



# January 2024 Newsletter

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## President's Piece

As this is our first newsletter of the year it is still appropriate to wish you Happy New Year. I hope you had a restful break and are ready for another year of quilting adventures. At Coastal Quilters we have our range of Saturday meetings, classes, retreats and sit'n'stitch as our regular activities to look forward to, as well as enticing opportunities from other sources to keep us entertained for the year (and beyond).

While you are organising your calendar for the year, please note that our AGM in July will be on Saturday 6 July, the **first** Saturday of the month. Our usual meeting date was not available.

I don't know how many of you make New Year's resolutions – for me, that has probably morphed into goals for the year, especially after last year's failure. Yes, that was a quilting resolution... maybe I'll give you the opportunity to guess what it was (and possibly the date I failed) at our first meeting. So, get thinking about what it was.

Quilting is a journey. I've come to realise that every quilt I make teaches me something new. Little by little I'm hoping that my skills will improve, but also realise how much more there is to know. This is where my quilting goals come from. The machine quilting class we held last year has spurred me to make some smaller quilts so I can keep honing those skills. What are your quilting goals for this year? What new things are you going to try? This might be coming to one of our retreats, or taking a class. Those hints and tips we learn at venues like these are invaluable.

I realise summer isn't necessarily the time most of us spend at the sewing machine, but I hope that some of you have remembered about making a neonatal quilt in memory of Ann Scannell (see details below). We will be collecting these at the February and March meetings.

Nicky  
President

### Next Sit and Stitch

**Saturday, 27 January 2024**

St Andrews Church Hall

### Next Club Day

**10 February, 1.30pm start**

**Doors Open 12.45 pm**

**Speaker: Sheila Christensen**

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### Quilts for Neonates

Measurements should be:

**24 inches x 26 inches**

and no black or red should be included (as predominant colours)

but anything close to that size is appreciated.

Collections at February and March meetings.

## 2024 Speakers

- February:** Sheila Christensen will be talking about her trip to the Festival of Quilts. Sheila is a shop owner, author of two quilt books, quilt designer and teacher. She will be bringing some items for sale.
- March:** tbc
- April:** Clare Smith and Lisa Avery – their Japan visit.

### About Sheila

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Sheila Christensen has been stitching since making all her own clothes as a teenager. Since taking up quilting, she has quickly developed a reputation for her designs and her helpful and patient teaching style. Sheila has a keen interest in colour and using fabric designs in creative ways, and loves to help quilters take adventurous steps in their quilting.



Sheila was born in the UK and moved to New Zealand in 2002. After a career in business, she studied primary teaching at Victoria University and taught in Masterton and in London. She has been the owner of Quilters' Lane in Masterton since 2011, and she finds her teaching experience very useful in planning and implementing her quilting classes.

Sheila has won awards for her quilts including Shooting Stars, Shifting Strata and Purple Haze. Her Modern Triangle Sampler was juried into Quiltcon in the USA. Every year, Sheila designs a Puzzle Mystery Quilt, which is run as a block of the month from her shop. She has written two books, 'Quilts with an Angle' and 'The Quick and Easy Triangle Block Tool', both published by C&T, and she designs patterns for Creative Grids USA and Benartex fabrics. Sheila also teaches internationally, both in-person and online, and has an online membership called Sheila's Quilt Party [www.quiltwithsheila.com](http://www.quiltwithsheila.com).

Upcoming online classes/appearances:

Quilters' Color Mixer on February 4th 2024) [www.creativespark.ctpub.com](http://www.creativespark.ctpub.com)

Virtual Quiltfest (March 2024) [www.quiltfest.com](http://www.quiltfest.com)

The Quilter on Fire Podcast (February 2024) [www.quilteronfire.com](http://www.quilteronfire.com)

## Retreats

As notified earlier, our next full retreat is coming up over the weekend of 5-7 April at Silverstream Retreat. A registration form is attached at the end of this newsletter. Please note, that although Silverstream Retreat has increased their prices again this year, we will be keeping our price the same as previously. There will be a very small increase in the retreat planned for later in the year. To help us with our planning please put your name down asap for the April retreat. They are always a great weekend. Any questions please talk to Hannie.

### MARK THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARIES

2024 Full Retreats	5-7 April 2024 – Silverstream 30 August – 1 September 2024
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2024 Mini Retreats	26-27 July 2024 22-23 November 2024
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2025 Full Retreats	4-6 April 2025 5-7 September 2025
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## Library

We will have the full library open again in February - don't forget to bring back any library books you may have had over the last couple of months. Maree Le Comte is our new Librarian, taking over from Lisa, so feel free to have a chat if there is anything in particular you are after. There will be new magazines available at our February meeting.

## Classes 2024

Class Date	Class Name	Description	Payment Code
13 April and 18 May (changed date) 9:00 – 12:00	<b>English Paper Piecing – With Marge Hurst</b>	This hand class will teach the basics of putting together various shaped pieces and relevant stitches to use. You will have homework between classes so that you will have a finished small quilt or table runner upon completion. These classes will be held before our regular Club Days.	EPP
16 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Dresden Plate Table Runner – With Di Barnden</b>	Di will be teaching how to cut the pieces out then how to assemble them into the finished product.	Dresden
20 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Floor Mat – With Jenny Hunter (Plume Levin)</b>	Jenny owns Plume in Levin. She is coming down to teach us how to make her Floor Mat. The mat is 48" or 23cm in diameter, so is a good project to use up some of those larger pieces hidden away in your stash.	FlrMat
11 May 10.30 start	<b>Beginners Class – Lynette from Cherry Pie Levin</b>	We have been asked by members to run this class, so that we can hopefully get some new members to enjoy what our Club has to offer. Class will be held at the Plimmerton Pavilion in the Supper Room on the same day as our Club Work Day. Lynette Corlis owns Cherry Pie in Levin (a regular stop on our yearly Bus Trip). She will be teaching a simple Table Runner and will bring a range of kits to purchase for the course. Grab a friend and they can attend the class while you are at the work day and catch up for lunch. More Details to follow.	Beginner
15 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Finish it Up – Di Barnden</b>	Get those UFO's into the daylight and get them moving. Di will be on hand as always to help, advise and get you back on track. Always a fun day.	FinUp

If you have any suggestions of classes that you would like to do, please talk to Nicola Drake (email [l.n.drake@xtra.co.nz](mailto:l.n.drake@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

February 2024		March 2024	
<b>Hall:</b>	Emma Addington Heather Greene	<b>Hall:</b>	Lindy Mckeown
<b>Kitchen:</b>	Shirley Coey Moira Butterfield	<b>Kitchen:</b>	Raewyn French Jean Grant
<b>Sales:</b>	Jean Corin Verena Coleman Denise Field Prue Cooke-Willis	<b>Sales:</b>	Jean Corin Verena Coleman Denise Field Prue Cooke-Willis
<b>Raffles</b>	Anne Briggs	<b>Raffles</b>	Raewyn Hill
<b>Quilt Holders:</b>	Georgina Shann Alison Spurdle	<b>Quilt Holders</b>	Judith Havill Sue Haynes
<b>Frames</b>	Alz and Janine Armstrong	<b>Frames</b>	Alz and Janine Armstrong
<b>Library:</b>	Isobel Whooley	<b>Library:</b>	Mary Hutchinson

## Helper Duties (All helpers to arrive by 12.45 pm)

If you are new to helping out with duties, the following is a simple version of what is expected. If you are unable to do your duty please contact a committee person.

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	Sharon 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 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 Alison Tierney (Treasurer)
Library	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 (Club Membership), Alison Spurdle and Prue Cooke-Willis (Gift Quilts), Lesley Hall (Mini-retreat, Sit 'N' Stitch), Alz and Janine Armstrong (Frames & Photos), Rachel-Mary Perry (Almoner), Angela Ambler (Greeter) .

**Classes:** Nicola Drake

**Membership:** Prue Cooke-Willis 027 337 3493 Email: [prudencecw@gmail.com](mailto:prudencecw@gmail.com)

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

## SYMPOSIUM 2024 REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN

**Not too late to register - for more information and to register for this awesome event in October 2024 go to [www.quiltsymposium.com](http://www.quiltsymposium.com)**

Applications for Judging Roles close on 31 January. For more info check out Facebook.



### SUSTAINABLE QUILTING

In our last year's newsletters, we added quilting tips and sites on the current quilting and crafting trend, Sustainable Quilting - to be more aware of our impact on the environment by reducing consumption. To add to this here's a reminder about the 3 R's of managing consumption:

- Reducing what we purchase (making intentional decisions about what we buy).
- Reusing materials we already have.
- Recycling what we can't use – or a better option, sharing it with fellow quilters.



## BORO EXHIBITION

**Boro: Timeworn Textiles of Japan** – Pip Steel's (who spoke at a Club meeting last year) exhibition will be held in the Art Gallery at Te Manawa, Palmerston North from 9 March to 7 July 2024.

## SCAM MESSAGES

Please be aware that at present there seems to be lots of scam messages and friend requests doing the rounds on Messenger and Facebook.

Accepting friend requests makes your account vulnerable to hackers and scammers. It may lead to getting your personal information easily.

Check your privacy settings. Make sure that:

- you have set your privacy settings to only allow friends to send you friend requests;
- Use a strong password;
- Be careful about what information you share.

## How to Fold Fabric so it Stacks Neatly

Do you struggle with organizing and storing your fabric? This simple folding technique creates fabric pieces that stack nicely, regardless of how long the cuts are. Each piece of folded fabric is the same width and length, while larger pieces are thicker than shorter cuts. Once everything is folded, stack colours together for easy selection. And, keep everything for one project together in one stack (so you don't inadvertently use a piece for something else!).

Check out this Youtube video:

<https://youtu.be/uTFO50X8yQg>

## New Beginnings

Pinestream Quilters Exhibition  
Whirinaki Whare Taonga  
836 Fergusson Drive,  
Upper Hutt



9 December 2023

18 February 2024

*Pinestream Quilters members are each celebrating a new beginning in a quilt. Our lives are marked with changes and new beginnings and this exhibition brings these to life. This exhibition demonstrates the creativity and skills of the individual quilters with traditional, contemporary and art quilts. These quilts are the same size as the quilts club members make for the Special Care Baby Unit at Hutt Hospital, to support their 'new beginning'.*

## News Flash!

The Great NZ Quilt Show 2025  
will be held in

**CHRISTCHURCH**  
May 16-18

After much thought, we have decided that the South Island needs some quilty love.  
Further details will be released soon!

## 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.

## Your 2023/2024 Committee

A reminder about our Committee contact and roles below. If you're ever interested in finding out more or joining the committee please feel free to contact any one of us. We are a small group and always welcome new members on board.



Nicky Gardner	President	04 232 2805
Gayle Carmichael	Past President	027 602 7888
Lindy McKeown	Newsletter Editor	021 2800 315
Alison Tierney	Treasurer	04 904 4105
Alison Spurdle	Gift Quilts Coordinator	027 306 2822
Hannie Van Cruchten	Retreats	021 033 8070
Georgina Shann	Secretary	021 027 26225
Nicola Drake	Classes	021 396 473
Vacancy	Block of the Month	
Off Committee Roles		
Maree Le Comte	Librarian	04 232 4425
Prue Cooke-Willis	Membership and Gift Quilts	027 337 3493

### 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.





# Coastal Quilters



## SILVERSTREAM RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Silverstream Retreat, 3 Reynolds Bach Drive, Silverstream, Lower Hutt.  
For details on how to get there, see their website - [www.staywithus.co.nz](http://www.staywithus.co.nz).

**Please note: accommodation is shared rooms**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please select your attendance option by deleting those that do not apply -**

Friday 2pm – Sunday 3pm	Cost - \$200.00	___	Non-Members - \$210.00
Saturday only – lunch	Cost - \$30.00	___	Non-Members - \$35.00
Saturday only - lunch & dinner.	Cost - \$57.00	___	Non-Members - \$62.00

### Dietary Requirements:

Gluten free, Vegetarian or other dietary requirements, require an extra charge of **\$7.70 per day per person**. Please give full details of any dietary requirements -

### Payment Details

Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Bank a/c 02-0524-0056822-00.

Please remember to include your name and 'retreat' in the payment details.

Refunds may be considered on a case by case basis. There is a non-refundable deposit of \$20.00.

**PAYMENT IN FULL IS REQUIRED BY WEDNESDAY 20 March 2024**

### Name of person to be contacted in case of emergency:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Please email your completed form to [cqretreats@gmail.com](mailto:cqretreats@gmail.com)



Coastal Quilters Events Calendar 2024		
December	9 – 18 Feb	<b>New Beginnings</b> , Pinestream Quilters Exhibition, Whirinaki Whare Taonga, Upper Hutt
February	10	<b>Club Meeting – Speaker: Sheila Christensen</b>
March	9	<b>Club Meeting – Speaker:</b>
	9 March – 7 July	<b>Boro Exhibition, Art Gallery at Te Manawa, Palmerston North</b>
	15-17	<b>Feilding Kowhai Patchwork Club – Quilts at the Coach House, Entry \$5.00</b>
	16	<b>Class: Dresden Plate Table Runner</b> , Di Barnden
April	5-7	<b>Full Retreat, Silverstream</b>
	13	<b>Club Meeting – Speaker: Clare Smith and Lisa Avery</b>
	13	<b>Class: English Paper Piecing</b> , Marge Hurst
	20	<b>Class: Floor Mat</b> , Jenny Hunter (Plume, Levin)
May	11	<b>Club Work Day</b>
	11	<b>Class: Beginners</b> , Lynette (Cherry Pie, Levin)
	18	<b>Class: English Paper Piecing</b> , Marge Hurst
June	8	<b>Club Meeting</b>
	15	<b>Class: Finish It Up</b> , Di Barnden
July	6	<b>Club Meeting (AGM) (Please note this is a week earlier than our normal monthly meeting)</b>
	26-27	<b>Mini Retreat</b>
August	10	<b>Club Meeting</b>
Aug-Sept	30-1 Sept	<b>Full Retreat, Silverstream</b>
September	14	<b>Club Meeting</b>
October	2-6	<b>Quilt Symposium – Cambridge High School – Registrations open</b>
	9	<b>Club Work Day</b>
November	9	<b>Club Day</b>
	22-23	<b>Mini Retreat</b>
December	14	<b>Christmas Meeting</b>
Coastal Quilters Events Calendar 2025		
April	4-6	<b>Full Retreat, Silverstream</b>
May	16-18	<b>The Great NZ Quilt Show 2025, Christchurch</b>
September	5-7	<b>Full Retreat, Silverstream</b>