

QUILTING MATTERS

AUGUST 2024

Newsletter



MEETING: Sat 17 August 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: Janie Hall from the Richmond Creative Fibre group

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.

AUGUST HOSTS: Joan Inwood, Gillian Dickson, Lyn Cotton, Oattie Corbett, Anne Churcher, Leone Burborough

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. Do the dishes at the **end** of the meeting and help with general tidy up. 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.

Car Parking at the meeting.

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



President's Message

We have a busy end of the year coming up! The committee are working very hard to offer a variety of ventures to promote growth with patchwork and quilting within and outside our guild. There are a couple of promotional events we are attending where we hope to gather some new members. Symposium is coming up and we have a class with a nationally recognised tutor next month. The guild is subsidising this class to make it affordable for our members to attend. A day class at symposium is \$150 at least, so \$65 total for the Liberated Birds class is very reasonable. The members requested more activities such as classes and retreats, but if these are not supported by the members....we have 8 people so far signed up to do this class.

We are going to have a small working bee to do some maintenance on our quilt stands and then I'm sure they'll be good as new. If you would like to help in some way just ask a committee member for details.

I have received 2 teapot blocks for the Teapot Valley quilt and know of a few in the pipeline. They are looking fantastic!

I was blown away by the response for my 6 objects challenge. If you would still like to do this challenge, bring along your 6 items in a non-transparent bag to swap with someone else at our next meeting. I can't wait to see what you come up with!

At our next meeting I am going to bring along the wedding quilt I have been making for my daughter. They are coming up to their 10th wedding anniversary so yes, I have been working on this quilt for 10 years. A few of you have seen it in progress at retreats. I have entered it to be exhibited at symposium. I would like you to bring along a quilt (or item) that was a long time in the making to share with the group also.

I look forward to seeing you all again. Sandie

Teapot Valley Quilt

As mentioned in the last newsletter it was decided to make a teapot themed quilt for Paul and Jocelyn who run Teapot Valley camp. The size of the block is to be 10½" square. 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 we would love someone to offer to sew the blocks together. The completed blocks can be handed in before or by the end of the year at our Christmas party. Thank you.

Calendar 2024

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| 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. |
| Sat 14 - Sun 15 Sept | Waimea Quilt show , Wakefield School hall. Entry \$3.00, 10 - 4. |
| Weds 18 Sept | Adventure in Art at Greenmeadows Centre, Stoke. 10am - 4pm |
| Sat 21 Sept | Monthly meeting 10am. Speakers - some members of the Top of the South Steam Punk Society in full costume will tell us about the story behind their costumes and how they make them. |
| Thurs 10 - Sun 13 Oct | Canterbury Patchwork and Quilting biennial show. Papanui High School, Christchurch, 10am—4pm each day |
| Weds 02 - Sun 06 Oct | NZ Quilt Symposium , A Carousel of Quilts, Cambridge HS, Waikato |
| Sat 19 Oct * | Monthly meeting 10am Talk: by Yumiko Uda, from the Nelson Japanese Society, about Japanese Culture Around Fabric . |
| Fri 1 - Sun 3 Nov | Marahau Retreat |
| Weds 20 Nov | End of year meeting 7pm Supper and activities provided. |
| Sat 23 Nov | Morovian Stars workshop - \$10.00 per person |
| * NB Note that we have had to change to a Saturday morning for our speaker. | |

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| Weds 19 Feb | Monthly meeting 7pm |
| Fri 28 Feb - Sun 2 March | Marahau Retreat |
| Sat 8 or Sat 15 March | Quilts in the Garden Show |
| 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, Christchurch |
| Sat 24 May | Inktense Pencil on Fabrics workshop with Jo Hollings |

Further Information

A separate email will be sent out with detailed information about the Liberated Birds workshop.

Make a quilt for Grace

The daughter of one of our long term members and former valued employee at Cushla's, Lyn McCullough, was caught in the Jasper wild fire. Grace and her partner lost all their possessions. Chris McGuigan has initiated making some blocks which she will join together into a quilt and raffle it with the proceeds going towards buying a sewing machine to replace the one Grace lost. She augments her income by sewing for the local market.

Please see the sheet attached to the email as to how you could contribute towards this.

Adventure in Art

This is similar to the display we held at Greenmeadows in August last year, but being held on Weds 18 Sept as itemised in the calendar. We are looking for volunteers to sit and stitch and converse with the public. Just for an hour or two would be great.

Community Quilts Volunteer

As many of you will be aware Sandra, who does a wonderful job collecting and distributing the community quilts we make, is out of action for some time, having had a hip replacement replaced recently. We are looking for a volunteer to help with this. The job is not onerous, in fact it is quite pleasurable because the different groups are so thrilled to get our quilts. Perhaps two people might like to share this.



Just what we need for
these cool winter nights.
Lots of quilts!



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Why did the scarecrow become a
quilter? Because he was
outstanding in his field!

Make a quilt for Grace

Recently, Grace, a daughter of our friend Lyn McCullough - (from Cushla's shop in Mapua) lost all her possessions in a wild fire in Jasper, Alberta, Canada, where she lives with her partner Ed.

While they are both safe - they were unable to save their home and the contents including Graces sewing machine! Imagine. It will take time for them to rebuild their lives, but in the meantime we can make another 'Quilt for Good', this time the money raised will go to Grace to help.



In 2020, I started involving the local community in contributing small quilt blocks for the first Quilt for Good - and lots of friends and acquaintances posted their blocks into my letterbox and I completed the quilt, raffled it and raised 1000.00 for a local charity. Everyone enjoyed making the blocks and bought tickets and eventually the quilt was won by a friend who on-donated it to a rest home.

If you would like to help with a block - I am using Kaffe Fassett, 'Blue Frames' pattern - it is easy and quick to make the block. Make one or two blocks, hand them to me and I will put the quilt together.

I hope to sell 200 tickets - \$5. each. You can buy on line- by emailing me, the4macs@xtra.co.nz tell me what number you would like 1-200 and I will give you the account number or pay with cash - either way the money will all go to Grace – any extra donation would be so much appreciated too.

Block making details: Made using variations of blue fabrics

Cut 1 central Block of coloured print fabric is 8 inches square

Cut 2 short rectangles of striped or plain fabric in blue - $4\frac{1}{4}$ inch wide by 8 inches long

Cut 2 long rectangles of the same fabric $4\frac{1}{4}$ wide x $15\frac{1}{2}$ long.

Sew the short pieces to each side of the square first and then the long pieces to the remaining sides of the 8' square.

