

QUILTING MATTERS

FEBRUARY 2023

Newsletter



NELSON QUILTERS GUILD

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

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

Speakers: Caroline Salisbury. Her talk and slide show is titled "Threads across the Pacific". Caroline moved here last year from Tauranga. 7 years ago she created a sewing project in Vanuatu which involves kiwi women delivering new sewing machines, fabrics, sewing supplies & sewing classes to groups of women on Efate Island.

We are asking you to bring:

- Your **completed** or **nearly completed projects** and any community quilts .
- **Raffle** - \$2.00 for one ticket, 2 draws take place. Please purchase at the door.
- Any **library books** please.
- Cotton fabric, lace, zips, bias binding, threads & any other supplies you could donate to Caroline's project. These will be sent to Vanuatu ready for her next trip in May.



FEBRUARY HOSTS: Lois Zachariassen, Geraldine Walker, Ricky Unterberger, Lyn Trolove, Sandie Sixtus, Bev Rutledge

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.



Marahau Retreat Fri 10 - Sun 12 March 2023

Register now for this fun filled retreat by the seaside. Only \$40 for the weekend or \$10 for day trippers. Please give your name to Leone Burborough on 0273396503 or contact her for more information.



Community quilts

The Women's Refuge received 5 quilts a box of Christmas goodies and some cushions

The White House also received 5 quilts and some cushions. They sent a card and an email to thank us and saying how much they appreciated our kindness.

2 cushions were given to the Nelson Hospital children's ward and 1 box of Xmas fabric.

Nelson Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival 2022

What a wonderful result! 11,200 visitors voted.

Many thanks to all those who contributed.

Now we need some ideas for this year. Sandra already has some which she will discuss at the meeting.

The quilted birds will be brought to the March meeting if you wish to claim yours.



Message from our President

Greetings All at the start of a New Year for Nelson Quilters. As usual it's off to a rapid start which is scary. I enjoyed my first 'quilting fix' when I went to Bev Dykes' show in January. She organises an excellent show and it was lovely to see quilters from all districts. A great way to connect with fellow quilters.

We are losing some members of our committee at the AGM so I ask you all to think seriously about what you could contribute. It involves only one Committee meeting a month and you'll find we are quite a nice bunch of friends.

I look forward to our first meeting on February 18th.

Stitch on, Lorraine.

AGM to be held on Sat 18 March 2023

- NB New committee members are needed. Please consider coming on to our committee. Tasks are not onerous and it is not essential that you attend every one of the ten committee meetings held each year.
- Any proposals for amendments to be made to the constitution must be made 28 days prior to the AGM.
- An idea has been put forward for discussion “that the Nelson Quilters Guild be referred to as Nelson Quilters” This would bring us into line with other quilting groups in NZ and hopefully attract more interest. The name Nelson Quilters Guild would be retained for official things such as the bank account, IRD and Inc Society business.
- A motion will also be put that there be no change to the membership fees which will remain at \$35.00 p.a.

For Sale

Nan Batty, a former member, has a Bernette sewing machine and trolley bag for sale. Excellent condition. If you are interested please contact June Mannix on 027 4904785.



Workshops

- Alison will take a class at the April meeting on **Quilted Snap purses**. The idea is to open this up to the public. One member has already offered to help her.
- Rosalie will run a workshop on the **One Block Wonder Quilt** - month to be confirmed, possibly May.
- We have just heard that Rachel from Annie's is available to come up in September to run a class on Using your Bernina
- A number of other people are being asked if they can run a workshop for us. There will be more information later as dates are confirmed. Most of the following are being contacted: Wendy Welsh, Wellington; Kirsten Duncan, Juliet Vander Heijden; Amanda Evans, Kapiti Coast; Catherine McDonald, Chch; and Griet Lombard. If anyone has any preferences please let us know. Information about all these quilters can be found by researching online.



2023 calendar

Sat 18 Feb	Monthly meeting with Caroline Salisbury as speaker
Fri 10 - Sun 12 March	Marahau retreat
Sat 18 March	AGM, speakers from Red Cross, to be confirmed.
Sat 15 April	Monthly meeting - quilted purse workshop by Alison
Sat 20 May	Monthly meeting plus workshop
Fri 9 - Sun 11 June	Teapot Valley retreat
Sat 17 June	Monthly meeting
Sat 15 July	Monthly meeting
Sat 19 August	Monthly meeting - quilt display at the Greenmeadows Community centre in Stoke. More information to come.
Sat 16 September	Monthly meeting
Sat 21 October	Monthly meeting NB This is Labour weekend
Fri 03 - Sun 05 Nov	Marahau retreat
Sat 18 Nov	Monthly meeting and end of year event.

Blessed are the Quilters:

For they are Piecemakers

For they make ends meet

For they know how to cut corners

For they keep you in stitches

For they are great comforters

For they patch things up

For they cover you with warmth

For they pick up the pieces

For they put colour in you life



This was posted on the KiwiQuilters Facebook site but the author is unknown.

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