

QUILTING MATTERS

FEBRUARY 2025

Newsletter



## MEETING:

**Weds 19 Feb** The doors will open at 6.30pm; the meeting will begin at 7 pm.

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

**Speaker:** Renee Clothier from NZ Textile Experiences on Slow fashion, darning, mending, fashion design.

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**.

**February Hosts:** Neroli Wilton, Pat Taylor, Caroline Salisbury, Maggie Pryce,  
Lorraine O'Neill. Alison Neale

Please be there by 6.30 pm to put out the chairs and tables, help set up the library and kitchen, assist at the sign in table, and welcome new members and visitors. Put out tea, coffee, and milk to be served with supper. Use the new visitors badges, direct any new members to a committee member who will take care of them. Do the dishes at the **end** of the meeting and help with general tidy up. Consult the members' list if you need to find a 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.



*"To quilt is human. To finish is divine."*

## Calendar 2025

Fri 14 - Sun 16 Feb	<b>Marlborough Quilters Exhibition</b> , Marlborough Lines Stadium, Kinross St, Blenheim. Entry \$5.00
Weds 19 Feb	<b>Monthly meeting</b> 7pm. <b>Speaker:</b> Renee Clothier - NZ Textile Experiences on Slow fashion, darning, mending, fashion design.
Fri 28 Feb - Sun 2 March	<b>Marahau Retreat</b>
Sat 8 March	<b>Quilts in the Garden Show</b> (Sat 15th if postponed) More information on the next page.
Weds 19 March	<b>Monthly meeting plus AGM</b>
Sat 12 - Sun 13 April	<b>Class with Sheila Christensen. Mini Wonders Waltz.</b> \$56.00 for members. More information below.
Weds 16 April	<b>Monthly meeting. Speaker: RESQ Clothing</b> - Two speakers will exhibit their skills with upgrading donated clothing to raise funds for the Hospice shop opposite Saxton Field.
Sat 17 May	<b>Monthly meeting</b>
Fri 16 - Sun 18 May	<b>The Great NZ Quilt Show</b> , Air Force Museum, Christchurch
Sat 24 May	<b>Inktense Pencil on Fabrics Class</b> with Jo Hollings
Fri 6 - Sun 8 June	<b>Teapot Valley Retreat</b>
Sat 21 June	<b>Monthly meeting</b> and <b>Work Day</b> with Foundation Piecing theme
Sat 19 July	<b>Monthly meeting</b>
Sat 26 July -	<b>Class</b> by Sandie Sixtus on <b>Thread Painting</b>
Mid October	<b>Class</b> by Helena Boodee - <b>Foldable Bag</b> Date TBA.

### Old Photo Albums

Photos in albums to do with Nelson Quilters Guild from past years will be available at the meetings in February and March. You are welcome to take any photos you would like. After that the plan is, unless anyone has a better idea, to dispose of them. They have been stored in various people's garages for years and we no longer have anywhere to store them.

## Marahau (Quilting by the Sea) Retreat      Fri 28 Feb - Sun 2 March

A big thank you to Lyn McCullough for taking over as Camp Mother for this retreat. Please register your interest with Lyn asap on 0274199618 or gin4lyn@gmail.com. The cost is \$40.00 for the weekend or \$10.00 for day visitors. Food is extra and Lyn will organise a menu roster.



It is a wonderful place to sew beside the sea, with delicious meals, great company and lots of laughter. Transport can be shared, especially for day visitors.

## Teapot Valley Quilt

The group that meets every Tuesday fortnight spent a day putting together the teapot blocks made by members, for the quilt that is to be given to the managers at the Teapot Valley Camp. It is looking great and soon to be quilted by Ricky. Thank you Ricky!



## President's Report

I hope you have all had a great Christmas break and have managed to get some quilting done. I look forward to seeing what you have been working on in our show and tell. Maybe you have been working on some things you can display in our Quilts in the Gardens show. This is a casual exhibition in the outdoors that will hopefully get a different audience to a usual quilt show. There will also be merchants and other craft stalls, maybe even you with some of your creations! The committee has been busy organising this show and also speakers and classes for you to enjoy throughout the year.

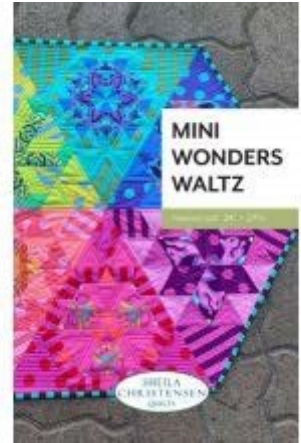
It will be great to catch up with you all again at our next gathering.      Sandie

## **Sheila Christensen Workshop      Mini Wonders Waltz.**

**Sat 12 - Sun 13 April; 10 am until 4 pm**

This workshop is being held at the Stoke School hall on the above dates. Registered participants will need to start setting up at 9.30am, so as to begin the class promptly at 10am.

An information sheet on the workshop, with a Needs List is attached to the accompanying email. There is a limit of 20 for the class. It is being heavily subsidised by the guild, and the cost for members is \$56.00.



Please contact Carla on 027 2368375 or Yvonne on 021 02633475 asap. If we do not get the numbers we will open it up to outside groups after the March meeting.

## **Nelson Quilters Guild AGM      Weds 19 March 7pm**

An information sheet about this is attached to the email.

Please note that four members are resigning from the committee this year for various reasons including health and relocation. We will need a new librarian, secretary and a newsletter writer. Please consider joining even if you have been on the committee previously. It is such a great group and you learn so much. Nomination forms will be available at the next meeting.

We also need someone to look after the website. The website can be changed to something more simple and easier to operate, and the present designer, Peter Thompson, is happy to facilitate that. You may know someone not in the guild who could be able to manage that.

*Quilts are like hugs you can keep.*

*What do you call a group of quilts holding a meeting?  
A "sew-ciety"!*





## Quilts in the Garden display

**Saturday 8 March 2025**

We are really excited about having a display with a difference and very grateful to the Gardens of the World staff for supporting us to do this.

Two pages are attached to the email about the organisation of this display. One is a poster with details about the display. Please let your friends, family and anyone else know about it.

The second is an entry form for having a stall or entering a quilt for hanging. You can print this out and hand it in at the February meeting, or just text or email Sandie

on **021 1612957** or **sandie6tus@gmail.com**

with the details. She needs to know the number and sizes of quilts to be hung, by or at the February meeting. This is to be able to organise the line space and hanging plan beforehand.

- **NB** Your name must be on your quilt
- Quilts will need to be delivered to designated places (TBA) on Friday 7 March



*"A quilt is something you can hold in your hands, but a piece of art you can hold in your heart."*

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