



## July 2024 Newsletter

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### Vice-President's Piece

Warm greetings to you all in this month of mid-winter! Our President, Nicky Gardner, has taken herself off to the UK, where it is very hot, to visit a friend and catch The Festival of Quilts in Birmingham, amongst other things. We look forward to hearing about the festival on her return late August.

Winter seems to be the season for travelling to warmer climes, usually overseas. For those of us here at home, however, we've been treated to a couple of virtual overseas adventures with our latest speakers – firstly, Lorraine Jones in June, and then Lisa Avery this month. Lisa did a wonderful job taking us on her tour of Japan with Clare Smith, who wasn't able to attend our meeting due to sickness. There's certainly some beautiful scenery, friendly people and interesting shopping in Japan.

Our AGM was a brief one this year, largely due to the Treasurer's Report and Club financials being delayed due to our auditor being on leave. We will have a special meeting later in the year to capture those details. We are very grateful to the four new members who have joined our committee for 2024/25.

We welcome Angela Ambler, Denise Daniel, Moira Butterfield and Judith Havill. Below is a list of the committee and their positions which will be confirmed in the next month or so. As you will see on the list, there are still a couple of jobs that need to be filled. Please get in touch with any of us if you feel you could contribute.

Alison, Vice-President

- President – Nicky Gardner
- Vice President – Alison Spurdle
- Treasurer – Denise Daniel
- Secretary - Vacant (Lindy acting, August only)
- Newsletter – Lindy McKeown
- Retreats – Hannie van Cruchten
- Classes – Angela Ambler
- BOM/ Gift quilts – Judith Havill/Alison Spurdle
- Speaker organisation - Vacant
- Sales table/ raffle liaison – Nicola Drake
- Librarian liaison – Moira Butterfield
- Membership liaison – Nicky Gardner
- Archives – Moira Butterfield

#### Mini Retreat:

**Friday/Saturday, 26/27 July**

St Andrews Church Hall

1.00 pm start Friday

#### Next Club Day

**Saturday, 10 August 2014**

Plimmerton Pavilion

Doors Open 12.45 pm

Guest Speaker Dr Gillian Green

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### Mid Winter Christmas

#### Reminder

Mini Retreat on this Friday (1.00pm start) and Saturday. More info further on in this newsletter. An email with instructions re parking, catering, and needs list has also been sent to those who have enrolled.

Look forward to a great couple days of sewing.

On behalf of the members of Plimmerton Conference of St Vincent de Paul New Zealand, I am writing to thank you for your recent generosity – your donation of both cash and tins of food. This addition to our food pantry is most appreciated.

There is no doubt the demand for food parcels in our community is growing and there are a lot of hungry people around. In the past 4 weeks, for example, we delivered 47 food parcels to help feed 211 people.

Kind regards

Helen Reilly, Secretary of the St Vincent de Paul Society based at St Theresa's in Plimmerton.

## 2024 Speakers

**August:** Dr Gillian Green  
**September:** Caroline O'Reilly

### About Dr Gillian Green:

In 1959, my parents took me and my siblings to live in Semarang, Indonesia for almost three years, and we spent a lot of time in various batik ateliers across Central Java with our artist mother. In 1997 I was very delighted to return to live in Indonesia, this time in Jakarta when my diplomat husband became the New Zealand Ambassador to the Republic. Over the four wonderful years, I travelled to almost every corner of this fascinating country, talking to the women who created textiles, studying the traditions and processes and ended up with a private collection of almost 300 ikats and batiks. I will talk about the batik process from preparing the cotton cloth to the final wash, and show examples from across the principal batik regions of Indonesia.

## Retreats

### Silverstream Retreat

The Silverstream Retreat is coming up on Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th August. Unfortunately at present Hannie has received only 8 enrolments. She needs to know urgently if others will be attending as numbers have to be confirmed two weeks prior to the Retreat which will be on the 8 August. We don't want to have to cancel so look forward to more registrations. Costs are as follows:

For the whole weekend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Members from \$200.00 to \$205.00</li><li>Non members \$210.00 to \$212.00</li></ul>	Saturday lunch only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>members will be \$31.00</li><li>and non members \$36.00</li></ul>
Saturday lunch only and dinner only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Members will be \$58.00</li><li>and non members \$63.00</li></ul>	Special dietary requirements \$8.00 per day extra.

**A reminder that Mini Retreat is on Friday 26th and Saturday 27th July.** If you haven't already done so, remember to get your registration form completed and handed in. If you are a new member, the mini retreats are always a great way of getting to know others and are very useful in picking up tips and learning from other more experienced quilters. They're always good fun, and the food is pretty good too.  
A mini retreat form is attached separately.

## Gift Quilts

My sincere thanks to those who contributed, in person or as they could in their own time, to the Gift Quilt Workday we had on 29 June. In a few short hours we were able to pin several quilts, assemble backing fabric and batting with quilt tops, put borders on several tops to make them bigger, make binding, piece batting, sew blocks together, gather packs of fabrics together for future tops – and then we created six Jelly Roll Race tops, with a couple more being finished off later. It was truly a mammoth effort! However, it was made easier with the help of us all.

I will be away for the August meeting, but Prue will have some projects for you to take away and work on during these winter months. She will also receive any projects that you are returning. As always, don't hesitate to contact either of us outside of club meetings to pick up or return projects or ask for more GQ material.

Alison and Prue

A couple more donated  
gift quilts



## Jelly Roll Race



A great effort



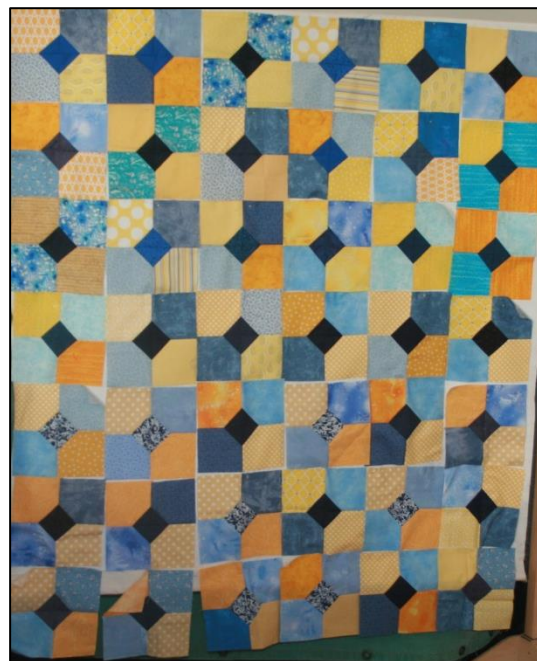


## Block of the Month

Thank you to Judith Havill for taking on the BOM coordinator role. While Judith gets settled into the role and comes up with some cool new ideas, Prue will have a special project for us for the August meeting.

The Blue and Yellow blocks from the July meeting looked super all together. It was such a quick and easy block that many more were made, and we'll probably get two Gift Quilt tops from these. Thank you.

Alison Spurdle



## Bus Trip – Saturday, 3 August

Only a couple of more weeks until our Bus Trip. Those who have their names down, will have received an email earlier this week from Margaret confirming all the details. There are still a few spaces left on the bus so if you'd like to join us please contact either Lisa or Margaret. Cost is \$35.00 for a great day out. Details of the bus trip are as follows:

### Route

- Depart Plimmerton
- Pickup Upper Hutt Train Station
- Toilet stop – Featherston

### Morning Tea

- Good Will Hunting Wool Shop, Greytown

### Masterton Town (all within walking distance)

- The Embroidery Shop
- Evans Quilting Shop
- Yvonne's Woolshop
- Aratoi Museum of Art
- Numerous Op Shops

### Greytown

- Jet quilting shop
- Miss Maude Fabric store
- Hospice Op Shop
- Numerous Cafes

### Return

- Drop off Upper Hutt Train Station
- Drop off Plimmerton



### Library

We had three new magazines this month:

2 x Homespun

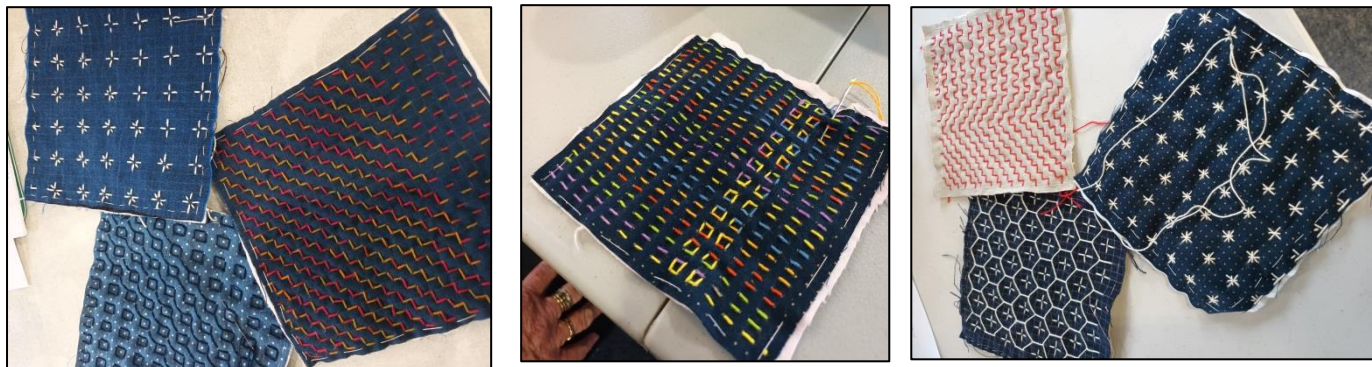
1 x Quilting Arts

Please talk to Maree if you have heard or are interested in any particular quilting books or magazines.

## Classes

On Saturday we had Clare Smith teaching the Rice bag. She showed us, as you can see in the photos, how to stitch the side panels. The rest of the bag will be sewn up at home for Show and Tell.

Also, Clare took some of us to her Gallery Shop in the Plimmerton Railway Station Building. She sells her work, along with many others. Clare is on site most Fridays from 10:00am to 2:00pm, it is very worthwhile a visit.



## Classes Coming Up

Date	Class Name	Description	Payment Code
17 Aug	Bear Paws – Di Barnden		
21 September	Cherie Gurney's Christmas Stocking	Cancelled due to low enrolments	
16 November	Finish it Up – Di Barnden	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 (All helpers to arrive by 12.45 pm)

If you are unable to do your duty please contact a committee person.

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.

August 2024		September 2024	
<b>Hall:</b>	Lindy McKeown	<b>Hall:</b>	Gayle Carmichael
<b>Kitchen:</b>	Margaret McLeod Patricia Fouhy	<b>Kitchen:</b>	Raewyn French Raewyn Hill
<b>Sales:</b>	Jean Corin Verena Coleman Denise Field Nicola Drake	<b>Sales:</b>	Jean Corin Verena Coleman Denise Field Nicola Drake
<b>Raffles</b>	Janet Swan	<b>Raffles</b>	Shelley Knox
<b>Quilt Holders:</b>	Hannie van Cruchten Pauline Proctor	<b>Quilt Holders</b>	Moirra Butterfield Marilyn Holland
<b>Frames</b>	Alz and Janine Armstrong	<b>Frames</b>	Alz and Janine Armstrong
<b>Library:</b>	Marie Finkle	<b>Library:</b>	Isobel Whooley

## 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 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	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 (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.

## Subscriptions 2024/25

Our yearly Subscriptions for 2024/2025 are now due for payment. The remit to increase our subscription was passed at the AGM earlier this month. Please note that they are now \$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**

If you are paying by cash, we can take these at our next meeting on 10 August 2024.

### 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.

## Introducing our New Committee Members

### Angela Ambler

Hi Team, I got into quilting in 1986 when I attended a class at Aotea College with Marge Hurst and I did a sampler quilt for my son John who was born in Oct 1986. I finally finished it in 2013 and gave it to him as he was expecting his first child in 2014 and from then the rest is history.

I joined Coastal and have thoroughly enjoyed my time with the group. There are so many people in the group that have knowledge and know how that we as a group would love to absorb. I have recently done the Caution Curves quilt by Jen Kingwell and have learnt heaps doing that and would like to challenge myself again doing another quilt. I look forward to working on the committee and getting to know more people in the group.

Thank you

### Denise Daniel

"Hello, my name is Denise Daniel, I joined Coastal Quilters a year ago and have enjoyed the company of like minded people, also meeting my former peers from ANZ. I got hooked into the quilting world since 2016, I am self taught through watching YouTube tutorials and going to Quilt Events around NZ and Australia. I am also an avid crocheter, in fact all things crafty. I love a challenge and am inspired daily by what's out there."

### Judith Havill

As a young child, my grandmother, who was a professional dressmaker, taught me how to sew on her treadle machine (which I still have). I always designed and sewed my own clothes and a lot of my children's clothes.





When my job changed to administering the Community Education programme I would try to take a class each term so it was a natural progression to go to a Patchwork sampler class. It took about three (or more) years to make my sample quilt which I quilted each block with sample quilting. It is a prize possession of one of my daughters. So I then had to make more quilts for my other child and so I became hooked. I was able to encourage a number of different tutors to take classes at college (mainly so I too could take the class). Now most of my quilts are gifts for grandchildren and friends.

### **Moira Butterfield**

I have been coming to Coastal Quilters for several years, (cant remember how long but recently began to finish the sampler quilt which was a project from the Club in 2015/16), so thought it was time I put my hand up and joined the Committee.

I started sewing at Intermediate, (treadle machine making the obligatory apron and cap), and sewed clothes for myself, off and on as a teenager, but not many as I was never very happy with the results. I sewed for my daughters when they were young and then mostly repaired clothes.



When my eldest daughter was 18, she wanted to learn quilting at Tawa College with Judith Pinney and she asked if I would go with her, so my first quilt was a single bed sampler quilt, made for my younger daughter, which did get finished, with Gemma doing some of the blocks for me. I had admired quilts of the years but never had the confidence in my sewing to tackle them. A few years later I met Marilyn Holland and we bonded over wine and embroidery. Marilyn is a quilter of many years and she helped me along, and I started buying fabric, I lay the blame for a wardrobe full of fabric at her feet, it's all her fault!!

Since then my sewing skills have improved somewhat, and I have made quilts for extended family. This year is the year for finishing quilts that are lurking under the cutting table, mind you last year was also a 'finishing year' progress is slow but steady.

## **Committee 2024/25**

Nicky Gardner	President	021 0711 571
Alison Spurdle	Vice President and Gift Quilts Coordinator	027 3062 822
Denise Daniel	Treasurer	021 433 647
tbc	Secretary	
Lindy McKeown	Newsletter Editor	021 2800 315
Hannie Van Cruchten	Retreats	021 0338 070
Nicola Drake	Sales Table/Raffle Liaison	021 396 473
Angela Ambler	Classes	027 2802 391
Judith Havill	BOM/Gift Quilts	027 3198 235
Moira Butterfield	Librarian Liaison/Archives	021 0345 580
<b>Off Committee Roles</b>		
Maree Le Comte	Librarian	04 232 4425
Prue Cooke-Willis	Membership and Gift Quilts	027 337 3493



## Wellington Fabricabrac

**Yes !!** we have our next event booked in for Wellington Fabricabrac : 28th September 2024

We are at the same venue :

St Anne's Parish Hall

22 Emmet Street

Newtown

Wellington

10am to 1pm

Facebook : [Fabric-a-brac](#)

Facebook: [Event page](#)

Instagram : [fabricabracwgtm](#)

If you would like to be a stallholder at the event please complete this form to go into the [ballot](#) for a table.

### 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.

**AQG**  
AUCKLAND QUILT GUILD INC.

SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 2  
10AM-4PM

PRESENTS

**CALICO  
CHRISTMAS  
EXTRAVAGANZA**

St Heliers Church and Community Centre,  
100 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers

- Craft market
- Merchants
- Craft demonstrations
- Quilt displays
- Cafe
- Spot prizes
- Raffles

EFTPOS Available

**Merchants**

- All Things Bernina
- Apple Basket
- Bowerbird
- Tis the Season
- Wild and Woolly

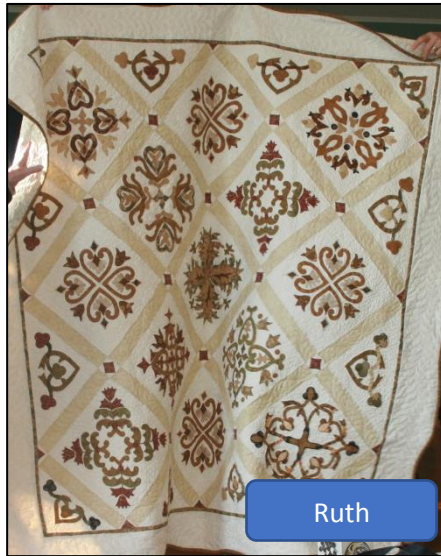
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# Show and Tell



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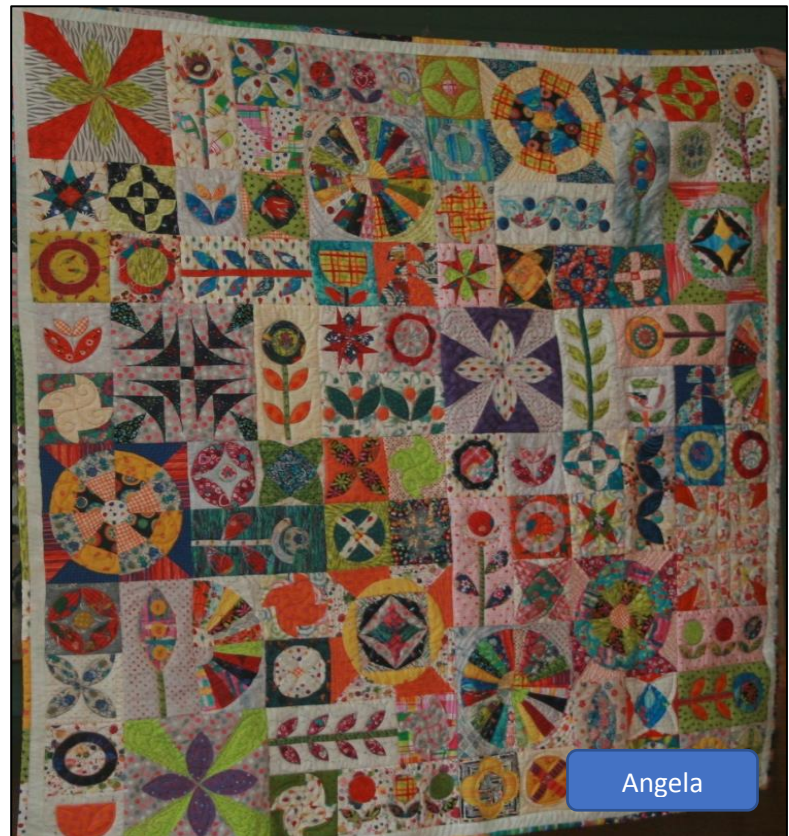
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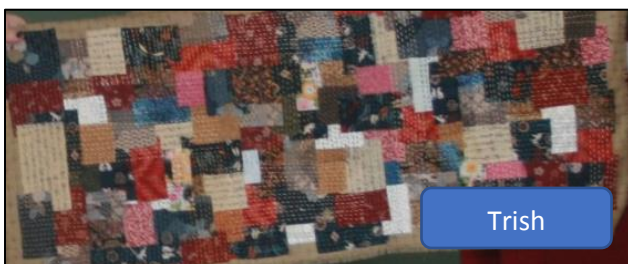
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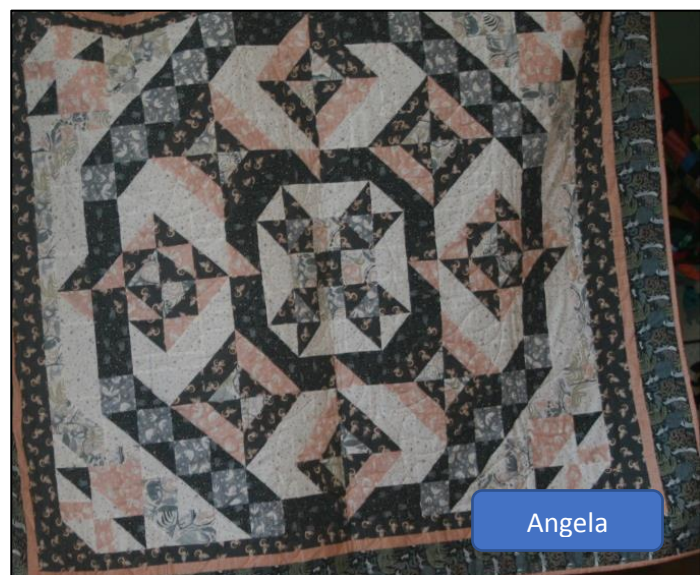
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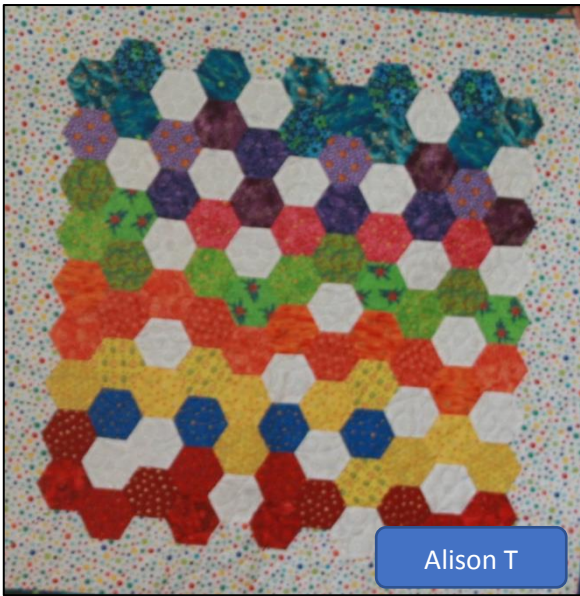


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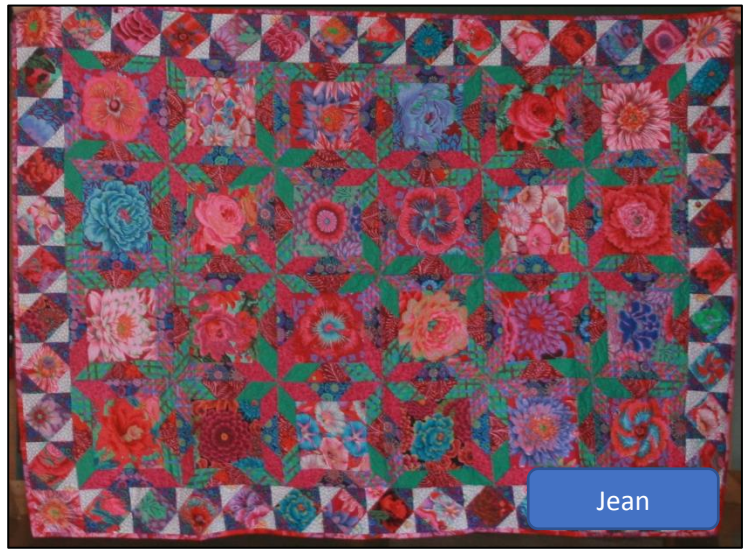


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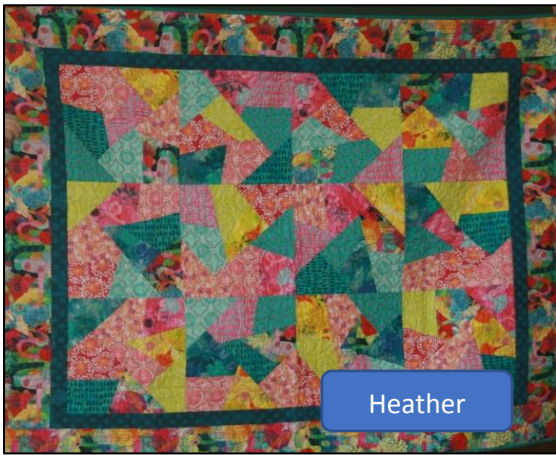




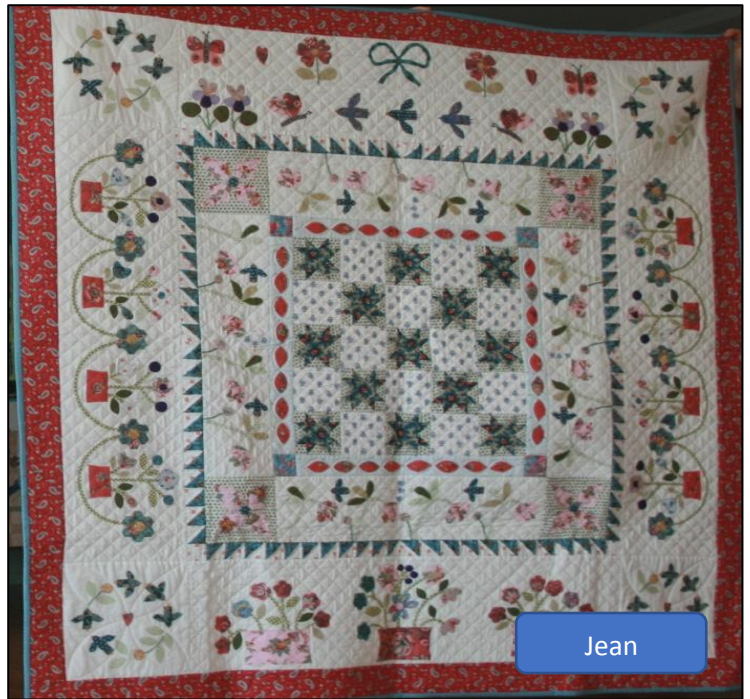
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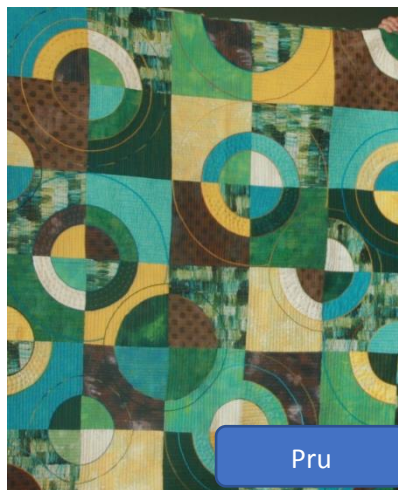
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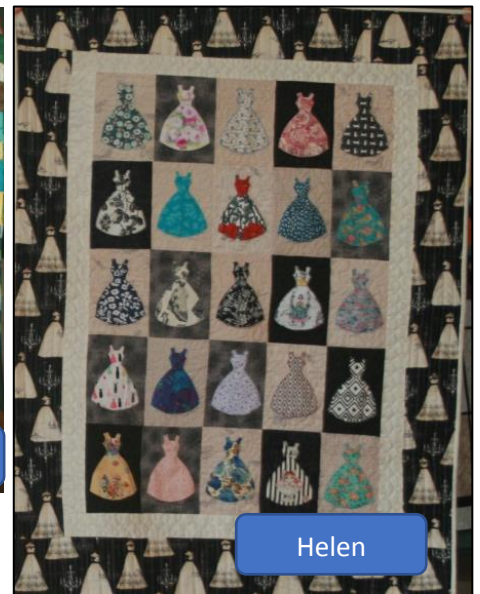
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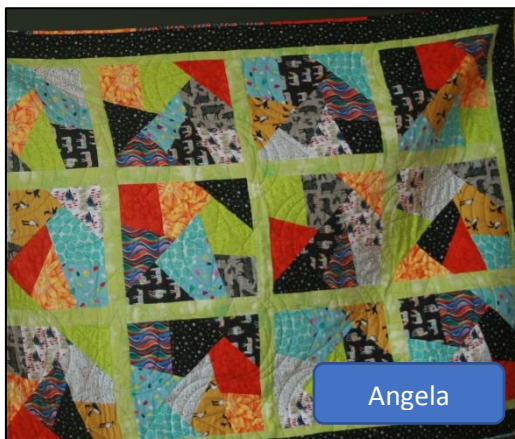
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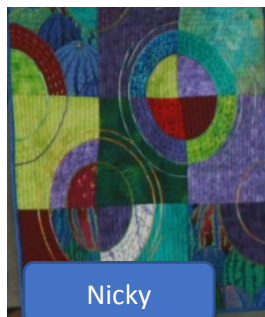
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Helen



Angela



Nicky



Coastal Quilters Events Calendar 2024		
July	26-27	Mini Retreat, St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
August	3	Club Bus Trip to the Wairarapa, Lisa Avery – Cost \$35.00
	10	Club Meeting, Plimmerton Pavilion Guest Speaker: Gillian Green
	10	Keirunga Quilters Exhibition, Havelock North
	17	Class: Bear Paws, Di Barnden
	24	Sit and Stitch, St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	23-25	Full Retreat, Silverstream
September	14	Club Meeting, Plimmerton Pavilion
	28	Sit and Stitch, St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	28	Wellington Fabricabrac, St Anne's Parish Hall, 22 Emmet Street, Newtown, Wellington, 10am to 1pm
October	2-6	Quilt Symposium – Cambridge High School – Registrations open
	9	Club Work Day, Plimmerton Pavilion
	26	Sit and Stitch, St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
November	2	Auckland Quilt Guild, Calico Christmas Extravaganza, St Heliers Church and Community Centre, 100 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers, Auckland
	9	Club Meeting, Plimmerton Pavilion
	16	Class: Finish It, Di Barnden
	22-23	Mini Retreat, St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
December	14	Christmas Meeting
Coastal Quilters Events Calendar 2025		
April	4-6	Full Retreat, Silverstream
May	16-18	The Great NZ Quilt Show 2025, Christchurch
September	5-7	Full Retreat, Silverstream