



I-Patch

A Focus on Quilting

Hello Everyone,

What an eventful month this has been for our Guild, having to cancel our July meeting due to covid-19 concerns.

I would like to thank you all for your understanding and positive comments following this difficult decision.

I would also like to thank Christine Beardsley, who was to be our guest speaker, and Lyn Uppill from Riverlea, who was to bring her shop, for their understanding. We appreciate the significant amount of time and effort which would have gone into their preparation for the evening.

The amazing teams who work autonomously to make the Guild function must also be acknowledged. You will have heard me mention the various teams I am sure. Over the last several years, instigated by our immediate past president Chris O'Brien, we have moved to streamline Guild processes and this crisis highlighted that the system is working. Everyone realised what had to be done as part of their portfolio, and then just got on and made it happen. I am very lucky to be surrounded by such hard-working volunteer teams. Thank you everyone.

Kathy (website manager) has been busy putting together a downloadable document on the website, of who does what in the Guild. I was astonished to find that there are 121 positions covered by 69 people to keep our Guild ticking along.

Our August meeting will be a busy one as we say goodbye to Mrs Le, our Patron, who will be a very special guest, have a Special General Meeting and then our regular Guild meeting.

Our Special General Meeting will be very short as we just need to make a change to the Constitution required by the authorities. You have already been sent an email advising you of the change.

Advice has just come through from Rachael Daisy, our August guest speaker, that, unsurprisingly, she will not be able to travel to SA from NSW. Luckily Christine Beardsley who was to be guest speaker at our cancelled July meeting is available and she will give a presentation outlining how she has made her art quilts in the last 5 years. Christine, along with another Guild member Zara Zannettino is a finalist in Art Quilt Australia 2021. Thank you to Christine for stepping up at short notice.

Our guest speaker for the August 18 day meeting will be Pam Schartner from Adelaide Knit4Charities. The doors will open at 12.45pm and the meeting will start at 1.30pm. Adelaide Knit4Charities is a very busy band of over 1000 knitters who do amazing work supplying charities all over Adelaide with scarves, beanies, bedsocks, jumpers, cardigans and soft toys to name but a few of the items, many of which need to be made with acrylic yarn. They also collect toiletries (including hotel toiletries), sanitary items and comfort bears for the MFS. Please go to their FB page and check out the list of things required and the urgency for them, plus the quality control information. It would be lovely to be able to give Pam some of these items at the August day meeting.

Quilters' Guild of
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Following our tradition of not giving a present to you, our members, at Christmas but instead asking you to give a present, I'd like to give you advance notice that Backpacks for SA Kids will be our charity of choice for the December meeting. We are awaiting advice from Backpacks to ascertain whether they want clothing or toys or both, so I will keep you posted. My challenge is, let's see if we can fill more than the 14 large IKEA bags we required the last time we put out a call like this.

You might like to check out the "Embroidery Oppression to Expression" exhibition which is on at the David Roche Foundation House Museum from June 17 to 25 September 2021. On display is an interesting collection from the Regency period to present day embroideries. The Embroiderer's Guild of SA Museum has lent 5 pieces for the exhibition, including an 18th Century religious Spanish church hanging.

Until next month, happy quilting.

Cheers

Heather

Heather Ford, President
Quilters' Guild of South Australia Inc.
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The I-Patch editors would like to extend an apology to Helen Campbell from The Quilting Room. For those who received an early copy of I-Patch last month we inadvertently listed incorrect opening hours for Tuesdays.

It should have read 10am - 6pm.

<https://thequiltingroom.com.au/>



Please note that the I-Patch editors now have their own email address. Please forward all correspondence relating to I-Patch to: ipatch.saquilters@gmail.com

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Guild Meeting News



NOTICE: Memberships were due for renewal at the end of last month. Members are asked to please complete a new membership form and submit it to the Membership Secretary with your 6 or 18 month payment. Membership forms can be found on our website:

<https://www.saquilters.org.au/individuals.htm>

or collect one at a Guild meeting from the Membership Secretary.



Quilters' Guild of South Australia Inc
**SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
AND MONTHLY MEETING**

Burnside Community Centre - Thursday 5 August 2021
Doors open at 7.15pm for 8pm start

Welcome address: Heather Ford - Guild President
Special Guest: Mrs Le - Guild Patron
Guest Speaker: Christine Beardsley
Raffle Quilt: Quilt Encounter
Fat Quarter Raffle: Spots and Stripes
Show and Tell: Rachael Daisy Quilts
Visiting Shop: PennyLane
Library: Available for borrows and returns

Kitchen not available due to Covid safe restrictions

EVERYBODY WELCOME



ADD TO SHOW AND TELL YOUR ART QUILTS AND ANYTHING GOES.

PENNYLANE PATCHWORK

I have been involved in patchwork and quilting for 20 years, teaching and designing my own quilts for the last 5 years. I love reproduction fabrics, antiques and old quilts but also enjoy the evolving 'Modern' quilt trends featuring beautiful vibrant and exciting fabrics. On my site 'PennyLane Patchwork' you will find a selection of fabrics from both era's as well as some batiks and oriental fabrics. There is an assortment of books, giftlines and haberdashery. I hope you'll find something you can't resist to purchase from my website. Feel free to contact me with any requests or assistance for your quilting journey!

Penny

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Guild Meeting News



DAYTIME MEETINGS FORTHCOMING REVIEW

Four Guild daytime meetings per year were begun in 2019, to give our members who no longer wish to venture out at night the opportunity to be part of the Guild. It also allows others to attend 15 meetings a year not just 11. Meetings began on a two year trial basis and we are nearing the time when the situation will need to be reviewed.

The meetings are stand alone and not a repeat of that month's night meeting, with a different guest speaker and shop. I would encourage you all to come to the day meetings as attendance has become quite low.

Wednesday August 18, 2021 at Burnside Community Centre.

Doors open at 12.45pm for a 1.30pm start.

Guest Speaker: Pam Schartner from Adelaide Knit4Charities

Shop: Barossa Patchwork and Running Hare Designs

Raffle Quilt: Quilt Encounter

Fat Quarter Raffle: Spots and stripes

Show and Tell: Floral quilts

If you have any comments to make as to why you choose not to attend daytime meetings, or comments that you'd like to contribute to the review process, please contact me at president.saquilters@gmail.com

Heather Ford, President QGSA

CAN YOU HELP?

We were recently contacted with this request.....

Hello there, I am hoping you will be able to help me. I am looking for someone in the Northern area (I am in Mawson Lakes) to sew a quilt for me. I have many memorable t shirts and would like to have them sewn into a quilt and was looking for someone to do this. Would you be able to help me with contact details for anyone that may be able to do this for me. Thank you.

If you are able to help please contact us: saquilters@gmail.com

A MESSAGE TO ALL QGSA MEMBER GROUPS

If you would like to feature your community raffle quilt at a Guild meeting, the available dates for this year are 18 August, 2 September and 17 November (daytime meeting).

Pre-booking dates for next year is also possible.

For more information and to book, please contact Jo on communityquilts.saquilters@gmail.com

or phone Jo on 0418 402 979.



JULIE TANSKA: MY PATH TO QUILTING AND BEYOND

I was born and raised in Adelaide. Nothing overly exciting about that, but I had a wonderful childhood and great family. Both my parents and grandparents were very crafty, always dabbling in different crafts and projects. Growing up, knitting was my thing. I always had needles clacking away and balls of wool tangling around my feet. I did try other crafts over the years: tapestries, a little embroidery, crochet and, of course, the ultimate of goodies - Hobbytex. Hahaha.

My first glimpse of the quilting world came around 2000 (I think, so long ago). Anyway, my daughter, about 8 at the time, came with me to a craft fair at the Royal Adelaide Showgrounds. The first thing I noticed were lots of stands selling these funny squares of fabric. 100's of them everywhere and I just couldn't think what anyone would do with cut fabric. I will later learn that these are called "fat quarters". Who knew? I was not a sewer at this point of my life. The sewing machine and I didn't care for each other too much. On we walked and found a whole area where blankets were hanging on rods. We stood at the entrance, and I said I couldn't understand why they would hang all these blankets around a room and people wanted to look at them. Silly me, as I am now one of those who hang their quilts and walk around admiring everyone else's.

My quilting journey began when I met a quilter through our children at school. We became good friends and she encouraged me to have a go at a small wall hanging. Many of you would know her, Michelle Bouchier. Over the next couple of years Michelle taught me all about quilting. Many a morning and afternoon was spent on the school steps stitching away and learning, while waiting for the kids. And now the addiction of quilting had taken me.

I joined the Tea Tree Gully Quilters in 2003, and with the help and guidance of many talented women, I began to discover all different kinds of quilting and how to use those funny fat quarter things.

Appliqué by hand in any form, is my favourite technique, although I have tried a bit more machine work recently. And when it comes to the quilting, I do love hand quilting, but it does take some time to do. When it comes to machine quilting, I'm still persisting. Free motion quilting is something I like but don't feel very confident with, but again I still keep practicing and each time is better than the last.

Other than quilting I love making cloth dolls and toys. I have a collection of my own, but many of my babies have been made for family and friends as gifts.

My husband and I have our own business in the bodybuilding world. We have a sports supplement shop which has been running for 26 years and a gym which we have had now for 9 years. In addition to this we run the natural bodybuilding competitions here in Adelaide. Earlier this year my daughter and I had the opportunity to take over a small business which makes the posing trunks for men to wear on the stage. Both of us were a little apprehensive as we've never sewn this stretchy fabric, but we took it on and found that it's a fun little side project. We make small, medium, and large sizes from a pattern, and for anyone wondering....we don't do custom measuring, bugger ha-ha! They are very sparkly, tiny trunks to the amusement of some. Oh, the things we do. Fun though.

In closing, I enjoy my quilting, embroidery, and a return to knitting every day I can, and I have met some incredible women and made some wonderful friends over the years through this common love of craft.

Julie

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



QGSA COUNTRY FORUM

Saturday October 30th, 2021 [9am-4pm]

Adelaide West Uniting Church
312 Sir Donald Bradman Drive,
Brooklyn Park

The Quilters' Guild of South Australia is arranging a day of fun and fellowship for country members. In keeping with the theme, **Unmasking the Future**, we will spend the day exploring the future of quilting in South Australia in the 21st Century.

On the day we have some special guest speakers, demonstrations, and SHOPS. We are looking forward to members sharing their work with us. Show-and-Tell will be limited to 4 quilts per group, or 1 quilt if you are not with a group.

Registrations need to be completed by 1st September 2021. If a member is unable to attend on the day, please find a replacement. Refunds will not be made for non-attendance after 1st September 2021. Numbers are limited to 180, so please respond early to hold your places. There is plenty of off-street parking available at the venue.

Please complete the form on the next page and return by **1st September 2021** with \$35 per person payment or printed receipt of online payment to:

COUNTRY FORUM REGISTRATION

QGSA Country Forum 2021 Coordinator
Quilters' Guild of South Australia Inc.,
PO Box 993 Kent Town, SA 5071

or by Email to: janepolden@adam.com.au

Cheques/money orders to be made out to Quilters' Guild of South Australia Inc. or direct debit to:

Account Name: Quilters' Guild of South Australia

Account Details: BSB 105-051 Account 207 144 540

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT

Cindy - mob 0413 097 546 gcplus3@bigpond.com or Jane – mob 0400 873 131 janepolden@adam.com.au



QUILTERS' GUILD OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

QGSA COUNTRY FORUM

UNMASKING the FUTURE

Saturday October 30th, 2021 [9am-4pm]

Group Name:

Phone: Email:

Address:

We will have members attending Country Forum 2021.

Member's Name	Special Dietary Requests	Show and Tell (Limit 4 quilts/group)

SIT AND SEW GROUP



Our regular “official” monthly Guild meetings bring us up to date with Guild activities, experience great guest speakers, borrow from our extensive library, meet friends and buy from the invited shop. But it doesn't give us the opportunity to just spend time in each other's company while we sit and sew. The Workshop girls suggested that we have a regular Sit and Sew where we can get together just to do quilting stuff. So, they set about organising the first Guild Sit and Sew which was held on 11 September 2019. Initially we met monthly, but it proved so popular that there was a danger of withdrawal between meetings, so in September 2020 we moved to fortnightly meetings and since then have continued to attract an average of 25 members and visitors to each of our Sit and Sews.



Emilie

It's interesting to see projects that have been evolving over the last year or so such as Emilie's beautiful wool embroidery which she has tailored to reflect her life experiences, Carol's detailed hand sewn Sashiko project, Wendy's hand appliqué quilt blocks and Cindy's recent obsession with circles. Many projects are created for family and friends and many for charity such as Faye, Denise and Peggy's quilts for the Bedford Project, Kathy and Chris's Southern Comforters quilts and Jo's pencil cases for Backpacks4Kids.



Jo



Heather, Chris and Bron

We have seen beautiful bags, table runners, cushions, blocks-of-the-month projects, mystery quilts, amazing piecing, hand quilting, embroidery, clothing, intricate designs and wonderful finished quilts. Some of us are less productive than others but each time we meet we celebrate with videos and photos to post on our Facebook page and delight in each other's achievements. At times we even sneak in a little knitting and crocheting! We share life stories, commiserate with problems and celebrate Christmas and birthdays.

One of the highlights is the sharing of skills such as Candy's innovative freezer paper appliqué technique, Bron's rope baskets, Chris's talk on quilting with vintage pieces, Cindy's circle instructions and Heather's detailed talk about pins and their importance to our craft. At each meeting Show and Tell gives us an opportunity to showcase our works in progress and finished projects. And each meeting a lucky winner is drawn for a small prize of the day.



Candy and Faye



Jane

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SIT AND SEW GROUP



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Ann

We have overcome the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure that we can still meet by abiding by rules that keep us all safe and healthy.

Our thanks go to Cindy, Jane and Jo who manage our Sit and Sew each fortnight making it fun and interesting. Also, thanks to our President Heather and her husband Brenton who willingly comes to our aid as needed for set-up or repairs.

Everybody is welcome to join us at our Sit and Sew – you do not have to be a member of the Guild. It is held from 10am to 3pm on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the Vermont Uniting Church Hall at 576 Cross Road, South Plympton. The cost is \$10 per guild member and \$15 per non-member.

Join us, it's fun!

You can find all the details on the Sit and Sew page on the Guild web site at:

<http://www.saquilters.org.au/sit-and-sew.htm>

Please let Cindy know that you intend joining us by email at:

registrar.saquilters@gmail.com



Kay, Cindy, Wendy, Bron, Sharon, Denise, Trudie, Pauline and Jo



Eileen



Jan



Monique and Jill

MODERN MIX SA QUILTERS



MODERN MIX SA QUILTERS

The Modern Mix SA Quilters is a gathering for quilters who are interested in finding out more about modern quilting. The group was formed in 2021 to provide opportunities for exploring and learning new techniques. Members share ideas, information and their love of textiles.

The sessions are a combination of members working on their own projects and trying out new techniques. Each month a challenge is offered up for those keen to be involved in that aspect of the group.

Regulars and visitors alike are welcome to participate in our scheduled activities, or to work on their own project. 3rd Sunday of the month (July 18th) at the Vermont Uniting Church Hall, 10am—3pm.

JULY MEETING ACTIVITIES

1. Using information technology to assist in your quilting explorations, communication and techniques.

This is an opportunity for those who need a little more support in finding out and accessing digital technology. Members of the MMSAQs group will help you to understand and use a range of online resources, including Facebook, Instagram, blogs, Electric Quilt and other informative websites and useful apps.

We can also support you in accessing digital media on your iPad or tablet.

2. Introduction to the Modern Quilt Guild – what might individual membership mean to you?

3. Don't forget to bring along any Show and Tell that you'd like to share too!

For further information:

<http://www.saquilters.org.au/modern-mix-sa-quilters.htm>

CAN YOU HELP?

We have had a request for an enthusiastic sewing teacher to lead projects for a group of 6-10 Arabic speaking women with low - medium English language skills. They all have sewing machines and basic sewing skills.

The group meets once a fortnight in Hawker Street, Bowden.

Any material donated would also be greatly appreciated.

Please contact: Cathy Lawson 0434 685 824 (Host International)

This group was all set to take off last year and then due to COVID19 it did not happen. Each of the women took a machine home so they have had some experience.

Knowing the generosity of quilters we thought that someone might know someone who might know someone!

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WORKSHOPS

Pam Holland - Thread Painting over Appliqué

When: Saturday, 4th September 2021. 9.30am to 3.30pm

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

Cost: \$80 Guild members; \$90 affiliate members and non-members

Workshop Code: PH21



Jen Kingwell - Hand Piecing

When: Saturday, 18th September 2021. 9.30am to 3.30pm

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

Cost: \$80 Guild members; \$90 affiliate members and non-members

Workshop Code: JK21

While Jen is in town for Quilt Encounter, we have squeezed one more workshop out of her. Join Jen for a day of hand stitching in her 1 Day Workshop - Hand Piecing. During this workshop Jen will cover the gentle art of hand piecing, drafting patterns, cutting templates and working with pre-cut acrylic templates. Jen will supply a drunkard's path pattern for you to use on the day or you can choose to bring any of Jen's patterns to work on.





WORKSHOPS

Pam Holland - Thread Painting over Appliqué

When: Saturday, 23rd October 2021. 9.30am to 3.30pm

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

Cost: \$80 Guild members; \$90 affiliate members and non-members

Workshop Code: PH21



Sue Knuckey - Laura Heine Fabric Collage

When: Saturday, 6th November 2021.

9.30am to 3.30pm

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

Cost: \$70 Guild members; \$80 affiliate members and non-members

Workshop Code: SK21

Laura Heine Collage quilts are loads of fun to make - and you get to create your very own one of a kind quilt. In this workshop Sue will show you the techniques to assist you in getting a good start on any Laura Heine pattern of your choice. Sue will help you with fabric and colour choices as you make your individual wall hanging quilt.

- ◆ All Workshop information and application form on the Guild website at [Workshops](#)
- ◆ For more details please email workshops.saquilters@gmail.com
- ◆ Full requirements lists will be emailed out closer to the workshop date.





Guild Meeting Notes

Thursday
1st July 2021

Quilters Guild of South Australia Inc
MONTHLY MEETING
Burnside Community Centre - Thursday 1 July 2021
Doors open at 7.15pm for 8pm start
Welcome address: Heather Ford - Guild President
Guest Speaker: Chris Beardsley
Inchie Project: Project with Inchie or Thrinchie?
Raffle Quilt: Quilted by Heather Ford
Fat Quarter Raffle: Quilted by Heather Ford
Show and Tell: Quilting Goes
Visiting: Riverlea Quilts
Library: Available for borrows and returns
Kitchen not available due to Covid safe restrictions
EVERYBODY WELCOME

Unfortunately our Guild July meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Our Guild July guest speaker was to be Christine Beardsley, who was to outline how she has made her art quilts in the last 5 years.

Christine, along with another Guild member Zara Zannettino is a finalist in Art Quilt Australia 2021. Our congratulations, Christine, and hopefully we can re-schedule your presentation at a future Guild meeting.

Some of Christine's beautiful works can be seen on her Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/fleurieuart/photos/>

SIT AND SEW - TEST AND TAG DAY



WHEN: Wednesday 28th July 2021

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

TIME: Between 11.30am and 1.30pm

COST: \$5.00 per item, payable in cash please

It is a requirement for insurance purposes that all electrical equipment with a flexible cord be Tested and Tagged, especially when taking these appliances to workshops, Sit and Sew etc.

We will have Peter visiting to TEST and TAG your sewing machines, irons or any other sewing/quilting related electrical equipment. This gives you time to be prepared for Quilt Encounter in September.

You don't have to be at Sit and Sew all day, you can drop in to have your items tested, but you will need to stay till your items are done, so you may need to wait awhile.

EXHIBITION NEWS



Join us next year at the Adelaide
**Sewing, Stitching
& Hand Craft Show**

featuring



Festival of Quilts

July 1 to 3, 2022

ADELAIDE SHOWGROUND

details at...KJEX.com.au

EXHIBITION NEWS

BORDERTOWN GUM TREE QUILTERS'

2021 QUILT EXHIBITION

Friday 8th—Sunday 10th October

Friday—Saturday: 10am to 5pm

Sunday: 10am to 4pm

Bordertown Basketball Stadium, Naracoorte Road, Bordertown

Official Opening:

Friday 1.00pm by Heather Ford, President QGSA and Chris O'Brien Past President QGSA

*Traders from both
South Australia and Victoria
Quilt Raffle*

For further details please contact:

President Michelle 0427 799 436
or
Vice President Pat 0353 939 543

INMAN QUILTERS' NEWS

In late May, Inman Quilters attended and enjoyed their annual quilting retreat in Mannum. 20 of our members attended in two groups over a period of 8 days. We primarily completed projects of our own making, UFO's of 5 years and a mystery quilt under instruction from fellow quilter, Pauline. It was interesting to see all the different versions created out of 2inch or 2 and a half inch x 3 and a half inch rectangles! Nearly everyone had different colourways so the finished objects were very different!

It was a great few days of beautiful weather over which to sew, relax and go for the daily coffee break and walk!

The 2 groups are pictured below with several of the mystery quilt versions displayed.



First group to attend camp



Second group to attend camp

INMAN QUILTERS NEWS' (cont)



A UFO nearing completion!



Jenny at her farewell luncheon.

At our meeting last Tuesday, we enjoyed a shared lunch whilst saying farewell to one of our beautiful quilters and friend, Jenny Norton. She is making the move from Victor Harbor, to Belair in order to be closer to family. She will be sadly missed, but knows that she is welcome to drop in anytime, even for a chat.

If anyone is in the vicinity of the Inman Valley Memorial Hall on the 1st or 3rd Tuesday of the month they are more than welcome to drop in for a cuppa and/ or chat between 10.30am and 2.00pm.

Our biennial quilt exhibition, which was delayed until April 23 and 24th 2022 [due to Covid], is fast approaching. Watch this space for updated information.

Until next time

Sue McKay

Publicity Officer, Inman Quilters

GUM TREE QUILTERS' NEWS

Recent months have kept the members of Gum Tree Quilters at Bordertown busy as they finish their quilts and prepare for their Bi-ennial Exhibition which is due to be held from Friday to Sunday, October 8 – 10th. After receiving many positive comments of our change of venue to the Bordertown Basketball Stadium in 2019, it was decided to hold our 2021 quilt show at the same venue. There is easier parking, great lighting and more space to display the expected number of more than 100 quilts from members. Many of our group took part in the QGSA Mystery quilt projects during isolation in 2020 that will feature in the show. Visiting shops and local groups such as the Men's shed, embroiderers and Palette Painters will add to the show.

The exhibition will be opened on Friday, October 8th at 1pm by Heather Ford, President of QGSA and Chris O'Brien, Past President of QGSA and will be followed by the presentation of awards. There will also be a special corner set up to feature our 25 year history and we are hoping for former members to attend.



GUMTREE QUILTERS' NEWS (cont)

2021 is also the 25th year since our group was formed and on April 18th we enjoyed a sewing day and celebration, exactly 25 years from when the original meeting was held. All enjoyed a day of stitching with much chatter and laughter that was made all the more special after a year of restrictions. It was a BYO lunch day followed by celebratory covid safe cup cakes. Honorary membership was presented to Lois King who was the group's first President, and is pictured below with Michelle Johnson, current President and Mignon Turnbull, another Honorary Member.



In May a pizza tea was enjoyed by members and followed by the Annual General Meeting. A book detailing the history of our group was launched at this meeting. This features 150 pages outlining the many activities enjoyed by members over 25 years, and includes many photos.



One of our members is currently facing treatment and has been unable to finish some her exhibition quilts. So we did what quilters and friends do and helped her to get them finished. A binding quilt bee was held around the table to complete the bindings of these quilts.



We look forward to seeing you all in Bordertown in October.

(Please refer to Exhibition News on page 15)

Judy Simcock

MCLAREN VALE QUILTERS' BEDFORD FUNDRAISING DAY



Congratulations to everyone for being a part of a fun filled day that raised valuable funds for Bedford Industries. A special thanks to the Clayton's Committee for assembling all of the kits that were sold on the day.

MCLAREN VALE QUILTERS' BEDFORD FUNDRAISING DAY (cont)

On the first Monday in July, the McLaren Vale Patchworkers invited quilting friends to join them when they hosted a Bedford sewing day. What a great day! The amazing Bedford crew arrived with boxes (yes boxes) of quilts for us to choose from, and door prizes for EVERYONE.

If you have not heard of a Bedford day, we have an amazing group of women (members of our Guild, otherwise known as the Clayton's Committee—the kind of committee you have when you don't have a committee!) who work together to raise money for Bedford Industries by preparing pre-cut kits and running a fun filled day of sewing. All quilters need to do is pay their money and select a quilt pack. Heaven, right? They even do your ironing and unpicking. It wasn't long before the room was a buzz of sewing machines and chatter.

We were joined by many quilters from all over, including, but not only, five members from the Southern Belles, Sue from Woodcroft, Kerrie who only recently joined the Guild after visiting Festival of Quilts, and Catherine from Seaford Meadows. The most travelled must go to the Quilting Queens from Salisbury, who took the opportunity to have a few days of girls time and spend the weekend in the region. To the other lovely ladies who joined us (and whose names I don't have with me) thank you for sharing such a great day with us. I'm sure many of us left with our new quilts well on the way. Someone always has to be an over achiever and finish first, and on this day the honours went to Jo, Catherine and Gayle. Well sewn!

To our members Jan and Jenny, who manned the kitchen, and Bron and Jane who assisted with the ironing, thank you .

To the amazing Bedford Crew which included Faye, Lessa, Margie and Kay, what can we say but THANKS for always providing such an amazing opportunity to guild members for a great day.

Cindy Massey



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PORT ELLIOT PATCHWORKERS' BIGGEST MORNING TEA

The Port Elliot Patchworkers (PEP) held a fundraising event in aid of the Fleurieu Cancer Support Foundation, Victor Harbour on Tuesday, 22 June 2021 at the Port Elliot Institute. The Biggest Morning Tea was supported by upwards of 70 attendees from local Fleurieu quilting groups, PEP members, friends, and family. The institute was decorated with quilts of all sizes and designs displaying the considerable talents of PEP members.

Besides the delicious array of home baked goodies on offer, guests had plenty to keep them entertained. Love Lee Fabrics from Mt Barker provided a pop-up-shop with many beautiful fabrics, patterns, and notions to purchase, and the River Port Singers provided renditions of beautiful and uplifting songs under the direction of Helen Abbot-Swan.

The event guest speaker, Chris O'Brien, Past President of the SA Quilters' Guild spoke of her extensive quilting journey over the past 45 years. The talk was engaging and inspirational with her willing helpers Cindy and Jane holding up a selection of stunning quilts for the audience to see how Chris' quilting styles and techniques have evolved. We were very privileged to have Chris, such a talented award-winning quilter, attend our event.

The morning concluded with the drawing of lucky door and raffle prizes, and with Trish Rees, PEP President thanking Ian McFarlane from the Fleurieu Cancer Support Foundation for attending. \$1,000 was raised to assist the Foundation in continuing their work transporting patients to medical appointments.

A big thank you to everyone that assisted and supported such a worthy cause.

Rose-Marie Vasiljuk



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CHRISTMAS IN JULY with SUE KNUCKEY WORKSHOP REPORT



Christmas in July Workshop with Sue Knuckey

On a rather wintry day in July, a small but determined group of stitchers braved the elements (ie rather thick fog) for a relaxing day of hand stitching with Sue. Once inside the church hall, however, with the heater on, the kettle boiling and a plate of yummy sweet treats to sustain us, the outside world was soon forgotten.

Sue guided us through the basic elements of appliqué and working with wool, using a prepared kit to make Christmas ornaments of the circular variety. There were plenty of samples to inspire us and help was always on hand.

Conversation flowed, the problems of the world solved and the day disappeared very quickly, with most of us managing to complete one ornament (or close to it) by the time class came to an end.

Thank you to Sue for your patience and expertise, and to Heather, our illustrious president for being our Angel for the day.

Oh yes, and the sun did come out – eventually!