

Lorne Hill Farm Quilting and Craft Workshop

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

Summer 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, morning, or afternoon away from your normal routine

'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.

As well as themed workshops where we complete small, achievable projects, we are also lucky to have some very experienced teachers taking classes.

South African quilter Susan Sittig held two very successful Afro-American quilt workshops over Easter. She was a really enthusiastic teacher and from the moment she said, "Now let's move out of our comfort zone – forget everything you've been taught", we knew we were in for a bumpy ride! With lots of new quilting and embroidery techniques to explore – we can't wait to see the finished quilts.

For this summer's schedule award winner Anne Ray is back with us to hold a postcard workshop which is always a lot of fun. For inspiration she will bring her huge collection of postcards sent from stitchers around the world and you'll find you never again send a Hallmark card when you can make one of your own!

The Clare Kingslake days every third Wednesday of the month are always an absolute pleasure. Clare is renowned for both her beautiful country-style appliquéd quilts, which have been exhibited in England and France, and her patterns for bags and small hangings. Her relaxed style of teaching makes what is always a very productive day seem like a day off – the only problem is choosing which of her wonderful patterns you want to make! Take a look at her website - www.clarespatterns.co.uk - and you'll see what we mean.

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.

- **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 pitch and stitch days or half-days a month – how soon you finish your quilt will be decided by how regularly you come. You should allow 10 half days, or 5 whole days, to complete the quilt top. Barbara made a hand-stitched sampler with us, and then made a machine-stitched quilt under Anne Ray's tuition. Having made her first quilt with us (see below), Jackie is now making a Clare Kingslake quilt.



- **You may want to make a project we covered on a workshop you missed:** We can help you make any of the pieces we have held workshops on in the past – from tea-cosies to bird hangings.
- **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 from 10am to 12.30pm
Afternoon sessions from 1.30pm to 4.00pm
£15

Day sessions (including lunch) from 10am to 4pm.
£30

Please book workshops in advance.

Workshops with external teachers must be paid for in advance too.

A maximum of seven people per workshop, and no minimum number so workshops will run even if we only have one participant!

- **Wednesday 20th May 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 for quilts, hangings and bags 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.

- **Wednesday 3rd June 2009**
Pitch and Stitch

- **Wednesday 10th June 2009**

Pocket hanger: An easy-to-make, versatile and sturdy pocket hanger that would be useful in every room of your house.



- **Saturday 13th June 2009**
Pitch and Stitch

- **Wednesday 17th June 2009**
Clare Kingslake Day: As above

- **Wednesday 24th June 2009**
Pitch and Stitch
- **Saturday 27th June 2009**
Postcards workshop with Anne Ray: In this workshop you will learn to make postcards from fabric and embark on a whole new hobby. It's also a great way to use up all those scraps you have. Anne exchanges postcards with people from all over the world and has an amazing collection. Suitable for all levels – look forward to receiving something more fun than bills in the post.



- **Wednesday 1st July 2009**
Trip Around the World – Learn how to machine-piece this traditional quilt using a tried and tested method – you will be amazed at how quickly the quilt grows. This is particularly good for less experienced quilters and in its simplest form can make a lovely cot quilt.



- **Wednesday 8th July 2009**
Pitch and Stitch

- **Wednesday 15th July 2009**
Knitting for Beginners with Amanda Bond: Working under the name Westbrook Knits, qualified knitting designer Amanda designs and knits quirky knitwear and gifts for children and adults. In this class, through the making of a phone/camera sock, she will teach you the basics of knitting: casting on, knitting and purling, ribbing, casting off and, if you have a flair for it, cabling. Kits will be available to buy on the day.



- **Saturday 18th July 2009**
Pitch and Stitch
- **Wednesday 22nd July 2009**
Clare Kingslake Day: As above



House sewing bag – Clare Kingslake

Coming up in the autumn:

Beginner's Machine Quilt-making with Anne Ray

A hugely successful course we run each year with Anne – you will be taught each stage of making a quilt: rotary cutting, machine piecing, basting and machine quilting and finally binding and labelling. Everyone who makes this quilt comes on the first day saying they will never be able to do it – and by the end of the course they are quilters.

Workshop days will be Saturday 5th September, Saturday 3rd October, Saturday 7th November and Saturday 5th December.

Book now to secure a place