

QUILTING MATTERS

SEPTEMBER 2022

Newsletter



NELSON QUILTERS GUILD

**MEETING:** Saturday 17 September 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:** Lyn Cotton will tell us about the role and work of the Women's Centre in Nelson.

**We are asking you to bring:**

- the **pillow case** that you made at the August workshop with Geraldine
- 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.** See note below.

**SEPTEMBER HOSTS:** Rosalie Johnson, Ann Churcher, Ruth Carlile, Leone Burborough, Sue Bowskill, Helena Boodee

*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.**

### August Meeting

A wonderful meeting with 34 attendees, 8 apologies, 3 visitors.



## Message from our President—Lorraine Brady

Even though there were quite a few away from the last meeting on 27 August we still had a great turnout and what a treat we had in store.

Marion Whyte's genes are working their way down through generations of women in her family and we were delighted to welcome Sandie Sixtus, her daughter, to be our Speaker but wait, there's MORE. Sandie's two daughters accompanied her, and are also talented and even if the grandsons don't take up quilting, there's another girl arriving soon!



Sandie brought with her some amazing things she has made. Her soft toys are works of art and have such character. There were assorted quilts (I envy her sense of colour) incredible thread paintings and thread photographs, and machine embroidery.

Quote. "I just design it on the computer, put it into the machine and press start then go away and do something else" Yeah but, you need your design skills Sandie! A Jill of all trades it seems she can turn her hand to anything, AND we got a sneak peek of her Hoffman Challenge entry! Outstanding.

As her girls pulled more and more exciting things from bins there were audible gasps of awe and amazement. She really is a talented lady and we were thrilled to have her come and show us what she can do. Thank you Sandie.

We tried out a new format for this meeting. I'd welcome feedback, but in the meantime we will give it a try.

We have been asked to use the back door. So we used the back, side door as the entry point as there's nowhere to plant the Steph's at the very back door.

We aim to start at 10 precisely with our Speaker and then stop for a tea break before recommencing with Show and Tell when you can either come up and talk about your

quilt or stand up by your seat. The quilts should be displayed when you arrive, up at the stage end and any Community Quilts put on tables along the side by the windows. After S and T we will draw the raffle then go on to Community Quilts. Then Carolyn will talk about the Library. (This meeting she had TWO new magazines so it seems they will be coming through again more regularly.) Any general matters will be after that. If anyone has any suggestions or strong objections please let us know.

There were only 8 of us who stayed for the pillowcase workshop with Geraldine Walker but it was fantastic. I am so sick of pillows working their way out of the envelope style cases and these ones were a doddle to make but only with the experience that Geraldine has acquired! About 10 years ago she answered the call by a site in America with the aim of making 1 million pillowcases for charity and this style, with hidden ties was the one she chose to do. It's called burrito because of the way it's rolled then turned inside out to reveal the header, the flange and the main body with the ties neatly hidden inside. A great workshop and we will bring some to show at the next meeting. I do hope more of you will come to these afternoons. Stitch with joy in your hearts Ladies!



**Pillow case  
workshop photos**



## **Sales Table information**

Over the last year we have held a Sales table at some of our meetings. Items for this table have been donated to the Guild and funds raised from sales have been for the Guild.

Extra funds this year have been of help to pay the increased rent costs. Members are welcome to donate if they wish, to the sales table by contacting June or Otte.



At our September sales table we will be selling a selection of very good fabric from a stash we have been donated. Our prices this month are reasonable and will start at \$3, then \$5, \$10 etc. Items will be individually priced. Sales are cash only so please bring cash with you if you wish to buy and please pay on purchase.



# Calendar

- Sat 17 Sept: **Meeting, speaker, sales table.** Lyn Cotton will speak about her work with the Nelson Women's Centre.
- Sat 24 - Sun 25 Sept: **Waimea Quilt Show** at Wakefield School Hall 10am –4pm
- 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: **Monthly 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 Nelson Cathedral.

OF COURSE I TALK TO  
MYSELF WHEN I CRAFT.  
SOMETIMES I NEED  
EXPERT ADVICE.

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## Photographs taken at meetings, workshops and retreats



Someone on the committee usually takes photos at these events to use in our newsletter, on the Guild website or sometimes on our Facebook page. Photos are usually of individual quilted items or displays. If you do not want *your* personal photo to be on any of these sites please let the photographer know. I do not usually name any persons in a photo, but may give a name to a quilted project.

## Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival Decorations

1. The **snow flake decorations** that guild members made for the 2020 festival will be brought for the last time to the September meeting for those people who want to collect their own. After that they will be donated to one of our community organisations.
2. Thank you to everyone who has been making the **native birds** for this year's tree. They are looking wonderful. Please bring them to the next meeting or arrange to get them to June Mannix. More kits will also be available at the meeting.

*"A tranquil woman can go on sewing longer than an angry man can go on fuming."*  
—George Bernard Shaw

## Go Cutter Final Notice

This is your last chance to buy the Guild's Go Cutter. It has six die with it and was \$770 new. Offers over \$300 will be considered. If not sold it will be advertised on TradeMe in October. Contact Carolyn Henry or see her at the next meeting.

## Community quilts

June dropped off 7 quilts and 4 bags to For The Kids Charitable Trust and 4 quilts and 7 bags to the Women's Refuge. Thanks Sandra for the bags, they were delighted to get them. They also loved the woollen cushions that Lyn Cotton donated and Rosalie had finished off.

We were also given seven handmade barely-used quilts by a Nelson resident (his mother in the USA had made them) who wanted them to be made good use of.



Cushions for Children's ward



Leftovers from Days For Girls project



Handmade in the USA

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