



QUILT MUSEUM
AND GALLERY

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Quilt Museum And Gallery Newsletter

Note from the Museum Director

I am pleased to be able to announce at the end of 2009 the Museum was successful in obtaining three grants; one from the Association of Independent Museums / Pilgrim Trust for the conservation of the Mary Prince Coverlet and two further grants from the Art Fund and the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council / Victoria & Albert Museum Purchase Grant towards the purchase of a new acquisition for the collection by internationally acclaimed quilt artist Jo Budd.

New for 2010 the Museum will open six days a week Monday – Saturday 10am-4pm from April to September (Tuesday – Saturday October to March).

We are also launching a new annual pass system for regular visitors, enabling pass holders to visit the museum as often as they like throughout the year.

Check out our new-look website for all the latest information on exhibitions and events at the Quilt Museum and Gallery.

We hope to see you again at the Quilt Museum soon.

Fiona Diaper

Education News

In 2010 the Quilt Museum and Gallery is offering a fantastic programme of learning activities for visitors of all ages. We've added some exciting new activities to the list including four new quilting courses with City of York Council's Future Prospects, 'Sewing with Your Children' for parents and guardians and a whole series of technique workshops by The Quilters' Guild's Contemporary Quilt Group!



February Half Term -Our 7-15s workshops will run from Tuesday 16 to Thursday 18 February and the 'Fabric Fun for Families' free drop-in session on Friday 19 February.

Jorvik Viking Festival – Historic Textile Demonstrations 16-20 February

Come and see our volunteers give informal historic textile demonstrations in celebration of the Jorvik Viking Festival. Have a go yourself at spinning wool like a Viking, try Anglo-Saxon embroidery, and learn what 'sprang' is!



Quilters' Retreats – The next Quilters' Guild weekend retreat will be with the fabulous Sandra Meech 18-20 June. See the our website for more details.

For booking and more information about our learning programme please call 01904 613242 or email info@quiltmuseum.org.uk

Acquisitions

The latest addition to the Quilt Museum collection is the recently acquired Pink Boat (Dry Dock 1) by Jo Budd, made possible with assistance from the Art Fund and the MLA/V&A Purchase Grant Fund. The piece, created in 1988, was one of six works made for the Lowestoft series. Jo's work is inspired by her surroundings, which back in the 1980's was the abstract industrial landscape and seascapes of the Suffolk Coast. The piece was produced by hand dyeing using pigment and reactive dyes on new and recycled fabrics including cottons, silks and synthetics.

The fabrics were then collaged and layered by pinning them onto a canvas backing, working vertically on the wall. Finally the whole piece was free-machine stitched to hold all the layers together to add texture using nylon monofilament. The Museum is delighted to have such an iconic piece in its collection, and the artist was equally pleased that her piece is now at the Quilt Museum and Gallery. Visitors will be able to see Pink Boat at the Quilt Museum in the forthcoming exhibition 'Inspired by the Past' 27 March – 3 July.

Museum Exhibitions

9 January – 20 March 2010

'The Celtic Fringe: Wholecloths of Wales and Scotland' and
'Namad: A Persian Journey in Felt' by Bitá Ghezelayagh'

27 March – 3 July 2010:

'Inspired by the Past: Traditional Practice and Contemporary Conversations' and
'Breakthrough' by Contemporary Quilt Group



Volunteer Updates — Your chance to get involved!

History tours of St Anthony's Hall

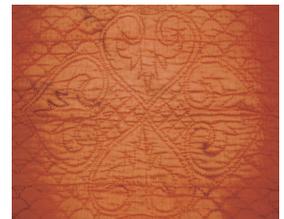
Saturdays 27 February, 27 March, 18 April, 15 May at 12:00 noon. Ring 01904 613242 to book. Museum admission applies.



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YOUR Gallery at the Quilt Museum!

Ever wanted to share your own quilt in an exhibition that could be viewed around the world? Now you can, on the Quilt Museum's new website www.quiltmuseum.org.uk! Go to the 'My Gallery' section and upload your photo and a description of your quilt and we will include it in our 'virtual exhibition'. It can be a quilt you've just finished or a historic quilt from your personal collection. We welcome all submissions, we only ask that you do not send copyrighted images. Now let's see your quilts!



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