



February 2025 Newsletter

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President's Piece

A big thank you to Raewyn for hosting the meeting last month while I was away. The talk by Rayna Clinton sounded fascinating and maybe will challenge some of you to do your own quilting. It is not too late to make a new year resolution.

We have some new members who have joined Coastal Quilters. Great to have you join and welcome. Thanks to Prue who has been busy getting our membership list up to date. This has just this week been sent out to everyone.

We have our extra mini retreat at the end of February so please sign up for that. Retreats are a good way to get to know other members of Coastal Quilters as well as giving you the opportunity of uninterrupted sewing time (apart from chatting, tea and meal breaks!).

I was impressed with the number of bird blocks that had been made over the holiday (November block of the month). They will make a lovely quilt or two for our gift quilt programme. Thank you to all of you who contribute to the gift quilt programme over the year. Can we increase the number of quilts that we donate to Women's Refuge this year?

Nicky

Right: Prue's and
Below: Lisa's



Club Day Raffles

We'll have more \$25 vouchers included in our March club day raffles, from Thimbles and Threads. Lucky winners from February were Ruth Cameron, Nicola Drake, Marilyn Holland and Margaret Wright. Hope you were able to enjoy a shop.



Sit and Stitch

Saturday, 22 February 2025

St Andrews Church Hall

Doors Open 10.00am

Mini Retreat

Friday, Saturday 28 Feb and 1 March

St Andrews Church Hall

Doors Open 1.00pm Friday

Club Day

Saturday, 8 March 2025

Plimmerton Pavilion, Sunset Parade, Plimmerton

Doors Open 12.45pm

Speaker: Judi Ferguson

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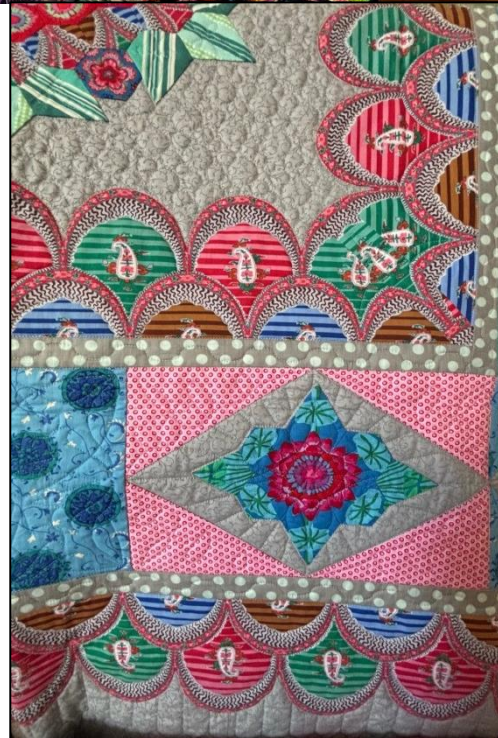
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Last Club Day

Our Speaker Rayna Clinton, from Tui Song Quilting, inspired us with a collection of her beautiful quilting work. She started 15 years ago with her first attempt at free motion quilting and then bought her long arm quilter and has never looked back! Among some of her tips for getting started on quilting your own work were:

- Get some resources eg library books, the internet for pattern ideas, get old fabric, make a quilt sandwich and have a play, practise, practise and just have fun.
- Always press the quilt top before pinning.
- If doing stitch in the ditch, press your seams open.
- It's a good idea to stitch all around border so seams don't come apart when it's being quilted.
- Use contrasting shape patterns on the one quilt – this makes it pop out.

Here are a few of her beautiful quilts:



2025 Speakers

March: Judi Ferguson Judi, who has been a quilter since the late 70s, starting after spending some time in the USA, will be talking about “Gadgets”. Cardboard templates, scissors and LOTS of pins were her first introduction. She has always made things and currently swings between Embroidery and Quilting. She owned the Knitwit franchise in Lower Hutt for three years so for several years only sewed knit fabrics. Judi joined Wellington Quilters in 1994 and always plays an active part in any organisation she joins. She started as Treasurer, then became President. This cycle has repeated and she is the current President of Wellington Quilters.

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



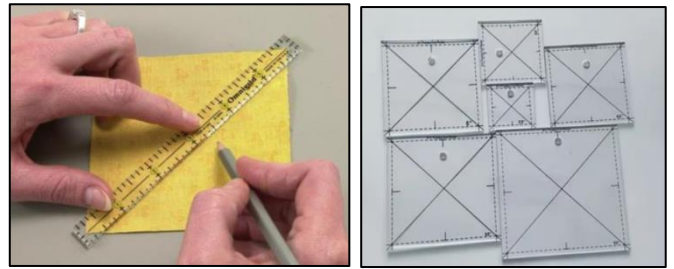
Recent Class

Saturday I filled in for Angela as the helper at Di Barnden's Churn Dash class. What did I learn as a first time helper at a class?

What a great bunch of ladies we are! Even though we may all have our own/family health up's and downs and hiccups in our lives, getting together to share our love of quilting must be good for our mental health and stress, giving us a chance to unwind and to share in fun learning and social connection. Keep it up ladies. You all inspired me.

I was also amazed at the number of different tools being used which I haven't come across before eg:

- a small half inch marking ruler for quick and accurate marking. Has a centre line exactly $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from both edges.
- Sets of square clear rulers for fussy cutting.

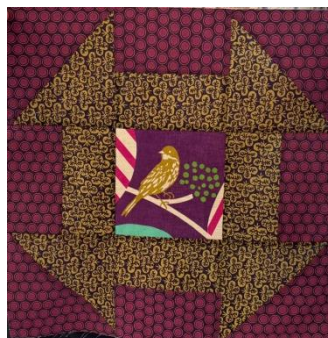


Also I'm going to try and perfect my next stitch in the ditch by using a correct sewing foot, pressing seams to one side and thinking of hills and valleys! See YouTube clip here

<https://learnhowtoquilt.com/encyclopedia/stitch-in-the-ditch/>



Di's two quilts made for her Symposium class and just a few of the different size blocks made during the day. Look forward to seeing some completed quilts in the future.



Next Sit and Stitch

Will be held on Saturday, 22 February 2025, everyone is most welcome to come along for an enjoyable day (or even just a few hours) of stitching or chatting.

Retreats

Please see attached **Silverstream Retreat** Registration form for Friday April 4th - Sunday April 6th.

Mini Retreat is coming up on Friday 28th Feb/Sat 1st March. Mini retreat is a great get together, so far 15 people have enrolled. There are still places left if anyone is interested, just forward your registration form at the latest by Monday 24th February.

Thank you
Hannie

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 June 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 |

Gift Quilts

If you would like a quilt to bind, a quilt to quilt, some fabric to make a top with or to return a Gift Quilt project please come and see me at the next March meeting. I will have a few items ready to work on. Also don't forget to bring along any completed work you may have been doing for Gift Quilts. As always, a big thank you for your contributions.

Alison Spurdle 027 306 2822 and Prue Cooke-Willis 027 337 3493



The eye of a handsewing needle is larger on one side than the other. If you have trouble threading your needle, try turning it around.



Block of Month

The photo is of the bird blocks handed in at our February meeting. They have all come out great. Please feel free to do more if you feel like it.

Judith introduced February's block (Disappearing Pinwheel) which has been emailed to everyone earlier but a copy is attached again to this newsletter.

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.

Also we are planning later in the year for a black on white / white on black themed BOM. If you have any black on white / white on black scraps, please pass them on to a committee member (In Judith's absence).

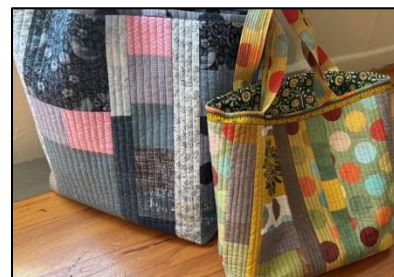
Thanks for your support
Judith



Classes Coming Up

Here are the confirmed classes for 2025. Doors open at 9.00am to set up machines, tables etc ready to start class promptly at 9.30am. Pack up will be 3.30pm to be away by 4.00pm.

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



Date	Class Name	Description	Payment Code
15 March	Recycled Blanket – Anna Hicks Just one place still available	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	See Clare's sample bags above.	QBags
21 June	Fiesta – Diana Carroll	Please note these two classes have swapped months.	Fiesta
19 July	UFO – Di Barnden		UFO
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.

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.

March 2025		April 2025	
Hall:	Lindy McKeown	Hall:	Lindy McKeown
Kitchen:	Jan Lucas Janet Swan	Kitchen:	Marie Finkle Sue Haynes
Sales:	Jean Corin Verena Coleman Denise Field Nicola Drake	Sales:	Jean Corin Verena Coleman Denise Field Nicola Drake
Raffles	Lynne Kennedy	Raffles	Mary Hutchinson
Quilt Holders:	Leza Marfell Pauline Procter	Quilt Holders	Sharon Ferguson Raewyn French
Frames	Alz and Janine Armstrong	Frames	Alz and Janine Armstrong
Library:	Dianna Lacy	Library:	Annette Veitch

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.

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.

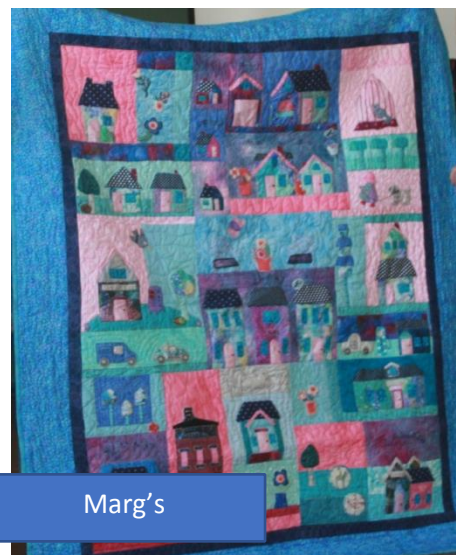
Committee 2024/25

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Off Committee Roles		
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Show and Tell



Angela's



Marg's



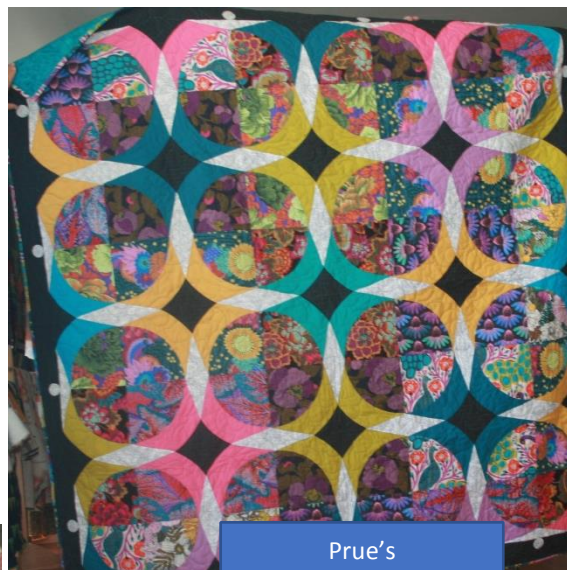
Lisa's



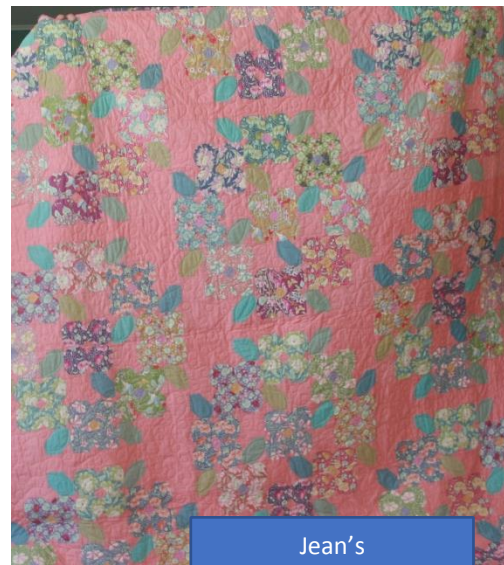
Bags by Jean and Leonie



2 x Alison T's



Prue's



Jean's



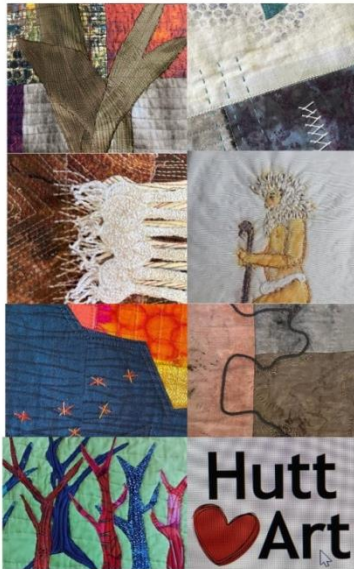
2 more jackets from Alz



Judith's

Response

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25 March - 6 April 2025



Hutt Art

9-11 Myrtle St Lower Hutt

WINE COUNTRY QUILTS 2025 EXHIBITION

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28 - 30 March 2025

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

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

CREATING CONNECTIONS

A group exhibition of quilts and textile art

29 March - 24 April 2024

Anna Hicks, Anna Prussing
Catherine Croucher, Gael O'Donnell
Jill Bowman, Katherine Morrison
Marilyn Daly, Philippa Doyle

Opening Night | Friday 28 March 5.30pm
Artists' Talk | Sat 29 March, 2 - 3pm
Mindless Meander Quilting Workshop | Sat 5 April, 12 - 3pm
Protest Stitching Workshop | Sat 12 April, 12 - 3pm

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TOTE & GLOAT 2025

SATURDAY 3 MAY
8.30am - 5pm

FLY PALMY ARENA 2
61 PASCAL STREET
PALMERSTON NORTH

QUILT EXHIBITIONS
QUILT CHALLENGES
SHOW & TELL
DOOR PRIZE & RAFFLES
LIMITED TICKET DOOR SALES

GUEST SPEAKER
GLORIA LOUGHMAN

ENTRY FEE: \$25

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Saturday 3 May 2025 from 08:30-17:00
Tote & Gloat 2025
Public • Event by Rose City Quilters

Yes !! we have our next event booked in for Wellington Fabricabrac : **12th April 2025.**

Lock in the calendar now, plan a day out with alike minded fabric people or maybe even a road trip to Wellington to stock up

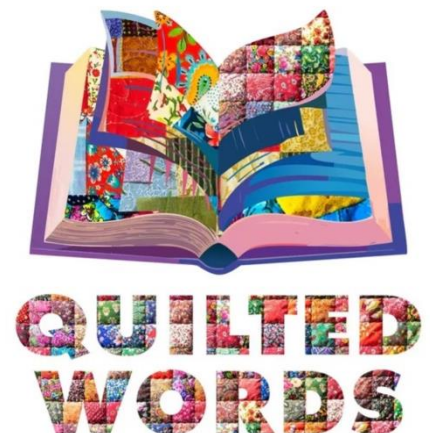
We are at the same venue:

St Anne's Parish Hall, 22 Emmet St, Newtown, Wellington
10 am to 1.00 pm

When you're wanting a break with a cuppa here are a couple of interesting travel sites to check out:

<https://janedaniels.co.nz/blogs/travel>

<https://www.ecttravel.com/tours/textile-tours>



Wellington Quilters President's
Challenge display at Katherine
Mansfield House, 25 Tinakori Rd,
Tuesday to Sundays 10 - 4.00pm

Coastal Quilters Events Calendar 2025		
February	8	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
	22	Sit and Stitch , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	28 & 1 March	Mini Retreat , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	until 9 March	Quilted Words , Katherine Mansfield House & Garden, 25 Tinakori Road, Wgtn
March	7	Ruapehu Quiltmakers Biennial Exhibition – Taumarunui War Memorial Hall, Hakiaha St, Taumarunui 10.00am to 4.00pm Gold coin entry
	8	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 , Toitoe, Hawkes Bay Arts and Events Centre, Hastings, Entry \$8
	29 – 24 April	Creating Connections , Quilts and Textile Art, Toi Poneke Gallery (see notice earlier)
April	4-6	Full Retreat, Silverstream
	12	Club Meeting , Plimmerton Pavilion (Speaker: Robyn Blandford)
	12	Fabricabrac , St Anne's Parish Hall, 22 Emmet Street, Newtown 10 am – 1.00pm
	26	Sit and Stitch , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
May	3	Tote and Glote , Fly Palmy Arena 2 8.30 – 5.00 pm Entry \$5
	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	5	Gift Quilt Day , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	12	Club Meeting & AGM Plimmerton Pavilion
	26	Sit and Stitch , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
August	9	Club Meeting , Plimmerton Pavilion
	23	Sit and Stitch , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
September	5-7	Full Retreat, Silverstream
	13	Club Meeting , Plimmerton Pavilion

	27	Sit and Stitch , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
October	11	Club Work Day , Plimmerton Pavilion
	25-26	Sit and Stitch , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
November	8	Club Meeting , Plimmerton Pavilion
	22	Sit and Stitch , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	28-29	Mini Retreat , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
December	13	Last Club Meeting for year and Christmas Party