

QUILTING MATTERS

FEBRUARY 2024

Newsletter



**MEETING:** Weds 21 February. The doors will open at 6.30pm; the meeting will begin at 7pm.

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

**Speaker:** Sandie Sixtus will tell us about her trip to the Houston Quilt Show.

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.



**FEBRUARY HOSTS:** Ruth Carlile, Leone Burborough, Sue Bowskill, Christine Blair, Helena Boodee and Anne Bieleski.

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.



## Calendar 2024

Weds 21 Feb 2024	<b>Monthly meeting at 7pm.</b> Speaker: Sandie Sixtus will talk about her trip to the Houston Quilt Show.
Fri 8 - 10 March	<b>Marahau Retreat</b>
Weds 20 March	<b>AGM</b> beginning at 7pm. Speaker: Lorraine Brady, our retiring president, will tell us about her life in the Calligraphy world.
Thurs 4 - Fri 5 April	Heritage Week @ Melrose House –quilt display. “The Old is New Again”. See item below the calendar.
Weds 17 April	Monthly meeting 7pm
Sat 18 May	Monthly meeting 10am
Fri 7 - Sun 9 June	<b>Teapot Valley Retreat</b>
Sat 15 June	Monthly meeting 10am
Sat 20 July	Monthly meeting 10am
Sat 17 August	Monthly meeting 10am
Sat 21 Sept	Monthly meeting 10am
Weds 16 Oct	Monthly meeting 7pm
Fri 1 - Sun 3 Nov	<b>Marahau Retreat</b>
Weds 20 Nov	End of year meeting 7pm



NB. Other speakers and workshops are yet to be finalised. If you have any suggestions please let us know.

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

The display at Melrose House is taking place on Thurs 4 and Friday 5 April from 10.30am until 3.30pm. The Nelson Embroiderer’s group is also part of this display. We have been asked to contribute 10 quilts, which will be hung, and some small hangings, which will be placed on tables.

Sandra Sutcliffe and Geraldine Walker have been meeting with the organising committee for us and are grateful for the quilts that have been offered for display, and to those who have offered to be present stitching for the sessions. There will be two sessions each day from 10.30 - 1, and 1 - 3.30, with two people stitching per session.



## President's Note

Hello everyone

It's February already! Only 10 months until Christmas. That is frightening because it means we're all getting older and stitching time is getting less. I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas / New Year break and that the temperatures since haven't caused too much hassle. I really do not like hot weather as there's a limit to how much clothing I can remove in public. I think all of you enjoyed the Christmas party and a big thank you to all of you who helped.

If you went off on holiday I expect you enjoyed it but I don't think anyone travelled as far as Sandie Sixtus and her husband. We will hear all about the Houston Show at our first meeting and Sandie will show us some pictures of what she saw. I just think Mr Sixtus deserves a medal for going so far to see a Quilt Show!

We look forward to an eventful year ahead with a few changes the first being an evening meeting. Sandra, with Geraldine's support, is well ahead with planning for the Melrose House display of Victorian needlework and quilting. I will definitely be there as she said I don't have to wear a corset. Start thinking about the Marahau Retreat and also our AGM. It is essential if we want to grow and progress that each of us answers the question: "What can/will/could I do? "

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the meeting on Weds 21 February..

Lorraine



Why did the sewing machine go to therapy?

*It had too many tension issues!*

I can mend holes without a sound,  
With a simple loop, I'm quickly found.

*What am I?*

**A Needle**

I'm a puzzle of patterns,  
colorful and neat, Stitch by stitch,  
I'm brought to complete.

*What am I?*

**A Quilt!**

**Waimea Quilters** is running a **fabric bowl making class** on Saturday 9 March at 10am. The cost is \$25. Those interested should contact Lesley on 027 295 4986.

## AGM Weds 20 March 2024

This is a formal notice that the Nelson Quilters AGM for 2024 will take place on Weds 20 March at the Woodstock Centre, Stoke School. The meeting will begin at 7pm and our guest speaker will be Lorraine Brady.



Four people are leaving the committee this year. So please put your hand up if you are interested. It is a really good, fun group to be part of. We will be needing a new president and treasurer. No task is too onerous but we do need people to share the tasks. If you are interested please contact our secretary, Geraldine, on geraldinewalker@xtra.co.nz. We are very grateful to people, who take on roles outside of the committee.



Notices of Motion. Any issues that members may have must be sent to the secretary in writing (email is fine) 28 days prior to the AGM. NB. The constitution is on the website.

## Marahau Retreat

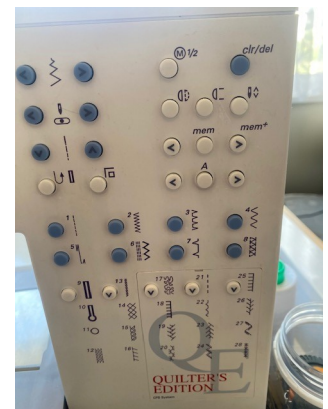


Please register your interest asap with our camp mother, Leone Burborough on 0273396503 or rlburborough@outlook.com . The weekend cost is \$40.00 or \$10.00 for day visitors. It is a great place to sew beside the sea, with delicious meals, great company and lots of laughter. Transport can be shared, especially for day visitors.

## Sewing Machine For Sale

This machine, complete with trolley bag, belongs to a recent former member. Her daughter-in-law is selling it.

Please contact: E Green on 021 075 969 if you are interested.



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