

QUILTING MATTERS

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Newsletter



NELSON QUILTERS GUILD

MEETING Saturday 18 June: The doors will be open from 9.30am and the meeting will begin at 10am.

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

The aim is to have the meeting and then start the **sewing day** before lunch. NB \$5.00 for the afternoon to go towards hall hire and heating costs would be appreciated.

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. There will be surplus books for sale at the July meeting.
- Your lunch if staying on or money to buy pizza. Tea, coffee & biscuits are provided.

MAY HOSTS: Carla Wardrop, Sandie Sixtus, Bev Rutledge, Barbara Nicholas, Merryl Newton, Alison Neale

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 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.

Sewing Bee Day

About 300 blocks have been donated to us to be sewn up into community quilts. At least one will be given to the new cancer society clinic in Chch. There are also cushion covers for the children's ward to be sewn. These have already been cut out. We have some thread that people can use. Does anyone have any threads which they would be happy to donate?



Community Quilts

Since the last meeting six quilts have been delivered to Women's Refuge and For The Kids Charitable Trust.

Celebration of Seasons made by Elizabeth Morris using the quilt as you go method, for a community quilt - as pictured.



Subscriptions



Some of these are overdue!

Please pay online or at the next meeting.

Fabric Starch

Some of you make use of a fabric starch with your quilting projects. Some members are recommending Allendale Fabric starch (200gm) which can be purchased at Spotlight. It is a pure natural non toxic powder starch for fabrics, in a handy jar with scoop, made in Australia. It is a very economical buy.

Teapot Valley Retreat Recap

It was a great place to be, given the weather! Many thanks again to Leone for her organisation. Lots of sharing of ideas, not only about quilting, yummy food and a warm fire made for a wonderful weekend.

Several photos have been put on Facebook already, and others have been added to the website.



Calendar

- 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
- Weds 20 - Sun 24 July 10am-4pm **Canterbury Patchwork and Quilting Guild exhibition.** Papanui High School, Langdons Road. \$5.00 entry
- 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. In the meantime please enter your interest with Sandra Sutcliffe on 5488973 or nswsutcliffes@gmail.com
- Sat 27 August: **monthly meeting. Workshop** with Geraldine Walker on pillow case making for those finished quilts.
- Sat 17 Sept: **Meeting, speaker, sales table.** Lyn Cotton will speak about her work with the Nelson Women's Centre.
- 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**
- Sat 26 November– Sun 15 January **Christmas Tree Festival** at the Cathedral.

NZ Textile Experiences has a number of really interesting and stimulating creative workshops over the next few months. Visit their website to find out more:

<https://www.nztextileexperiences.com/>



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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.

NB Instead of cotton duck you could use denim or furnishing fabric (ie something a bit heavier than a quilting fabric if you want it to be sturdier)

35 cm **lining material** 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 and heating costs.



For front flap embellishment: Cut a piece of fabric you wish to work on 27cm wide by 26cm 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. This is an optional extra and you may wish to leave the flap unadorned.

Help Wanted

Michelle Brassil - Jones of Mapua has a large king sized pin tucked blanket where the pin tucks are coming out in a number of places. She is looking for a quilter to re do them for her and wonders if any of the guild members might be able to help her.

Her phone number is 021 156 4271.



I found this old cartoon when we were sorting out some of the guild's old papers.

Images from Sandra's talk at May Meeting



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