

# I-Patch

A focus on this month.

Hello Everyone!

I hope that this expanded edition of I-Patch finds you all safe, well and happily ensconced in your sewing rooms. I know that I've spent more time in mine these past 6 weeks than ever before. Mind you, my productivity hasn't been as great as it normally would be – with additional time on my hands I am more relaxed with my sewing progress and less frantic to complete my various projects. I've read of many others who feel that their quilting mojo has deserted them, with an equal number of theories as to why many of us feel a little out of sorts or less focused.

Life IS different and I suspect that we're all experiencing a period of adjustment. Personally, I'm enjoying the rapidly expanding menu of online quilters and quilt organisations that are presenting instructional videos and quilt alongs each week. There is so much to learn and so many talented quilters only too happy to share their talents. I'll add a list of some of my favourites at the end of this message.

We've recently finished our first I-SEW-LATION on-line mystery quilt, Casa Felix, and I have to say that the finished quilt tops are not only amazing but amazingly diverse. So much depends on fabric selection and of course, in this time of 'please stay home', many of us are shopping from our stashes. We always knew that one day we'd be grateful for those stashes! That said, I do encourage everyone to think about ways in which they can continue to support our local quilt shops – we need them to still be there when this pandemic is over. More than ever they need us to modify our shopping habits and consider online or phone orders with social distancing in-store, or curbside collections. We've collated the current opening hours and conditions of our member shops and included them in I-Patch as a quick reference guide for you. Many have also come on board with a suggestion that they offer a Guild member special as a shopping incentive – again we've compiled a list in I-Patch. I'd like to thank those shops and encourage you all to take advantage of these wonderful offers.

Our second Pick-A-Box mystery, designed by our very own Lessa Siegele, began two weeks ago (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/663299804246083/>) but it's not too late to sign up. I'm exploring the possibility of offering something online that's a little different once this current mystery is finished, so I'll keep you all posted. If it doesn't work out, we'll do another mystery!

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## This month.

- Guild Meetings
- Quilt Shows
- Shop Classes
- Special Events
- New News

## I-Patch Policy

"A focus on the month."

I-Patch is an online newsletter for Quilters' Guild of South Australia, Inc members. Sent as near as possible on first of every month to members' emails.

Focus is on the current month's events to include:

Guild Meetings

SA Guild and Affiliated groups' quilt shows and events

Member shops' new classes

## Important Links

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You would all be aware by now that we have had to postpone Festival of Quilts until later in the year, although a date has not yet been advised. Quilt Encounter has now been rescheduled for the October school holidays. More significantly, our Annual General Meeting, which was due to be held in early May, will now not happen until much later in the year. Each of these postponements brings with it associated issues – not all of which are ideal – but we will try to anticipate most of those issues and to address them the best way we can. If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to email me: [president@saquilters.org.au](mailto:president@saquilters.org.au).

Wishing you all a happy and contented I-SEW-LATION.

**Chris O'Brien**

**President QGSA**

**May 2020**



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# Breaking News

## Quilt Encounter

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic currently facing Australia and after much deliberation the QE Committee have made the decision to postpone our annual retreat to October. This will now be a 5 day event from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at Immanuel College. Fortunately nearly all of our amazing tutors will be joining us and we expect most of the scheduled workshops will still go ahead as published in our QE Brochure. There will be some changes and all the registered participants will be advised in due course.

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## Rural Round-Up

After careful consideration the organising committee for October's Rural Retreat, which was to be held in Cleve, has made the difficult but understandable decision to postpone the event. We hope to bring you more information in the next I-Patch



## Festival of Quilts

Festival of Quilts Committee is still accepting entries for the 2020 show whenever it happens to be held. Use the extra time you have at home to finish those UFOs, one of them might be an award winner. If your quilt needs a large bag, the quilt bag pattern is on the Festival of Quilts page of the Guild's web site.

## UPDATED SHOPPING HOURS OF, AND INFORMATION ABOUT, OUR MEMBER SHOPS:

Given the changing circumstances of our new normal, each of the shops have asked that you please check their Facebook and website pages for any new products /specials and for any updates to operating hours.

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### ADELAIDE SEWING CENTRE

647A Marion Rd, Ascot Park SA 5043

Monday to Friday 9-3pm

Saturday 9-12 excluding long weekends.

1 x customer in store at a time policy, instructions on front door with distancing crosses at the front window.



### ALIZE FABRICS

[www.AlizeFabrics.com.au](http://www.AlizeFabrics.com.au)

Open all the time (online only)

Pick Up available from my home at Modbury North by arrangement (just specify time when ordering or send me an email or Facebook message to organise a time)



### CONSTANTINE QUILTS

Online 24/7

[www.constantinequilts.com](http://www.constantinequilts.com)

By appointment only at my studio for quilt drop offs & browsing ph: 0448256214



### CYNTHIA'S ARK

7 Wasleys Rd, Mallala SA 5502

Revised Shop hours Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10 am -3pm Other times by appointment call 8527 2120.



### HEART 'N SOUL PATCHWORK

1/59 Main Street, Minlaton, SA 5575

08 88139710

Opening hours are

Tues - fri 10-5

Sat 10-12

No website at the moment but can be found on Facebook

No more than 5 people in the shop at any one time



### KORNACRAFT

Kim Peake

108 Murray St, Gawler SA 5118

Mon - Fri 10- 4pm

Sat 9 - 4pm

We have the door locked so we can control the numbers (2 people) within the shop just knock on the door to gain entry. We are accepting phone/website/email/Facebook orders so customers can tap and pickup instore



### MELANNS FABRICS

Christina Kazis

850 Lower North East Rd, Dernancourt SA 5075

Melann's is open from 9-5 weekdays and 9-12:30 on Saturday.

Our mechanic is still servicing and repairing machines and the shop is still open for retail shopping.



### OLD CULBURRA STORE

Sandy has limited internet access, but please do check her Facebook page. She is open whenever anyone phones, wherever possible.  
0885758020



### OTTO AND PENNY'S SEWING CENTRE

34 Smith St, Walkerville SA 5081

Monday– Friday: 9 – 5pm

Saturday: 9 - 2pm



### PATCHWORK BY SEA

186 Main South Rd

Morphett Vale 5162

Phone 08 8384 8881

Website - [www.patchworkbysea.com.au](http://www.patchworkbysea.com.au)

Email- [pbysea@bigpond.com](mailto:pbysea@bigpond.com)

Monday - Saturday

9.30am - 4.30pm

Our doors are still open and we are practicing social distancing although we much to prefer to call it personal distancing.



### PENNYLANE PATCHWORK

54 Victoria St

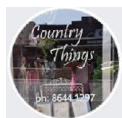
Victor Harbor SA 5211

Ph 85546353

[anpv@ozemail.com.au](mailto:anpv@ozemail.com.au)

Website: <https://www.pennylanepatchwork.com/>

Open Monday to Friday 9 – 5pm and Saturday 9 – 3pm



### PRETTY COUNTRY THINGS

Open Tuesday to Friday 1– am to 3 pm or by phoning 0412670098 /Facebook for placing orders.



### QUILTERS QUARTERS

Sales options: in store, email or phone orders

Delivery options: in-store purchase, in-store pickup, pickup from front of store, delivery to your veranda (for immune compromised within metro area) and Australia Post

Contact details

Lyn Buttfield

Mobile: 0427618739

Email: [quiltersquarters@hotmail.com](mailto:quiltersquarters@hotmail.com)

Address: 12 Strathmore Avenue, Lockleys, S.A. 5032



### RIVERLEA QUILTS

4/330 Unley Rd, Hyde Park SA 5061

08 8373 0653

Riverlea Quilts is open during this difficult time:

10 am - 3.30 pm Monday to Friday

10 am - 12.30 pm Saturday

We are also able to process phone or email orders and post or run orders out to the car park.



### STRATH SEWING AND QUILTING

6 Rankine St

Strathalbyn SA 5255

Phone: 0885363674

Email: [info@strathsewingandquilting.com.au](mailto:info@strathsewingandquilting.com.au)

Facebook/Messenger :Strath Sewing and Quilting

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9am to 4.30pm.

Other times by appointment.

Social distancing measures are in place with controlled entry into the shop- limited numbers at any one time.

Phone/Email/Facebook orders are available.



## THE PATCHWORK COW

Linda Haigh Designs - Online store only  
All designs available through the website <http://www.thepatchworkcow.com.au/>  
NEW - Midnight Bouquet, In the Night Garden & more  
Enquiries - [Linda@thepatchworkcow.com.au](mailto:Linda@thepatchworkcow.com.au)  
PH:0407832995

Whyte House Gallery

## WHYTEHOUSE GALLERY

Deb is taking orders over the phone and through the Facebook page of Whyte House Gallery. Orders are paid for over the phone and parcels are left in a shed at the back of the shop which has a combination lock on the door.

## WIDEBACKS

Brenda Wade  
08 8370 7546  
0419 199 727



[brenda@widebacks.com.au](mailto:brenda@widebacks.com.au)  
1/22 Farrow Circuit  
Seaford 5169

For locals, we will be happy to deliver onto Farrow Circuit (just outside the shop) to give you any purchases, kind of a 'drive-by' basis. Our main driveway gate will be closed, but we will come out as arranged. We will call you when your orders are ready to collect and arrange collection time. If you order through the website payments options will be as usual.

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## OTTO AND PENNY'S SEWING CENTRE

34 Smith St, Walkerville SA 5081  
Monday– Friday: 9 – 5pm  
Saturday: 9 – 2pm

<https://www.opsewing.com.au/>



## **SPECIAL OFFERS FOR GUILD MEMBERS FROM OUR MEMBER SHOPS**

### **CYNTHIA'S ARK**

We will have an I-Patch Lucky Dip. Any Guild members who spend \$25 in store will get a Lucky Dip. Prizes include 10%-25% off of that day purchase or a free gift.

### **HEART AND SOUL PATCHWORK**

20% off all Moda Layer Cakes

### **PATCHWORK BY SEA**

We have a few ranges in the shop that we would like to offer a 30% discount on. The retail price on these is now \$16.00 and \$20.00 per metre so giving a 30% discount makes them a very affordable fabric to buy at \$11.20 and \$14.00 respectively. These ranges are Ella Blue fabrics and include ranges by Rosalie Dekker.

Nu Wool Wadding Wool/poly blend. Normal price \$24.40pm, buy it precut 2.4m x 2m special price \$35.00 that's a saving of \$13.80 off the usual retail price. This is a 28% discount that has never been offered before. Purchases need to be in the shop and is not available for phone orders.

### **PENNYLANE PATCHWORK**

Is offering Guild members a special price for Alison Glass' Sunprints from 2019, normally \$24/ metre, I will sell to them for \$20/metre.

### **PRETTY COUNTRY THINGS**

20% of all fat quarters

### **QUILTERS QUARTERS**

I am happy if you are able to promote the MODA village quilt programme on my behalf.

I was originally aiming to make just one quilt to donate to a cause but am now aiming to make many quilts, not all big ones, to donate to people who lost their homes in the recent bushfires.

The link is

[https://eur05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.unitednotions.com%2Ffp\\_RQC-701-Villages.pdf&data=02%7C01%7C%7C03815c1a1c004008aae508d7cc529191%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637202527313612272&sdata=TV0pQG7soabV5P1gSZfmc8WSrRBPYj1O8B%2B6QfDgdKs%3D&reserved=0](https://eur05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.unitednotions.com%2Ffp_RQC-701-Villages.pdf&data=02%7C01%7C%7C03815c1a1c004008aae508d7cc529191%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637202527313612272&sdata=TV0pQG7soabV5P1gSZfmc8WSrRBPYj1O8B%2B6QfDgdKs%3D&reserved=0)

To support those who would like to help I am offering a 25% discount on the purchase of all charm packs in store plus 25% off any background fabrics purchased to compliment the charm pack. I am also going to give away 9 charm packs when the quilts are completed. Every house block I receive will provide the maker with one entry into a random draw.

### **RIVERLEA QUILTS**

We are offering 20% discount on certain fabric ranges for Guild Members.

We will be very happy to see you in the shop and there will be a gift with sale, for every customer when you show your Guild Membership.

## **SPECIAL OFFERS FOR GUILD MEMBERS FROM OUR MEMBER SHOPS**

### **STRATH SEWING AND QUILTING**

Heirloom Quilt.

An original design by Carol McSherry and Liz Toth.

Size 78"x78".

KIT: \$580

All background fabrics and lace have been pre-cut. No planning required- just sit and sew.

Also included is the pattern, starter beading kit and binding fabric.

Available in three different colourways- cream/white (as per the photo), all cream or all white.

**KIT BONUS FOR I-PATCH READERS**

A matching Heirloom Cushion Kit (\$50 value)

Free Express Postage(\$25 value).

Total bonus value \$75.

**BLOCK OF THE MONTH:**

\$75 x 8 months.

**BOM BONUS FOR I-PATCH READERS**

Free postage over the 8 month mail out (\$74 value).

Please quote code "Guild" when ordering to secure the bonuses.

Shop Number: 0885363674

Email: [info@strathsewingandquilting.com.au](mailto:info@strathsewingandquilting.com.au)

Facebook/Messenger: Strath Sewing and Quilting.

### **THE PATCHWORK COW**

ISOLATION SPECIAL - Free pattern with any order



### **WIDEBACKS**

28 Kaffe Fat quarters + 6m white solid background fabric + 1 pattern = 1 @ 90" x 102"

Apartment 9 Quilt Top.

Usual price \$334.00.

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Please email or phone us

08 8370 7546, 0419 199 727

[Brenda@widebacks.com.au](mailto:Brenda@widebacks.com.au)





Hello! I am Jenny Loveder and have been a member of the Guild since the early 80s when I was asked by the then Editor of Patches to take over the editor 's job, particularly as I was involved in desk top publishing. Marion Cox had been using copy, cut and paste ( Gestetner machines!) up until then. I became a member and the rest is history.

I love my quilt-making! It gives me a chance to express my joy in colour, patterns, stitching, all of which makes a useful item. I don 't know how many quilts I have made over the years – just lots! So when this virus restricted our movements, I took the opportunity to sort out incomplete tops, completed tops got backings, and eventually batting, and even more eventually were pinned. But new work always called (!) and the old ones lingered. Four quilts were ready for pinning, and this was done over two days. One is now complete, the second one awaiting its binding being stitched down, the third one is quilted – the fourth one still awaiting. And there are still two new ones waiting!

I have also knitted a woollen scarf, several pairs of fingerless mittens for homeless people as winter approaches. I 've worked very happily in my garden, spoken with local friends via phone or email, or at a distance on the front veranda! My pantry is full enough ( and yes, I have sufficient toilet paper! ), I can re-read many of my books ( and friends drop a new one on the chair on my front veranda ) – so for me whilst life is different ( and I miss my hugs with my many quilting friends and family ) I am content.

I sincerely hope that all of you are content and safe too, and are acknowledging that we are a community which needs and gets support.

My love and hugs to each one of you  
Jenny L



Meet

## Cindy Massey and Jane Polden



Our friendship started in 1989 in Broken Hill. I had just moved there with my family and met Cindy at playgroup when our kids were little. We shared many of the same interests and enrolled in the local TAFE where we learnt to make children's clothes. We were very productive in churning out kid's clothes until our kids formed an opinion, then it stopped quite rapidly.

I saw the local Silver City Quilters' group advertised in the paper and decided we should join. "Come on Cindy. Let's join the patchwork group" so off we went to our first meeting with Cindy's youngest, Siobhan, in tow. Not knowing what to expect the first thing we were faced with was a minute of silence for the passing of one of the members. What have we got ourselves into? We persevered and had such a wonderful time over the years. Often getting told off by the older members who on average were 70-80-year old (we were in our late 20's).

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Over the years our skills grew, and we were honoured to take on many different executive roles within the group, both achieving our 10 year badges with the group.

As a group, we travelled to many Quilt Encounters, 10 in all, starting in Victor Harbor and then Roseworthy. We met such a wonderful group of women and laughed and laughed over many things. Many of the projects are still in bits in the cupboard. Every year we loved going to 'QUILT CAMP' as we called it.



Circumstances change and, in 2004, I moved to South Australia, joining the McLaren Vale Patchworkers in 2012. Enjoying patchwork again reminding me that the patchwork groups are not only for sewing but for forming lifelong friendships and support for each other.

Cindy moved to Adelaide 2018 and the terrific twosome were united again. We decided to join the Quilters' Guild to again have fun, laugh and enjoy the friendships we are making along the way.

We are lucky to have enjoyed decades of friendship and laughter, always with an abundance of projects of some sort on the go, and always many more on the drawing board. While our styles of quilting differ, we are always happy to get together often, laugh a lot and share our love of creating fabulous quilts and other "stuff".

## TOGETHER IN ISOLATION

By 17 March 2020 the world had already come to a standstill. We were in a state of isolation and confusion due to the dreadful virus that was circulating through the entire population of all countries. However, on that day Chris O'Brien, President of the Quilters' Guild of South Australia, established the Facebook page for the *QGSA Casa Felix Mystery Quilt* and suddenly quilters from all over Australia and around the world had the opportunity to come together to participate in creating and sharing the art of quilting.

By 30 March there were 400 members and it was decided that was enough and the group was closed to new members. But they kept coming, so the group was opened up again and by 20 April, 524 members had joined much to the delight of us all.

We waited in anticipation for Chris to upload the first step so that we could select fabric combinations. We shared advice on colours, values, tips, tricks and techniques. We learned about spinning seams, foundation paper piecing flying geese and some of us even stayed in our pyjamas. As each step was created, progress photos were uploaded by members so that we could compare, comment, advise and support each other in our choices.

We had established a community in isolation, a camaraderie of quilters who shared photos of our pets and kids, our sewing rooms and views, recipes, jigsaws, brain teasers and cartoons. We said Happy Birthday to Chris, Sheila and Bron and laughed when Rose said she had to take a "goose break."

Together in isolation, the world didn't seem so mad. Collectively, we quilters had created an online community that allowed us to feel a part of something in common even though we were separated physically.

When it was all over, we had a Show and Tell of finished quilts that made us proud of ourselves and each other.

Let's hope that this wonderful experience is repeated again and again.

**Kathy Rossini**

