



December 2024 Newsletter

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You're invited to our Christmas Fun Day

Saturday, 14 December. Doors open from 12.45 pm.

What to bring:

- Tin of food and gold coin for charity
- Cash for raffles
- Wrapped fat quarter if you wish – if you put one in, you can take one out!!!
- Show and Tell – any Symposium, Retreat, Christmas projects – we love seeing what everyone is up to.
- Very small plate for afternoon tea:
 - names beginning **a - h** bring something savoury
 - **j - z** bring something sweet
- Bring a cup for tea or coffee
- Bring a pen – you may wish to take notes!
- Library books can be returned and you can select from books returned

Format for the afternoon:

- We will have demonstrations of easy to make items as gifts either for yourself or others.
- A Show and Tell (as above)
- Fun team quiz
- Afternoon tea
- Lots of fun and chit chat.

Demonstrations will include:

- Tissue Holder- Denise
- Pin cushion and Pinch Purse - Lindy
- Woven heart – Lorraine
- Gift tags – Hannie
- Cat toys - Judith
- Reusable present bag – Nicky

End of Year Club Day

Saturday, 14 December 2024

Plimmerton Pavilion, Sunset Parade,
Plimmerton

Doors Open 12.45pm

Sit and Stitch

Saturday, 25 January 2025

St Andrews Church Hall

Club Day

Saturday, 8 February 2025

Plimmerton Pavilion, Sunset Parade,
Plimmerton

Doors Open 12.45pm

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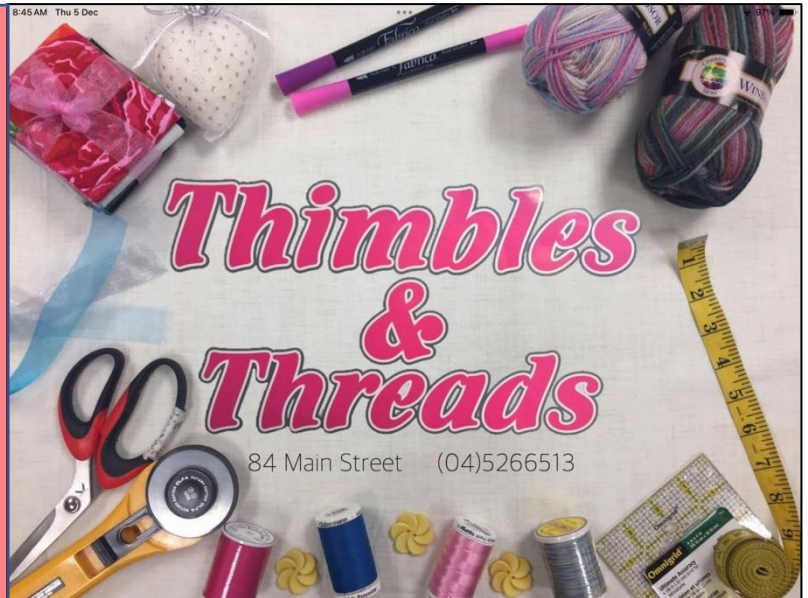
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Look out for our Christmas Raffles

We've been generously gifted four \$25.00 gift vouchers from Thimbles and Threads in Upper Hutt.

Tickets \$1.00 each and will be sold at our Christmas meeting.

Don't forget to bring some cash!



Obituary – Beverley Lowe

Beverley died at Kenepuru hospital on the 14th November. She had been unwell for some months and had moved to a rest home in September. Beverley was born in Napier, trained as a dietician at Otago University, then worked in many parts of New Zealand and overseas, including Africa.

I first met Beverley in the early 1980s when she came to my Beginner's Patchwork evening class at Aotea College. She then attended a number of Advanced classes over the years I taught. Not long after starting Patchwork, Beverley started meeting regularly with three other Coastal Quilters Members: Gina Graham (now living in Australia), Ruth Cumming (who died a year ago) and Sheila Hardwick who still attends CQ meetings regularly. They met every week for many years and also attended a number of NZ Symposia over the years, extending their Patchwork techniques by taking classes and seeing the exhibitions. Beverley, Ruth and Sheila all became proficient at needle turn applique and turned out some beautiful quilts. Many were of show quality but sadly Ruth was the only one who entered shows regularly.

Beverley was a Foundation Member of Coastal Quilters and active in the early years, having the job of 'tea lady' for a number of years.

We are grateful to have been gifted her significant 'stash' not long before she died for use in making our gift quilts. I was able to show her some of the Christmas Stockings made from her stash before she died and she was very pleased to see them and that her fabric was of use.

RIP
Marge Hurst

Gift Quilts Wrap Up - 2024

Another productive year with our Gift Quilts has come to a close with the donation of 37 quilts, many Christmas socks, and several table runners to Whare Manaaki Women's Refuge and Te Whare Tiaki Wāhine Refuge.

Prue and I gifted to the Refuges on 29 November. We were able to have a good chat to Gemma and Sue, the contacts for both organisations, about the work that they do, and how our quilts and donations are used.

They were excited to have a recently refurbished whare for women and families who need emergency accommodation. Our quilts will be utilised in this space to bring comfort to families who often come there with nothing.

Other items that are often needed, especially for women, are underwear, socks and toiletries including hairbrushes, shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste & brush and deodorant. So, if you find you get too many gifts of 'socks and smellies' at Christmas, there is a place you can donate your surplus to.

Thank you to all our members of Coastal Quilters for your part in making our Gift Quilts. We all play a part whether it is physically sewing, donations of completed quilts, fabric, thread, and time, or supporting our sales and raffles at Club meetings which help provide for things like batting and labels. It is the efforts of many that contribute to our gift of care to part of our community. It also connects us as a group of like-minded creators with a common purpose.

Thank you again for your mahi this year. 2025 will be another year of Gift Quilt creativity!

Alison Spurdle and Prue Cooke-Willis



Whare Manaaki Women's Refuge - <https://womensrefuge.org.nz/>
Te Whare Tiaki Wāhine Refuge – <https://www.tiaki.org.nz/>

Christmas Stockings

All ready to go!

Some of the Christmas stockings (made by our quilters) and toys ready to go to the Titahi Bay Community Church for distribution to children. Thank you all for your stocking/sock contributions. Each stocking has a packet of hundreds and thousands biscuits, a just juice, packet of chippies and a chocolate Santa. Angela.



February Mini Retreat

Our next mini retreat will run from Friday, 28 February and all day Saturday 1 March 2025. A registration form is attached. Please email or give to Hannie asap. Details are included on the form.

November Mini Retreat

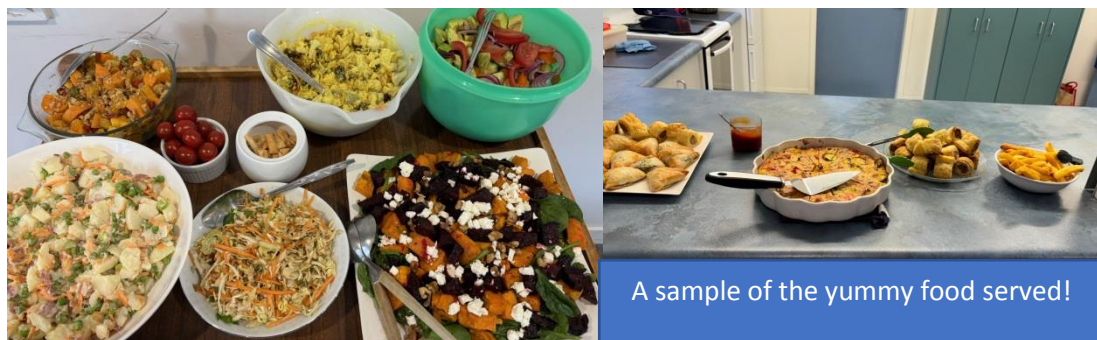
Thank you all for making our last mini retreat great, lots of lovely food and yummy morning and afternoon tea and delicious shared dinner provided by everyone. A special thanks to Lesley for once again making

sure that tea and coffee was provided for morning and afternoon tea and food heated and served for dinner so we could carry on sewing and stitching.

A number of UFO projects were worked on, and I am sure everyone was happy with their achievements big or small. Thank you Alison Tierney for sharing jokes with us, we all had a good laugh, and of course the jokes had to be repeated a few times, they were still funny.

Looking forward to our next mini retreat 28 February/1 March 2025 some people have already registered. Have a great Christmas and happy holiday sewing.

Hannie



2024 Speakers

February: Rayna Clinton

Rayna from Tui Song Quilting is our February speaker. Rayna is a skilled quilter and has won many awards. She will show us some of the patterns her long arm quilter can do and give us some useful tips.

March: tba

April: Robyn Blandford, from Craft Co (previously from Foxes Cottage)



Block of Month

If you can't return your BOM at the following meeting please bring them back at a later meeting. The blocks will be sewn together to make another gift quilt and this is not done immediately. Often extra blocks need to be made to complete the quilt so if you have any late returns are always gratefully accepted.

Thanks for your support
Judith

Mark these following mini retreats in your diary.

- **Friday 28 February and Saturday 1 March 2025** (Please note the change of date for this extra mini retreat in the 2025 calendar. Registration form attached.)
- Friday 27 and Saturday 28 July 2025
- Friday 28 and Saturday 29 November 2025

Full Retreats

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| • 4-6 April 2025 | 3-5 April 2026 |
| • 5-7 September 2025 | 28-30 August 2026 |

Classes Coming Up

Here are the confirmed classes for 2025. Watch this space as more are confirmed.

Please note that the Recycled Blanket – Zero-Waste Jacket class in March with Anna Hicks will be \$50.00.

Date	Class Name	Description	Payment Code
2025			
15 Feb	Churn Dash – Di Barnden	More class info to come.	ChurnD
15 March	Recycled Blanket – Anna Hicks	This class will have an increased cost, now confirmed at \$50.00. Bring along a wool blanket or quilt that you want to upcycle into a snuggly winter jacket. There will be different styles to choose from.	AnnaH
17 May	Quilted Bags – Clare Smith	More class info to come.	QBags
21 June	UFO – Di Barnden		UFO
19 July	Fiesta – Diana Carroll	More class info to come.	Fiesta
16 Aug	Clear Project Bag – Rosemary Ward	More class info to come.	ProBag
20 Sept	Diana Carroll to be confirmed	Class yet to be decided	
18 Oct	Dunkards Path or Orange Peel	Tutor to be arranged – yet to be confirmed	
15 Nov		Yet to be confirmed	

If you have any suggestions of classes that you would like to do, please talk to Angela Ambler (email angelaa@xtra.co.nz) or put a note in the suggestion box which is on the sign-in table on meeting days.

Occasionally a class will have an additional cost for equipment or materials.

- Your place in class is not secured until you pay. Please ensure you register and pay and do not just turn up on the day.
- All classes start at **9.30am (unless otherwise stated)** and are held at the St Andrews Church Hall, Steyne Avenue, Plimmerton unless stated otherwise. Please arrive early to set up your machines etc.
- **It is important we each remember to help clear up our own area (table away & floor clean) before leaving – we are all volunteers!**
- Please be mindful that attendance at any of our classes is for those members who have enrolled and paid to attend. Turning up without enrolment or popping in puts extra pressure on our limited space, time and tutors. Thank you.

When paying online, use the club's bank account BNZ - 02 0524 0056822 00 and please remember to include your name and the Payment Reference for the class you are doing. Classes are \$40.00 for members and \$55.00 for non members.

Bank Account Details

For any new members our yearly Subscription for 2024/2025 is \$30.00 for the year beginning June 2024 through to May 2025. The preferred payment option is online.

When paying online, use the club's bank account BNZ - 02 0524 0056822 00 and add the following information to the payment:

Particulars: **Your Name**

Code: **Subs**

Reference: **2024-25**

Meeting Duties (All helpers to arrive by 12.45 pm)

If you are unable to do your duty please find another member who you can swap with but if you are stuck contact a committee member. Our pool of members able to contribute, especially with heavy lifting, is limited so we really appreciate your offers to help on the day, even though you may not have been down for any duty.

February 2025		March 2025	
Hall:	Lindy McKeown	Hall:	Lindy McKeown
Kitchen:	Janice Emeny Leta Hunter	Kitchen:	Jan Lucas Janet Swan
Sales:	Jean Corin Verena Coleman Denise Field Nicola Drake	Sales:	Jean Corin Verena Coleman Denise Field Nicola Drake
Raffles	Lorraine Jones	Raffles	Lynne Kennedy
Quilt Holders:	Lisa Avery Trish Carpenter	Quilt Holders	Leza Marfell Pauline Procter
Frames	Alz and Janine Armstrong	Frames	Alz and Janine Armstrong
Library:	Heather Greene	Library:	Dianna Lacy

Helper Duties

If you are new to helping out with duties, the following is a simple version of what is expected.

Hall	Please arrive by 12.45 to help put out chairs in the hall and at the end of meeting help stack any unreturned chairs to back of hall.
Kitchen	Simone brings milk, biscuits and cups etc. Prior to start of meeting, you need to put out cups, biscuits, coffee, milk in jug, make sure zip is boiled and teabags put in pot ready for the tea break. Help pour tea during break and afterwards wash up any cups and tidy up kitchen area.
Sales	A committee person (Nicola) will direct you as to what is required eg put out fabrics, books etc on sales tables, take in sales and after afternoon tea help pack up and count all money taken in.
Raffles	Sit at raffles table and sell raffles! At end of afternoon tea, count up money taken which is then given to Denise Daniel (Treasurer)
Library	Maree and librarian helpers will give you a container of pens and as books are taken out, members name and date of return are written on library book cards. (Return date of books is the month following). Cards to be put in numerical order in container and given back to Library Helpers at end of break.

Helpers:

Jean Corin, Denise Field, Verena Coleman (Sales Table), Simone Etheredge (Chief Tea Lady), Maree Le Comte, Louise Shirkey, Judy Elliot (Library), Prue Cooke-Willis (Gift Quilts & Membership), Lesley Hall (Mini-retreat, Sit 'N' Stitch), Alz and Janine Armstrong (Frames & Photos), Rachel-Mary Perry (Almoner), Raewyn Hill (Greeter) .

Membership: Prue Cooke-Willis 027 337 3493 Email: prudencecw@gmail.com

Rachel-Mary Perry is our Club Almoner. Please contact Rachel-Mary on 021 1705 151 or email rmperry1943@gmail.com if you know of someone coping with an illness or bereavement.

Coastal Quilters Bank Account Number

Payment of classes, retreats, subs, bus trips etc, please include your surname and the reason for payment eg subs, Bus trip, class name (payment reference)

BNZ - 02 0524 0056822 00

Have you changed your address – snail or email?

If so, please let Prue (prudencecw@gmail.com) know so she can update lists and keep you in touch with Coastal Quilters.

Committee 2024/25

Nicky Gardner	President	021 0711 571
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Judith Havill	BOM/Gift Quilts	027 3198 235
Off Committee Roles		
Maree Le Comte	Librarian	04 232 4425
Prue Cooke-Willis	Membership and Gift Quilts	027 337 3493

SUGGESTIONS OR CONTRIBUTIONS?

Have you any ideas for a class, project, book or speaker? Please speak with one of our committee or put your ideas into the Suggestion Box on the table in the front foyer. We welcome any suggestions.

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Exhibition

Boro – Timeworn Textiles of Japan

14 December 2024–9 March 2025

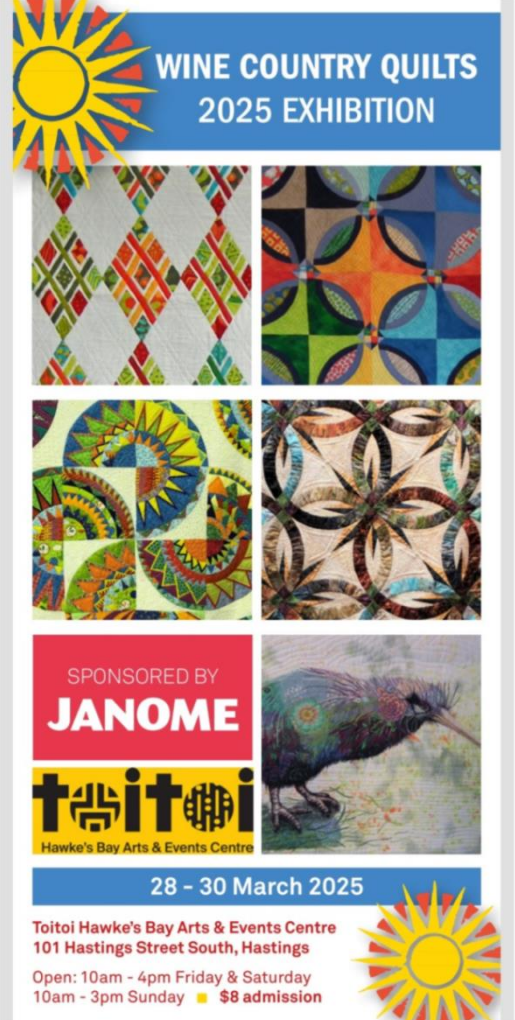
A significant collection of Japanese textiles and garments showcasing boro, a traditional art of mending.



Marlborough Quilters' EXHIBITION 2025

Friday to Sunday
14-16 February 2025
Marlborough Lines Stadium 2000
10am to 4pm
Entry \$5pp

The exhibition includes:
100 locally made quilts
45 Aotearoa Quilters' Spring Challenge Quilts
Pre-1919 Antique Quilt made in the Cook Islands
Quilting Demonstrations
Guest Exhibitor's Quilts
Merchants' Stalls



WINE COUNTRY QUILTS 2025 EXHIBITION


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Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre

28 - 30 March 2025

Toitōi Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre
101 Hastings Street South, Hastings

Open: 10am - 4pm Friday & Saturday
10am - 3pm Sunday ■ \$8 admission



Coastal Quilters Events Calendar 2024		
December	From 4th	Wellington Quilters Presidents Challenge Display , Katherine Mansfield House – no charge. To enjoy the rest of the house and gardens, the usual entry fee applies.
	14	Christmas Meeting , Plimmerton Pavilion
	14 to 9 March 25	Boro Exhibition, Pataka Museum, Porirua – no charge.
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January	16-18	“Mid Summer Quilts Exhibition” Tasman Church, Cnr Aporo & Williams Roads, Tasman. 10.00 to 4.00 pm daily. \$5 entry. Guest exhibitors Wellington Quilters and ‘Undercover Girls’ Quilt Group
	18	Fabric-a-brac – Fabric from the people to the people since 2009. Greytown Town Hall, Main St, Greytown 10.00am to 1.00pm Proceeds to Hospice Wairarapa
February	15	Club Meeting , Plimmerton Pavilion (Speaker: Rayna Clinton)
	14-16	Marlborough Quilters Exhibition , Marlborough Lines Stadium, 10 – 4.00pm Entry \$5
	15	Churn Dash Class, Di Barnden , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	28 & 1 March	Mini Retreat , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
March	7	Ruapehu Quiltmakers Biennial Exhibition – Taumarunui War Memorial Hall, Hakiaha St, Taumarunui 10.00am to 4.00pm Gold coin entry
	15	Club Meeting , Plimmerton Pavilion
	21-22	Matamata presents (Our Town) – Quilt and Fabric Art Exhibition, Civic Centre, Tainui St, Matamata 10.00am to 4.00pm Gold coin entry
	22	Sit and Stitch , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	28-30	Wine Country Quilts , Toitoto, Hawkes Bay Arts and Events Centre, Hastings
April	4-6	Full Retreat, Silverstream
	12	Club Meeting , Plimmerton Pavilion (Speaker: Robyn Blandford)
	26	Sit and Stitch , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
May	10	Club Work Day , Plimmerton Pavilion
	16-18	The Great NZ Quilt Show 2025, Christchurch
	17	Quilted Bags, Clare Smith , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	24	Sit and Stitch , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
June	14	Club Meeting , Plimmerton Pavilion
	27 & 28	Mini Retreat , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
July	12	Club Meeting & AGM Plimmerton Pavilion
	26	Sit and Stitch , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
September	5-7	Full Retreat, Silverstream
November	28-29	Mini Retreat , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton