

QUILTING MATTERS

MAY 2024

Newsletter



MEETING: Sat 18 May . The doors will open at 9.30 am; the meeting will begin at 10 am.

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

Speaker: Zandra McPherson's talk is titled: Against the Odds more details on page 2.

Sales table.

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.

MAY HOSTS: Pat Taylor, Caroline Salisbury, Maggie Pryce, Lorraine O'Neill, Merryl Newton, and Alison Neale

Please be there by 9.30 am and put out the chairs and tables, help set up the library and kitchen, assist at the sign in table, 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.



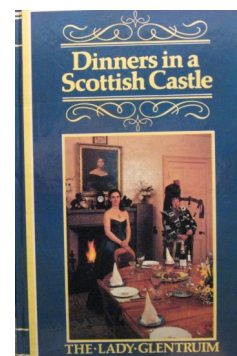
To those who
have paid.

Against the Odds

Zandra Macpherson of Glentruim

In 1968 Zandra married Euan Macpherson of Glentruim, a Clan Chieftain and twenty years her senior. For thirty years they lived at Glentruim, a Macpherson seat and their family home. This old granite building dating back to 1826 was full of strange happenings and intrigue. Within its walls the building held a multitude of tales - battles, adventures, dangers, ghosts and many dark secrets. This solid castle in the remote Highlands of Scotland was described by the judge, Lord Cockburn' of the time in his Circuit Journeys as being 'A Strange and Wild Place', hence the title of Zandra's first book.

Zandra also branched out into cookery books over the years, 'Dinners in a Scottish Castle' being her first, written under her title, 'The Lady Glentruim'. This little cookery book, one of the first in colour, took her all over Scotland and abroad to give demonstrations and talks. More importantly it kept the 'roof over their heads' during difficult times - hereby lies a tale! You may wish to purchase a copy at the meeting.



Sales Table

A small sales table will operate. We have a sewing machine for sale. It will be on display at the meeting.

It is a Bernina Activa 135 Patchwork edition with instruction book and lots of attachments, and belonged to a former member. It has been donated to Nelson Quilters and is a great machine for someone (maybe a grandchild) learning to sew. Make an offer on the day, or contact Alison if you are unable to come.



There will also be some threads and quilting tools (make a donation) and a Bernina Two Sole Walking Foot with seam guide for \$50.00.

If anyone wants to contribute anything to the table please feel free to do so.

President's report

It was great to see a few people have done the president's challenge already! I look forward to seeing some more at our meeting. I shall endeavour to bring mine along. You can carry on with this challenge and bring it along to share anytime. I will introduce another challenge at the next meeting to see if we can keep the momentum going and share our collective knowledge of techniques.



At short notice we were part of a display 'My Time My Life' about discovering new hobbies. This was held at Founders Heritage Park on Sat 27th April. It may not have had many people through, but we got lots of exposure. There was an interesting array of other groups. Thank you to the people who attended the stall. We look forward to the one in August at Greenmeadows.

I look forward to catching up with you at the next meeting.

Sandie



Our display at Founders.

How did the Angry Steampunk calm down?

He let off steam.

I recently got ran over by a steam roller

...people said I should be offended but I was flattered



Geraldine's Steam Punk quilt received a lot of attention from the local Steam Punk Society.

Cushla's Popup Shop

Cushla is having a popup shop on Weds 15, Thurs 16, Fri 17 May from 10am – 3pm, and Sat 18th from 10am - 1pm, at her previous shop, 136 Aranui Rd, Māpua.

Calendar 2024

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.
Sat 18 May	Fabric-a-Brac, Hope Hall, opportunity to rationalise one's stash! see poster attached to the email.
Fri 7 - Sun 9 June	Teapot Valley Retreat - details below
Sat 15 June	Monthly meeting 10am
Sat 20 July	Monthly meeting 10am plus workshop. Faux Cathedral windows, quilt as you go taken by Ruth Carlile. More details later.
Sat 17 August	Monthly meeting 10am
Sat 17 August	My Time, My Life at Greenmeadows, Stoke
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

This is one of the highlights of the year.

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).

Thank you to those who have registered and paid their money. **We need 12 more people to make this viable.**

Enquiries to or register your name with Leone on 0273396503 or rlburborough@outlook.co.nz asap!

Community Quilts

Women's Refuge were very grateful to receive eight quilts and two children's backpacks. Six quilts were also delivered to Age Concern.

“Quilts in the Garden” March 2025



This is a heads up to let you know about our next quilt show/display.

It will be held at the Gardens of the World in Hope in early March 2025 (date to be confirmed). The committee is very excited and planning is well under way. Apart from an opportunity to display your quilted items, you will be able to have a stall to sell your crafts. These will have to be manned by the sellers. The committee will also have a couple of quilts to raffle.



You will be given more information as planning proceeds, but we do welcome ideas and offers of support.



Why did the stitch keep changing when a new skirt was being made for Dolly?



Dolly's skirt was very quickly removed and became My skirt!



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