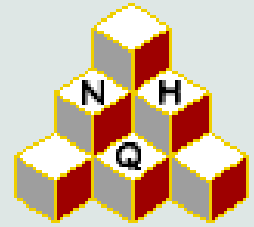


# Newsletter November 2020



## **Club News**

### NHQ Virtual exhibition

This show of our work will be on the web site from 14<sup>th</sup> November, not quite the same as a real exhibition but interesting to look through and see what other members have been up to. Please take a look and tell anyone you know who might be interested.

Thanks go to Becky for uploading the photographs.

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## **From the Chair**

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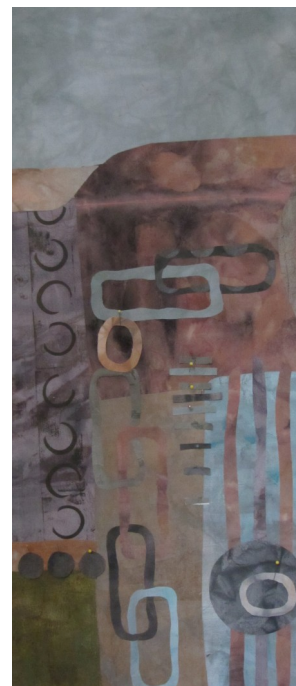
I would like to thank everybody who voted me in as the new chair of NHQ although there does not seem to be an awful lot to do at the moment. I would also like to welcome Wendy Jordan and Liz Boyd as the programme Secretaries. Thanks also to Hilary Drake for taking over the Newsletter.

I hope it will not be too long before we can all meet again at club. Please keep well and safe

Chris Bone.

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## **Show & Tell**



I have been concentrating on design work but I have finished the two small wall hangings attached. The first is made entirely in paper whilst the second is all fabric. They were both inspired by the patterns and lines in a wooden fence.

Anne Beare

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## **Introducing a Member**

As we will not be meeting as a group for sometime I thought it would be nice to introduce some of our members and see what they have been up to, as this is the first one I will start it off but please can some of you let me know about yourselves so I can fill this space in the next newsletters.

In the last edition I was introduced to editing this as one of the longest NHQ members and realised that I joined in 1990 so that's 30 years ago, at the time I was one of the youngest not so now!

I was very enthusiastic when I first joined and I think I have held every post on the committee at some point including doing the newsletter when we did it in print. I have stepped back over the last few years but now I am retired I have more time.

Over the years I have made many quilts trying out different styles and taking city & guilds courses to help me with creativity. I quite like to enter competitions and have had some success. I belong to Tanglewood quilters, my C&G group who carried on meeting when the courses finished. We enter something in the festival of quilts each year and try to pick something unusual, you might have seen our umbrellas and deckchairs.

During lock down I made a little sundress and bag for my great niece which made a nice change from quilts, I used to make a lot of clothes for my daughters but hadn't sewn any for years.

I have just finished my first commission which was a quilt made from baby clothes, a new experience! There was a mix of clothing including stretchy baby-grows so it all had to be stabilised first and had to include some poppers and collars which was another challenge, however I was really pleased with the result and more importantly so was the mother.

I am now back onto making more children's masks for the hospital which Jackie is organising.



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## **Challenges**

The last challenge we had as a group was to make prem baby quilts with some red in them, that hopefully will now be shown at next years exhibition, I know there was a good response which should make a nice showing. Recently I came across a collection of different group challenges I have done in the past including various row and round robins. Although I enjoyed making these somehow I always ended up with something unusable which got stored away under the spare bed. The baby quilts had a sensible use at the end so I wondered if anyone would be interested in one of the following.

Row robin – to make more prem baby quilts, with a set row each month which would get passed onto someone else for the next row. Nothing too difficult.

Round robin – to make project Linus quilts, again with a set idea each month but going around the central block rather than in rows and passed on in between.

Christmas rug mat swap – the quilters guild are doing this as a challenge in one of their groups and I wondered if anyone was interested in doing it for our group. Everyone involved makes a mat and then receives a different one back.

Please let me know if you would be interested and if there is enough response I will get something organised.

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### ***News Letter Contact:***

In these times when we aren't meeting it is even more important that we get together with our marvellous quilts, ideas and tips and our News Letter is the place to do it so please let me have all your news, photos of your work (jpg preferred)

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Due to the current situation we still cannot give a date to resume club meetings.

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