

QUILTING MATTERS

JUNE 2023

Newsletter



**MEETING:** Saturday 17 June. 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:** Quilting Questions and Tips session, more information on the next page

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** - \$2.00 for one ticket, 2 draws take place. Please purchase at the door.

Any **library books** please. Many are overdue!

**JUNE HOSTS:** Christine Blair, Anne Bieleski, Pauline Barnett, Lois Zachariassen, Lana Wilson, Prue Wignall



Please be there by 9.30am and put out the chairs and tables, help set up the library and kitchen, and 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.

### **Reminder about the Library Books!**

It is good to know that the books and magazines are being borrowed (and presumably enjoyed).



However, they are available free for **one month only**. After that a borrowing charge occurs. \$1.00 for books and 50 cents for a magazine. This charge goes towards keeping the collection current in this evolving art and craft that we all love.

So please, if you are unable to return the book/s in good time, contact a Committee member to have it collected, or be honest and pay the rental at the next meeting.

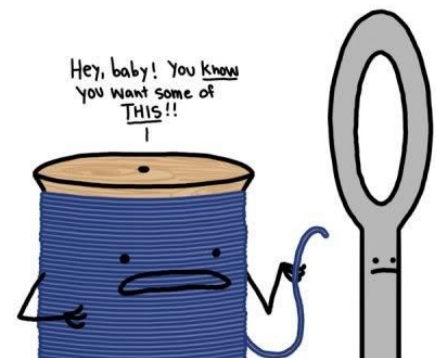
Thank you. Valerie McNaughton.

## June Meeting: Questions and Tips for Sewing and Quilting

The aim of this is to put together many tips for experienced and newer sewers and quilters. You may think that a lot of us have sewn for many years and should know all the ins and out of sewing and quilting. Please do not voice it but be helpful by contributing.

In the meantime consider the following questions or come up with some of your own:

- ◆ How do I clean my cutting board?
- ◆ What is a clapper? How do I use it and why?
- ◆ What is a threadle and why should I use it?
- ◆ How do I clean my iron?
- ◆ Is there a correct way to put the reel of thread on the spindle?
- ◆ How to iron seams? What does it mean to set your seams?
- ◆ I often get a sore back and shoulders. How should I sit at my machine?
- ◆ When should I change the needles on my machine?
- ◆ I have trouble threading my needle
- ◆ Any tips for left handers?
- ◆ Help! I have difficulty sewing a straight line!



### Presidential Update from Lorraine

The reason for not being able to use the door at the top of the concrete ramp to enter the hall has been clarified. I had a meeting with Sarah, the Principal and all was made clear.

That door is designated as a security EXIT. The ramp outside is NOT a disability ramp. The door works on a battery and while we kept it propped open it was running down the battery. Also as it is street side it is a security risk for those using the hall who may be engrossed and NOT notice someone slipping in.

We went out and looked at the carpark. There is a large downward slope to wheel our trolleys etc and to each side of that the steps are defined by a white line. I feel the school has done everything to prevent accidents.

There is a disability ramp through the gates at the back of the hall and while Sarah doesn't want us to park around there it is perfectly possible to drop your trolleys there and go and park. For this reason we will unlock that back door on our meeting days.

## Challenge Group

We are starting up a group within the Nelson Quilters that will meet and do a challenge monthly/bimonthly. The theme for each challenge will be drawn from ideas that the group contributes. So think of some words, sayings, themes... The level of involvement is up to you as our focus is to encourage creativity and personal growth.

If you are interested we will have our first get together after the Nelson Quilters meeting in June so please join us. If you can't make it or would like to know more please contact Sandie Sixtus [sandie6tus@gmail.com](mailto:sandie6tus@gmail.com) 021 161 2957

Thank you for starting this group Sandie. We look forward to seeing the wonderful results at our monthly meetings.

## Quilt Display at the Greenmeadows Centre, Stoke for our August Meeting

This is to be part of a week long event that is being held by the Nelson City Council to showcase different craft/art type groups in Stoke. We have been allocated a room on Saturday 19 August, the day of our monthly meeting. So the plan is :

- To have a brief Show and Tell meeting at the centre (NOT at the school hall).
- To have a display of quilted items made by our members.
- A section showing and explaining about our community quilt making. This will include a collection of pillows that are given to the children's ward. Geraldine has a big number of these.
- We will have a couple of sewing machines for the public to sew some of the pillow covers which will be cut out.
- The two quilts that were made for cancelled exhibition will be raffled at the door.
- There will be examples of the stages that are gone through to make a quilted item.
- Members will be allowed to sell quilted items but will be responsible for the selling and the handling of money. Some of you might like to group together to do this.

We are asking you to bring items that you want to display to the July meeting so we can decide what we can fit in. If you cannot come that day please contact a committee member or get someone to bring yours. Unfortunately we will not be able to hang many large quilts. A variety of items will be great. We are hoping that our display will attract some new members, so any help on the day will be greatly appreciated.

Please note that this is not a quilt show, but an excellent way of displaying of our talents to the Nelson public, and there are no costs involved.

## Information for Upcoming Workshops

1. 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. This has been confirmed. Register your interest with Lorraine on 027 2299 548 or lbrady@xtra.co.nz

2. 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 the previous newsletters.

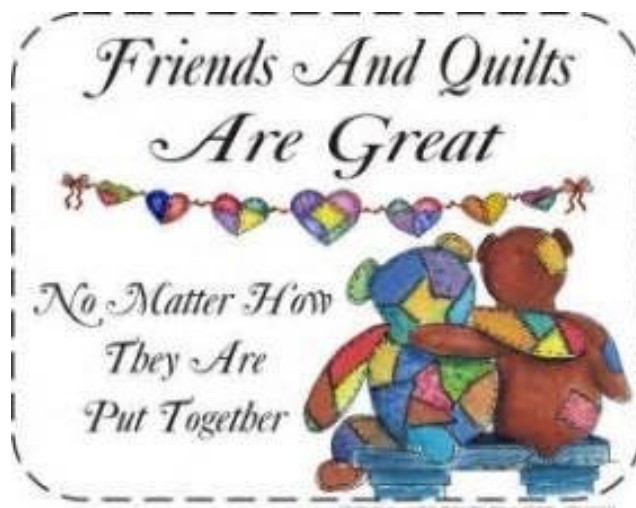
The following link is to Whim's website: [www.whims.cc](http://www.whims.cc) Go to the site and then to the **Our Products page**, and then to **All Quilt Kits**.

Anne will order the kits in from the U.S. 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 is 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 with your order by 1st July.



## Calendar 2023

- Fri 9 - Sun 11 June **Teapot Valley retreat.**
- Sat 17 June **Monthly meeting** - Questions and Tips sharing, plus One Block Wonder workshop show and tell.
- Sun 18 June **Quilt Ruler Workshop** with Kaye Amos from Chch. Cost: \$40.00
- Sat 15 July Monthly meeting Elizabeth Perrone from CCS will speak; plus UFO/PhD , Stay and Sew afternoon.
- Sat 19 August Monthly meeting will be at the **quilt display** at the Greenmeadows Community Centre in Stoke. More information above and to come.
- Sat 09 Sept **Whims Watercolour full day workshop** by Anne Murchison from Chch. Information 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.**



I'm working on my PhD  
( Projects Half Done )



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