



# June 2024 Newsletter

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## President's Piece

Our speaker, Lorraine Jones, took us on an inspiring trip around Bali. The workshops on indigo dyeing and batik look such fun, I enjoy dabbling in dyeing and trying new techniques. However, I can't imagine how I would cope in a shop entirely stocked with batik fabrics – bad for the bank balance or paralysis by too much choice? It was lovely to see some of the quilts that Lorraine had made using the batik fabrics and the demonstration of using the wax resist.

As we are approaching our AGM I want to say a heartfelt thank you to the Committee who have worked hard during the year to keep Coastal Quilters functioning despite being a small group. We could not have done this without the support of many other club members who help in different roles either at the meetings or at other times. Some of those supporters have been doing those roles for many years. After my pleas for new Committee members, I am extremely grateful to the four new people joining the Committee although we have three resigning.

You may be aware that we need to revise our constitution to align with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022. We have a sub-group of the Committee working on this and will present it to you in due course. As our constitution was last updated in 2016 it is a good time to revisit this document.

We have the Gift Quilt Workday and jelly roll race coming up on Saturday 29 June and our AGM is on Saturday 6 July. For new members, please don't be put off by the term 'AGM' as it is a very short part of the meeting and we will still have a speaker, library, raffles, sales table etc. We will be collecting non-perishable items for the Vincent De Paul foodbank and a separate raffle to raise money for this charity.

Nicky  
President



After attending classes, Alison wove this beautiful korowai incorporating a selection of bird feathers and kiwi designs, finished in time for her daughter's graduation and before she heads overseas.



## Next Sit and Stitch

**Saturday, 22 June 2024**

St Andrews Church Hall  
10.00 am start

## Next Club Day and AGM

**Saturday 6 July 2024**

**Doors Open 12.45 pm**

**Guest Speaker Clare Smith**

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## 2024 Speakers

**July:** Clare Smith and Lisa Avery (on Japan visit)  
**August:** Gillian Green  
**September:** tba

Clare Smith and our very own Lisa Avery are speaking to us at next club day/AGM coming up on 6 July (*Please note this is the first Saturday of the month a week earlier than our usual club day.*) They will be talking about their recent visit to Japan.

Most of you will know Clare, a well known textile artist and tutor. She has a Teaching Diploma, a Graduate Diploma in Visual Arts and a Diploma in Costume Construction from Toi Whakaari (the NZ Drama School). She recently completed a Diploma in Maori Visual Arts at Te Wananga o Aotearoa. She has been teaching dyeing, screen-printing and fabric painting, quilting, machine quilting and bookmaking since 1996 both in NZ and internationally. She will also be tutoring in the upcoming Quilting Symposium.



## Gift Quilts

**Just another week until our Gift Quilt Workday on Saturday 29 June from 9:30am – 3:00pm-ish. More detailed information is set out below. This year we are adding a Jelly Roll Race in the afternoon. It should be a bit of fun, and there will be prizes!**

Earlier this month we had three lots of donations to Gift Quilts. Some lovely fabric, four completed quilts, and four quilt tops. We are very grateful to those members and ex-members for these donations!

Thank you too, to everyone who is contributing to the making of our Gift Quilts. There is always a job, big or small, that can help in some way. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we have packs of fabric that need to be made into blocks/quilt tops, some orphan blocks that need some love, quilts that need to be quilted and quilts that need binding. Come and see me at a meeting or send me an email, and I can match you up with one of those tasks.

## Block of the Month

The crumb blocks were a great success for May's BOM. I hope that's given you some ideas for how to use up your small pieces. We got enough blocks to make a couple of quilts. Thanks to Isobel who has taken these to assemble.



The instructions for the Charm Square Snowball June BOM are attached separately to this newsletter. Feel free to make as many of these as you wish.

Many thanks to Lisa and Margaret Avery for collaborating on this BOM! Much of the fabric is donated from Margaret's stash, and Lisa had the great idea.

# Coastal Quilters Gift Quilt Workday

**Saturday 29 June**

**St Andrews Church Hall**

The day will run from 9:30am until approximately 3:00pm. You are welcome to come for the majority of that time, or just the time that suits you. Even dropping by to pick up a task or drop one off would be much appreciated. The morning will be focussed on Gift Quilt tasks. These tasks can carry on into the afternoon, but we will also run a Jelly Roll Race in the afternoon.

## Part 1 - Morning

We have a large number of quilt tops that need backings and battings, and then they need quilting. Our main focus this year, to assist with moving these projects on, will be to:

- piece backings from our larger fabric pieces, and cut some wide backings to fit each quilt top project,
- piece batting scraps into bigger sizes and cut batting from the roll to fit each quilt top project,
- pin some quilts ready for quilting.

Other tasks that need doing:

- Quilting of quilts
- Making up bindings (because it's very handy to have rolls of different coloured bindings to have on hand to get those quilted quilts finished off!)
- Sewing bindings onto quilts
- Or you may wish to look through the Gift Quilt fabric that will be there and

curate some co-ordinating fabrics that could be made into a quilt top.



## Part 2 – Afternoon

In the afternoon we will have a bit of fun and run a Jelly Roll Race! If you've not done one of these before, there are a lot of videos that demonstrate. It's a good idea to get familiar with the methods before you come along and give it a try. Check out the videos below:

[Sew Yeah – 2-hour Jelly Roll Race with a Twist](#)

[Make a Jelly Roll Race with Jenny Doan](#) (There's also a 2 and 3 version!)



You can be a team of one, or have a partner to help make things a bit easier – it's over to you. You'll need a sewing machine, plenty of thread, scissors, and of course a Jelly Roll and any co-ordinating fabric if you want to add highlights. We have a couple of Jelly Rolls donated to Gift Quilts that need making up. However, I'm sure there are a few Jelly Rolls in members' stashes that are volunteering themselves to be part of the race!

Please let either myself or Prue Cooke-Willis know with a short email or text if you plan on coming to the Workday for part or all of the day. Give us an idea on which tasks you'd be happy to do, and if you want to participate in the Jelly Roll Race.

Bring your tools for what you'd like to work on – Sewing machine, rotary cutter and board, iron, sewing and quilting necessities, etc, but most importantly - your creative brain!

We'll have tea and coffee available but bring your own lunch or purchase from one of the local eateries. It's going to be a fun day of working together towards creating special quilts for children in our communities through Whare Manaaki and Te Whare Tiaki Wahine Refuge. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

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## Retreats

**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.

**Also the Silverstream Retreat is on Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th August. Unfortunately there is a slight price increase which we've had to pass on.** A reminder form and needs list will be forwarded to those attending during the week prior to the retreat. The increased costs are as follows:

For the whole weekend:

- Members from \$200.00 to \$205.00
- Non members \$210.00 to \$212.00

Saturday lunch only:

- members will be \$31.00
- and non members \$36.00

Saturday lunch only and dinner only:

- Members will be \$58.00
- and non members \$63.00

Special dietary requirements \$8.00 per day extra.

### MARK THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARIES

2024 Mini Retreats	26-27 July 2024 (Form attached to email) 22-23 November 2024
2024 Full Retreat	23-25 August 2024 (Please note this is earlier than previously advertised)

## Bus Trip – Saturday, 3 August

**Get your name down at our next meeting for the bus trip (cost \$35.00) coming up on the first Saturday of August. Lisa will make sure we have 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

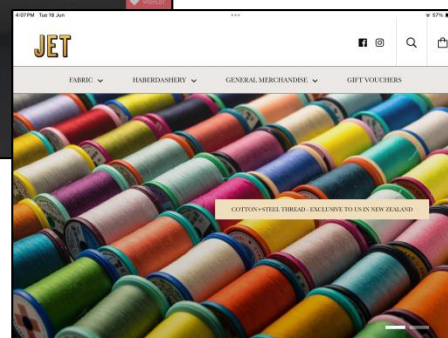
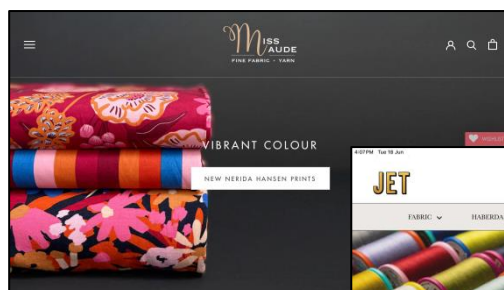


## Greytown

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

## Return

- Drop off Upper Hutt Train Station
- Drop off Plimmerton

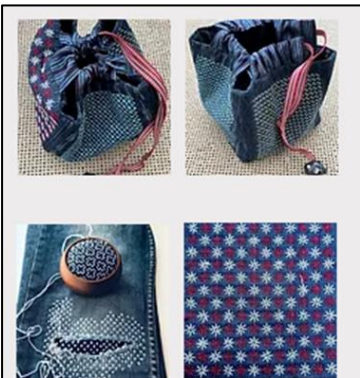




## Classes

There was a variety of quilts being worked on at the finish up class on Saturday 15 June. Binding was being done on a quilt for a 60th birthday present, quilts for Grandchildren, someone was working on a quilt started in 2016, another was working on a quilt with small houses, and of course plenty of Di's unfinished quilts. A good day was had by all with plenty of laughs, gossip, and stitching.



## Classes Coming Up

Date	Class Name	Description	Payment Code
20 July	<b>Komebukuro Bag (Rice Bag) – Clare Smith</b> 	Learn how to do 'One Stitch Sashiko' and turn your stitching into a Komebukuro bag (rice bag). Participants will explore a range of different one stitch sashiko stitches in class then complete the panels at home ready to return and complete the bag construction in a second class. The stitched panels could also be used to make pincushions and these are quick to make and make great gifts.	BagCl

17 August	<b>Bear Paws – Di Barnden</b> 	Small Lap Quilt can be made with one colour or several. Go hunting in your stash to see what gems you can uncover.	BearPs
21 September	<b>Christmas Stocking – Cherie Gurney</b> 	<p>Have a day of creative fun making your very own Christmas stocking. Choose from either the Black Christmas Tree Stocking kit or the Gold and Silver Stars Kit (included in the kit is a prequilted Christmas stocking, embroidery floss, tape and cord). You will learn how to paint fabric, handstitch text and join all the components together by machine stitching to finish off. Fabric paint and paint brush supplied by tutor.</p> <p>Note: Kit is supplied by tutor at a cost of \$40.00</p>	Xmas
16 November	<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 (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.

July 2024		August 2024	
<b>Hall:</b>	Lindy McKeown	<b>Hall:</b>	Lindy McKeown
<b>Kitchen:</b>	Denise Daniel Janice Emeny	<b>Kitchen:</b>	Margaret McLeod Patricia Fouhy
<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>	Marg Jorgensen	<b>Raffles</b>	Janet Swan
<b>Quilt Holders:</b>	Lisa Avery Di Barnden	<b>Quilt Holders</b>	Hannie van Cruchten Pauline Proctor
<b>Frames</b>	Alz and Janine Armstrong	<b>Frames</b>	Alz and Janine Armstrong
<b>Library:</b>	Helen Westerbeke	<b>Library:</b>	Marie Finkle

## 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

In accordance with our constitution, the Committee determines the annual subscription for Coastal Quilters and the Treasurer brings a remit to the AGM for approval. The Committee has decided to increase the annual subscription to \$30 per full year to cover the increases in our costs, like hall hire, magazines, refreshments.

As we have now moved into the new financial year, we are now okay to start accepting your subscriptions. Thank you.

### 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

Nicky Gardner	President	04 232 2805
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Lindy McKeown	Newsletter Editor	021 2800 315
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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
<b>Off Committee Roles</b>		
Vacancy	Block of the Month	
Maree Le Comte	Librarian	04 232 4425
Prue Cooke-Willis	Membership and Gift Quilts	027 337 3493



A small detail of Ruth's work in progress.



Lorraine, our May speaker and Catherine from Pinestream Quilters



## Bobbin Tension

If your machine is having tension problems and nothing seems to help, it may be the tension regulator on the bobbin case that's causing the issue. The bobbin tension may be either too loose or too tight. Check this tip out:

<http://quiltingdigest.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/bobbin-tension-trick.htm.pdf>



Raffle which will be on sale at July Club Meeting – contributions will go towards St Vincent de Paul

### Raffles:

We have two raffles this year:

\$5 per ticket or  
\$20 per book of 5.

## Raffle 1

Prize is a  
Bernina 475QE

The proceeds will help with the running costs  
of the Symposium.



## Raffle 2

Prize is a beautiful quilt called  
Carousel Medallion Quilt

Designed by Alison Glass,  
pieced by four of our guild members and  
quilted by Donna Vlied.

Proceeds from this raffle go to the

Cambridge Lifeskills Trust,

Who provide complimentary counselling services  
to the 13 public schools in the Cambridge  
District.



There are 4000 tickets in each raffle and we would very much appreciate some help to sell  
these. We will be contacting guilds shortly to ask for help.

Georgina will have raffle tickets for both  
Symposium raffles - the Bernina machine and the  
quilt at our next quilt day.



## SUGGESTIONS OR CONTRIBUTIONS?

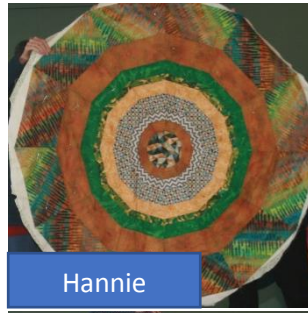
Have you any ideas for a class, project, book or speaker? Please speak with one of our committee or put your ideas into the Suggestion Box on the table in the front foyer. We welcome any suggestions.



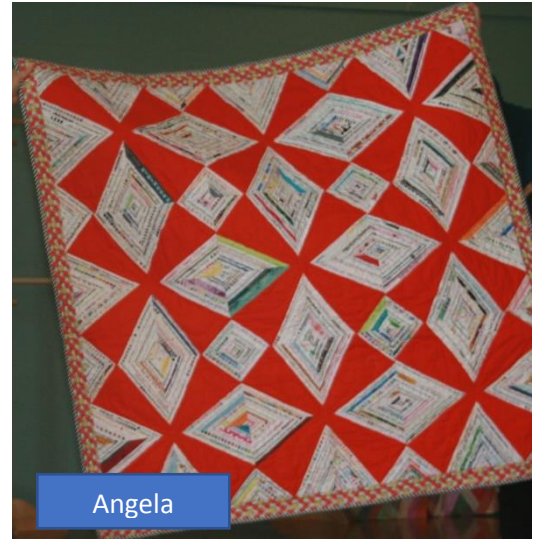
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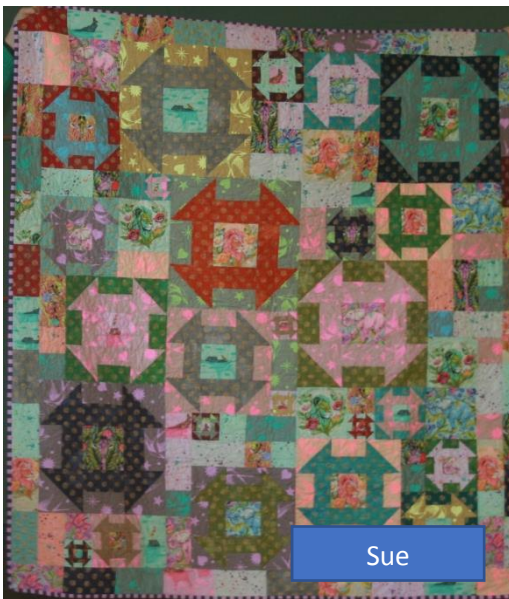
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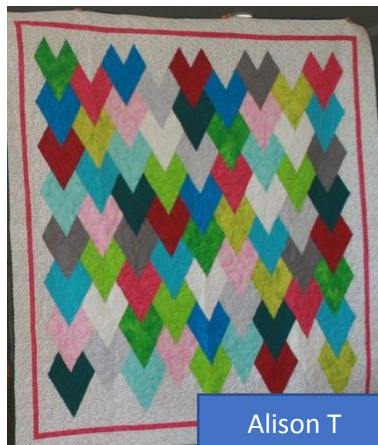
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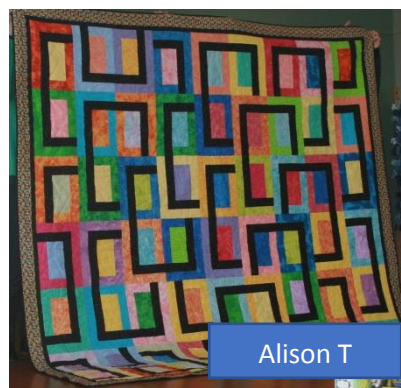
Alison T



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Trish



Alison T



Marge





What a star! Fantastic jacket Prue made from a blanket in a Anna Hick's class. Looks very smart Prue.



Alison S



BOM – enough for 2 quilts. Thank you everyone for your contributions.

Beautiful gift quilts.





Coastal Quilters Events Calendar 2024		
From now	Until 7 July	<b>Boro—Timeworn textiles of Japan</b> , Pip Steel collection, Te Manawa Museum, Palmerston North
June	<b>29</b>	<b>Gift Quilt Workday</b>
	<b>28-30</b>	<b>Taupo Quiltmakers' Exhibition</b> , Great Lake Centre, Story Place, Taupo; open 10am-4pm Fri-Sat, 10am-3pm Sun; entry \$5
July	<b>5-6</b>	<b>Auckland Quiltmakers Show &amp; Market</b> , Mt Albert War Memorial Hall, 773 New North Rd, Mt Albert; open 10am-4pm; entry \$5
	<b>6</b>	<b>Club Meeting (AGM) (Please note this is a week earlier than our normal monthly meeting)</b> <b>Speaker: Clare Smith and Lisa Avery</b>
	20	<b>Class: Komebukuro Bag (Rice Bag)</b> , Clare Smith
	26-27	<b>Mini Retreat</b>
August	3	<b>Club Bus Trip to the Wairarapa</b> , Lisa Avery – Cost \$35.00
	10	<b>Club Meeting</b> <b>Guest Speaker: Gillian Green</b>
	17	<b>Class: Bear Paws</b> , Di Barnden
	23-25	<b>Full Retreat, Silverstream</b>
September	14	<b>Club Meeting</b>
	21	<b>Class: Christmas Stocking</b> , Cherie Gurney
October	2-6	<b>Quilt Symposium – Cambridge High School – Registrations open</b>
	9	<b>Club Work Day</b>
November	9	<b>Club Day</b>
	16	<b>Class: Finish It</b> , Di Barnden
	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>