

Australian Quaker Tapestry

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Introducing Bridget Guest

In April 2007 Bridget Guest, the General Manager and embroidery teacher at the Quaker Tapestry Exhibition Centre (Kendall, UK) will be traveling to Australia to teach Australian Quakers the stitches and techniques of the Quaker Tapestry so that we can produce our own Tapestry stories!



"The chief attribute of a good embroiderer is love"

- Anne Wynn-Wilson



Register for the workshops TODAY. Registrations should be received no later than 15 March 2007.

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How the Quaker Tapestry Began

by Anne Wynn-Wilson, Founder of the Quaker Tapestry

On the first Sunday in January 1981 I began teaching a boy in the Quaker meeting in Taunton, (Somerset, South West England). My intention was that we should make a long scroll illustrated with stories from Quaker history, Jonathan, then aged 11, knowing that I was an embroiderer, asked, 'Can we do it in embroidery?' The Bayeux Tapestry flashed across my mind and I promised to think about it. Jonathan had dropped the pebble into the pool and the rings are still increasing. His seemingly impossible request could become reality if the work was shared by many people.

At that time I sensed within the Society pockets of loneliness, especially amongst the elderly, and a lack of knowledge about Quaker experience amongst the newcomers and the children. Because the Tapestry had not been commissioned, I was free to base the project on people, their needs and well-being. This consideration led to many of the unique facets of the Quaker Tapestry Scheme. Embroidery was the catalyst which opened opportunities for an unusual experiment in education.

Courses are held at

119 Devonshire Street, Sydney
(Close to Central Station)
16-20 April, 2007

4 Oakura Avenue, Woodford (Blue Mountains)
23-27 April, 2007

Check out the Australian Quaker Tapestry Website
<http://www.freewebs.com/australianquakertapestry>
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