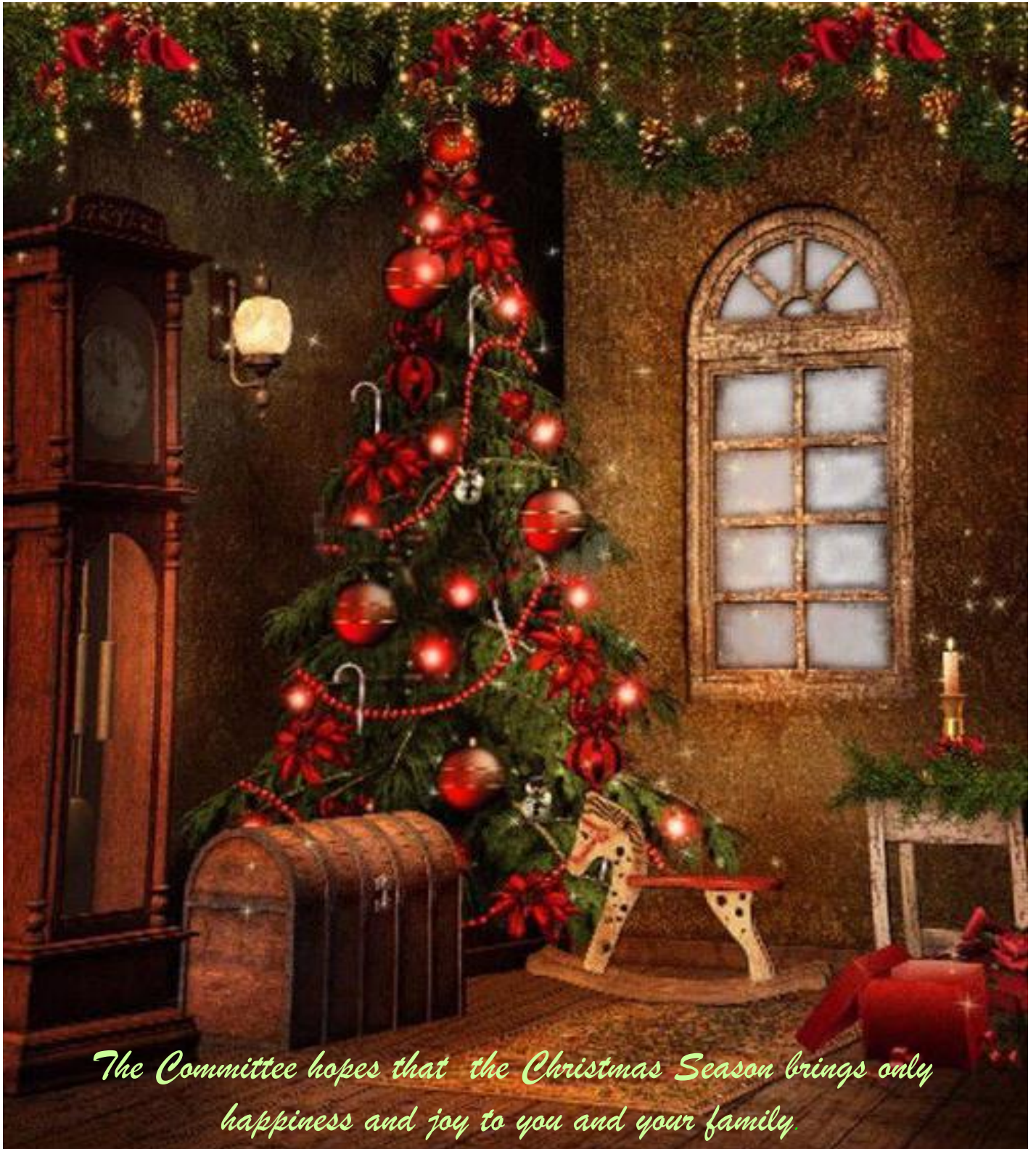




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Common Thread

December 2023 Newsletter



The Committee hopes that the Christmas Season brings only happiness and joy to you and your family.



DECEMBER MEETING REMINDERS

When packing “your meeting bag” remember to include:

A “gift” for Geelong Mums, (the list of what they would like to receive is on page 13).

Your Christmas themed Show & Tell.

Your Challenge Placemat

A decoration for your table—remember there is a prize for the best decorated table.



MONTHLY MEETINGS

Monthly meetings are held on the **THIRD** Saturday of each month at the Newcomb Hall, 82-84 Wilsons Road, Newcomb.

Doors open from 10 .30am to 3.30pm.

Library is open from 11:00am.to 12 midday.

Official Meeting starts at 12:45pm.

Entry is \$6.00. Please bring your lunch and mug. Refreshments for morning tea are available from 10.45am. The current COVID expectations are outlined on the biscuit bench, please follow these as best you can.

For insurance purposes all members and guests are required to sign in on the Guild attendance sheet.

ETPOS is now available.



FORTHCOMING MEETING

December 16: Christmas Meeting

January 20 2024: Sit and Sew.

No general meeting. Library stocktake helpers required.

February - TBA

March—Josephine Rout
Senior Curator at the National Wool Museum

April—Yetty Barrett

May—Quilt-In Linda Steele



Name Badges:

Please remember to wear your name badge at meetings, it helps people know who you are, especially those who are new to the Guild.

You need to wear it to be able to claim your lucky door prize.

If you need to replace your badge please let Judy Bubb know



Geelong Patchwork & Quilters Guild Inc was established in 1985 after a group of 63 women attended a meeting to consider the establishment of a patchwork and quilters guild and was incorporated the same year.

The objectives of our group is to:
 Promote the art and craft of patchwork and quilting
 Bring together and to encourage the establishment of quilt groups
 Encourage and maintain high standards of work and design in both contemporary and traditional areas.

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The following positions are vacant—

Assistant Secretary

Assistant Newsletter Editor/Photographer

If you can help please let one of the committee know.

PRESIDENTS REPORT



Hello All,

A very loud and jolly Ho Ho Ho and Happy Christmas to you all. I cannot believe we are almost at another Christmas Day so soon... it seems like only a couple of months back that we celebrated last Christmas. I seriously wish that time was not flying by so fast. I hope that you have all got family gatherings to enjoy in the days ahead, as well as taking in the festive feelings engendered by carol singing (although it can get a bit much after you've listened to them all over and over in the shopping malls), Christmas wishes in cards and emails from friends and acquaintances, and with the classic movies on TV at this time of year. I don't know about you, but I'm way behind in my preparations and shopping at the moment. At least I finished the quilt I planned as a Christmas present for one family member..

I have written the 2nd instalment of the Mystery Quilt for this edition. I'm very excited to see what the quilts turn out like from those of you who are attempting it. Please do let me know if you have any questions or my instructions are not clear enough. I hope that you enjoy making this quilt – I have finished mine, other than the hand quilting, and am really pleased with it.

Our Christmas lunch boxes are being prepared by 'Steampocket' catering in Newtown, not 'Steampacket', this year. It is such a pity these two companies have names that almost identical, as it lead to the order being placed with the one company when it was meant to be the other. We apologise for that, but are hopeful that the boxes are the same great value and enjoyable food that we all had last year. No blame with this, it was a innocent mix up. I'm sure it won't spoil our day's merriment...

I look forward to seeing all your decorated tables and the Christmas colour in your choice of clothes and accessories (lots of Christmas bling!) for the meeting... I am also looking forward to seeing all those Challenge placemats that you're making. And I hope you enjoy the couple of surprises at the Christmas meeting. My aim is to make meetings a bit of fun where possible.

We have had a nomination for the charity we will support at Quilt In next year – Peace of Mind Foundation. A Geelong based charity that provides important support to sufferers of brain cancer and their families. You might

like to look it up and find out what services and information they provide. Over 1500 Australians die of brain cancer each year and this Charity, founded in 2013 fills a void by providing various services to the patients, their carers and families. A very worthwhile cause that we feel deserves our support.

Other aspects of next year's Quilt In will be discussed and finalised at the January planning meeting of the committee, so more information after that.

Thankyou to all of you who cared about my little dachshund, Mouse – she is continuing to recover well.

I sincerely wish you all a peaceful and happy festive season, with all good things to come in the New Year. I hope to see as many of you as possible at the January Sit and Sew, and if not, then at the first official meeting of 2024 in February.

Joyeux Noel, Frohe Weihnachten, Buon Natale, Feliz Navidad, Vrolijk Kerstfeest... Merry Christmas!



Anne

Anne Clutterbuck

President



NOTICE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND COMMITTEE

Dear Members,

The committee was recently asked to come up with a policy for the handling of donations. After discussion, the attached Guidelines were drawn up. If you have any comments or queries with regards to the document, please contact Anne at pres@geelongpatch.org.au

Kind regards,

GPQG Committee

Guidelines for the Handling of donated Goods

These guidelines were developed by the Geelong Patchwork & Quilters Guild Inc Committee of 2023/24. It was due to an increased number of donations from members of the Guild, bequeathed through their estate, or from members of the public who, with the best of intentions, wanted their materials to go to those who would put them to good use.

It gave rise to issues over machinery, specifically sewing machines, overlockers etc being a part of the bequest, along with discussions about storage of these donated goods and who should be responsible for the sorting and storage of said goods.

To date these donations have been handled on an ad hoc basis, and reliant on the goodwill of those members (mainly current committee) who put their hands up to visit the homes of the donors, sorted and collected the goods and stored them in their own homes/businesses.

This committee was asked to come up with a policy for dealing with these issues.

1. The committee recommends that the Guild does not handle any machinery whatsoever. Mostly the machinery is not suitable for resale and we are not responsible for having machines tested for functionality and safety. Members planning on leaving items to the Guild in their will should note that no machinery be included in the bequest.
2. The committee feels that donations of quilt suitable fabric - ie quality cotton fabric (not drapery, curtain or furnishing fabrics) will always be acceptable for use in charity quilts. It is not the responsibility of any Guild member to have to sort through collections to find usable quilt fabrics. This should be done by the family/ donor- but should the Guild member who is collecting the donation be willing to help with sorting, that is at their own discretion.
3. Other items that are acceptable, and also it is at the discretion of the collector of goods, to accept or reject these items, include: Donations of thread, notions, balls of knitting wool (for KOGO projects). Quilt books- if in excellent condition, that could be an adjunct to our Guild Library, or are suitable for resale to raise funds for the Guild Library.
4. Storage - for the foreseeable future, the problem of storage of large donations will be up to the individual who undertakes to handle the donation. The Guild does not have the facility to store fabrics and notions safely. This then becomes an individual choice to deal with storage.

The Guild is under NO obligation to take any donation – but the committee hopes that future members will consider the value to our charity programs, and the wishes of the donor when deciding whether or not to handle any donation.

The Guidelines document is also on the Guild Website

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To the ladies celebrating their birthday in December

Melinda Bampffield, Barbara Dawson Bronwyn Drelich,
Wendy Evans, Noma Hughes, Sue Larsen,
Meg Pyburne, Jean Ramm, Glenda Stewart,
Dallas Windmill

Your birthday flowers are
Narcissus and Holly



Your birth stones are:
Turquoise, Tanzanite,
Zircon



To the ladies celebrating their birthday in January

Margaret Little, Debra Read, Sue Robertson,
Betty Scott.

Your birthday flowers are Carnation and Snowdrop



Your birth stone is: Garnet



December Website Report—Jodie



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A number of people have let me know they haven't been getting the newsletter email, but other notifications. Thank you for letting me know, so I can check if there is a problem. Also please check your spam folder to see if it has been delivered there. If so, there are two things you can do: Right click on the message scroll down to Junk and tell the email program it's not junk. Then if doesn't move back to your inbox, right click on the message again and scroll down to move to and select inbox, so it moves back to your inbox. Remember, even if you don't get the email with the link, you can always go to our website and click on the newsletter page to access it too.

The membership renewal form for 2024 will be available on the Membership page on our website as of the December meeting.

If you collect bottle tops and bread tags, please try to remember to keep them separate as they go to different delivery points. It is very time consuming to go through and separate them out. Thank you.

Jodie
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November Birthday ladies



NOVEMBER GUEST SPEAKER -Chrissie from Chrissies Timeless Treasures



Chrissie started her patchwork journey when she and two of her friends Rhonda and Rona decided they would open a patchwork shop at Chrissie's old family home in Werribee. The three of them were full of anticipation of being able to sit and sew all day whilst in their shop. They soon realised that playing sewing ladies was not going to pay the bills, so they put their heads together and started designing patterns which were mainly bags. Unfortunately Rona passed away and Rhonda and Chrissie both branched out on their own, so began another chapter in Chrissie's journey.

Chrissie had a dream to have her own shop, while on a holiday her husband found the ideal shop, put their house on the market and they moved to Ballan. Eventually the shop became a little too small to house all of Chrissie's "treasures", a new building was found and the business moved but remains in Ballan.

Chrissie has developed her business, now hosting sit and sew days as well as retreats at a beautiful property also in Ballan.

Cruising is one of Chrissie's favourite pastimes, she takes her sewing and before long is surrounded by likeminded ladies who enjoy impromptu sit and sews.

Chrissie also had a pop-up shop where members were able to get some of her treasures to add to their treasure stash.



It was lovely to see Judy at the meeting following the sad loss of her beloved husband Ross.

Judy told us the story of her "Going Away" coat. Back when Judy and Ross were married, the tradition was for the bride to change in to a "Going Away" outfit before leaving the wedding reception. Judy didn't want to follow tradition, instead made herself a coat which she slipped over her wedding dress.

Recently when she was clearing out a cupboard she found her "Going Away Coat" and decided that this would be what she wore on the day of Ross' funeral, feeling to it was appropriate as he was "Going Away".

Show & Tell



Regent St Stitchers—*Charity Quilt*



Helen Carruthers—*Seven Sister*



Sandra Herbert—*Tying the Knot*



Rae Sharp—*Stairway to the Moon*



Julie Alsop—*Quilt for Angus*



Debra Read—*Bitcoin Quilt*



Sue McBride *For My Sister*



Heather Grant —*Diagonal Delight*



Wendy Evans—*Butterflies Abound*

Show & Tell Continued



Janine Parry *Kitchen Tablecloth*



Wendy Evans—*Woodlands*



Wendy Evans—*Pinky Abound*

Things we do for Others



AUSSIE HERO QUILTS
Sue Palmer

Aussie Heroes has been up and running since January 2012. Aussie Hero Quilts (and Laundry Bags) has continued to grow steadily.

Quilt Size:

The quilts were designed to be portable and easy to post. Anything posted to the members with an AFPO address and under 2kg is free.

Aussie Hero Quilts are sized to be the width of the fabric so about 42". The length should be 70". I know some of you will think that this size seems a little narrow, but the quilts also have to be small enough for the recipients to fit into their luggage if they are required to move from one location to another unexpectedly. They also need to be the right size to fit on top of a navy bunk at sea and a bunk bed or stretcher on land. If you make the quilts too wide this makes them too big and bulky.

Every Quilt must have an Aussie Hero label on it as follows:

This is an
AUSSIE HERO QUILT
Made for an Aussie Hero .
With gratitude for your service

If Aussie Hero Quilts is something you would like to get involved with speak to Sue Palmer. The Aussie Hero Quilts website is very comprehensive with tutorials available on how to make quilt blocks and also quilt patterns.



BOTTLE CAPS & BREAD TAGS Jodie Arklay

A box will be set up at meetings to collect bottle caps and plastic bread tags.

Jodie will deliver them to a collection point each

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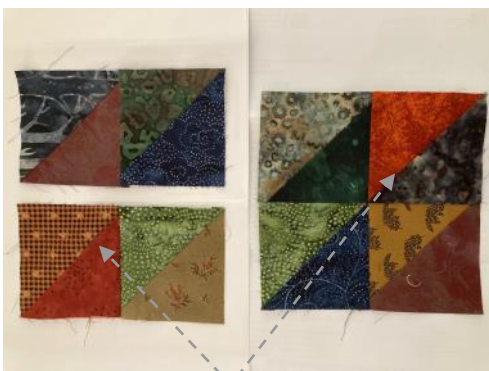
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MYSTERY QUILT: PART 2

ANNE CLUTTERBUCK

From your pile of 64 Coloured 'squares' you've constructed from your right angled triangles, join two together, then join two of those rectangles to make a square – ie 4 squares into one square – see photo.



It is important to keep the seam lines of the small squares going in the same direction... again look at the photo. You should end up with 16 squares made up of 8 triangles. Then do the same with your 64 light

squares, again ending with 16 larger squares made up of 8 light triangles.

Of your remaining dark and light triangles, sew one dark to one light triangle - you will end up with 128 squares of half light half dark. Refer to photo.



This is enough for 2nd instalment. Third instalment things will start to come together a bit more...

Have fun....!

Things we do for Others



Geelong Mums

Geelong Mums ask for all donations to be in excellent, clean condition because they hope that anyone who receives a Geelong Mums package feels like they have received a gift that has been prepared with care and thoughtfulness.

Acceptable items include clothing for babies and children, sizes birth 00000 to size 16 teens—no hoods please
Pyjamas and sleepwear

Gro-bags and sleeping bags for babies

Underwear and socks in new or near new condition

Hand knitted or crocheted clothing, beanies, booties and scarves.

Nappies & nappy bags (as new)

Toiletries for babies, children and adults that are new or unopened and within a 3 month expiry date

Maternity pads

Nursing pads

Toiletry bags

Wipes

Drawstring bags in several sizes are also welcome.

Baby/kids toiletry bags 30 x 30cm finished

Craft/toy/book/shoe bags—Small 35x35cm, Medium 40x50cm, Large 50x60cm.

Smaller sized bags that can be used for pens/pencils or small loose toys.

Linen pack bags 60x80cm. Drawstring needs to be long enough to open bag fully.

Donations can be brought to the meetings.

Snippets from the [KOGO News](#) website

After a very rewarding 2023 we will be closing on Tuesday 21st November 2023. Please hold on to your kind donations from the end of November until we open on Tuesday 6th February 2024

To help our process (and protect our volunteers):

Do not wrap items individually

Do not include staples in your packaging

For a list of other items, we would love to receive, refer to our website KOGO



quilts for the Royal Children's Hospital

What size to Make?

Please note the **smallest ones** we are making for the moment are **30" x 30"**

There is wriggle room but these are a guide:

Baby:	30" square	30" x 36"
Toddler:	36" square	36" x 42"
Most popular:	40" square	40" x 48"
Biggest:	50" square	50" x 60"

Information provided by Judy Alcock.

SEXUAL ASSAULT AND FAMILY VIOLENCE REFUGE

I do encourage people to keep making quilts for this refuge. Every quilt goes to a woman or a child who has suffered serious abuse and who will appreciate receiving something made with love and compassion that is theirs alone.

Anne Clutterbuck

St John of God Hospital Oncology Quilts Sue Palmer

Quilts which are donated to patients in the Oncology Ward need to be 60 x 60 inches .

The quilts provide comfort the patients while they are receiving their treatment and are given to them to keep.

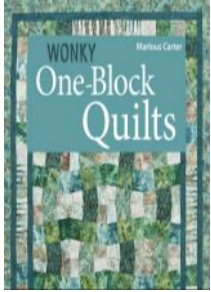
The most asked for colours are purple, blue and green.





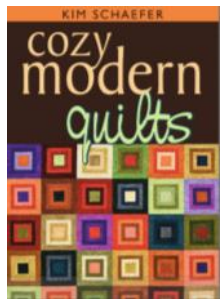
December Library Report

We have 3 new books and 1 new magazine.



Wonky One-Block Quilts by Marlous Carter.

8 projects use a simple rotary cutting technique to make traditional large quilt blocks just wonky enough. Each beautifully kaleidoscopic pattern uses only two versions of the same block. You don't need any special tools to make familiar quilt patterns, like Court House Steps and Nine Patch.



Cozy Modern Quilts by Kim Schaefer.

Kim is back with 18 brand new quilts to infuse your home with fresh colour and modern flair. This follow-up to *Cozy Modern Quilts* has an impressive variety of colourways and styles and Kim's new designs are both innovative and irresistible! Choose from lap quilts, wall-hangings or runners to cheer up your space or whip up a gift. Straight-line piecing with squares and rectangles makes it quick, bright, bold fabrics make it sophisticated.



What Once Was Old by Bonnie Sullivan published by Quiltmania.

An ode to the arts of repurposing and upcycling! 20 wildly creative projects. Old linen, damaged quilts, clothes pegs, keys, sheet music, bed springs, plaster trowels and much more. Are all transformed into an array of functional and decorative pieces.



Quilters Companion No.124

Make a modern flying geese quilt, (I love flying geese and this one is on my list to do) Stars and nine patch quilt with applique, Raining Love, a bright heart quilt, (a perfect quilt to make for the Sexual Assault and Family Violence Refuge) Scraps for William, a quilt made from scraps of William Morris reproduction fabrics. Three inspirational quilt galleries – WA, SA and Vic. A fresh take on the traditional Irish Chain pattern. Plus but too late for our Christmas challenge a quick and easy table runner which could be adapted into a

placemat! So much in this magazine going to buy my own copy!

Let's talk about our January Sit and Sew.

Yes, you can come and sit and sew all day but consider helping us with the annual library stock take. We are getting so efficient it doesn't take long. This is a great way of checking out the books and magazines we have and you can borrow on the day

Happy Reading

Judy and Pauline



NEW MEMBERS AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday 1 June 2024 2-4pm

at Judy Bubb's House

1-2 Oakwood Ridge,

St Albans Park 3219

RSVP - Judy Bubb if attending

e-mail: wheatsheaf_quilting@hotmail.com



Calendar of Events

Please Note: While all care is taken to be correct, this list is compiled from various sources. You should verify the details of events.

AQA AUSTRALIAN QUILTS IN PUBLIC PLACES (AQIPP)

Art Quilt Exhibition: 10 Nov to 21 Dec

Box Hill Town Hall, Box Hill

FABRIC FOLIC 2024

12-27 January 2024

Participating Shops:

Cross Stitch and More Fern Tree Gully

Lily Patches—Boronia

Palm Beach Quilting—Carrum Downs

Patchwork Passion—Cranbourne

Textile Off Cuts—Lilydale

The Quilters Patch—Ormond

Yarra Valley Quilt Yarn and Sew—Wandin North

EMBROIDERERS GUILD VICTORIA BALLARAT BRANCH

Fabulous and 40 Exhibition

9-11 March 2024

St Patricks Hall, Cnr Sturt St & Dawson St South Ballarat



AUSTRALASIAN QUILT CONVENTION 2024

April 11-14 2024

The theme for the 2024 AQC Challenge is 'Oh My Stars!'

For Challenge details visit the website

Classes released in October.

GEELONG PATCHWORK & QUILTERS GUILD INC

Quilt In

18 May 2024

Geelong West Town Hall, Pakington Street West Geelong

Lions Club of Quilters Victoria stitches the world together

The Lions Club of Quilters Victoria in District V1-4 have undertaken their most ambitious project yet, the International Quilt Challenge.

As part of their principle project, the Australian Quilt & Textile Collection (AQTC), the Club is requesting quilters of all skill levels from across the world to get involved. The 'Our World – Coming Together' International Quilt challenge is a celebration of the global community, with 40cm x 40cm entries to be based on aspects of its creator's home country.

The final product, will be on exhibition at the Lions Clubs International Convention held in Melbourne in 2024.

The quilts will also be exhibited at Pour l'Amour du Fil in Nantes, France, in April 2025.

After exhibition, the quilts will be permanently acquired by the Lions Club of Quilters Victoria's AQTC which aims to preserve the diversity of quilts and their stories.

Lions Club of Quilters Victoria
Yesterday at 11:30 AM · 🌐

EXTENDED deadline date: 31 Dec 2023 for the International Challenge! You have a little longer and we know that there are many of you out there making your wonderful entries for this amazing collection of "Our World" quilts. Please register on Trybooking even if your quilt is not yet finished. It will help us with our planning for Melbourne 2024 - well underway right now! Thank you 🙏 📅 📧



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Lions Club of Quilters Vic - International Quilt Challenge

'Our World Coming Together' is an international quilt challenge open to everyone...

QUILTS AT THE ROUND TABLE

Australian Quilt and Textile Collection

Thursday 21 March 2024

Friday 24 May 2024

Cost \$20 per person

The Pyramid, Millrose Quilting & Gallery, 92 Inglis St Ballan

For Bookings phone

Ruth 0439 395 300





MOROCCO TEXTILES TOUR

with MARIA SHELL

13 - 27 April 2024

Marrakech - High Atlas Mountains - Sahara - Fes - Chefchaouen - Rabat

Explore Morocco through the textile traditions melding age-old skills with new innovations. Weavers of carpets and cloth, embroiderers and basket weavers are found in remote locations where they still employ their skills and maintain their traditional life style.

Maria Shell will share her unique skills and experience in Art Quilt making as we travel together, gathering inspiration from the colours, patterns and landscape of Morocco to develop our own hand stitched 'Story Quilt'.



Accommodation is provided in the most comfortable traditional guesthouses, where we enjoy the delights of Amazigh food and hospitality. Traveling with a small group of like-minded people and an experienced team of co-hosts the program offers an innovative and creative way to explore a new place that is stimulating, supportive and safe.

CONTACT email: info@amazighculturaltours.com

WEBPAGE: <https://amazighculturaltours.com/>

PHOTOS from top: Maria Shell and 2 of her exquisite quilts; GPGQ member Lyn Weeks in Morocco last week; Moroccan textiles artisans - Nomad spinners in the High Atlas, Skoura Oasis weavers and weaver at her loom.



Payne Street Craft Retreat Portarlington

Judy Bubb

Myself and 8 other Guild members, Doreen, Lisa S, Dallas, Sue, Pam, Julie, Marilyn and Wendy enjoyed a wonderful weekend retreat here. We arrived Friday morning and left Sunday afternoon. We packed in so much in those 3 days!

The house specifically caters for scrapbookers, card makers, QUILTERS, stitchers, crafters and artists. A huge room is available with tables and chairs. Power boards are setup and benches at cutting height available.

On Friday Tegan, my daughter joined us, we had show and tell of her beautifully crocheted blankets.

Saturday morning, we visited Yarn Me Calm Fibre Art Studio. 4/12-16 Rajah Court, Portarlington. Andrea is very friendly and very knowledgeable. We spent an hour there and left very enthused about the world of yarn and we did make a few purchases. Then onto Van Loons for lunch.

Sunday we had a morning guest, Guild member, Pam Whitten. She enjoyed checking out how we were progressing with our projects.

Sue and Pam P ventured out Sunday morning and walked down to the foreshore to visit the Portarlington Market. Pam made a purchase of a beautiful Christmas handmade table decoration.

We were very busy, the machines were whirring and hand sewing happening. Tops were pieced, bindings sewn, zipped bags, fabric containers, a couple of the Guild placemat challenges made, Guild Mystery Quilt started, felt Christmas tree constructed and a Regent St. Stitchers challenge.

Advice given when needed and sharing of ideas, special gadgets and fabrics which is what a gathering together is all about.

What's to eat! A menu is planned before we go and everyone brings food to make their special dishes (and extra, we could have stayed for a week and not starved)

Everything was so delicious and recipes were exchanged.

We have booked for next year and already looking forward to our stay.



Destash Sale

What's on the sale table at the December Meeting?

FABRIC, FABRIC FABRIC

Reduced price at \$2 a bag.

It's that box of fabric reappearing and I hope for the last time!

Bags of scraps pieces perfect for blocks and applique.

Bring your cash and pick up a bargain.



Workshop News

Gloria Loughman workshop is FULL

Anne will send out requirements list to all participants.

Balance of the workshop cost will be due no later than February Guild meeting - as all have paid \$50 deposits, the balance for members will be \$130 and for non-members \$150.

If you are unable to take your place in this workshop, but you can find another person to fill your spot and pay in full, you will receive a refund on your deposit.

Fiona Jellie workshop - 1 Day workshop making an Embellished Journal (book) will be held on Saturday 24 February 2024 at Newcomb Hall. This is already guaranteed to run with the numbers we have so far, but we can take a few more participants. The Cost of this workshop is \$85 per Guild Member, \$95 for non-members.

Anne will forward a list of requirements as provided by Fiona in the near future.

The full cost of the workshop is due no later than December Christmas meeting (as there is no official meeting in January). Again, if you are unable to participate on the day, but you can find a replacement who pays in full, you will receive a refund of your fee.

You can always do direct transfers of funds (just ask for the bank details if you don't have them) or pay using your credit card at meetings, where we will have the 'machine'...

If you have any questions about the workshops, please contact Anne on 0418418190 or email:

<p>Bellarine Quilters Contact: Christine Fox Mobile: 0481060909 Email: cmfox@aapt.net.au Meets: Mondays 10.00 am-3.00pm. Venue: Drysdale Community Hub 25 Eversley Street, Drysdale Everyone welcome</p>	<p>Wyndham Patchwork Contact: Donna Morris (President) or Tania Bodger (Vice President) Meets: 2nd Sat (Mtg); 4th Sat (Sit & sew) Venue: Community Centre & Library, Manor Lakes Community Learning Centre 86 Manor Lakes Bvd Wyndham Vale Email: wyndhampatchworkersinc@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Seachange Quilters Contact: Helen Carruthers 0434 070 211 Meets: Every Tuesday & Wednesday and some Saturdays Venue: Senior Citizens 5A Clifford Parade, Barwon Heads.</p>	<p>Regent Street Stitchers Contact: Judy Bubb 0425 810 203 Or Dallas Windmill 0409 430 678 Meets: 2nd Saturday 10-2pm, \$ 4.00 Venue: South Barwon Community Centre, 33 Mount Pleasant Road, Belmont. All welcome.</p>
<p>Stitchers at Sea Contact: Glenys Russell Ph: 5255 2991 Meets: 1st Wednesday Venue: Rotating home system</p>	<p>Purple Pixies Contact: : Leslie Clarke 5281 3254 Meets: 2nd Monday Time: 10am-3:30pm Venue: Geelong West Oval</p>

SHOPS

Present your current Geelong Guild membership card at these shops for your discount. Please mention your membership prior to finalising your purchases



Heights Sewing Centre (10%)
17 Pakington Street West Geelong



Gails Patchwork Emporium
131 Yarroo St Sebastopol
(over \$20 cash only)

MACHINE QUILTER

Wheatsheaf Quilting

(also quilt sales)

1-2 Oakwood Ridge

St Albans Park 3219.

Ph: 5248 4057 Mob: 0425 810 203

DEADLINE & ADVERTISING RATES

Material for inclusion in the next edition of Common Thread must reach the editor no later than: **Monday 29 January 2024**

Please send all articles to The Editor by email: news@geelongpatch.org.au

The newsletter is printed 11 months of the year from February to December.

Advertising rates are:

\$10.00 per 1/8 page	\$15.00 per 1/4 page
\$20.00 per 1/3 page	\$30.00 per 1/2 page
\$60.00 per full page	

Machine quilters listing \$5.00 per month.

Members buy, swap or sell advertisement:

\$5.00 without photo
\$8.00 with photo (attached to email)

Advertisements must be print-ready and emailed preferably as word doc, publisher (pub) file or pdf. Photos to be attached NOT embedded in an email.

Payment to be made to the Treasurer in advance.

Social Media

The Guild has two Facebook pages:

Both these pages are a great way to stay in touch with each other between meetings.

Geelong Patchwork and Quilters Guild Inc. for public viewing

Geelong Patchwork and Quilters Guild Forum: for members only

Instagram Page the QR code opposite is for the page

Next Issue :

Have you got something you would like to submit to Common Thread? Feel free to email news@geelongpatch.org.au by **Monday 29 January 2024**.

All articles will be considered for submission but are published at the discretion of either the Editor and/or President.

Material submitted for publication in Common Thread should not infringe copyright of any kind. If you are not the original author or artist, please include source information for written material or pictures so that every attempt can be made to seek permission for its legal use.

Committee Correspondence :

Please direct all correspondence regarding your Guild for the Committee's attention to:

PO Box 753, Geelong 3220

email: info@geelongpatch.org.au
or alternatively hand the letter to Secretary at Guild meetings



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Are you looking for a longarm quilting machine?

Ask us about the following:-



BERNINA Q16 with foldable table

RRP \$11599

Special price 1 only open box stock:

\$9395 *

*Plus set up and delivery - 1 only available



HANDI QUILTER MOXIE (15" arm)+ 10ft frame

RRP :- \$10990

Open box stock/floor model

Special price:- \$9250 *

*Plus set up and delivery if required

1 only available



HANDI QUILTER CAPRI (18" arm)

plus height adjustable insight table
with built in stitch regulation.

RRP:- \$14490

Floor stock price \$8450*

*Plus set up and delivery if required

1 only available



JANOME MC6650

10" workspace, flatbed RRP \$2699

Sale price \$1999 *

*Ask us about our special add on packs

Limited stock available.

Heights Sewing Centre

176 Pakington Street, Geelong West 3218 Phone: 5229 3558

SEE YOU AT THE QUILT EXHIBITION IN SEPTEMBER !!

Merchandise available

Guild has several branded items available for members and friends to buy. If you would like to buy one or more of these they will be available to purchase at meetings.



30th anniversary badges
\$5.00



Coasters -hexagon pattern
\$5.00



Calico tote bags
\$5.00



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Geelong Patchwork & Quilters' Guild Inc. A6698 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM 2024

The Membership Secretary requires a hard copy for her records.

Annual Fees fall due on 1 March 2024

Payment for membership will be accepted at meetings, via direct debit or a cheque can be forwarded to:

Geelong Patchwork and Quilters' Guild Inc
PO Box 753, Geelong 3221

I wish to renew my membership and I agree to be bound by the rules of the Guild

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Phone: (BH) (AH)

Mobile:

Email:

I prefer to read the monthly newsletter: (circle choice)

In colour on the Guild website

OR

a black & white printed copy (for a cost of \$10 per year) collected at monthly meetings

Month & Year of Birth:.....(for insurance purposes)

Signature:

Please circle the amount and method of payment, and then return your form to the Membership Secretary

Adult fee: \$35.00 Junior fee: \$20.00

cash /eftpos/cheque /direct debit:

Account Name: Geelong Patchwork and Quilters Guild Inc.

Bank: Bendigo Bank BSB: 633-000

Account Number: 161085014

Please use your name as reference



If undelivered, please return to:
PO Box 753,
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