

Gone to Pieces April 2020 Virtual Meeting

Good morning everyone!

It may not be apparent, but I write myself a sort of script for each meeting in the hope that I don't forget anything. There is a pattern to our meetings though of course every meeting is different.

This Virtual Meeting is just a bit *more* different.

No diary dates today.

You probably already know that the Festival of Quilts has been postponed until 29th July – 1st August 2021. It is a disappointment but the NEC has been turned into a Nightingale Hospital which opened yesterday.

<https://www.thefestivalofquilts.co.uk/https://www.thefestivalofquilts.co.uk/>

Grosvenor Shows (Malvern, Sandown etc) are also postponing and rescheduling Shows.

<https://www.grosvenorshows.co.uk/>

The advice for every Museum and Gallery is to check first as even when they begin to reopen, times etc may well vary from day to day.

Our Treasurer, Wendy Crampton, and I are keeping an eye on events and discussing Hall bookings etc.

It would be helpful if I knew how many members are in the extremely vulnerable/shielded group like me. I know some who are, but if you feel you could share that information with me, I would be grateful. I would of course keep names etc to myself and only share the total number with anyone else. And that only to make decisions about future meetings. Thank you.

We are aware that some members post their quilting activities on Instagram and wondered if those who are would be interested in sharing their posts with others. A list could then be circulated between those members so you can share your quilts etc. I'm not on Instagram, but then I am the woman whose phone is mostly lost and Smarter than her anyway.

I have been impressed by the number of members who have responded to Making Laundry Bags for Scrubs. I think Lindsey will be receiving a good couple of hundred bags for this worthwhile cause. I'd like to single out Wendy who made 55 bags! That is definitely going Above and Beyond.

Others have made bags by the dozen which have gone directly to Stoke Mandeville and Care Homes via personal contacts.

We are not a Charity Quilt Group but we are Charitable and this effort proves it.

Well done - you all deserve a Round of Applause and a Pat on the Back!

If your supplies of thread etc need replenishing, Empress Mills is only charging £1.00 per parcel during this National Emergency. I usually buy thread from them at the Festival of Quilts so will have to sort out an order myself.

<https://www.empressmills.co.uk/shipping-and-returns><https://www.empressmills.co.uk/shipping-and-returns>

Thank you to everyone who sent photos for the Show and Tell. It's made me feel somewhat idle but I have loved seeing what everyone else has been up to.

If you click on the link, you will be taken to a photo that you can enlarge to see the detail. (I'm really, really hoping that this works as planned...)

First we will have a selection of bags made to the pattern I linked to last month. From the top - Alison, Pauline and Wendy

<https://i.postimg.cc/x1bTNP1Y/bag-Alison.jpg>

<https://i.postimg.cc/5NTrPhwc/bag-Pauline.jpg>

<https://i.postimg.cc/SNG6R5r0/bag-Wendy-1.jpg>

Next is a different bag of dyed denim with a Kantha stitch panel also made by Wendy.

<https://i.postimg.cc/PqBBFN0k/bag-denim-Wendy.jpg>

Here are 2 photos of June's Japanese Knot Bag, made after a demonstration by Terry

<https://i.postimg.cc/KYkSjMCd/bag-Japanese-2-June.jpg>

<https://i.postimg.cc/HWKM7DJR/bag-Japanese-1-June.jpg>

And the last photo in the bags section - this is what 55 Laundry Bags for Scrubs looks like! Well done Wendy!

<https://i.postimg.cc/6pwbF1rj/bags-Wendy.jpg>

Now for some quilts.

Firstly a selection from Dawn. The first is bed-sized and is from one of the Material Obsession books in our Group Library.

<https://i.postimg.cc/VLNWMQFc/Quilt-Dawn-1.jpg>

The next four are wall hangings using a variety of techniques

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<https://i.postimg.cc/xTdY72HC/Quilt-Dawn-3.jpg>

<https://i.postimg.cc/XvWnsygM/Quilt-Dawn2.jpg>

<https://i.postimg.cc/6qHVBmKd/dawn-s-quilt.jpg>

Terry's baby quilt is only 6 months late (she says)

<https://i.postimg.cc/zBBrPyx0/quilt-Terry.jpg>

This is Janie's finish - the squares were from a tweed pack by McGee's and the border from fabric bought at the FoQ in 2018. (Apologies for mis-typing your name Janie)

<https://i.postimg.cc/Kj00z5By/Quilt-Janie.jpg>

Stay safe – the new farewell I hear so much just now.

Best wishes,

Gloria