

QUILTING MATTERS

MARCH 2023

Newsletter



MEETING: Saturday 18 March 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.

Speakers: AGM plus **quilt working bee** for North Island flood victims (more info below)

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.
- Your **lunch** if you are staying on.
- **Quilt working bee**—your machines, cutters, threads, materials (Sandra will have completed a disappearing 9-patch quilt top as a pattern idea using **kiwiana materials**) Other pattern ideas are at the end of the newsletter. Please feel free to stay on and give moral support, ideas, do ironing, cutting or sewing, or even provide baking or snacks.



MARCH HOSTS: Merryl Newton, Alison Neale, Juliet Neale, Elizabeth Morris, Rosemary Mellsop, Valerie McNaughton

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 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.



A quarter of the way into 2023! Mind boggling isn't it?

We have all had the weather on our minds lately and

I expect many of you were concerned when you heard about an earthquake and double cyclone hitting Vanuatu, after hearing about the wonderful work of **Threads Across the Pacific**, the brainchild of Caroline Salisbury. She gave a really informative and heart-warming presentation at our February meeting. Many of you brought along (and have donated since) notions and fabric to start filling the container for her next visit in May. It was lovely to have support from the members at the meeting for the Guild to give money to buy a new Bernette machine. The badge for this machine has already been made.



Of course there are a few working bees busily making quilts to go up north to help replace bedding destroyed in their cyclone. I went to a Hawkes Bay wedding nearly two weeks ago and saw some of the devastation, not even the worst hit, and it was a real shock. My great niece and her husband coped well with a change of plan and venue and all went ahead.

At our last committee meeting we had a look at our remaining programme for the year which you will see in the calendar. Some things are still to be confirmed. We thank Steph Murch who has so generously provided the venue for these meetings to which we all just glide on in and treat like our own.

Happy stitching everyone.

Lorraine

Subscriptions Due

Please note that the yearly subscription is now due. 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.

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<https://publicdomainreview.org/collection/solar-system-quilt>

Right click and go to Open Hyperlink for a very interesting article on **Ellen Harding Baker's "Solar System" Quilt**

Community quilts - report from June Mannix

Seven quilts have been delivered to the Red Cross for the refugee families that are here from Pakistan. Again they were thrilled with the love that we given them in our quilts. Two of the families have numbers of 7 and 8 so at orientation they will be presented with either 2 or 3 quilts, not the usual one.

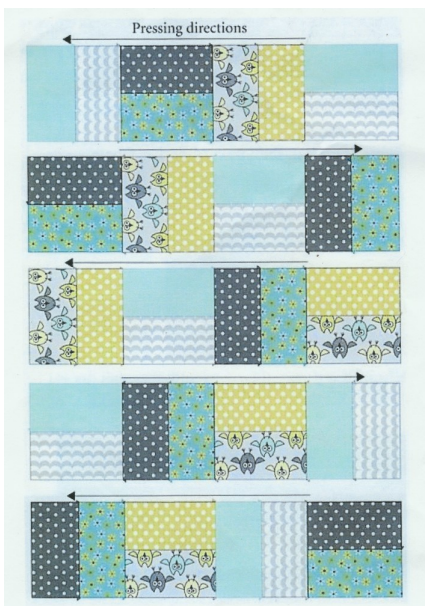
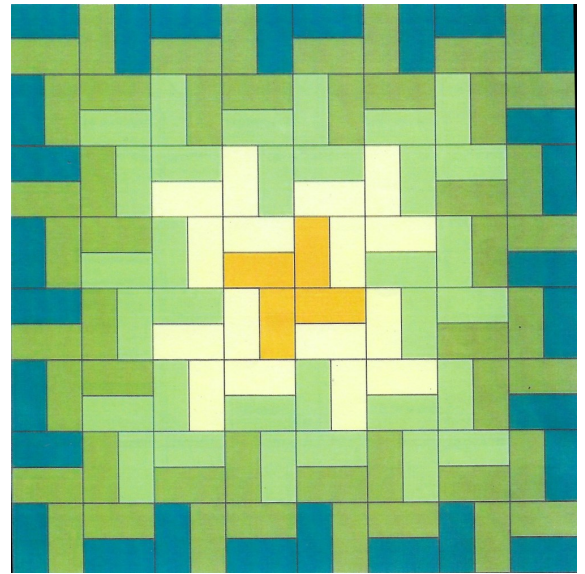
I would like to say a big thank you to Ricky for quilting the two quilts that Steph Murch donated. They have now been taken by members to do the binding. I have a collection of quilts stored away to send to the North Island flood victims when the time is right. A contact from the Ukrainian society has collected the quilt we had assigned them. It will be auctioned for funds at their quiz evening on 31 March. Lorraine Brady will have finished another one for them by then.



Calendar



- Fri 10 - Sun 12 March **Marahau retreat**
- Sat 18 March **AGM plus quilt making** for North Island flooded areas
- 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: about \$15.00 for hall hire. 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
- Sat 15 July **Monthly meeting** plus workshop—tutor has been contacted
- Sat 19 August Monthly meeting will be a **quilt display** at the Greenmeadows Community centre in Stoke. More information below.
- Sat 09 Sept **Full day workshop** by Anne Murchison from Chch. Info below.
- 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
- Fri 03 - Sun 05 Nov **Marahau retreat**
- Sat 18 Nov **Monthly meeting and end of year event.**



Quilt Pattern ideas for 18 March working bee

People could work in groups of 2, 3 or 4 on a pattern of their choice. One member has already contacted me as she wants to contribute but cannot be there on the day. She is going to cut the pieces ready for a top for someone to sew up. So any type of contribution will be welcomed. Some backing materials have been donated and there will be batting available.

August Meeting and Quilt Display

We have been invited to take part in

An Adventure in Art, A Collaborative Exhibition, Exploring all that Art Is

on Saturday 19 August at the Greenmeadows Community Centre, Stoke. It is a several day event and we have been given our meeting day as our slot. At this stage we plan to have a very brief meeting at the venue with Show and Tell; quilts and quilted items will be on display, and we will hold demonstrations (maybe snap purse making) We hope to be allowed to raffle the 2 quilts that were made for our show. We will need support from members on the day. It will be a great opportunity to advertise our group.

Some committee members are meeting with the convenor this week. More information at the next meeting and in the next newsletter.



Whims Water Colour quilt kits workshop on Sat 9th Sept



There are spaces for about 15 participants. There will be a cost towards hall hire and the tutor's fee. This is yet to be finalised but will not be too expensive.



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.

Anne will order the kits in from the States. People attending the class must look on the website, 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 lists 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.

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BEST FRIEND AND THINK,
"WOW. I CAN'T BELIEVE
I FOUND A HUMAN
JUST AS WEIRD AS ME."

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