

Lorne Hill Farm Quilting and Craft Workshop

Sandra and Joanne invite you to creative days in the country!

Spring 2009

Lorne Hill Farm is a working farm and Caravan Club Certified Location situated on the edge of the village of East Garston, 6 minutes from Junction 14 of the M4 and 5 miles from Hungerford.

Morning and half-day workshops are held in the purpose-built workshop beside the house with the emphasis on having an enjoyable day, or morning, out.

'Traditional' is the over-riding theme, with the aim of the workshops being a warm and friendly, non-competitive way in which to enjoy your craft and socialise with like-minded people.

Over the past year we are pleased to have helped 14 ladies complete their first quilts, both hand and machine-stitched (although the hand-stitched quilts are slower to finish!). We have also completed many smaller projects which can be seen on the website. We love it when people come to a workshop and half way through bring their own creativity to the table – last Autumn a cosy mitten lap quilt became a summer beach quilt!!

This Spring we have some fun workshops planned, which should appeal to all levels and experience.

We are also very excited to have two well-known teachers join us:

Clare Kingslake, renowned for her beautiful appliquéd quilts, which have been exhibited in England and France, will be at the workshop on the third Wednesday of each month. We will call it the Clare Kingslake Day, and you can use it to make any of her stunning country style patterns under the guidance of the designer herself! Clare has a lovely, relaxed teaching style, which inspires you with confidence. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to see any of Clare's quilts or bags, take a look at her website - www.clarespatterns.co.uk - and then join us for a day!

Susan Sittig has been creating works of textile art since 1993 – starting with traditional patchwork and quilting and embracing innovative trends in embroidery and embellishment that she has learnt in America and South Africa. She teaches and holds workshops in Johannesburg and at her studio in Vanderbijlpark, South Africa, and has featured in a number of South African and American magazines. Susan will be holding a two-day workshop for us while she is visiting England in April, and will guide us through the making of blocks for what she describes as an Afro-American quilt.

Sandra Kidwell and Joanne Rabbitts

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PITCH AND STITCH

Pitch and stitch is literally when you come along to the workshop to make whatever you like.

You can come for the morning from 10.00am to 1.00pm (£15 per session) or the day from 10.00 to 4.00pm (£30 including lunch).

Pitch and Stitch sessions are held on Wednesdays and one Saturday a month.

- **If you are a complete beginner**, you may want to come along to the Pitch and Stitch sessions to make your first quilt. We can help and guide you in the making of a hand-stitched sampler quilt. Whilst making a block each session you will learn the different techniques, terms and methods of quilt-making. Decide on a schedule which suits you – for example, one or two days or mornings a month – how soon you finish your quilt will be decided by how regularly you come. You should allow 10 morning sessions, or 5 whole days, to complete the quilt top as below. Our hand-stitched sampler course which ran late spring produced some wonderful first quilts:



- **You may want to Make a project we covered on a workshop you missed:** We can help you make any of the projects we have held workshops on in the past.
- **You may have completed a quilt top and need help – or the space – to layer and baste it ready for quilting.** The workshop has big, sturdy tables and together we can assemble your quilt and offer ideas and tips on how to quilt it – more hands make light work and can turn what many quilters find a relatively tedious chore into something less arduous.
- **Or you may want to Work on your own project in a relaxed and rural environment:** Bring along any sewing project you have and work on it in company – a great way to get advice and pitch ideas!

SPRING WORKSHOPS AT LORNE HILL FARM

Morning sessions run from 10am to 1pm, Day sessions from 10am to 4pm, including lunch.

- **Wednesday 4TH February 2009**
Pitch and Stitch

£15 for morning, or £30 day

- **Wednesday 11th February 2009**

Valentine Bear workshop: Make a delightful country teddy bear as a non-fattening Valentine gift or just because! Simply stitched, he's about 9 inches tall and very loveable!

10.00am to 4.00pm. £30 for the day, including lunch



- **Wednesday 18th February 2009**

Clare Kingslake Day: Clare will be joining us on the third Wednesday of every month – so you can come along and make any of her patterns under her tutelage. Clare's relaxed and easy-going manner belies the beauty of her country-style appliqué work – and with her help you too can make something to truly be proud of accomplishing.

10.00am to 4.00pm. £30 for the day, including lunch

"Drying in the Breeze" – Clare Kingslake



- **Wednesday 25th February 2009**

Love, hope, Joy small appliqué and stitchery workshop: The idea is from a folk art painted tray, which was in turn based on an old stitchery. The three small pictures are simply made using fusible web and naive stitchery, and then either stitched onto backing fabric to make a small hanging, or can be used singly as drink mats.

10.00am to 4.00pm. £30 for the day, including lunch



- **Wednesday 4th March 2009**
Pitch and Stitch

£15 for morning, or £30 day

- **Saturday 7th March 2009**
Pitch and Stitch

£15 for morning, or £30 day

- **Wednesday 11th March 2009**

Bits and Bobs Bag Workshop: A really useful, pretty, freestanding bucket bag, which has a million uses – from storing sewing utensils to cosmetics. About 9" tall with simple appliqué – it's not just another tote bag!

10.00am to 4.00pm. £30 for the day, including lunch



- **Wednesday 18th March 2009**
Clare Kingslake Day: As above

10.00am to 4.00pm. £30 for the day, including lunch

- **Wednesday 25th March 2009**

Easter Tea Workshop: Make a patchwork tea cosy and placemats in bright colours for the perfect Easter tea! A simple design that is easy to make but looks fantastic – make sure your Simnel cake is served in Country Living style!

10.00am to 4.00pm. £30 for the day, including lunch



- **Wednesday 1st April 2009**

Pitch and Stitch.

£15 for morning, or £30 day

- **Tuesday 7th April 2009**

Afro-American Patchwork with Susan Sittig – Part One: A fantastic opportunity to attend a two-day workshop with this renowned and published South African textile artist. In this first session, Susan will teach us how to make the background block for a beautiful Afro-American quilt top, - sharing her knowledge of recent trends and demonstrating her interesting use of colour and texture.

10.00am to 4.00pm

£30 for the day, including lunch, and to be paid in advance

Afro-American Quilt – Susan Sittig



- **Wednesday 8th April 2009**

Easter Bunny workshop – make a cuddly Easter Bunny, personalised with a name or motif stitched on the apron. Simple to make, and a real delight to have.

10.00am to 4.00pm. £30 for the day, including lunch

- **Tuesday 14th April 2009**
Afro-American Patchwork with Susan Sittig – Part Two: Second day of the two day workshop with Susan Sittig. Using the block you made on the first day (and any more you have made during the week) as background, create a work of art with embellishments using traditional and innovative embroidery techniques.
10.00am to 4.00pm
£30 for the day, including lunch, and to be paid in advance
- **Wednesday 15th April 2009**
Clare Kingslake Day: As above
10.00am to 4.00pm. £30 for the day, including lunch