

## QUILTING MATTERS

JULY 2024

Newsletter



**MEETING:** Sat 20 July. The doors will open at 9.30 am; the meeting will begin at 10 am.

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

**Speaker:** Karen Richards curator and carer of garments at Broadgreen House, plus

**Workshop:** Faux Cathedral Windows with Ruth, or just Stay and Sew. \$5.00 for hall hire

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available before the meeting.

We are asking you to bring:

- Your **hand sewing/stitching or knitting**. Tables will be set out for you to sit at.
- 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.

**JULY HOSTS:** Joan Inwood, Carolyn Henry, Helen Hodgkinson, Carleen Hodgkinson, Steph Hazlitt-Black, Rosanne Fisher

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

NB. People often 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.

### **Parking at the meeting.**

We have been asked to let you know to park in the marked spaces only. If there is a traffic cone in a park it means it is being kept for the speaker for that meeting. Many thanks.



*Quilting is  
painting  
with  
needles.*

## President's Note

It is great to see the enthusiasm for my challenges! I loved all the hexagon themed items people bought along, old and new. It's like an extra show and tell. At this month's meeting it would be great if you could bring items that are upcycled or recycled to show the group different ideas and potential of using what is around us. Also at this meeting if you could bring your 6 items to swap for the Odd Items challenge, that we are going to complete for our Christmas meeting, in a non-transparent bag (I will have some bags if you need one). These 6 items can be anything, any odd thing in your sewing area that you thought would be useful or interesting but never used or have left over from a project. It can be a variety of things like fabric, thread, buttons, charms, bobbins, even things you're not sure what they are or where they came from but didn't want to throw away. They don't have to be Christmas themed. If you can't make it to the July meeting and would like to participate I'm sure there will be others in the same situation and could swap items yourselves or at the next meeting.

I hope you have noticed our new flag at the last meeting. If not look out for it this month. Hopefully it will be flapping by the school entrance.

If you have any feedback, ideas or suggestions the committee and I are always open to hear and discuss things.

## Teapot Valley Quilt

Valerie suggested at our last Teapot retreat that it would be nice to make a teapot themed quilt for Paul and Jocelyn who run Teapot Valley camp. It was discussed at the last meeting what people thought of this and if they would like to contribute. There was positive feedback and it was decided that the size of the block would be 10½" square. So if you have enjoyed a Teapot retreat and would like to contribute a block of a teapot it can be any technique and colour, with a light background, possibly cream/off whitish. Ricky has offered to quilt it and someone also offered to sew the blocks together (sorry can't remember who that was). If the completed blocks could be handed in before or by the end of the year at our Christmas party. Thank you.

Sandie



## Calendar 2024

Sat 20 July	Monthly meeting 10am Speaker: Karen Richards - curator and carer of garments at Broadgreen House Workshop: Faux Cathedral windows, quilt as you go taken by Ruth Carlile. \$5.00 each More details attached.
Sat 17 August	Monthly meeting 10am Speaker: Janie Hall from the Richmond Creative Fibre group
Sat 17 August	My Time, My Life at Greenmeadows, Stoke 11am - 3pm
Sat 07 Sept	Liberated Birds workshop with Margaret Rogerson. \$40.00 per person. Each person will also need to download a pattern at the approx cost of \$25.00.
Fri 6 - Sat 21 Sept	Adventure in Art at Greenmeadows Centre, Stoke. Our time slot is yet to be confirmed.
Sat 21 Sept	Monthly meeting 10am. Speaker being finalised.
Thurs 10 - Sun 13 Oct	Canterbury Patchwork and Quilting biennial show. Papanui High School, 10am—4pm each day
Sat 19 Oct *	Monthly meeting 10am Talk: Japanese Culture Around Fabric
Fri 1 - Sun 3 Nov	Marahau Retreat
Weds 20 Nov	End of year meeting 7pm
Sat 23 Nov	Morovian Stars workshop - \$10.00 per person

\* NB Please note that we have had to change this meeting to a Saturday morning to be able to accommodate a speaker.

## 2025

Weds 19 Feb	Monthly meeting 7pm
Fri 28 Feb - Sun 2 March	Marahau Retreat
Sat 8 or Sat 15 March	<b>Quilts in the Garden Show</b>
Weds 19 March	Monthly meeting plus AGM
Sat 12 - Sun 13 April	Workshop with Sheila Christensen
Fri 16 - Sun 18 May	The Great NZ Quilt Show, Air Force Museum
Sat 24 May	Inktense Pencil on Fabrics workshop with Jo Hollings



## Community quilts

“Kia ora Sandra,

How are you? I hope you are well.

Back in February you kindly donated to Red Cross a number of beautiful quilts for our refugee families. In late June we held a series of “Orientation” sessions for recently arrived Burmese Chin families from Burma/Myanmar and on the last day we distributed all the quilts to very excited and grateful families.

Thank you so much for your kind donation – it means so much!

Regards, Ngaia Richardson

Volunteer Programme Lead, New Zealand Red Cross”

Thank you also to all those who donated empty cotton reels. They were greatly received by Elizabeth Peronne

## Workshop information

Faux Cathedral Window Bag July meeting workshop requirement list is attached to the newsletter. Note that you do not have to make a bag. It is just one idea that you can use these blocks for.

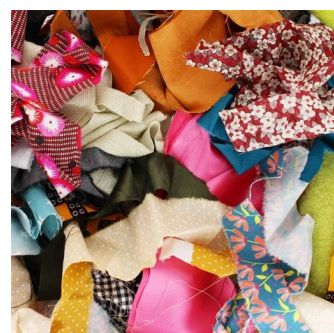
Morovian Star

November workshop - examples shown



## Swap/free table

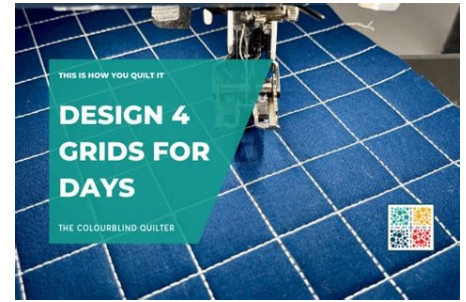
If you have any pieces of fabric that you know you won't use but would like it to go to a good home bring it along to the next meeting to swap with another fabric piece or give away. Please take away any of your donations that are left at the end of the meeting.





## Quilting design hints

Have you ever finished your quilt and the pattern says “Quilt as desired” and you have a mental block at that point. Well someone referred me to a great set of YouTube videos done by Tom Bathgate, the Colour Blind Quilter, that can help you make your decision.



### [This is How You Quilt It](#)

Right click and open the hyperlink. Read the page and at the bottom are links to 13 YouTube video clips.

## Some more sewing hints

Valerie has just come across this amazing YouTube clip . Lots and lots of useful tips (hacks). She is going to try the batting trimming tip very soon. And the silicon bib. See what you think. Perhaps you could share some at a meeting.



### [Household Items For Sewing](#) Right click and open the hyperlink.

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Why did the quilter go broke?

*Because she couldn't stop buying fabric.*

How do quilters solve a problem?

*By piecing it together.*

What do quilters do when they can't sleep?

*They count stitches instead of sheep.*



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