

Inspired by Stitch

Until Sunday 2 November

Enjoy this colourful exhibition of textile art inspired by a Victorian bed coverlet made by Mary Greening and her friends. Textile groups New Horizons and Bedfordshire Quilters have used the coverlet as inspiration to produce modern work.

Also on display for the first time are two Biblical coverlets on loan from the Quilters' Guild of the British Isles.

Members of Bedfordshire Quilters and New Horizons will be demonstrating their sewing skills during the course of the exhibition.

Demonstrations by New Horizons Textile Group from 11am to 4pm

September: Thu 4, Fri 12, Mon 15, Tue 23

October: Wed 1, Thu 9, Thu 16, Fri 24, Wed 29

Demonstrations by The Bedfordshire Quilters from 11am to 4pm

September: Weds 10 and 24

October: Weds 8 and 22

At Stockwood Discovery Centre.

Free. Drop-in.



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Study Day

Revealed! 19th century quilts and coverlets – histories, fabrics and techniques

Saturday 6 September 2008 10.45am – 4.45pm

This study day is a unique opportunity to discover the fascinating life stories behind three rare coverlets on display in the exhibition 'Inspired by Stitch' at Stockwood Discovery Centre. Learn more about 19th century dress fabrics and the techniques used to make quilts and coverlets.

Talk I: Victorian Piety on Cloth

Margareta Faust, textile researcher from Sweden will present her research into the rare Wyatt and Bloomfield coverlets on display in the exhibition.

Talk II: Patchwork and Quilting in the 19th century

Bridget Long, quilt historian and author will share her knowledge of quilts and coverlets in the mid 1800s and talk about fabric and piecing techniques.

Talk III: Piecing Country Life

Veronica Main, curator of costume and textiles will reveal the fascinating life stories behind the makers of the 150-year-old Mary Greening coverlet, which inspired the exhibition.

Guided tour

There will be a guided tour of the 'Inspired by Stitch' exhibition with the opportunity to see and hear more about the vibrant exhibits.

Meet the Quilters

See demonstrations by members of New Horizons Textile Group and Bedfordshire Quilters. Work by these artists will be for sale in the museum shop.

Tea, coffee and a light lunch are included in the cost of the study day.

Cost: £35 per person (conc £31.50)

Please book on 01582 546544.



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