

QUILTING MATTERS

MAY 2022

Newsletter



NELSON QUILTERS GUILD

MEETING Saturday 21 May The doors will be open from 9.30am and the meeting will begin at 10am.

Venue: Woodstock Centre, Stoke School Hall, Main Road, Stoke

Speaker: Sandra Sutcliffe will speak briefly about her quilting projects completed during lockdown in Sydney.

The aim is to have a shorter meeting, so we can start the workshop/sewing day before lunch. NB There is a \$5.00 charge for the afternoon to go towards hall hire costs.

Workshop run by Rosalie Johnson. Details were in last month's newsletter but are also included below in this newsletter.

We are asking you to bring:

- Your **completed or nearly completed projects** and any community quilts
- **Raffle money** \$2.00 for one ticket, 2 draws take place. Please purchase at the door.
- Any **library books** please.
- Cash for the **sales table**. Feel free to donate any left over materials that you have.
- Your lunch if staying on. Tea and coffee are provided.

MAY HOSTS: Carla Wardrop, Geraldine Walker, Pat Taylor, Gillian Dickson, Elizabeth Shallcrass and Ann Mitchell

Please be there by 9.30am and put out the chairs and tables, help set up the library and kitchen, welcome members and visitors. Put out tea and coffee and milk, and biscuits. Use the new visitors badges, direct any new members to June Mannix who will take care of them, help with clean up at the end. Consult the members' list if you need to find your swap/replacement, or send me an email.

NB Quite often people contact me to say they are not able to help with the hosting at a meeting so we are usually at least two people short. If you arrive early and feel you could help us out in some way please approach one of the committee members. Many thanks.

Teapot Valley Retreat Fri 10 - Sun 12 June - we need at least another 5

Please register with Leone now. 0273396503 We really need 25 people to cover costs. These are \$151.00 per person for the whole weekend. Which includes accommodation, all meals (except for Friday evening), morning and afternoon teas and a nice warm fire and lots of space to sew. Always a great weekend with lots of ideas and laughter.

If you just want to come for the Saturday the cost is \$50.00 which includes lunch and dinner, or \$40.00 without dinner.



A GATHERING OF STITCHES

Community Quilts



More quilts have been given to, and gratefully received by the Red Cross and Age Concern. New refugee families have arrived in our area recently from Pakistan.



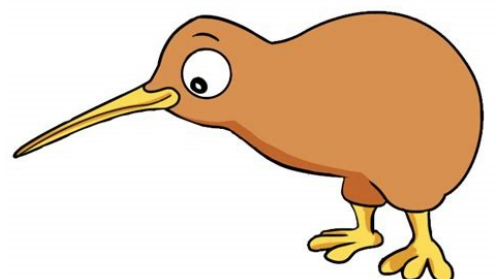
Subscriptions These are due **now!**

Only **\$35.00 for the year.** Please pay at the next meeting or into the guild bank account - details at the end of the newsletter. Many thanks to those who have already paid.

Christmas Tree Festival - early notification

This year we thought we would like to reverse the guild's quilted tree to show the green fabric, and adorn it with quilted NZ native birds.

Steph Murch is going to find some simple templates for us to use and have them available at the June meeting with ideas on what to do.



Needs List for workshop on Saturday 21 May

taken by Rosalie Johnson

You will make at least 1 block (12½") that can be used to make a 2 or 3 block table runner or wallhanging or part of a larger quilt. 1 block could be used to make placemats. The centre square can be fussy cut and I can see this block made into a Christmas runner or placemats or with a fun piece of child's fabric as a wallhanging for a child's room. We will look at some of the possibilities in the workshop.

Requirements for

1 block

1 dark fat quarter (fq)

1 coordinating light fq

1 coord 10" square (light or med solid or small print) *This piece could be where you fussy cut a 4" square from for the centre of your block.*

1 white or cream, plain or print fq
or print fq or a ½m

About 20 cm for the outer border or 30 cm if making 3 blocks

Backing, binding and toning threads

For a 3 block runner you need batting and backing of 60cm x 150cm

3 blocks

3 dark fat quarter or equivalent

3 coordinating light fq

3 coord 10" square (lt or med solid or small print)

3 white or cream, plain



Quilting Magazines available

Rosie Mellsop has a big number of quilting magazines that have been given to her. They are going to go to recycling if nobody wants them. If you would like to have a look through them please contact Rosie on 021 146 3609 to arrange a suitable time.

Calendar

- Sat 21 May: **monthly meeting. Speaker** - Sandra Sutcliffe on quilting in Covid lockdown NSW; plus **workshop** with Rosalie Johnson /or sewing day. Sales table.
- Fri 20—Sun 22 May: **Motueka Quilting Connection Show**; 10am –4pm Motueka Recreation Centre, Old Wharf Road, Motueka. Exhibitions include: Members New Quilts, Members Challenge - "Animal/animals", Special Exhibitions, Merchants Mall, Raffles; Admission \$5.00. Refreshments will not be provided this year.
- Fri 10 - Sun 12 June: **Teapot Valley retreat** - more information included.
- Sat 18 June: **monthly meeting. Community quilt making** session from blocks that have been donated to us. Buy in pizzas for lunch.
- Fri 8 - Sun 10 July: QuiltWest Patchwork Annual Weekend in Karamea. A number of interesting classes are being held. I have more information or you can email May Chalmers at barryandmay@kinect.co.nz
- Sat 23 July: **monthly meeting, speaker & workshop** . Chris McGuigan will speak and take a workshop on making messenger bags with emphasis on fitting zips, rings, swivels and linings. Details below. Sales table.
- Fri 19 – Sun 21 August: **Bridge Valley Retreat**. More information later.
- Sat 27 August: **monthly meeting. Workshop** with Geraldine Walker on pillow case making for those finished quilts.
- Sat 17 Sept: **Meeting, speaker, workday**, sales table. Awaiting speaker confirmation.
- Fri 23 - Sun 25 Sept: **Waimea Quilt Show** at Wakefield School Hall
- Tues 4– Sun 9 October 2022 : [NZ Quilt Symposium](#) - Sacred Heart College, 35 Laings Road, Lower Hutt. More information from their website - open the blue hyperlink.
- Sat 15 Oct: Meeting. Symposium feedback.
- Fri 11 - Sun 13 November: **Marahau Retreat**
- Sat 19 November: **Meeting and end of year function**



Needs List for workshop on Saturday 23 July

taken by Chris McGuigan

Finished size : 30cm tall x 25 cm wide

Lined and boxed corner bag with metal snap closure on underside of flap. Back set-in zip and pocket. Handles attached with D rings and swivel hooks.

Materials: Fabric: 0.5m of cotton duck weight fabric for outer bag, flap and handle

35 cm wof (width of fabric) for lining and pocket

35cm of interfacing

Zip 20cm, Thread and also upholstery weight thread for top-stitching. Needle: denim or topstitch needle for your machine.

Class cost: \$30. To be paid on confirmation of class numbers – Includes pattern and hardware for bag. There will be an extra \$5.00 pp charge to go towards the hall rental.



NB The zip is inserted on the back of the bag to make a pocket.

In preparation for this class

For front flap embellishment: Cut a piece of fabric you wish to work on 27 " wide by 26" long and have a margin of 4cm free of embellishment. Work within that area and have it ready for cutting out in class. Use the photo above to get an idea of placement for your art work. (you could do embroidery, an applique piece or a patchwork block) This is an optional extra and you may wish to leave the flap unadorned.

We need a minimum of 10 people to run this class. Please register with Sandra on 5488973 or nswsutcliffes@gmail.com When 10 people have registered you will be asked to pay your \$30 into the guild bank account. The \$5 can be paid on the day.

Hall Hire price increases

We have been advised of the new fees for hiring the Stoke School hall for our meetings. There is a considerable increase, and especially for the winter months where the school's costs for fuel for heating has doubled. The committee has discussed possible courses of action. We have met with the principal to try and negotiate a lower price, and have also investigated several other venues. Our main problem is that we need some storage space on site.

In the meantime we realise the need to sort out what is stored in the Stoke Hall cupboards and in various member's homes **SO**

- ♦ **The GoCutter is for sale.** It is not being used and we have nowhere to store it. Anyone who is interested please contact Carolyn on 5474804 or 027 8288856. She will also bring it to the May meeting.
- ♦ There are **3 wooden trestle tables** for sale. Offers accepted. Contact Carolyn.
- ♦ The **library books** are to be sorted and those no longer needed will be put on the sales table at the July meeting.
- ♦ There are 2 light boxes for sale. Please contact June Mannix on 0274904785 or 5380125.

Quilters Rules

Be Creative,
Share Ideas,
Have Patience,
Do Your Best,
Start Somewhere,
Gather With Friends,
Make Mistakes,
Teach Others,
Live Life One Stitch at a Time



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