

QUILTING MATTERS

MARCH 2024

Newsletter



MEETING: Weds 20 March. The doors will open at 6.30pm; the meeting will begin at 7pm.

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

Speaker: AGM including election of committee. Lorraine Brady is a highly qualified calligrapher and will speak about her experiences.

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.



MARCH HOSTS: Helena Boodee, Pauline Barnett, Donna Armstrong, Steph Alderson, Yvonne Wilson and Lana Wilson.

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 **a committee member** 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 20 March	AGM 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. See item below the calendar.
Weds 17 April	Monthly meeting 7pm
Sat 18 May	Monthly meeting 10am
Fri 7 - Sun 9 June	Teapot Valley Retreat
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	Marahau Retreat
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.

Whakatu Tuku 24 Festival (Heritage Week) at Melrose House

The display at Melrose House, 26 Brougham Street, is taking place on Thurs 4 and Friday 5 April from 10.30am until 3.30pm. Come along, and tell your friends and family to attend this free event.

Nelson Quilters, Nelson Embroiderers and a Lace maker will be demonstrating their skills surrounded by examples of their timeless work in an historical environment.



What's a quilter's favourite book genre?

Fabric-tion – stories woven with threads of imagination!

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

What am I? A Quilt!

President's Final Ramble

I think it's time I retired. I recently got the Committee members to swap our meeting night as I had booked in January for Tutu's on Tour, sure it was on Thursday night.

I got my frock and earrings on and thought I was pretty smart getting a park right outside the Theatre Royal. Nobody else turned up and when I got the ticket out the date was for next week and NOT Thursday, but Friday..... You know I do these things just to give the family a chance to say 'Ha ha ha you're losing it.'

Alison is sending this Newsletter from Melbourne where she's currently cuddling a new granddaughter, and it's hot, while we seem to have suddenly started Autumn.

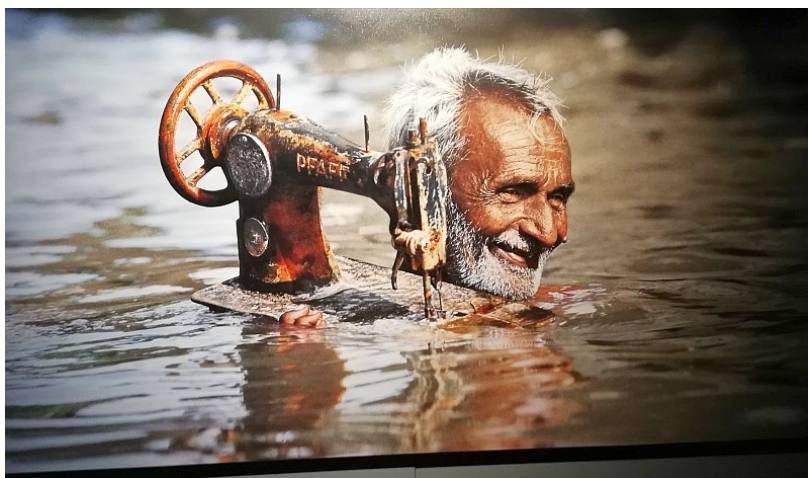
Please all make an effort to get to the AGM. We need a President and a few more Committee members. I am allowed to stay on the Committee because I like them. If you care about our group you need to try to be involved.

Marahau is on as I write this so I hope that is going well, but I believe it's a smaller group than usual. Thanks to Leone who will stay on in the role of Camp Mother. (Do you think we should get her a uniform and a whistle?)

Thank you all for your support for this completely green president, it's been a good experience and I feel I know so many of you better and that's a bonus for me.

We have some exciting things in the plan for this year and into next, so keep coming and bring friends!

Lorraine

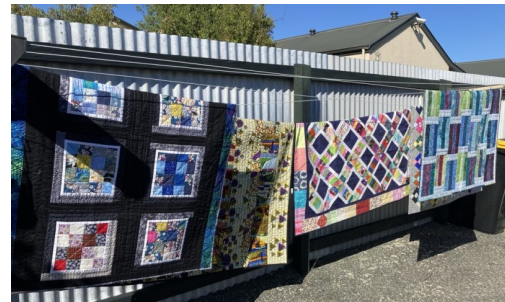


I have just been to a photographic exhibition in Melbourne of photos by Steve McCurry, a photographer for National Geographic. It was fantastic. I thought I would share this photo with you. The monsoon floods in India have meant this man needed to save his prized possession, a PFAFF sewing machine, and he is still smiling!

Community Quilts feedback from Sandra

Cat-themed music quilts were delivered to Jessica St Germain, Funding Manager for NCMA.

She was delighted with the quilts for their fundraising efforts in August this year as the cat videos were a great hit last year and so were cat themed objects that were raffled off after the event. (Her grandmother was a quilter and Jessica is originally from the US so she was appreciative of the time taken to make one ...I even got a huge hug of appreciation) All I asked is that Nelson Quilters got some publicity and they mentioned our Facebook page.



Community quilts from February meeting being aired before delivery to the Red Cross.

Donations of material requested please ...anymore music themed fabrics or cat designed fabric which could be made into either a MUSIC Cat soft toy or perhaps a quilt.

.... plus a pattern for a cat or cat themed work.

.... Plus pink and purple materials. We have had a request from the Breast and Gynaecological Support Service Agency to donate a quilt to help their fundraising event in June. The committee has agreed to this.



For Sale

Contact: Prue Sweet 021 081 83043

Janome 9400 QCP sewing machine which I am no longer able to use/accommodate as we have recently moved to a much smaller home. I have owned the machine from new and it is registering TEN HOURS only sewing time, so it is virtually 'as new'. I purchased it locally for \$4000.00 and am keen to receive any reasonable offers over \$3000.00.

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MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE

Annual subscriptions of \$35 (\$20 for those in other parts of NZ) are due by the end of March. Please pay at the AGM or into the bank account.

West Coast Quilters Mini Symposium

The Grey Valley Patchwork is holding a MINI SYMPOSIUM from Fri 12th – Sun 14th April

Courses will include:

MACHINE PIECING with Jill Bennington

WOVEN SILHOUETTE with Maggie Williams

THREAD PAINTING with Diane Gutberlet

NEEDLE TURN APPLIQUE with Linda Evans

SASHIKO/BORO with Clare Smith

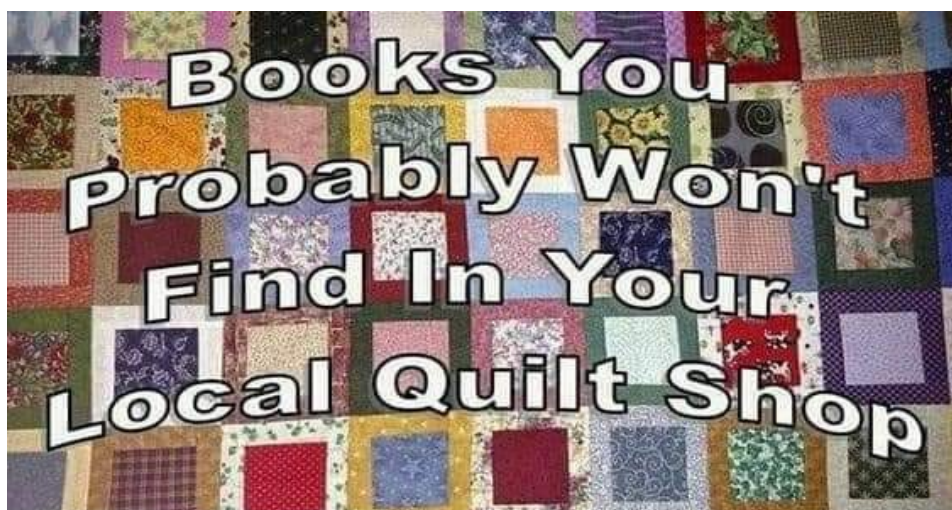
RESCUE YOUR FAILURES/ABANDONED IN DISAPPOINTMENT PROJECTS

with Marcia Richards

UFO Room

More information, registration forms etc is available from

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1. Honey, I Shrunk the Quilt...by R. U. Kidding
2. Always Buy An Extra Yard...by Justin Case
3. Shop Hop Carpooling...by Phil M. Up
4. Wind Those Bobbins!...by M. T. Spools
5. Addicted to Quilt Shops...by C.U. Sune
6. Labeling Your Quilting Tools...by M. R. Mine
7. Finishing Your Quilt Edges...by Ima Binder
8. What's the Point of It All?...by U. R. A. Needle
9. Softening Your Quilting Callouses...by Lana Lynn

