

## QUILTING MATTERS

APRIL 2023

Newsletter



**MEETING:** Saturday 15 April The doors will be open from 9.30am and the meeting will begin at 10 am.

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

**Speaker:** Barbara Whittaker from the Red Cross.

**We are asking you to bring :**

- Your **completed** or **nearly completed projects** and any community quilts, plus last month's working bee quilts or quilt tops.
- **Raffle** - \$2.00 for one ticket, 2 draws take place. Please purchase at the door.
- Any **library books** please.

**APRIL HOSTS:** June Mannix, Kim MacDonald, Rosalie Johnson, Joan Inwood,  
Carolyn Henry, Rosanne Fisher

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, 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 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.



### Community Quilts

June has a collection of about 15 in her wardrobe ready to go to the North Island.

**Good friends are like quilts. They age with you, yet never lose their warmth.**

## Information for Upcoming Workshops

1. **One Block Wonder** on Saturday 20 and 27 May, taken by Rosalie Johnson.

For this workshop you need 2 metres minimum of material that has a 12" pattern repeat. You will also need your 24" cutting board.

**Cost:** \$20.00 for members and \$25.00 for non-members, payable on the day.

It is **important that you register** your name with Rosalie on 0211132598 or by emailing [rosaliej48@gmail.com](mailto:rosaliej48@gmail.com) as there is a limit of 12 people for the class.

2. **Quilt Ruler Workshop** on Sunday 18 June, taken by Kaye Amos from Chch.

This is designed for people who have special quilting rulers and want clearer instruction on how to use them. **Cost:** \$40.00. We still have to confirm some information so an email will be sent out soon after this newsletter. In the meantime you can register your interest with Lorraine on 027 2299 548 or [lbrady@xtra.co.nz](mailto:lbrady@xtra.co.nz) as there is a class size limit of 8 people, although we are hoping we might be able to stretch it to ten.

3. **Whims Water Colour quilt workshop** on Sat 9th Sept, taken by Anne Murchison, Chch

**Cost:** \$20.00. **It is really important that you order your preferred kit via Anne before 1st July.** The class limit is about 15 people. I have included the information that was in last month's newsletter.

### Whims Water Colour quilt kits workshop on Sat 9th Sept

[www.whims.cc](http://www.whims.cc) Right click and go to Open Hyperlink. When the web page is open go to Our Products and then to All Quilt Kits.

Anne Murchison from Christchurch has been booked in to take this workshop. She has run them in Chch and those taking part have thoroughly enjoyed them.

She will order the kits in from the States. People attending the class must look on the website, [www.whims.cc](http://www.whims.cc) (instructions above) and email Anne with their request. Prices on that website are US retail, and vary from kit to kit, depending on size. For example, a common price is \$39.95US - this equates to approx \$65NZ depending on exchange rate at the time of purchase. However, Anne can get them more cheaply, and a US\$39.95 kit would cost only about NZ\$50. Everyone also will need some fusible grid, which again, she will get in and put it with the kit for an extra cost of approx \$8 - \$10. The kit includes all the small 2" squares pre-cut, and the fabric needed for any applique work and the pattern and instructions.



But participants will need to read the back of the pattern (when they get it) to see what they need in the way of fabric for borders, batting, backing and binding.

The cut off for Anne to order the kits will be 1st July - to give time for them to get here. When they arrive, she will notify everyone, with the amount they need to pay, and give them her bank account to pay directly. Once payment has been made for all the kits, she will send them all to Alison - to give to those doing the class, so they will see on the pattern what they need - it will also list the other requirements like tools, thread etc.

STEP 1 is to look at the website and decide which kit you want.

STEP 2 is to email Anne on [scottmurch1@gmail.com](mailto:scottmurch1@gmail.com) with your order by 1st July.

### **Greetings Quilters from the President**

I'm writing this from the Wairarapa with the Balloon Festival going on all over the wider district. It's a spectacular sight to look out the windows and see these colourful balloons floating across the skyline. They haven't had totally favourable weather unfortunately and cancelled Thursday because of wind.



Thank you to all who attended our AGM and a special thanks to our new Committee Members who survived their first meeting last Wednesday night. Jobs were assigned and we look forward to our future with great confidence. I'm also looking forward to Rosalie's One Block Wonder workshop next month, Teapot Valley in June, Kaye Amos' Ruler Workshop and don't forget to order your kit before July for the Watercolour Class in September.

A BIG thank you to all those who stayed on to make quilts for the North Island flood victims, and to those who donated materials. What a hive of industry there was with at least 12 buzzing sewers.

Best wishes, Lorraine

### **Subscriptions Due**

Please note that the yearly subscription is now overdue. It is \$35.00 per annum and \$20.00 for those further afield. It can be paid into our bank account (details at the end of the newsletter) or in cash at the next meeting. Thank you.

Many thanks to those who have paid already.

# Calendar 2023

- Sat 15 April                    **Monthly meeting, speaker** Barbara Whittaker from the Red Cross
- Fri 12– Sun 14 May        **Great NZ Quilt Show**, Energy Events Centre, Rotorua
- Fri 19—Sun 21 May       **Motueka Quilt Show**
- Sat 20 May                    **Monthly meeting** plus **One Block Wonder workshop Part 1** taken by Rosalie Johnson. For this workshop you need 2 metres minimum of material that has a 12” pattern repeat. Cost for Members : \$20 and Non-members \$25 Phone Rosalie on 0211132598
- Sat 27 May                    **One Block Wonder Workshop Part 2.**
- Fri 9 - Sun 11 June        **Teapot Valley retreat**
- Sat 17 June                    **Monthly meeting** - awaiting confirmation of speaker
- Sun 18 June                    **Quilt Ruler Workshop** with Kaye Amos from Chch. Cost: \$40.00
- Sat 15 July                    **Monthly meeting** plus UFO afternoon
- Sat 19 August                Monthly meeting will be a **quilt display** at the Greenmeadows Community centre in Stoke. More information to come.
- Sat 09 Sept                    **Full day workshop** by Anne Murchison from Chch. Info above.
- Sat 16 September        Monthly meeting- show & tell from previous Saturday’s workshop
- Sat 21 October               Monthly meeting NB This is Labour weekend
- Fri 03 - Sun 05 Nov        **Festival of Quilts**, [aqg.org.nz/auckland-festival-quilts](http://aqg.org.nz/auckland-festival-quilts)
- Fri 03 - Sun 05 Nov        **Marahau retreat**
- Sat 18 Nov                    **Monthly meeting** and **end of year event.**



My husband asked ChatGPT (this uses Artificial Intelligence) to write a limerick about quilting. This is one that it came up with:

*There was once a quilter named Lee  
Whose stitches were neat as could be  
With fabric and thread  
She created a bed  
Fit for a queen or king, you'll agree  
More next time...*

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## Committee Roles

At the last committee meeting the following roles were designated:

<b>President</b>	Lorraine Brady + card maker and writer
<b>Secretary</b>	Geraldine Walker
<b>Treasurer</b>	Marion Whyte
<b>Newsletter &amp; Emails</b>	Alison Paton + hall bookings & Google Calendar
<b>Workshops &amp; Speakers</b>	Sandie Sixtus
<b>Desk &amp; Raffles</b>	Steph Hazlitt-Black & Steph Murch
<b>Library</b>	Valerie McNaughton
<b>Committee Meeting Venue</b>	Steph Murch
<b>Web &amp; Facebook Page</b>	Chris Webb
<b>Community Quilts</b>	Sandra Sutcliffe; June Mannix while Sandra is away

## Roles Outside of Committee:

<b>Greeter</b>	Eileen Gordon
<b>Sales Table</b>	June Mannix, Lorraine O'Neill, Ottie Corbett
<b>Camps &amp; Retreats</b>	Leone Burborough + quilt label making
<b>Fabric Collector</b>	Caroline Salisbury, especially from Soft Goods in Stoke

