



January 2025 Newsletter

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President's Piece

Happy New Year.

I hope you have had a restful break or been busy with activities that are different to your usual routine – as the saying goes 'a change is as good as a rest'.

There will be plenty of activities at Coastal Quilters to keep you busy this year. Apart from the regular monthly meetings, we also have sit and stitch and classes each month. If you have not attended a retreat, how about giving it a go this year. We have an extra mini retreat in February, making three this year, along with two full retreats. All of these activities are a great way to meet other members and gain some useful hints and tips from others.

Last year Bev Lowe generously donated her quilting supplies to Coastal Quilters, this included some kits (mostly Jinny Beyer). The Committee has decided to sell these on the 'open market' to attract the best price. However, as Bev was a member for many years we want to give preference to our members first. We will be 'drip feeding' the kits onto the sales table each month for a reduced price, but each kit will be there for one meeting before being sold online. So, if you see one that you would like – get in quickly! Many thanks to Marg Hurst for offering to sell these kits through her quilting site.

With the rather dismal weather in Wellington at the start of this year I'm hoping that some of you will have taken the opportunity to do some sewing. There must be a few projects lurking from Symposium and I hope we will see these during the year. I am often amazed at the number and variety of quilts that get shown at our monthly meetings.

A couple of things to remember...your block of the month is due back at the first meeting in February as well as your library books (or negotiate with the library team). An apt reminder for me as well – I recently rediscovered my paper bag with the block of the month components that I had completely forgotten about!

Nicky

A reminder

Please don't forget to contact Prue, our Membership Coordinator, if you have any change in phone or address details.

Contact details for Prue are: 027 337 3493 or

Email: prudencecw@gmail.com

Club Day

Saturday, 8 February 2025

Plimmerton Pavilion, Sunset Parade,
Plimmerton

Doors Open 12.45pm

Speaker: Rayna Clinton

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

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Baby News

Carl and I are delighted to tell you, our wee baby boy Rupert Walter arrived in a great flurry yesterday (29th) morning, by caesarean section. He weighs 3.37kg or 7lb 6oz. We're all doing well.

Love,

Georgina, Carl and Baby Rupert

Congratulations – the first CQ baby we've had in a while! Very exciting and we wish you all the very best Georgina and hope to see you and baby Rupert at one of our meetings soon!



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)



Club Day Raffles

We'll have more \$25 vouchers included in our February club day raffles, from Thimbles and Threads.

Next Sit and Stitch

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

Raewyn's BOM started 5 years ago and finally finished – well done Raewyn, it's beautiful.



February Mini Retreat

The following week will be our first mini retreat of the year which will run from Friday, 28 February and all day Saturday 1 March 2025. Get your registration form in so we have an idea of how many will be attending. A form is attached.

Gift Quilts

Earlier this month I had the most delightful meeting with a lady who was downsizing her quilting supplies. This lady had spent 30 years living in Hawaii and developed a love for Hawaiian quilting, floral applique and hand quilting. She showed me some of the quilts she'd made, and they featured the finest needle-turn

applique I've ever seen. Sadly, in her late 80s, she is no longer able to do any fine needlework and made the decision to donate some of her supplies to a local Quilting club.

The donated fabric will be used for Gift Quilts, and over the next several months I'll put the supplies at the sales table. These include generic threads and hand quilting threads, Sharps needles (sizes 9-12), needle threaders, rotary cutters, pins etc., two quilting hoops, a semi-circle hoop, and a quilting hoop with stand. There are also some partially completed floral applique pieces that need finishing.

If anyone is interested in making an offer on any of the supplies before they get to the sales table, please get in touch.

Similarly, if you'd like to check out the applique, get in touch.



One of the donated floral applique pieces that has been started (top right corner) and needs finishing.

Unfortunately, I'm not able to attend the Feb and March club meetings, but I'll be at Sit 'n Stitch Feb and March. Prue will be at the Feb meeting with a couple of quilts that need binding and a quilt that is pinned ready to quilt. If you have any Gift quilt projects to return at the club meetings, she'll be your point of contact.

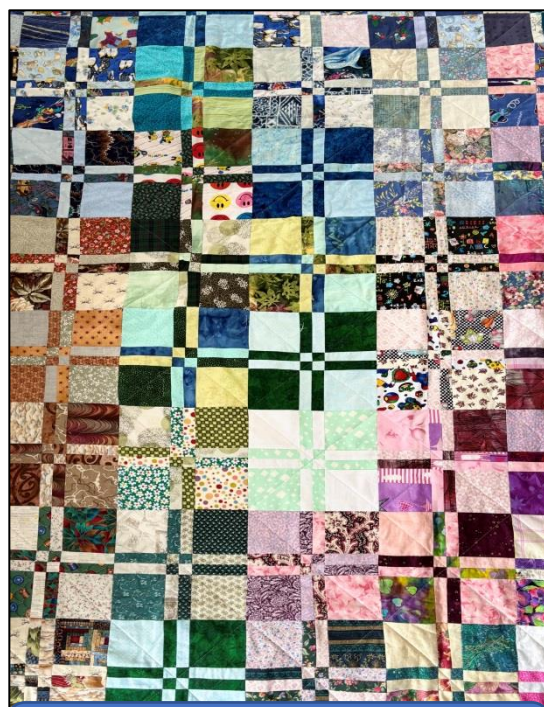
Alison Spurdle 027 306 2822 and Prue Cooke-Willis 027 337 3493

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.

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 Judith.

Thanks for your support
Judith



One of our BOM quilts all completed and ready for our Gift Quilts.

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

- 4-6 April 2025
- 5-7 September 2025
- 3-5 April 2026
- 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	Info will have been sent to those enrolled. <i>If you still want to do this class, there is space for a couple more. Enrol quickly.</i>	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	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.

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.

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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Prue Cooke-Willis	Membership and Gift Quilts	027 337 3493



For Sale - Interested?

If anyone would like to buy this quilt, all beautifully finished, please chat to Raewyn. She will have it at with her at our next club day. \$100 and proceeds will go towards recarpeting the Sit and Stitch area at St Andrews Church Hall

Quilting Layout Boards

If anyone is interested in quilting layout boards which are being disposed of from Camborne, please contact Paula Newton (who is cleaning out her late mother's house) at paula.newton@xtra.co.nz

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Exhibition

Boro – Timeworn Textiles of Japan

14 December 2024–9 March 2025

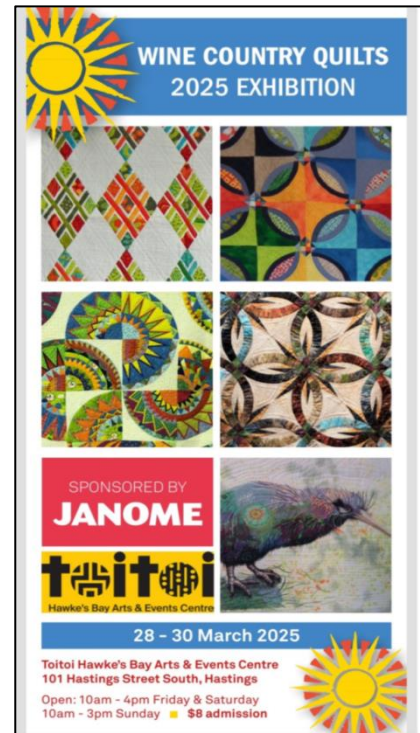
A significant collection of Japanese textiles and garments showcasing boro, a traditional art of mending.




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



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For more accurate points, focus on pinning intersections to match points instead of matching the corners first. Insert the pin 1/4" away from the raw edge.

MODERN QUILT STUDIO

Its counter-intuitive but the best way to get accurate points is NOT to start pinning at the corners of the piece you're sewing but rather at the intersections. In sewing and pressing, the fabric might have stretched but the way to stay on track is to focus on the intersections that you going to show the most. Insert the pin at the exact point you'll be sewing 1/4" from the raw edge. If you start pinning at the corner, each intersection is off by even as little as 1/16", it could add up to an inch or two over the length of a queen size quilt. Focussing on the intersections matching helps keep your pieces from stretching and becoming misaligned

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
	28 & 1 March	Mini Retreat , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
March	7	Ruapehu Quiltmakers Biennial Exhibition – Taumarunui War Memorial Hall, Hakiha 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 , Toitū, 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	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