



VIEWERS' CHOICE

Elkington Park

Congratulations to
Catherine Butterworth





SA Quilters

I-Patch

A Focus on Quilting



Hello Everyone,

I can hardly believe that here I am writing to you for December I-Patch, the year has gone by in the blink of an eye.

It has been a busy year for SA Quilters with many volunteers involved to make it all run smoothly. I'd like to say thank you to each and every one of you. I really appreciate the support I have received over the year to enable me to do my job. From my amazing and dedicated

Leadership Team, the Team Leaders and their teams plus all the others who work quietly in the background. Thank you all.

Once again you, our members, stepped up to the plate to support our chosen charity for 2022, Catherine House. Tote bags arrived from all over the state with the final total being 1327, way more than I imagined we would collect.

At the December meeting an incredible array of other items were donated to help Catherine House service their clients. I know that Amy Simons was somewhat overwhelmed by the support and \$1119 was raised when we passed the hat around. Thank you everyone.

We recently received a certificate of appreciation in thanks from Chrissy Quilts, SA Quilters is happy to help where ever we can.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, see you all again next year.

Until next time,

Stay safe and happy quilting

Heather

Heather Ford, President, SA Quilters

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Heather (left) and Amy (right)

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SA Quilters News and Information

SA QUILTERS - MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, 2nd February 2023

Doors open at 7.15pm for an 8.00pm start

Burnside Community Centre Hall

Welcome address: President, Heather Ford
Guest Speaker: First Place winners - Festival of Quilts 2022
Shop: YP Quilting Fabrics - **Web Site:** [YP Quilting Fabrics](#)
Community Raffle Quilt: Biggest Morning Tea Quilt
Fat Quarter Raffle: Blues
Show and Tell: First Place winners from previous Festival of Quilts
Library: Available for borrows and returns

Kitchen open for tea and coffee. Please bring a clean cup.

SA QUILTERS - DAYTIME MEETING

Wednesday, 15 February 2023

Doors open at 12.45pm for an 1.30pm start

Burnside Community Centre Hall

Welcome address: President, Heather Ford
Guest Speaker: Second Place winners - Festival of Quilts 2022
Shop: Sew Focus - **Web Site:** [Sew Focus](#)
Community Raffle Quilt: Biggest Morning Tea Quilt
Fat Quarter Raffle: Reds
Show and Tell: Second Place winners from previous Festival of Quilts
Library: Available for borrows and returns

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SA QUILTERS - DAYTIME MEETING IMPORTANT NOTICE

I am sorry to have to tell you that day meetings are on the line, hanging by a thread. We will have two more day meetings in 2023, February and May and if attendance does not improve we will have to make a very hard decision.

It is not just the financial side of things that we have to consider but the significant number of volunteer hours spent organising the meetings. It's also the time the shops spend to pack up and, in some cases, travel considerable distances to attend a meeting, for possibly not much return, as well as the efforts of the guest speakers to prepare for their presentation.

In real numbers, excluding the Leadership Team, attendance is very low.

Heather Ford
President, SA Quilters



SA QUILTERS MERCHANDISE IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Leadership Team have taken time to consider the merchandise available at meetings and have decided that we will no longer stock items for sale other than the blue quilt bags used for Festival of Quilts. A significant amount of money and volunteer hours is tied up in keeping this going with minimal interest from members. There are some calico bags which will be sold off, but new items will not be purchased at this stage.

SA Quilters News and Information

NEW FEE STRUCTURE

Over the last six months and more the Leadership Team has wrestled with the disparity between the benefits of being an individual member and an affiliate member or even a non-member of SA Quilters. In order to give our individual members more benefits we have decided that in 2023 the fees paid by affiliate and non-members, to avail themselves of what SA Quilters has to offer, will increase. There are no fee increases for individual members but slight increases for affiliate and non-members. The new fee structure is available on the website and is published here in I-Patch this month.



SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

Scholarship & Grants were put on temporary hold in 2020 and then reactivated in July this year when applications opened with an announcement to be made at the December meeting. Country grant applications that were submitted by November 2022 for consideration were evaluated and merited to:

- * Bridge Patches & Quilters from Murray Bridge - \$500
- * Golden Harvest Quilters from Minlaton - \$400
- * Inman Quilters from Inman Valley – \$250
- * Sew Together from Laura - \$300
- * Tumby Bay Quilting Group - \$500
- * Vine Patch Quilters from Tanunda - \$250

A total of \$2200 was allocated.

We thank the groups for their applications and congratulations to those groups who have received a Country Grant for 2022.

We will now revert to our normal time frame, with applications closing on April 1 in any year with successful applications announced at the May AGM in any year. Details on who qualifies and how to apply for both scholarships and country grants are on the website. [GRANTS](#) [SCHOLARSHIPS](#)

Julie Symons, Vice President SA Quilters.

Congratulations to the 2022 Festival of Quilts Raffle and Competition winners

1st Prize—*Flight of Fancy* quilt. Made by Jenny Tulley and Lessa Siegele and quilted by Kerry-Anne Burrows. Winner was Peggy Argent.

2nd Prize—*Bernina B325* sewing machine donated by Bernina Australia. Winner was Kathleen Rossini.

BERNINA
made to create

Sponsors Competition Winner was Halina McGregor.



SA Quilters Fee Schedule



Annual Membership		1 st January – 31 st December
Individual	\$60	Payments will be accepted from the November SA Quilters meeting, valid until 31 st December the following year. All benefits and privileges of SA Quilters membership. Eleven issues of I-Patch
Associate	\$30	Same address as individual member, no I-Patch, no vote
Junior	\$20	Age to 18, with I-Patch, no vote
Full time Student	\$20	18 – under 25 (at 1 st December), with I-Patch, no vote, adult entry fee for Festival of Quilts competition
Affiliated Group	\$60	Minimum fee with I-Patch, one group vote
Plus Affiliates	\$ 6	Per person per year – insurance for non-SA Quilters members of affiliated groups. No individual vote, with I-Patch
Group Exhibition	\$50	Extends the SA Quilters insurance to cover group exhibition
Appraisals	\$20	Members
	\$30	Affiliated members
	\$50	Non-members
Workshops		Fees set by Workshops team with affiliate members to pay a premium of \$20, non-members a premium of \$40
Sit and Sew and Modern Mix Quilters	\$10	Members
	\$20	Affiliate members
	\$30	Non-members
Guild Meetings		<u>Everyone</u> must sign the attendance sheet
Member/Associate	\$ 3	Entry each meeting
Visitor	\$10	Maximum of three visits before requiring membership, includes 3 raffle tickets and bottle of water
Members of Affiliated Groups	\$ 10	Maximum of three visits before requiring individual membership
Juniors	No charge	Members and visitors
Student	No charge	Full time student under 25 (members and visitors) show membership card
Raffles	\$ 2	Book of three tickets
Tea/Coffee	No charge	Complimentary
Library	7 Books	To be returned at following SA Quilters meeting (members) Groups by arrangement with the Librarian
Other		
Frame Hire	Fees	\$150 bond; \$30 per bag hire; Minimum hire fee \$130
Festival of Quilts	\$15	Entry fee per quilt for individual members
	\$20	Entry fee per quilt for affiliate members
Half year membership	\$30	Available from July SA Quilters meeting to cover the remainder of the year to 31 st December. ONLY available to new members or those returning after an absence of at least two years

SA Quilters News and Information



SA QUILTERS—2023 MEMBERSHIP

Thank you for being members of this wonderful organisation which celebrates the art of quilting. The SA Quilters membership year runs from January to December each year. Therefore, our membership for 2022 is coming to an end. We encourage you to renew your membership so that you can continue to enjoy being part of this dynamic and fun group.

If you are unsure of your membership details or expiry date, please contact me on

membership.saquilters@gmail.com and I will respond quickly to your enquiry.

You can find full details on how to renew your membership on the membership page on the SA Quilters web site at <http://www.saquilters.org.au/membership.htm> and select either individual or group (whichever is applicable to you).

After the last couple of years with that pesky Covid pandemic, it feels great to be getting back to normal and there are lots of exciting things planned for 2023, so I hope to see you there.

Regards

Kathleen Rossini

Membership Secretary

REILY FOUNDATION

I have recently been contacted by the CEO of the Reily Foundation Inc. a not for profit organisation. The Foundation was established to provide support, advocacy and psychoeducation to parents navigating the child protection system. They run "Showing up for your Kids" workshops which run over 4 weeks each school term.

"Our mums in 90% of the cases over the last 12 months have been survivors of domestic violence and it has been the leading cause of children being removed from their care. The workshop that we provide to these mums helps them to understand the child protection concerns but also how to build on their capacity so they can best support their children who now need to reside outside of their care. Our aim is to be working with mums to build their capacity so that where it is safe and beneficial for their children, they can return home. One of our workshop days is about how to engage with your children in contact. Contact is usually supervised in a Department for Child Protection room, which is quite small and very limited in active engagement. It is about trying to get the parent to normalise the experience as much as possible even though the room is not ideal. We do this by setting the scene of a picnic where the mum is very deliberate in the things she brings from the same rug/quilt that comes each time, to the colour bowls to the type of food.

Our hope is that your volunteers would see the importance of this part of the workshop in rebuilding the connection between mother and child(ren) and would like to supply up to 15 quilts each workshop which we run 4 times per year. "

The quilts would need to be 50" to 60" square and bright and colourful to appeal to the children.

If any individuals or groups would like to be involved in supplying these quilts please contact me. There might be some grant funding available to support the purchase of wadding for this project.

Heather Ford

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SA Quilters News and Information

Thank you to all our wonderful SA Quilters who made tote bags and contributed items and funds to support Catherine House. Below is a response from Catherine House to your generosity and a photo of some of the tote bags filled for Catherine House clients. Thank you, SA Quilters, you have certainly made a difference.

I would like to sincerely thank you for your recent donation and the incredible In Kind donation of over 1,300 Tote Bags plus toiletry and household items to support women experiencing homelessness.

As South Australia's only women's homelessness service, our focus is not only to provide crisis and longer term accommodation and support, but ensure every woman has the opportunity to recover from what has led her into homelessness.

Your gift of compassion means that women have the opportunity make a positive change in their lives by accessing support services, education, wellbeing activities, employment opportunities and housing support.

Just Amazing! Thank you so much and Merry Christmas to all.

Jalee Cooper

Manager - Philanthropy and Engagement



Update From Our Comfort Quilts Group.....

We have finally had time to sort out the mounting number of quilts in various stages of completion and would like you all to know how much our group has been able to get done over the past 5 months.

You might need to sit down to take all of this in.

21 completed quilts

6 quilts ready to be sandwiched

2 need to be trimmed and bound

4 out being quilted

1 ready to be quilted

20 needing borders etc to added

That's 54, I am totally amazed. We are so proud and humbled by our little group of quilters and thank you all for your contributions.

Cheers,

Kate, Jan and Sue



On behalf of SA Quilters' Leadership Team and the many Volunteers, we wish all of our members a joyous Christmas, a happy and healthy New Year and lots of quilting fun in 2023!

The Claytons Girls: 30 Years On

Lessa Siegele and Faye Packham, along with Lorraine Cocker, Roma Good, Michele Hill, Margie May, Vicky Murphy, Deb Nichol, Val Pedder, Helen Sparkman, and Kay Wilson are the Claytons Committee.

It is thirty years since Lessa and friends formed a committee to organise the Guild's annual week long live in quilt camp, Quilt Encounter.

During this time our committee has also organised fund raising events for charities assisting our family members – Lessa's mum at Resthaven, and Faye's daughter Lauren at Ashford Special School and later, Bedford Group. For many years Guild members and friends enjoyed the annual quilt display in Lessa's spacious garden.

In 2008 the committee began holding Mystery Quilt Workshops. Participants were provided patterns and quilt kits cut from our fabric stash. In our first year we raised \$16,000. Three hundred quilters attended the last of our "big" events in 2014 and we raised \$104,000.

Ten years ago we were pleased to have Kerry Brand and her merry helpers take over Quilt Encounter so that we could "retire".

Well, actually to concentrate on fund raising for Bedford. So the original Quilt Encounter Committee became the Claytons Committee – the committee you have when you don't want to be on a committee!

Since that year we have sent kits all over Australia and we have conducted over 100 Bedford Days for city and country groups in South Australia and interstate.

Total funds raised is now \$350,000.

To achieve this, our statistician Roger Siegele reckons we have

- * cut 7,000 kits
- * 17,500 meters of fabric

Phew! That's a lot of fabric in and out of the Siegele's garage. And all generously donated.

The money we have raised has been used by the Bedford Group to fund several projects. These include a dance and music studio, art room, pottery, kitchen, and outdoor space with raised garden beds, seating and shade sails.

The Bedford group provides employment opportunities for people with disability and day options for clients unable to work. Recently we were treated to a tour of the facilities we have helped fund – we met and were entertained by some remarkable and enthusiastic young people. A dance performance was followed by morning tea.

You can see the choir in action if you google [This is Me, a Bedford Music Production](#). Forty talented Bedford artists recently exhibited their work during SALA and their work can be seen and purchased at the Mitcham Library.

So now the Claytons Committee is retiring, at 93 we reckon Roma deserves a rest. We'll continue to meet and to be makers. Roger has kept an impressive photographic record of the 2,000 plus quilts we've now made for various charities.

We are so grateful for Roger's support and patience, and for Kym Packham so willingly packing the truck with Faye's boxes of kits and "stuff". As Vas at Bedford said: "behind every great woman ...!"

Many people have kindly supported us along the way, bought a kit, donated fabric, organised a workshop; and we have enjoyed the journey.

We thank each and everyone of you because without your support we couldn't raise these much needed funds for BEDFORD.

Cheers, the Claytons Girls.



During our December meeting, President Heather Ford, presented Faye (left) and Lessa (right) with flowers in acknowledgement of their amazing contribution.

Thank you both!



Festival of Quilts Heralded A Success



Festival of Quilts 2022
'Done to Denim'
Friday 11 to Sunday 13 November 2022
Adelaide Convention Centre
In association with the Australian Machine Quilting Festival



The 2022 Festival of Quilts was held in conjunction with the Australian Machine Quilting Festival and accolades have been received from all quarters.

With the **"Done to Denim"** theme, brainchild of Anne Marie Serrano, the entrance featured denim bunting. Adriana Newton's **"Snow Country"**, which won Best of Show, and Chris O'Brien's **"Afternoon Delight"**, Best of Show Runner up, flanked the entrance.

Quilter in Residence, Cindy Massey, also known as the **"Queen of Scraps"**, was a popular attraction, with people always around her, like bees around a honey pot, to glean her tips and tricks.

With popular demonstrations and guided tours, a sold-out raffle (which raised \$3,520 for the Childhood Cancer Association), a great variety of shops with beautiful fabrics, patterns, haberdashery and, of course, quilting machines – all made a very successful event.

We sincerely thank our sponsors, especially Bernina and Otto for their generosity, providing a total of four Bernina sewing machines. Please note the sponsors listed in this issue of I-Patch. Congratulations to Halina McGregor who won the sponsorship competition gift basket.

Also, we thank all those people who attended AMQF, whether participating as students or visitors, because we need you for the Festival to continue.

Congratulations to all the entrants, even if you did not win a prize. The prize is to see your quilt on display for all to admire, to give inspiration and encourage others to create.

We look forward to staging another Festival later next year. Watch this space for news.



Welcome To The Newest Members of SA Quilters

- 5061 – Michelle White
- 5062 – Claire Freund
- 5063 – Kim Bradock
- 5064 – Joy Denver
- 5065 – Janette Haynes



Festival of Quilts Judges' Report

Victorian judge Chris Serong, Raelene Draheim, and myself arrived at the Convention Centre's Machine Quilting venue to the noise of beeping indoor mini trucks, the clanging of metal frames and the excited buzz of the 20 or so SA Quilters Exhibition Committee members, volunteers, family and friends. From 7.30am the team had set up a secure, furnished judging room and we were able to have a fresh pod coffee and snacks, ready to begin judging at 9.30 sharp.

I have to express my sheer amazement at the Festival of Quilts Committee, led capably by Convenor Ann Ewer, that they had negotiated such delightfully organised facilities in the most minimal of time. It is usual to judge in a private room adjacent to the venue, but this year was to be much more challenging all round. To those unfamiliar with the judging process, confidentiality agreements are signed by all present and the judges have timed segments that are suggested for each quilt in each category. This ensures that each quilt is closely viewed and given full consideration within its nominated category.

As a judge, it is an exciting time, as we read the category descriptors and have two viewings of every quilt. Each quilt is then appraised for its' strengths and sometimes, its weaknesses. EVERY quilt has due consideration and as a judge, this is the fun part. Taking a close look at:



*Julie, presenting her Judges
Commendation Award to Zara
Zannettino*

- * the workmanship; construction techniques, accuracy, squareness, the success of stitching/thread/stitch length, stitch consistency, neatness, finishing threads;
- * the quilting; use of batting, stitch length, tension of stitch both sides and the binding, corners and fullness;
- * the design strengths, the choices of fabric; its suitability to technique used or the fabric scale and pattern, fabric type; hand coloured or commercial, embellishment techniques explored, the variations of tone, the use of colour, the artistic interpretation of source; pattern or original design.

There is so much to consider. The next stage is to evaluate the quilts according to the category descriptor. This is tough as the elimination process is used to select each category's award-winning quilts.

Judges noted that this year it was very tough in ranking categories like 'Other Techniques'. Judges commented that 'ruthless decisions' were required to eliminate to the top three quilts. There were too many excellent quilts in many categories. As much as we wanted, it is just not possible to award every quilt. However, quilts from any/every category can be considered again for Special Awards and are placed in labelled piles. These include Best use of Colour, Retaining the Tradition, Bernina Amateur Encouragement Award, Hand Quilting Award, Stationary Machine Quilting, Frame Mounted Machine Quilting and First Time Entrant Award. Some quilts are nominated for multiple awards and these special awards are decided at the end of judging, so that every category has been viewed in full. Never an easy job.

The judging team noted a large amount of amateur and first-time entrants and they are to be congratulated for sharing their work with the wider community. We hope that you continue to be part of the SA quilting community and enjoy the benefits of such events.

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Festival of Quilts Judges' Report (continued)

There were a good variety and number of quilts that were hand pieced and we surmised that the lockdowns had contributed to this trend. Some beautiful and delicate workmanship here with stunning fussily cut fabrics providing gorgeous secondary patterning. Invariably, every judging report comments on quilts bindings; too thin, uneven widths, wobbly wavy edges, rough or uneven stitching, but in this competition, there were predominantly excellent bindings. Notable too were creative binding finishes which delighted the judges and confirmed a high level of workmanship. Striped bindings featured, or piped edges, decoratively stitched or embellished bindings and the techniques of two or three colour bindings. Very clever SA.

Covid 19 lockdowns were a time of online challenges too and SA quilters provided more than their share of such challenges. It was thus delightful to be able to see the variety of completed quilts from these responses to being locked down. Following this trend, the greater number of quilts that were delicately hand embroidered; embellished with multiple colour stitched motifs, provided the viewer many rewards when closely inspecting a quilt.

It was noted the lack of contenders for the 'Hand quilting'special award category. This trend that may be likely due to the extensive marketing of affordable machine quilting machines. Whilst beautiful hand stitching was incorporated in sashiko style quilt motifs and decorations, they were mostly surface only stitch, not quilted through all three layers. Of course, the nominations for Machine Quilting Excellence were vast and tough decisions again required by the judges to divide the very good from the excellent. Ruler use and frame guided quilting techniques featured and every year we see creative and more decorative styles and motifs appearing on quilts. The best were able to choose appropriate quilting designs, thread choices and patterns to suit and to compliment the quilt's style. There were excellent quilting examples and proficient stitching by both amateur and professional quilters, that in many created real visual excitement.

'Done to Denim' was the Challenge this year and the category attracted a small number of entries. Of note however was the variety of interpretations and prizes were awarded to both quilt making and a denim laptop bag. Of note was the use of recycled denim; cut, torn and frayed, showcasing the variety of different colours, prints and patterns available to the creative sewing artist.

Thank you for trusting us to work collaboratively, with respect, impartiality and confidentiality, in judging the best quilts on the day for each category and to highlight and honour the strengths of this SA quilting community.

Yours in quilting and in collaboration with the Judging panel.

Julie Haddrick



Kerry, from Bernina Australia, presenting Adriana Newton with her Best of Show Ribbon

For Sale: Grace SR-2 Quilting Frame

It comes with all but the pattern perfect template. It can take up to a king size quilt but can go down in size to lap quilts.

For specifications please visit:

<https://graceframe.ca/en/machine-frames/sr-2-frame>

\$1600 or nearest offer

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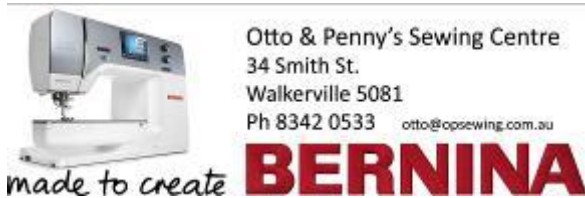
Festival of Quilts 2022

We wish to thank our sponsors for 2022.

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Allmake Sewing Machines	Stitching Matters Quilting Group	Two Green Zebras
Cynthia's Ark	Jenny's Sewing Centre Angaston	Logan's Fabrics

SA Quilters Meeting Notes

Thursday
16 November 2022

President, Heather Ford, welcomed members and guests to the final SA Quilters daytime meeting for 2022.

News from around the Groups:

- Riverland Quilters get-together hosted by Baramera Lake Bonney Quilters - Saturday, 25 February 2023. See full details in this edition of I-Patch.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Festival of Quilts Convenor, Ann Ewer, announced the winner of the Viewer's Choice. The award went to Catherine Butterworth for her beautiful quilt, *Elkington Park* (see photo on front cover).

Shop:

Heather welcomed Judy from Cornerstone Creations and thanked her for bringing her shop to the meeting and for the donation of prizes for seven lucky raffle winners.

The lucky door prize was won by Gail Ward.

Guest speaker, Jacky Eyre, was introduced by Cindy Massey. Jacky has a love of Japanese fabric and design and she brought along a number of her quilts and beautiful traditional Japanese fabrics, include indigo dyed fabrics. She explained how she has used "tenegui" (Japanese hand towel) to enhance her quilts.



Jacky Eyre with her award winning quilts



Judy and her Team from Cornerstone Creations

Show and Tell:

The theme was Asian Quilts with three members displaying their quilts and projects.



Jackie

Cindy



Emilie



Cindy



SA Quilters Meeting Notes

Thursday
3 December 2022

President, Heather Ford, welcomed 140 members and guests to the SA Quilters final meeting for 2022.

Festival of Quilts:

Festival of Quilts Convenor, Ann Ewer, announced the winners of the FoQ raffle and the Sponsors Competition. (See Ann's report in this issue of I-Patch).

Shop:

Heather welcomed Cynthia from Cynthia's Ark, the shop for the evening. Cynthia travelled from Mallala and we thank her for donating raffle prizes to seven lucky

Special entertainment was provided by the amazing **Quiltets** who demonstrated (on stage) their technique in synchronised swimming. It was an hilarious performance enjoyed by all. You can find a video of the **Quiltets** in action [here](#).



Cynthia and her happy helpers from Cynthia's Ark



The Quiltets: L to R: Gaylene, June, Michael, Jackie, Cindy, Julie Peggy, Carolyn

Show and Tell had a Christmas theme



Jan - wall hanging



Jan



Julie - Amigurumi



Lara - quilt for Mum



Carol - Christmas quilt



Pip - Mildura Retreat



Lara - kawandi cushion



Carol - Christmas panel



Candy - Mildura Retreat

Workshops 2023

We have had a great year of workshops in 2022 – and we would like to say thank you to everyone, including our amazing teachers who participated in a workshop. I am sure if you came along, you had a fantastic time and learnt some new sewing techniques doing what you love - sewing, sharing the experience with other quilters, making new friendships and learning some new creative ideas. Creating items with sewing and quilting is a confidence booster. It is good for concentration and relaxation, and allows us to show our artistic side. Our right brain gets some exercise while producing endorphins and serotonin, so we feel great by the time we are done.

I think as quilters we all love to create beautiful things to nurture our own creativity and the creativity of those we gift our quilts to. Quilting keeps our minds strong. The math and intellectual challenges involved are great for our cognitive ability. Colour selection, determining fabric quantities needed, pattern following, problem solving – these are all great ways to keep our brains healthy – and best of all it is fun and as quilters we all love doing it.

The nature of quilting itself is extremely calming and is another example of the health benefits of quilting. The repetitive motions of quilting and sewing help to relax our brain, which lessens the flight or fight response triggered by stress. Quilting really is a wonderful remedy to quiet our busy minds. It is more than just a hobby—it is a part of what makes us, us.

Doing a workshop is a very rewarding experience – especially if you are trying something you have never done before. Please pick a workshop in 2023– choose something you have never done before and give it a go. You might think it is something you are not interested in trying, but you might surprise yourself.

We are going to have some wonderful workshops in 2023 with some very talented teachers. We are so lucky in South Australia as we have some of the most wonderfully talented teachers right here in our own State. Our workshops will include needle turn, embroidery, free motion quilting, Improv quilting, Kuwandi, applique, make a ruler bag (we all need them) and the list goes on.

Our teachers work tirelessly learning new techniques and constantly coming up with new ideas to keep us all interested – so let us join in and learn something new.

Please refer to the flyers on the next 4 pages for upcoming workshops.

These are just the first lot of workshops that we have planned – there are many more to come and we will share those workshops with you in February 2023 once the teachers and dates have been confirmed. Two that we can mention are:

Saturday 10/06/2023 – **Chris O'Brien – Free Motion Quilting – Intermediate** – extend on what you have already learnt, add to what you already know or try something new.

Date To Be Advised - **Bronwyn Cant – Improv – “Tell a Story”** – Bronwyn will assist you to bring out your Artistic ideas – and show you how to use layers of Bias tape in quilts.

We will hopefully include workshops later in the year with Wendy Hunt, Rachelle Denny, Sue Knuckey and Jill Radcliffe.

Please challenge yourself in 2023 and do a workshop and learn something you have never tried before you will not regret it. You will meet some wonderful teachers and make some wonderful new friends. The workshop Angels will be there to provide you with endless supplies of tea and coffee and yummy morning tea – and to help you enjoy your day.

If you are interested in doing any of these workshops – please email me ASAP to be added to the list:

workshops.saquilters@gmail.com

Fees for the workshops will be

\$85.00 for members \$105.00 for affiliate members

\$125.00 for non-members



Look forward to seeing you and share in your quilting journey with you – quilting is a part of what makes us – us.



ALL OVER QUILTING IDEAS FOR CHARITY QUILTS with Chris O'Brien

WHERE: Vermont Uniting Church Hall

576 Cross Road, South Plympton

WHEN: Saturday, 25 February 2023

TIME: 9.30am to 4.00pm

COST: \$ 85 SA Quilters members per session

\$105 Affiliate Group members per session



Chris O'Brien



Want to learn some strategies for quick and effective edge to edge quilting? In this workshop I will share with you some ideas and techniques for getting your community quilts quilted and bound (by machine!).

You will stitch out samples of designs that you can easily adapt to suit and range of quilt tops.

You may also like to bring along a completed community quilt top and we'll brainstorm ideas for getting it finished. I will have samples of quilted community quilts to

encourage, and hopefully inspire, you to *'have a go'*.



Go to the Workshops page on the Guild web site For details on how to register including application form. Click on [Workshops](#).



RULER BAG

with Heather Ford

WHERE: Vermont Uniting Church Hall
576 Cross Road, South Plympton

WHEN: Saturday, 4 March 2023

TIME: 9.30am to 4.00pm

COST: \$ 85 SA Quilters members per session
\$105 Affiliate Group members per session



Heather Ford



Under Heather's expert guidance you will make a ruler bag that is practical and useful to protect your rulers.

It has a front and back with a central compartment in which we put a sheet of corflute to keep it stiff to protect the rulers and mat. Short and long (over the shoulder) handles.

The large pocket stores a 17"x 24" mat (you can just see it poking out the top).

On the front there are three pockets. The bottom one stores a long 24"x 6½" ruler.

The top pocket is divided into two. The smaller one stores a 6½" x 6½" square ruler and the bigger one a 6½" x 12" ruler.

On the back there is a pocket (D in the photo) which will hold a 12½" x 12½" square ruler.

There are many other size rulers that can be stored in the many pockets.

A fantastic project suitable for all levels.



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BEGINNERS FREE MOTION QUILTING with Chris O'Brien

WHERE: Vermont Uniting Church Hall

576 Cross Road, South Plympton

WHEN: Saturday, 18 March 2023

TIME: 9.30am to 4.00pm

COST: \$ 85 SA Quilters members per session

\$105 Affiliate Group members per session



Chris O'Brien



In this information packed workshop you will develop some basic, but essential, free motion quilting skills that you can readily apply to your pieced and appliquéd quilt tops using your domestic or sit down long-arm machine.

I will share with you lots of tips and tricks that I have learnt in my own quilting journey. You will work on both a practise quilt sandwich as well as a pieced block sandwich so that you can apply your skills to the shapes that we typically use in our quilt making.



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FLOWERS ALWAYS

with Suzanne Gummow

WHERE: Vermont Uniting Church Hall

576 Cross Road, South Plympton

WHEN: Saturday, 13th May 2023

Saturday, 20th May 2023

TIME: 9.30am to 4.00pm

COST: \$ 85 SA Quilters members per session

\$105 Affiliate Group members per session



Suzanne Gummow



Flowers are wonderful to reproduce using fabric and you can achieve this in a very creative way in this workshop. You will learn to look at fabrics and colour in totally new ways to create flowers to suit your textile works or quilts. Fabric collage is a technique used for the flowers that can be developed almost spontaneously out of the love of the fabrics themselves and don't we love those fabrics?!! Have you ever wanted to create your very own original fabric? For the backgrounds a variety of techniques will be explored to suit your flowers.

Some of the techniques covered in this workshop will be basic design, raw edge applique, free machine embroidery/quilting and finishing techniques that will be required for your special fabric collage work.

Go to the Workshops page on the Guild web site For details on how to register including application form. Click on [Workshops](#).

Jen Kingwell Workshop

ALL ABOARD THE GREENSTONE BUS TO TORQUAY!

Join in this 4 day bus tour to Amitie Textiles in Torquay, Victoria.

Bus departs THE QUILTING ROOM 31st August 2023



\$750 per person*

Cost Includes:

- Bus & Trailer Hire**
- One day workshop with Jen Kingwell
- One day Sit'n'Sew, Amitie Textiles
- Shared Accommodation, 3 nights Torquay Tropicana Motel
- Lunches and morning teas @ Amitie Textiles
- Workshop Kit "More Glitter" Cushion using Jen's new fabric range Greenstone
- Quilt Shop Hop along the way

For Bookings Contact Helen Campbell 0411 417 087 email:
thequiltingroom@aapt.net.au

Or Visit www.thequiltingroom.com.au



* Upgrades to single accommodation will be considered on application. Additional costs will be covered by the individual

** Petrol is not included in the price due to fluctuating costs. This will be tallied and divided between travellers at end of the tour

Cindy and Jane Drop In On Jo Reardon

SA Quilters has an amazing diverse membership of men and women, all with their own unique knowledge, personalities, and friendships. One of those unique members is Jo Reardon. Jo doesn't like to be in the limelight, she works quietly in the background but really does make a difference. That is why I am proud to be a member of the SA Quilters and especially a friend to Jo Reardon.



Jo started her Patchwork and Quilting journey in the United States learning the traditional methods from the experts. Since returning to Australia, she joined the very active group, McLaren Vale Patchworkers. For the last 5 years she has been a member of the executive committee of SA Quilters working quietly in the background. She does like to follow the rules (ex-military) and we do make fun of her passion for orange fabrics and the fact that she is crazy about cows, but she is a true gem.

One thing about Jo is her enormous generosity. If there is a call out for tote bags, zippered pouches or charity quilts, Jo is there to help. Her generous donations are quite incredible when you think about it. Making over 100 pouches for Country Forum. Around 300 masks for the Filipino community in Sydney on the onset of the Covid pandemic. And there is the constant stream of charity quilts she loves to make for Flinders Kids. Jo loves to share her cooking at Sit and Sew, with her yummy brownies and liquorice slice. If everyone had a friend like Jo, the world would be a much better place. Love you, Jo.

Jane Polden



Jo and Cindy—always up for some mischief.



Jo is a regular at Sit and Sew Days and is prolific!



Jo receiving her 5 year Service Award from President Heather.

TO VIEW THE YOUTUBE VIDEO OF CINDY AND JANE'S VISIT WITH JO, PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#).

Correspondence from the Rose and Garden Expo

SA Quilters were recently invited to host their Festival of Quilts raffle quilt at the Rose and Garden Expo here in Adelaide. We sold a lot of raffle tickets at the event, including to Governor General and Mrs Hurley. We thought that our members would like to read the acknowledgement email that we have since received:

Good Afternoon Gaylene,

I want to thank you so much for your enthusiasm, patience, cooperation and working with me.

Your club showcased your group beautifully and I was so proud you were willing to be part of the Rose and Garden Expo 2022.

I am pleased the Governor General and Mrs Hurley stopped at your stand and bought raffle tickets, (I hope that made the club newsletter?).

Once again, thanks very much for being part of the Expo, it was much appreciated.

Kind regards

Penelope Schulz

Rose Society of SA

Christa and Dionne from the FoQ Committee





CORNERSTONE CREATIONS

Ready, Set and Sew Kits

Fabric kits that are pre-cut, ready to start sewing, with well illustrated instructions. A variety of designs that take away all the preparation, so that you can sit down and sew.

Various designs and sizes, ranging from 67 up to 75 inches square.



Amethyst Trails

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A great variety of pre-cuts and fabric bundles with a wide range of competitive prices.

Check out all the details on Judy's For Sale page.



Judy's retreats held at Bordertown in South Australia are ideal for a perfect quilting getaway.

Contact Judy by phone or email for more information and to book your group for

For the latest news follow Judy's blog
<http://newsfromjude.blogspot.com/>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT JUDY SIMCOCK

Phone: (08) 8752 0975

Mobile: 0411 092 402

Judy is an award-winning quilter with 21 years experience. Ask about



News From The Woodpatch Quilters

CARING HEART QUILT

At the monthly meeting of Woodpatch Quilters, Merlyn Clark was surprised indeed to receive a lovely Caring Heart Quilt in appreciation of her years of service to the group

Merlyn is the longest living member of the group, starting way back in 1988. Through the years she has been invaluable with her help and ideas. Merlyn was responsible for many tasks including ensuring birthday cards were given to members celebrating their birthday, helping wherever needed at exhibitions, lunches and other festive occasions.

Thank you Merlyn. You are a treasured member of Woodpatch Quilters. Your friendship and help throughout the years has been greatly appreciated.

Sue Medlow



News From The Chicago Quilters

Chicago Quilters of Kilburn meet every Wednesday and alternate Saturdays at the Kilburn Community Centre, 59 Gladstone Avenue, Kilburn. When first settled Kilburn was known as "Little Chicago" so our name is a nod to the suburb's past.

Although we are a small group, one of our goals is to help people within the community; in between our own projects we make quilts for local nursing homes as well as the Welcome House which provides assistance to refugees. We recently donated ten quilts to Treasure Boxes and have previously made isolette covers and baby quilts for hospitals.

In September we dedicated a week to making quilts for gifting - so many people wanted to contribute we ran out of tables! A lot of our "stash" is donated, and goes back to the community as warm, cosy quilts.

Newcomers are always welcome, just turn up with your latest project and join the chatter. Wednesday is from 10 until 3, Saturday is from 9 until 3. Fees are \$3 a week, this covers coffee and tea, and the occasional bus trip to quilt shows in nearby towns.

Contact Barb Mogridge on 0428 178 006 for more info.



Back From The Brink: Golden Harvest Quilters Display

Golden Harvest Quilters held a very successful biennial Display recently at the Minlaton 'Over 50s' (formerly Senior Citizens) Rooms, Minlaton. 'Quarantine Quilts' and Pandemic Patchwork', completed largely at the time of Covid isolation, were featured. 28 quilts made by 18 members were displayed. A variety of techniques were evident in this colourful display. Completed 'Quilt for Others' quilts were also displayed.



Pam Blythman



Nanette Chamberlain

Lace making, led by Pam Blythman and Nanette Chamberlain, intrigued many visitors. The Golden Pins Craft stall, and goods displayed by Julie Nixon from *A Patchy Affair, Ardrossan* added to the attractions. Visitors also enjoyed visiting Michelle White's local store; *Heart'nSoul Patchwork*, the Peppertree Market, Harvest Corner and other local shops.

A Power outage meant the Display closed an hour earlier on the Saturday. Winner of the magnificent Raffle quilt was Raelene Bowman of Wool Bay.

Michelle White presented winners of the Viewers' Choice with a gift selection from *Heart'nSoul Patchwork*. Many viewers agreed with the sentiments; *'All the quilts are fabulous and I wanted to vote for them all'*. Chris Watters' blue and white diamond quilt, 'Girl's Best Friend' was the most popular small quilt/article; Michelle Hawthorne's version of Michele Hill's 'Bee Mindful' won the large quilt voting. Custom quilting by Julie Nixon enhanced both winning quilts.

Golden Harvest Quilters thank Michelle White, Heart'n Soul Patchwork and Julie Nixon, A Patchy Affair for their support of this display.

Congratulations to all involved in a great display.

Fiona Bilney



Michelle Harthorne with Michelle White



Sponsor, Michelle White from Heart n Soul Patchwork with winner Chris Watters

News From The Inman Quilters



As Christmas is just around the corner, Inman quilters have already enjoyed a lovely Christmas lunch at the Goolwa Hotel on Tuesday 6th December as we say farewell to 2022 and take a short break.

Our first meeting in January will commence with the traditional breakfast at the Inman Valley Country Kitchen & General Store on Tuesday 17th January 2023, and then it will be full steam ahead as members put the finishing touches to their quilts in preparation for the Inman Quilters 20th Anniversary Exhibition which will be held at the Inman Valley Memorial Hall, 1713 Inman Valley Road Inman Valley on Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th March 2023. Please put these dates in your diaries as we would love to see you on the beautiful Fleurieu Peninsular.

Inman Quilters wish everyone a joyous Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Helen Scholfield
Publicity, Inman Quilters



L-R Margaret, Bron & Carole

L-R Marilyn, Joy & Margaret





INMAN QUILTERS

Are proud to present our
20th ANNIVERSARY QUILT EXHIBITION

Saturday 11th March 2023 - 10.00am to 4.00pm
Sunday 12th March 2023 - 10.00am to 3.30pm

at the Inman Valley Memorial Hall
1713 Inman Valley Road, Inman Valley

Admission \$3.00 (children free)
CASH ONLY

Refreshments will be available

Come and visit us on the beautiful Fleurieu Peninsula
Groups very welcome

Quilt Raffle \$2.00 per ticket
Tickets available from PennyLane Patchwork



(Proceeds to South Coast Palliative Care and other charities)

 Inman Quilters Enquiries: Sue McFarlane 0437 790 162



Advance Notice

All invited

Riverland Quilters

Get Together

Saturday 25th February 2023
Riverland Events Centre, Barmera
Hosts: Barmera Lake Bonney Quilters
Contact: Julie Plush 0438 837 307
plushjulie@hotmail.com

There will be shops and demonstrations
Please spread the word
Book with Julie NOW

Joint Mystery Quilt Day

Dilly Bag Mystery Quilt Workshop

Conducted by

Orange Tree Quilters

OR

Bedford UFO

Conducted by

Fay Packham

Saturday 28th January 2023

9.00am to 4.30pm

Grange Uniting Church,

5 Beach Street, Grange, Adelaide SA 5022

The cost of the Dilly Bag Workshop will be \$75 which will include your Dilly Bag Mystery Quilt, Morning and Afternoon Tea (you will need to bring your own lunch).

If you have an unfinished Bedford Mystery quilt and need assistance in finishing that quilt, you can attend our Mystery Quilt Day for a cost of \$25 which includes assistance from Faye Packham to complete your unfinished Bedford Quilt, and your Morning and Afternoon tea (don't forget to bring your own lunch).

Funds raised on the day will be distributed as follows:

Bedford will have kits available on the day and the proceeds from the sale of these will be distributed to the SA Quilters Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser.

OTQ will have additional quilts for sale and the funds raised from these will go toward the purchase of batting and batting for charity quilts made by OTQ.

You will need the following:

- Please bring your sewing gear. We will have some cutting boards and rulers for trimming.
- We will have Ironing ladies
- Sewing Machines and electrical equipment ideally should be tested and tagged.

Adelaide Sewing Centre or Jack and Jayde's Sewing Centre are two locations that can supply the service for testing and tagging. However, you will need to contact them to make an appointment for the testing. There may also be other facilities that you might know in your location.

JACK AND JAYDE SEWING CENTRE 165 St Bernards Rd, Rostrevor SA 5073, Ph (08) 8365 1005	ADELAIDE SEWING CENTRE 647A Marion Rd, Ascot Park SA 5043 Ph: (08) 8276 3273
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OTQ wishes all participants a very happy day.

Thank you

Pauline Kellaway

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Orange Tree Quilters

Dilly Bag Mystery Quilt Workshop
Conducted by

Orange Tree Quilters

(OTQ Kits proceeds go to the purchase of
backing and batting for charity quilts)

OR

Bedford UFO
Conducted by

Faye Packham

(Bedford Kit proceeds go to SA
Quilters Biggest Morning Tea)

Saturday 28th January 2023

9.00am to 4.30pm

Grange Uniting Church, -5 Beach Street, Grange, Adelaide SA 5022

Cost: Mystery Quilt: \$75.00 Or Your Bedford UFO \$25 per person

Non-refundable fee **Payable by 14th January 2023** to secure your booking
(if you are unable to attend you will still receive the kit)

Booking Form - (separate form for each attendee)

I wish to book for the Workshop on Saturday 28th January 2023

Name:

Address:

PC:

Home Phone:

Mobile Phone:

Email:

Dilly Bag Mystery Day - booking will be confirmed by email

\$75

Bedford Unfinished Object - booking will be confirmed by email

\$25

Additional Kit

\$50

Note: if you are doing the Bedford UFO you only need to pay the \$25

Total:

Bank: BankSA BSB: 105-124

Account number: 049 041 840

Account name: Orange Tree Quilters

Reference: DBMQ + Your Name

I have paid the above total by (please tick the option box **AND** the payment method box)

Direct Deposit banking details I Please tick the following

cheque enclosed

direct deposit into the OTQ Bank account **Receipt #:**

Please return completed form and copy(s) of Direct Debit payment details to

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