Royal Astronomical Society

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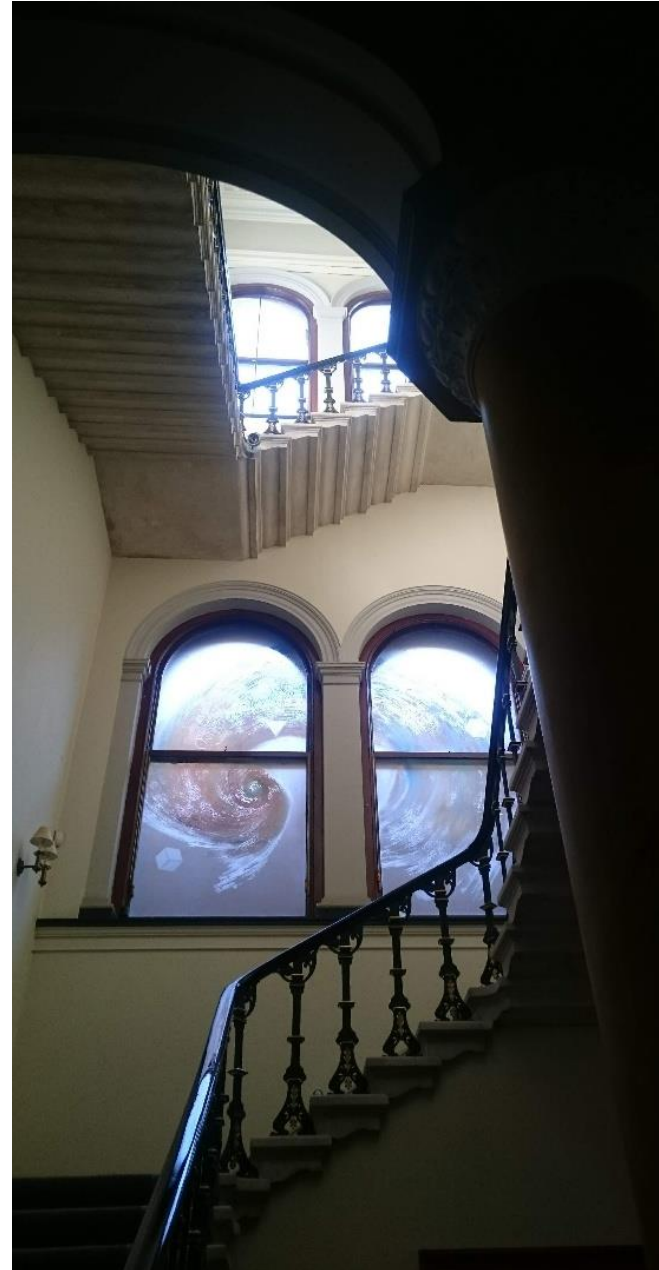
Stitching session - online edition

Thurs 9 April

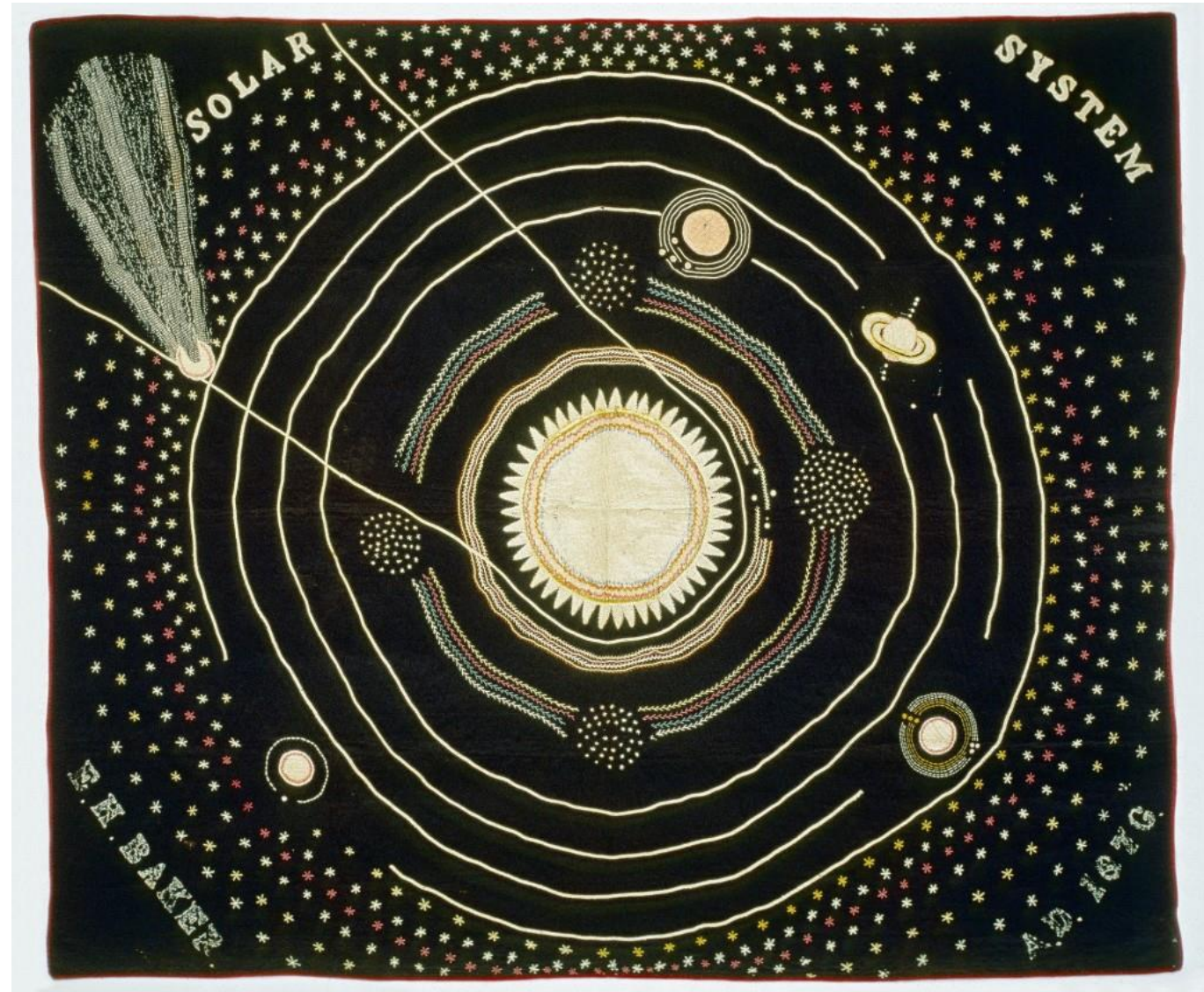2-3 pm

The Royal Astronomical Society was founded in 1820 and received it's Royal Charter in 1831. The Society used to meet a variety of locations before moving into the specially built premises at Burlington House in 1874 and we've been there ever since.

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the RAS and the commemorative quilt project is just one of the ways the Society is celebrating this milestone.

The quilt is double-sided: one side features the solar system and is inspired by Ellen Baker's amazing 1876 quilt . The other side of the quilt will be comprised of patchwork squares featuring creations of an astronomical or geophysical nature.

So far, the Society has held four stitching sessions – three in Burlington House and one at National Space Centre in Leicester. Thank you to everyone who has come along to these.

We have also received 10 squares so far. Again, big thanks to everyone who's already made one!

Apologies for the lack of crediting on the squares. Everything related to the quilt (materials, squares, the quilt itself) is in the office.
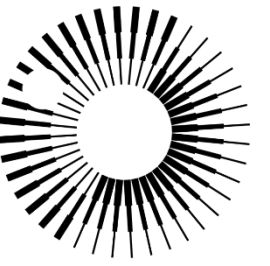
How big do the squares need to be?

Finished squares need to measure 25 x 25 cm. Your design should fit within 20 x 20cm. A clear 2.5 cm boarded is needed all the way around for the seam allowance when the squares are stitched together.

How many squares do you need? Can I make more than one?

We need approx. 100 squares to complete the patchwork side. Yes, you can make more than one, however, depending on how many squares we receive, we can't guarantee that your square(s) will be included.

When is the deadline?

Beginning of December. Please don't post squares to the office now as it closed.

Thanks for listening and for joining this online edition of RAS Quilt session.

More information can be found on the RAS website: www.ras.ac.uk and type 'quilt' in the search bar.

Happy to take any questions you might have about the project.

Let's see what you're all making ☺