND REFRESHMENTS . . .

We have resumed serving refreshments at our meetings so I am looking for a couple of volunteers for the evening of **15 February**.

Please give me a ring on **01727 863451** if you are able to help. I will circulate a volunteer rota for subsequent meetings.

*Alison King*

## COVID RESTRICTIONS . . .

We ask the following precautions be taken into account:

If you feel unwell, please stay at home.

Following the relaxation of Covid restrictions we no longer require masks to be worn; however it would be a good idea to do a lateral flow test before coming out.

Many of our Members are vulnerable and we would like to offer some assurance that we are trying to maintain a safe environment.

Wear an extra layer as windows will be open to allow for ventilation etc.

## AGM . . .

One of the main items to discuss at this year's event is the **Constitution**. The existing Constitution is inadequate for the size of the current group. Members often quote weird and wonderful 'rules' that apply to the group, but there is no written evidence of such rules.

A suggested revised document will be sent out for your consideration in the coming weeks. If you would like to suggest any amendments, please put them in writing to the **Committee** for consideration. The new Constitution will be agreed at the **AGM**.

## DENHAM RETREAT . . .

Imagine two nights away in a lovely hotel, all your meals provided and the whole weekend ahead of you to make quilts. We have just the ticket!



**Elizabeth** is taking bookings for next year's **Quilting Retreat** at **Denham Grove Hotel, Uxbridge**.

The dates are 27 - 29 January 2023 and the cost is £209.00. Places are limited to 18, so don't delay in securing a spot.

Please email **Elizabeth** on

[retreat@meadquilters.org](mailto:retreat@meadquilters.org)

## LIVING CRAFTS 5 - 8 MAY AT HATFIELD HOUSE . . .

We would like to continue our presence at this yearly event but we need your help. **Carol Wort** has led the team for the past 5 years and would like to step down. We are looking for 3 people to help organise and run the event.

To discuss what is involved, please email

[carol@meadquilters.org](mailto:carol@meadquilters.org)

## REGIONAL DAY, 12 MARCH FLAUDEN VILLAGE HALL . . .

**Mead Quilters** are providing the refreshments for this event. At the moment, there is not a final figure for those attending but if you are willing to make a cake please get in touch on **01727 863451**.

Once I have the numbers I will be able to judge how many cakes we need and confirm your offer.

Thank you in anticipation.

*Alison King*

## WORKSHOP

Following the hugely popular January speaker **Karen Eckmeier**, a **Zoom** workshop is booked for **March**.

**HAPPY VILLAGES WORKSHOP**  
**Saturday 26 March, 10.00am-4pm**  
**On Zoom, £30.00**

There are 24 spaces, but if it is very oversubscribed, **Karen** has agreed to do a second repeat workshop.

Apply for a place at

[iqbookings21@gmail.com](mailto:iqbookings21@gmail.com)

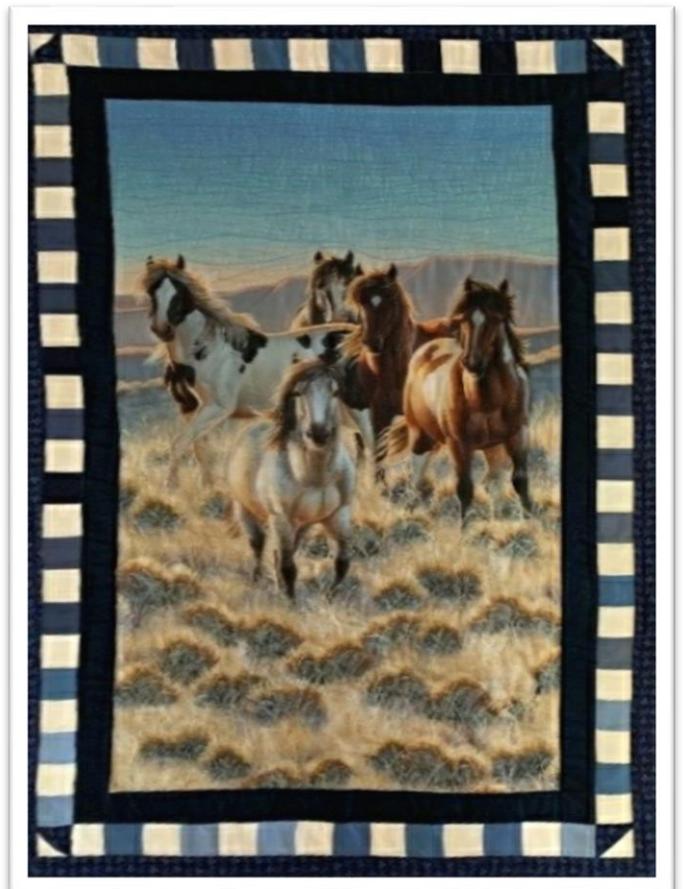
## SHOW and TELL . . .

Here are some photos of **Show and Tells** at recent Tuesday morning meetings



. . . and finally . . .

My son took his wall hanging that I made him back to the USA, so I couldn't bring it to a **Show and Tell**, but he has sent me some photos of it hanging on his sitting room wall.



*Linda Cosgrove*