

QUILTING MATTERS

APRIL 2024

Newsletter



MEETING: Weds 17 April . The doors will open at 6.30pm; the meeting will begin at 7pm.

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

Speaker: Lorraine Brady is a highly qualified calligrapher and will speak about her experiences. Lorraine's talk has been forwarded to this month as the key for the data projector had not been left for us last meeting.

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.

APRIL HOSTS: Lois Zachariassen, Barbara Wilson, Debby Williams, Prue Wignall, Ricky Unterberger, and Lyn Trolove.

Please be there by 6.30pm 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.

MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE

Annual subscriptions of \$35 (\$20 for those in other parts of NZ) are due. Please pay at the next meeting or into the bank account. Details on page 4.



Our **New Committee** is as follows:

President: Sandie Sixtus

Secretary: Geraldine Walker

Treasurer: Ruth Carlile from July

Newsletter and Google Calendar: Alison Paton

Speakers and Workshops: Carla Wardrop and Yvonne Wilson

Library: Valerie McNaughton

Community Quilts: Sandra Sutcliffe

Raffles and Sign in Desk: Pauline Barnett

Roles outside of committee

Facebook: Chris Webb

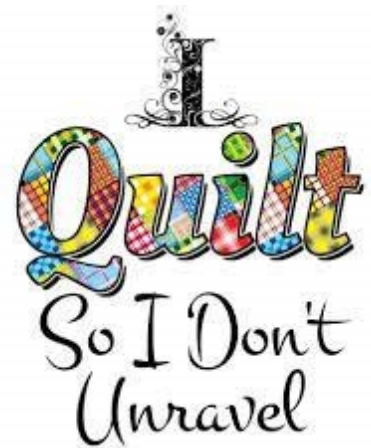
Meet and greet visitors: Eileen Gordon

Cards, signs etc: Lorraine Brady

Morning tea/supper supplies: Lorraine Brady

Retreats and Label Making: Leone Burborough

Web Site: Peter Thompson. Ruth Carlile



Whakatu Tuku 24 Festival (Heritage Week) at Melrose House report

This was a great success due to a wonderful team effort. A big thank you to everyone who supported this display by helping set it up (a special thanks to the Waimea Menzshed), providing an appropriate quilted item, or doing a 'stitching' duty and talking with the visitors.



Carolyn really engaged people, especially men, with her display of old machines. They evoked a lot of old family memories.



Lois's hand-made quilt with William Morris fabrics and ideas had a prime position in the entrance way, and provided much discussion and praise.

President's report

Lorraine has passed the president's baton to me. I would like to thank Lorraine for the wonderful job she has done as president and for paving the way for me. She has definitely made the meetings light hearted and fun. For those of you who don't know me please feel free to approach me and ask questions and make suggestions. I will always be open to your ideas and feedback.

The Melrose House exhibition sounds as if it went very well and those involved thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



The aim and the objectives of Nelson Quilters is to share and develop knowledge of patchwork and quilting. With this in mind, we will have a monthly president's challenge. I would encourage you to think outside the box and learn new techniques. As a group we have a wealth of knowledge, and it would be great to share this with each other. This month I thought we could use our emblem as inspiration.

You can use the colours, design, layout, meaning...the inspiration is endless. You can make the block any size and shape you wish. There are no rules other than have a bit of fun and possibly push yourself. It's about learning rather than creating a masterpiece. Have a play around and bring what you have designed or created (if you're really keen) to the meeting. It doesn't have to be finished or completed by then, remember this is meant to be fun!

I look forward to catching up with you soon.

Sandie



Bev Dyke's William Morris designed quilt was a perfect display piece



And as Marion said she really enjoyed her day.

Calendar 2024

Weds 17 April	Monthly meeting 7pm Speaker: Lorraine Brady, will tell us about her life in the Calligraphy world.
Fri 17 - Sun 19 May	Motueka quilt show, 10am to 4pm daily, Centre, Old Wharf Rd, Motueka. \$5 entry, raffle, merchants, challenges etc
Sat 18 May	Monthly meeting 10am Speaker: Zandra McPherson. Some of you may have met her at Melrose House. Her talk is titled: Against the Odds.
Fri 7 - Sun 9 June	Teapot Valley Retreat - details below
Sat 15 June	Monthly meeting 10am
Sat 20 July	Monthly meeting 10am plus workshop. Details to be advised.
Sat 17 August	Monthly meeting 10am
Sat 21 Sept	Monthly meeting 10am
Weds 16 Oct	Monthly meeting 7pm
Fri 1 - Sun 3 Nov	Marahau Retreat
Weds 20 Nov	End of year meeting 7pm



Teapot Valley Retreat from 3pm Friday 7 June - 3pm Sunday 9 June

The costs are as follows: \$162.50 for the full camp; \$55.00 for Saturday visitors (includes morning and afternoon teas, lunch and dinner); \$45.00 for part day visitors (includes morning and afternoon teas and lunch).

This is one of the highlights of the year. Please register your name with Leone on 0273396503 or rlburborough@outlook.co.nz asap!

Why did the quilter keep talking about her new project? She had lots to cover!

I'm sew into quilting, I needle the time.

Why was the quilt always calm? It had plenty of inner layers.

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