



Coastal Quilters

March 2025 Newsletter

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President's Piece

Well, how many sewing/quilting gadgets do you have? If anyone can 'outgadget' Judi Ferguson, our speaker in March I'd be surprised (but do let me know). The talk was an entertaining trip of reminiscences at the beginning as well as being an amazing collection of 'things that will be useful – one day'. The collection included many tools that we use and we probably have other gadgets that Judi didn't show us. I wonder how many were left behind at her house?

Our first mini retreat of the year in February was well attended and the first full retreat is early April. These are great opportunities to get some sewing done and to meet with other members of Coastal Quilters on a more informal level. I also enjoy the hints and tips that I pick up from more experienced quilters as well as being inspired by other's work.

Thank you to those who have been buying the kits donated by Bev Lowe. This has raised extra funds for the sales table and we have used some of the proceeds to buy a few metres of widebacks for our gift quilts. A lot of the fabric donated to the gift quilts are small pieces (being used for the block of the month) so having larger pieces for the backing is very helpful.

For a while the Committee has discussed the best forum for our online presence, hovering between a website versus social media. Our current website is old and difficult to use. We have decided to keep a website as, after exploration, realised that with an update we can set up online forms for classes/ retreats etc as well as having a modern look to the site. The changes will save the hassle of paper forms and make the job easier for those organising these events.

Now is the time of the year to start thinking of whether you would like to join the Committee. I will be stepping down as President at the AGM in July (the Constitution only allows a 2 year term) and other Committee resignations are expected. The more people we have the less each person has to do. Please talk to me or one of the current Committee members (yellow name tags) about what is involved.

Nicky



Sit and Stitch

Saturday, 22 March 2025

St Andrews Church Hall

Doors Open 10.00am

Club Day

Saturday, 12 April 2025

Plimmerton Hall, Sunset Parade,
Plimmerton

Doors Open 12.45pm

Speaker: Robyn Blandford

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2025 Speakers

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

Next Sit and Stitch

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

Mini Retreat

It seems ages ago since our first of three Mini Retreats has been, which I have to say was very successful with 18 people attending. Thank you to everyone who attended and making our first Mini Retreat fun.

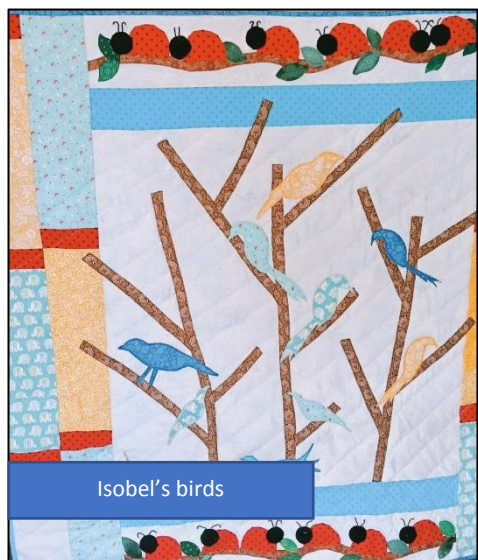
This time there were more machine sewers than hand stitchers which gave the people who were hand stitching ample room to spread their project. As always there were a number of different projects on the go 'bird sewing' seemed to be very popular this time. With all the chatter and laughter going on a few people did manage to get their projects finished.

Once again everyone contributed yummy food and a big thanks to Lesley for making sure we kept being nourished during the day with morning and afternoon tea, also made sure we would all sit down for a shared lunch and dinner.

Hannie

Just a note:

Silverstream Retreat is coming up first weekend in April Fri.4/Sun.6, so far there are 10 people attending for the whole weekend and 3 people on the Saturday only, hopefully there will be a few more attending.



Isobel's birds



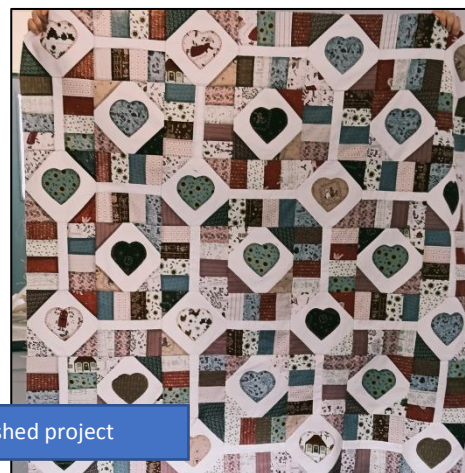
Christmas placemats



Birds – in progress



Gadget holder



Finished project

Mark these following mini retreats in your diary.

- 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

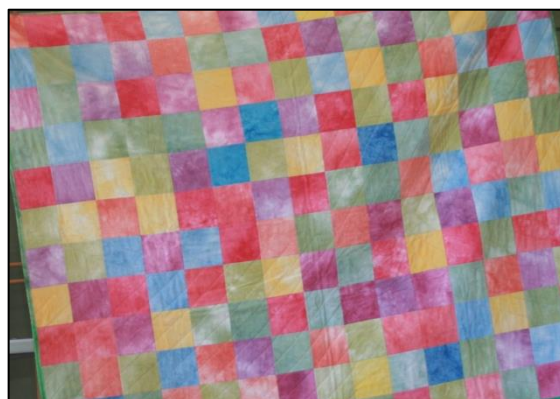
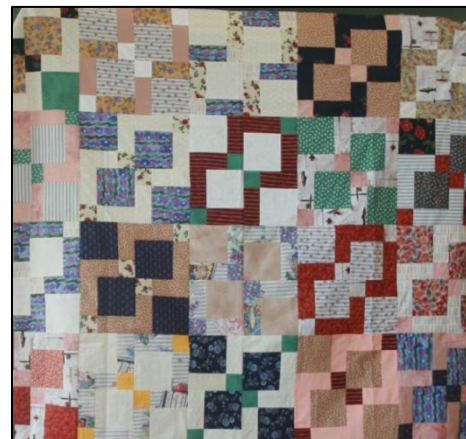
Gift Quilts

Thank you to those of you who've donated quilts, quilt tops and fabric for Gift Quilts recently. Along with those donating items to the sales tables which contributes to purchasing batting and backings for completing quilts. The year is getting off to a great start.

Our annual Work Day is scheduled for Saturday 5 July, so pop that in your calendars. Again, our focus will be on getting quilts quilted or ready for quilting. We'll also try another challenge in the afternoon. This is still in the planning phase, however, so if you've ideas, please come and see me.

As we know, contributing to Gift quilts is voluntary. If you've taken a GQ project home to work on, and you feel that you've had it for a while and it's not going to progress, or it's taking up room (physically or mentally) please return it to either Prue or I. There will always be another person who can pick up the mantle and continue, so there is no pressure at all.

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



Block of Month

Here are February's completed blocks which were handed in. March's BOM (Love Knot) was emailed earlier if you didn't get a chance to pick a packet up at the meeting and is also attached again .

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

A reminder: If you're planning on attending any class can you please remember to fill in a class booking sheet first, then pay for the class. We've had a couple of instances where members have paid for a class but haven't registered on the class list and we've found ourselves slightly embarrassed! Luckily this has worked out ok but in future please make sure to register on the class list. Thank you.

Zero-Waste Jackets class held on 16 March

On Saturday we had our Zero-Waste Jackets class with Anna Hicks – the doors were opened on time and we were ready for class @ 9.30 a.m. – and what a class it was. When Anna started showing her jackets there were “ohs” and “aahs” and “ow wow” being murmured around the room.

The first task – pick which jacket you liked and then we would start on the prototype first with a sheet or some “non blanket” material. Once the prototype was finished and we could see what it looked like – it was time for the cutting in to the blankets / quilts – which ever the class had bought for their jacket.

We had a class of 13 – pretty full – but thanks to a few helpers we managed to set up cutting tables outside (and thank goodness the weather was OK – except for the wind – which blew things around a bit) but hey we are quilters and we can accommodate most things.

Anna was/is a great tutor as I watched her go from one attendee to the next and was very aware of the style that each person was making and the extra length, curve or what was necessary to make their jacket.

At the end of the day it was photo time and a few “prototype” photos have been put up and then the group photo of “nearly” finished jackets. It really was a great class and well worth it - and would love to have Anna come back and do another class or even come as a guest speaker on Zero-Waste garments.

Thank you team for being a great class.



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.

Date	Class Name	Description	Payment Code
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	This flat zip pouch is ideal for storing your patchwork and other craft projects . One side of the pouch is quilted and the other side is clear vinyl or mesh fabric allowing you to see what's inside. The pouch can be made any size you like. The pouch measures 10 x 14 inches.	ProBag
20 Sept	Diana Carroll to be confirmed		
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.

Library

Here are the latest Quilting Arts and Homespun magazines we have received:



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.

April 2025		June 2025	
Hall:	Lindy McKeown	Hall:	Lindy McKeown
Kitchen:	Marie Finkle Sue Haynes	Kitchen:	Christine Gibbs Margaret McLeod
Sales:	Jean Corin Verena Coleman Denise Field Nicola Drake	Sales:	Jean Corin Verena Coleman Denise Field Nicola Drake
Raffles	Mary Hutchinson	Raffles	Helen Westerbeke
Quilt Holders:	Sharon Ferguson Raewyn French	Quilt Holders	Marilyn Piercy Dianne Traveller
Frames	Alz and Janine Armstrong	Frames	Alz and Janine Armstrong
Library:	Annette Veitch	Library:	Marg Jorgensen

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

Nicky Gardner	President	021 0711 571
Alison Spurdle	Vice President and Gift Quilts Coordinator	027 3062 822
Denise Daniel	Treasurer	021 433 647
Moira Butterfield	Secretary and Archives/Librarian Liaison	021 0345 580
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
Off Committee Roles		
Maree Le Comte	Librarian	04 232 4425
Prue Cooke-Willis	Membership and Gift Quilts	027 337 3493



Club Day Raffles

We'll have more \$25 vouchers included in our April club day raffles, from Thimbles and Threads. Lucky winners from March were Catherine Doughty, Lindy McKeown, Marilyn Piercy and Alison Spurdle.

"I will NOT buy any more fabric, until I've used up what I have on hand" I said.



Then I laughed...and laughed...and laughed!

Sound familiar?

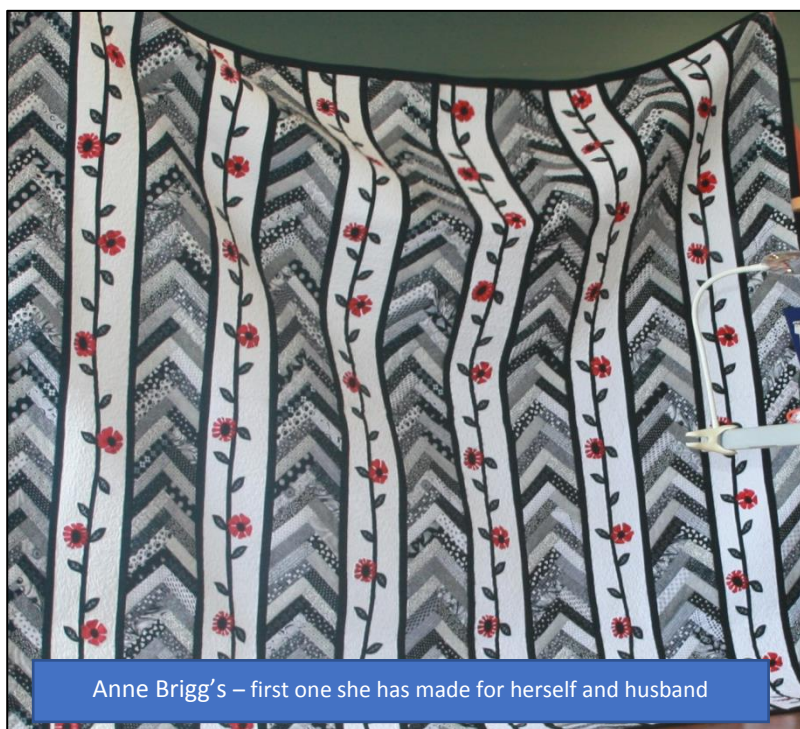
Show and Tell



Marg's



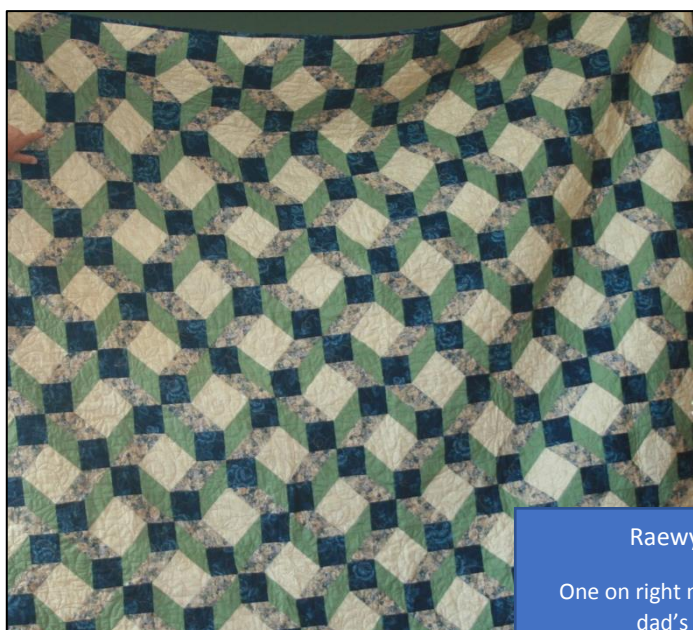
Isobel's



Anne Brigg's – first one she has made for herself and husband



Alison T's

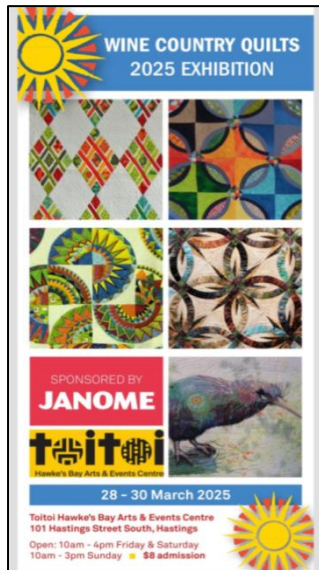


Raewyn French x 2

One on right made with ties for her dad's 90th birthday.



A new craft shop has opened up in Palmerston North (see details below):



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

Check out this site for fun Easter Projects:
slightlybiasedquilts.com
10 amazing bunny patterns to make this Easter



Coastal Quilters Events Calendar 2025		
March	22	Sit and Stitch , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	25-6 April	Response Exhibition , Hutt Art Society, 9-11 Myrtle St, Lower Hutt
	28-30	Wine Country Quilts , Toitoti, Hawkes Bay Arts and Events Centre, Hastings, Entry \$8
	29 – 24 April	Creating Connections , Quilts and Textile Art, Toi Poneke Gallery (see notice earlier), Toi Poneke Gallery 61/69 Abel Smith St, Te Aro, Wellington, Weekdays 10-8.00pm, Weekends 10-4.00pm
April	4-6	Full Retreat, Silverstream
	12	Club Meeting , Plimmerton Hall (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 Hall
	16-18	The Great NZ Quilt Show 2025, Christchurch
	17	Quilted Bags, Clare Smith , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	23-25	Positively Patchwork Whakatane , The Art House, Short St, Whakatane, 10-4.00pm Gold coin entry
	24	Sit and Stitch , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
June	14	Club Meeting , Plimmerton Hall
	27-28	Mini Retreat , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
July	5	Gift Quilt Work Day , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	12	Club Meeting & AGM Plimmerton Hall
	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 Hall
	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
	31- 2 Nov	Auckland Festival of Arts , Auckland Netball Centre, 7 Allison Ferguson Drive, St Johns, Auckland \$10
November	8	Club Meeting , Plimmerton Hall
	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

