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A Focus on Quilting

August 2021



Due to COVID restrictions we've not been able to hold our last two monthly Guild meetings. Please consider supporting the Guild by coming along to our daytime meeting this week. We'd love to see you all there!

Wednesday August 18th at Burnside Community Centre

Doors open at 12.45pm for a 1.30pm start.

Guest Speaker: Pam Schartner from Adelaide Knit4Charities

Shop: Barossa Patchwork with Running Hare Designs

Raffle Quilt: Quilt Encounter

Fat Quarter Raffle: Spots and stripes

Show and Tell: Floral quilts

Following lodgement of the changes made to our Constitution at the April 2021 Annual General Meeting, Consumer and Business Services have notified the Guild that:

......Clause 17 of the Constitution is deemed deficient under Section 7 of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1985* as it does not comply with the requirements of the Act.....

We have no choice but to make the clause compliant, the detailed wording of which was emailed to all members in early July. Our Special General Meeting, originally scheduled for 5 August, will now be held on September 2nd to vote on the changes we need to make.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday September 2nd at Burnside Community Centre

Doors open at 7.15pm for a 8.00pm start.

Guest Speaker: Yvonne Brennan - Chrissy quilts for Cancer

Shop: Pennylane Patchwork

Raffle Quilt: Quilt Encounter

Fat Quarter Raffle: Kids

Show and Tell: Kids'quilts



The Quilt Encounter Committee are continuing to monitor the Australian Covid 19 situation on a daily basis and things are changing all the time.

Unfortunately, all of our NSW and ACT Participants and tutors are no longer able to attend our event this year. Currently our Queensland and Victorian borders are also closed, however we remain hopeful that their situations may change in the next few weeks. Our WA participants are welcome here but unfortunately would need to quarantine for 14 days on their return, which is not realistic for anyone.

We do have a Plan B which we feel would still create a great Quilt Encounter event – with minimal workshop changes and some "Zoom" sessions for a few classes. Most of our participants have indicated they will just be happy to be able to get to the Stamford Grand Hotel and also more than happy to compromise with some workshop changes.

The event can still be successful with only South Australian participants – we do have the numbers to make this work. Of course, we will all be very disappointed to not be sharing this special time with our interstate friends and do hope some of them can still join us this year.

However, having said all of the above – we DO NOT have a Plan C this year – we will need to cancel our annual event, if there are further complications in this everchanging "Covid World". I'm afraid this Committee of 10 do not have the volunteer time or energy to keep changing and re-arranging to make Quilt Encounter work this year.

Again, we ask that no further payments are made until we have more clarity in the next couple of weeks.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to have a "Visitor's Day" at the Stamford Grand Hotel again this year – with Government/Health restrictions on numbers in these venues, we are afraid this will just not be possible.

We plan to have an email update to all of our participants by the end of this week and rest assured that we (as a committee) are all doing our best through these trying times.

Take care & regards from:

Kerryn, Heather, Joyce, Ros, Sonia, Gena, Anna, Margaret, Julie & Leanne

Given the ever changing nature of COVID restrictions, please check the Guild's website and Faceook pages for regular QE updates. Participants will be informed by email. LINKS:

https://www.saquilters.org.au/home.htm website

https://www.facebook.com/saguilters/

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Quilt Encounter

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Everyone!

Well August has been another eventful month for our Guild, as we had to cancel our August 5th meeting due to covid-19 concerns. Again, I would like to thank you all for your understanding following this decision.

Our guest speaker was to be Christine Beardsley who stepped in when Rachaeldaisy could not come from Victoria and Penny Van der Wal from PennyLane Patchwork at Victor Harbor was to bring her shop. We appreciate the significant amount of time and effort which would have gone into their preparation for the evening. Thank you also to the Executive Committee teams who again stepped up to do what had to be done under the circumstances.

Our August meeting was to be a busy one as amongst other things we were saying goodbye and thank you to Mrs Le, our Patron. Further along in I-Patch you will find a lovely report about Mrs Le.

Our very short Special General Meeting will be held over until our September 2 night meeting. Further information is on the front page of I-Patch this month.

I feel that we will all have to become accustomed to wearing a mask at our meetings, they may be around for a while yet, at least until our vaccination numbers are at a higher level. So please remember to wear a mask when you come to Guild functions, until we are advised otherwise. If we let having to wear a mask hold us back it may be ages before we get together again.

I am sure we all want to give a big thank you to Kerryn and the team who have been working hard to make QE happen under very difficult circumstances. As I write this, the decision as to whether it will go ahead is still to be made. I know it has been a very stressful few months for the team as the covid situation interstate has unfolded. I am sure we will all graciously accept the decision whatever it may be.

Until next month, happy quilting.

Cheers

Heather

Heather Ford, President Quilters' Guild of South Australia Email: <u>President</u>

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GET TO KNOW YOUR GUILD EXECUTIVE, SUB COMMITTEES AND TEAMS

Group	Members	
Executive Committee:	Heather Ford (President), Cindy Massey (Vice President), Ann Retallick (Vice President), Gaylene Morgan (Secretary), Keith Holland (Treasurer), Jan Goulter (Assistant Treasurer), Kathleen Rossini (Membership), Peggy Argent (Meetings Team), Monique Reed (Workshops Team), Michael Barton (Library), Jo Reardon (Merchandise), Jane Polden (Groups Liaison), Christine Baker (Assets)	
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Meetings Team: Attend Planning Meetings	Peggy Argent, Cindy Massey, Jo Reardon, Ann Retallick, Chris O'Brien, Heather Ford, Jane Polden, Jill Christian, Helene Beresford, Gaylene Morgan	
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Merchandise and Raffles:	Jo Reardon, Gwen Butler	
Sit and Sew Days Team:	Cindy Massey, Jan Polden, Jo Reardon	
Modern Mix SA Quilters Team:	Monique Reed, Cindy Massey, Pip Porter, Lesley Miller, Ann Retallick, Chris O'Brien	
Groups Liaison Team:	Cindy Massey, Jane Polden	
Shops Liaison:	Peggy Argent	
Festival of Quilts Com- mittee:	Ann Ewer, Kay Calder, Dione Gardner-Stephen, Jan Goulter, Wendy Hunt, Emilie Knight, Sue Knuckey, Chris O'Brien, Mardi Robson, Anne Marie Serrano, Susan Williams	
Quilt Encounter Com- mittee:	Kerryn Brand, Margaret Sampson, Leanne Wagner, Heather Bolt, Julie Sutton, Anna Rackham, Joyce Chapman, Ros Holmes, Gena Martin	
Library Team:	Michael Barton, Christine Baker	

GET TO KNOW YOUR GUILD EXECUTIVE, SUB COMMITTEES AND TEAMScont

Group	Members	
Registrar:	Cindy Massey	
Special Projects:	Christine Baker	
Country Forum Team:	Cindy Massey, Jane Polden, Peggy Argent	
Web site Team:	Kathleen Rossini, Christine Baker	
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Flinders Kids:	Chris O'Brien	
Quilts of Love:	Jill Clausen, Monique Reed, Therese May	
Southern Comforters:	Mary Heard, Kay Wilson	
Dare to Differ Team:	Suzanne Gummow, Jenny Bates, Maxine Fry, Zara Zannettino	
Archives:	Candy Walker	



SIT AND SEW - TEST AND TAG DAY

- WHEN: 25th August 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.



PLEASE....CAN YOU HELP?

For the past decade the Guild has been fortunate to have been able to store equipment used by both the Festival of Quilts and Quilt Encounter committees, along with Guild archives, at the Royal Adelaide Showgrounds. We have now been asked by the RAHS to make alternative arrangements for the storage of our equipment and records.

Trying for find a suitable alternative has been somewhat challenging. Our quilt frames have been re-homed in a commercial storage facility, but this comes with a considerable monthly rental fee.

Our other equipment has been temporarily dispersed to wherever we could find space, none of which is possible for a long term arrangement.

We wondered if any of our members might have a suitable facility that we might use. It would need to be secure, weatherproof, reasonably dustproof and located fairly central to the city. We would be happy to discuss a rental fee (but would be delighted if there were none!).

If you have any thoughts or ideas, please could you contact Heather Ford:

0432 483 263 or president.saquilters@gmail.com Thank you!

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 this year.

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 <u>president.saquilters@gmail.com</u>

PLEASE NOTE!

Guild memberships were due for renewal at the end of June. To ensure that our information and contact details are up to date and correct, 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 the Guild website at:

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

Membership subscriptions which have not been renewed by 31 August 2021, will be regarded as unfinancial and will no longer be accorded the advantages of Guild membership including receipt of monthly I-Patch. Members' support is essential to maintain the Guild and that connection with and between the quilting community and we very much appreciate your endorsement and support of the Guild during these unusual times.



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: <u>Account Name</u>: Quilters' Guild of South Australia <u>Account Details</u>: BSB 105-051 Account 207 144 540

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QUILTERS' GUILD OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

QGSA COUNTRY FORUM UNMASKING the FUTURE

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

Group Name:	
	Email:
Address:	
We will have me	embers attending Country Forum 2021.

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



Mrs Lan Le, the wife of His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia, has been Patron of the Quilters' Guild of South Australia since 2018. However, as a special guest, she also opened the Festival of Quilts in 2016 and 2017 when it was held at Morphetville. She immediately captivated everyone with her sense of humour. In particular she and Bernina Managing Director Greg Alexander hit it off especially when she suggested that she might need a new sewing machine and his quick response was that he could recommend an excellent brand.

In 2018 the Guild introduced the Patron's award for the first time. This involved Mrs Le visiting the Festival of Quilts with President Chris O'Brien and Convenor, Ann Ewer, the day before it officially opened and having a private tour of the hanging quilts. She was an absolute delight to share our quilts with, asking a myriad of questions and seeking to understand more about the techniques involved. Mrs Le awarded the first Patron's Award to the beautiful quilt by Jill Holmes called *Land of my Father*.

Land of My Father by Jill Holmes

2019 and 2021....Mrs Le's preference was to attend the official opening, as our Patron, but to not officially open it. On both occasions she had a private viewing the previous day so that she could select the winner of her Patron's Award.



She toured the show and was very impressed with the work by our quilters.

In 2019 Mrs Le's Patron's Award went to Glenys Elliott for her beautiful embroidered quilt *My Bed of Roses* quilted by Judy Simcock.



Mrs Le with Glenys Elliott

The Festival was cancelled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic but was successfully held in April this year when Mrs Le chose the quilt *Garden Views* by Valerie Giles and Prue Wheal to receive her Patron's Award.



Garden Views by Valerie Giles and Prue Wheal ... continued next page



Greg Alexander, Mrs Le and 2019 Guild President Chris O'Brien

During our COVID shelter at home months in 2020, Mrs Le contacted President Chris O'Brien by phone on two occasions. Both times she sought to hear about how SA quilters were dealing with the changed circumstances of the Guild - knowing that quilting is a much valued social activity for many quilters. They talked at length about the key strategies that the Guild's Executive Committee had in place - in particular our online mystery quilts and our switch to digital communication strategies in order to stay in touch with our members.

It was evident that she followed our Facebook page and had good knowledge of our website content. Throughout her years, as our Patron, Mrs Le has invited members of the Guild's various committees to Government House for morning and afternoon teas. Such visits were usually accompanied by a tour of the garden. On one visit, passing through the vegetable patch, she whipped out some snaplock bags from her handbag and filled them with freshly picked tomatoes! It must have been a sight to behold when that group of quilters departed the gates of Government House bearing tomatoes and clumps of freshly dug up lemongrass.



Mrs Le with members of the Guild at Government House in September 2018.

Mrs Le has always shown a genuine interest in the Quilters' Guild during her time as Patron and we are so grateful and proud of her ongoing interest in the Guild and our members. Mrs Le has been a wonderful Patron and an absolute delight to work with.



Greg Alexander and Mrs Le with 2021 Festival Best of Show winner Christine Boxer

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In recognition and appreciation of her time as Patron of the Guild and on behalf of the Quilters' Guild members, Chris and Heather were pleased to present Mrs Le with a very special gift of a quilt at Government House. The beautiful quilt was made by Chris O'Brien from a design by Rachelle Denneny.

Mrs Le was delighted with her gift and said she will treasure it in her home where she will be able to see it every day. Kathy Rossini



Guild Patron Mrs Lan Le, Immediate Past President Chris O'Brien and Guild 2021 President Heather Ford

Click on Mrs Lan Le Presentation to view a short video of the quilt presentation to Mrs



SIT AND SEW SHOW AND TELL





Busy, busy, busy.....



Kay's English paper piecing project





Denise

Peg and Trudy 12

Sue's lovely Rachaeldaisy blocks.



Above and below: Cindy's quilts





SIT AND SEW SHOW AND TELL







Candy





Heather's Quilts





Cindy's quilt for a special friend.





Chris's The Quilt Show BOM



Eileen's sewing machine cover.

SIT AND SEW SHOW AND TELL





Peggy's postcard inspired quilt.

Jo's handy

bag.

A special quilt for a special person made by the McLaren Vale Quilters.







Faye—putting together another Bedford quilt!



Pauline's cheerful block.

New member Sheila's quilt



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



We thought that it would be interesting to ask some of our Life Members and Past Presidents to tell us a little about where their quilting journeys have taken them in recent times. This month we prevailed upon Past President Pip Scholten, who now lives in Tasmania, to write for us. Enjoy!



Hi, I am Pip Scholten and a quilter and it's all his fault!! (Sounds like an addiction meeting introduction – well it is really, isn't it!)

If Alan hadn't come home and told me about a quilt exhibition at Coromandel Valley Community Centre I wouldn't have gone along and become hooked; I wouldn't have become involved in the online SCQuilters group; I wouldn't have gone along to a meeting at Pam's "shed" to join the committee for the SCQuilters 1999 Retreat; I wouldn't have met Chris and I wouldn't now be sitting here trying to think of something to write (because she grovelled/

Some of you will remember me as an ex-President of the Guild (2002 I think and I recall that Chris may have done some sweet talking then too!). I hadn't been President for long when Alan got a transfer with SA Ambulance to the Yorke Peninsula and we moved from Eden Hills to Kadina. I saw out my first year as President with lots of trips to Adelaide but decided that I couldn't work full time running the Maitland Health Centre and be President – apart from anything else the motoring public would be safer if I wasn't driving back to Kadina after Guild meetings! So, I handed the reigns to Maxine Smith at the next AGM.

Packing is always a reality check when you are a quilter – how did so much fabric end up in my possession? Good thing I always do the packing in our house - I was an army brat so it is in my blood and I actually quite enjoy it!

I joined the Northern Yorke Peninsula Quilters and the Monday Night Girls quilting group at Moonta – after all, there was a need to use some of that fabric! Monday nights were especially important for keeping my sanity when working and the girls at the Health Centre would push me out the door on Mondays at 5pm offering to stay and lock up when everything was finished rather than run the risk that I didn't get to quilting and they had to work with me for the rest of the week!

Along with meeting on Monday nights we organised various challenges including a round robin for which I used a mariner's compass block I had made with Lessa Siegele many years before and a challenge to make a 1m square quilt from a bag of shirt pieces using only one other fabric.





I was involved with the annual quilt show that was held during the Kernewek Lowender Cornish Festival as well as the making of the raffle quilt each year and keeping Rose Ward at the AWCH supplied with quilts for the children.







WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

In 2008 we moved again – this time to Tasmania. Alan had taken me on holiday to Hobart in 2005 before asking if I thought living there would be a good idea – although born in Melbourne he grew up in Hobart and had his fingers crossed that I would like the idea. Fortunately, I did - our daughter had moved to the UK in 2006 (doing what I did in 1976 but in reverse) so we didn't have to think about her welfare. Rijan always says she never left home, we left her (she was at Flinders Uni when we moved to Kadina, so we found her a unit to rent and waved goodbye)!

Of course, 2008 was the GFC so what we had planned as retirement for Alan actually became a job change and he went to work for the Tasmanian Ambulance Service. We bought a house in Huonville, where he was working, and I found myself another job working with and for doctors. Alan had already started work in Hobart and I packed up the house in Kadina and moved over on Australia Day 2008.

More importantly I found some guilters to keep me sane! Having arrived on Australia Day (Saturday) I spent a few days unpacking and hiding the amount of fabric that had come with me - it was probably a close run thing between the number of boxes of books and the number of boxes from my sewing room - the removalist was trying to auction off the boxes to passersby as he loaded the truck in Kadina. I started work on the Thursday so by Saturday I was in need of a guilting fix - Alan was at work so I got the address of Frangipani Fabrics in Sandy Bay, got out the map and bravely headed off for a drive into Hobart on my own - it may not be very big but it does have a weird one-way circuit! I knew there was a group of quilters who met on Saturday mornings at the table in Frangipani's front window and I became a regular member of the coven (my husband's term for a group of guilters) and subsequently did some teaching for them. Twelve years later Frangipani has moved several times and we no longer have Saturday morning meetings there but some of us still get together for coffee and some "show and tell" from time to time.



2013 saw Alan retired again and we decided to look for a house nearer his boat – not long after we moved to Tassie I went on a trip to the UK and while away got an email saying "I might have bought a boat" – he had. It lives at the marina in Kettering and we eventually found a house on 4 ½ acres at Woodbridge just south of Kettering – just the right distance for going to do some work on the boat and popping home for lunch! The house, which we bought because it had a big room for my sewing "stuff" (and potential for a lon-garm!!), also came with an amazing view and an olive grove. Hmm, do we just ignore that and let them do their own thing or ……... we ended up picking, pressing and selling olive oil. In 2015 I retired from being a practice manager and bought myself a retirement present to fill the space in the sewing room!!





We have since moved again – last year just before the pandemic began we sold Woodbridge and moved to Snug (about the same distance on the Hobart side of Kettering so the boat is still a short trip away!). Again, chosen because it has a room big enough for my sewing "stuff" which now includes a longarm!

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Throughout all of this quilting has been my sanity saver! I am a member of the Tasmanian Quilting Guild and have been involved with Island Threads (our annual quilt exhibition which is held in Launceston one year and Hobart the next) both exhibiting and organising since I joined. A couple of my quilts have even been to Melbourne to represent Tasmania at AQC – a good excuse for a shopping trip! I also became involved with organising the Tasmanian Art Quilt Prize while that was running and I'm currently a trainee appraiser with our Guild.

So, these days my time is spent volunteering with the Maritime Museum where I manage the shop, volunteering with Stitch – a sewing group for refugee women and quilting – using up as much of the fabric in my possession as possible!!

I'm looking forward to catching up with some of you at Quilt Encounter!!



Pip's current WIP

A travel inspired quilt.



My trips to the UK to see our Rijan and the rest of my family have provided lots of excuses to include a quilting opportunity – Houston, Orvieto (Italy), Japan (Yokohama Quilt show that never was), Paducah, Morocco, Spain I have always loved travelling – take me to the airport and I'll get on a plane to go anywhere – or I would have done until recently! Hopefully these opportunities will come back but, in the meantime, we are planning, with our fingers crossed, for Island Quilts 2021 which will be held here in Hobart in November.

Pip Scholten

A MESSAGE TO ALL QGSA MEMBER GROUPS

If you would like to feature your community raffle quilt at a Guild meeting, the available date for this year is 17 November (daytime meeting).

Pre-booking dates for next year is also possible.

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

or phone Jo on 0418 402 979

MODERN MIX SA QUILTERS

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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.

The Modern Mix Sa Quilters "We're Modern, we're mixing it, we're Quilters" had another great session at their July monthly meeting when the focus was on Information Technology.

After a brief tussle getting the curtains closed, Ian the IT Guru set up a data projector and Ann started the ball rolling with a power point presentation on the Modern Quilt Guild, this allowed the members to have an insider look at what was available if you joined the Modern Quilt Guild.

Chris showed us a few apps that were useful for drawing quilting patterns, Pip gave us a brief Instagram tour and Lara talked about Make Modern digital magazine.

Any questions – Email Monique modern.saquilters@gmail.com

Pip Porter

NEXT MONTH: A (voluntary) sew along is scheduled! We'll help you make a lovely lanyard pouch to hold phone, pen, Guild card and Guild name badge.

QUILTS OF LOVE UPDATE

21 Isolette covers and 74 crib quilts on their way to Lyell McEwin Hospital. 20 Isolette covers are also going to Burnside Hospital.

Having 'inherited' over 1200 quilts when After Dark Quilters took over in January 2020, we have reached our goal of delivering all but about 50 quilts to various hospitals and charities. Our aim now is to have only a few quilts in storage; we would much prefer they are distributed as soon as possible.

We are now ready to collect Isolette covers and crib quilts (no little quilts of love) that people have been making and keeping at home. This will ensure we have some ready to go when requested. I will be at the Wednesday daytime Guild meeting on the 18th and our evening September meeting to collect quilts.

Once again a big thank you to our members for all the beautiful quilts. They have been so well received by both the hospitals and other organisations

Jill Clausen

For details of Quilts of Love size requirements: <u>https://www.saquilters.org.au/LQoL.htm</u>

To view all the details, download a brochure and watch what Amanda Murphy has to say about it Click here! <u>Bernina</u>

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KORNACRAFT SEWING CENTRE

Kornacraft can be found right in the heart of Gawler, South Australia's first country town, right on the edge of the Barossa Valley. A lovely family run sewing shop with a focus on quilting, haberdashery, sewing machine sales and service and a range of classes that bring the local sewing community together.

Current owners Kim and Chris Peake purchased the business in 2006 and moved it to its' current location in January of 2012 after purchasing the building the previous year and remodelling the shop into the large bright space it is now.



Kim



Chris

Kornacraft is actually the continuation of a sewing business that has been in operation in Gawler since 1958. Originally owned by Max and Merle Rogers as a Singer sewing machine franchise, both had been involved with Singer for many years before purchasing the franchise and starting their own business. The business covered a very large area with Merle traveling to places as diverse as Naracoorte, Mount Gambier and Paratoo Station to demonstrate and sell machines. After a few locations and coming to be named Gawler Sewing and Knitting Centre, the shop location settled on the main street of Gawler opposite the end of Lyndoch Road, where it remained for many years. As the name suggests it sold sewing and knitting machines (remember those?), dressmaking fabrics, haberdashery and notions as well as servicing machines. During this time the business took on Janome sewing machines and became a fixture of the Gawler landscape. Some of the long term locals may remember visiting the store and seeing their very friendly black Labrador, Pedro, who spent many years welcoming customers to the store.

In 1989 Merle retired and the business was purchased by Marie and Barry Argent. Not long after, the store moved to the corner of Murray Street and Finniss Street on the main street of Gawler. It continued to sell sewing machines, fabric and haberdashery but also took on more crafting lines like cardmaking and art supplies. It was now that it became known as Kornacraft (it was on the corner, sold craft, get it?). During the early 1990's Kornacraft opened a second store in Tanunda which operated for about four years. It was during this time that the transition was made from dressmaking fabrics to quilting. The shop in Gawler ran many sewing and art classes on the basement level of the shop, affectionately known as the dungeon. The business came up for sale when Barry retired and that is when Kim and Chris stepped up and we have the quilting store we love today.

After many years working in the health care industry, when asked why she purchased the business Kim, who has always enjoyed sewing, said she was simply ready for a change. She laughingly said she had crazy dreams of sitting comfortably in her cosy store, spending her days quietly sewing with no interruptions. While running a small business hasn't really given her the quiet time envisioned, she has been able to share her passion with the wider community and helped others enjoy and follow their own sewing journeys. Kim is also a keen supporter of the local small business community and for many years has been involved in the Gawler Business Development Group, which provides guidance and support for small businesses in the area.

Although not able to quietly while away her days sewing, Kim has not been alone to meet the demands of running a small business. Kim's husband Chris can be seen manning the counter most Saturdays. As well as his day job, Chris has taken on bookkeeping duties and has completed training in servicing Janome and Brother sewing machines, which he tries to fit in after hours, keeping himself busy.





Clarissa

Jenny



KORNACRAFT SEWING CENTRE

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Including Kim herself, the staff at Kornacraft have over 100 years of combined sewing experience. Kay began her time with the business back in 2005. Although she has a background in accounting Kay has been sewing since high school and has expanded her skills to include quilting and developed a talent for embroidering articles for customers using several of the shops large embroidery machines. Kay is currently the shop's longest serving employee.

Jenni is another long term employee. The daughter of Merle and Max, Jenni has grown up quite literally surrounded by the sewing shop in Gawler, this has given her an extensive knowledge of all things sewing and is the store's resident overlocker go to gal, running regular overlocking workshops. Although she has gone off to try her hand at other jobs, she has, at some stage, worked for every owner of Kornacraft throughout the years.

Keeping it in the family, Jenni's daughter Clarissa joined the Kornacraft crew eight years ago, making it three generations which have worked for the Gawler sewing shop. Clarissa, like Kim and many Kornacraft sewing regulars, has a background in nursing. Maybe there is something to be said for the creativity and relaxing nature of sewing. She even remembers helping her grandparents with stocktake when she was around 10 years old, counting buttons, so many buttons.

Rounding out the regular team, Kornacraft has recently welcomed 15-year-old Charlotte. Starting out in Kornacraft's after school sewing classes when she was 11, Charlotte developed a love and knowledge of sewing which she is enjoying translating to her first job.

If you have ever had your sewing machine serviced at Kornacraft, it was probably done by Sam. Working for Singer after he arrived from Ireland, where he was a sewing machine mechanic in a millinery factory with

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responsibility for hundreds of machines, Sam serviced machines for Merle and Max offsite for many years, finally joining them in store in 1982. He continued servicing as a contractor for the store right up until earlier this year, when he decided to retire at 82 years young.

Kim also brings in a dedicated quilting teacher, Yvonne, who teaches three classes a week. Yvonne brings years of sewing and design experience to the team and a truly encouraging attitude that brings out the best in our quilters.

Kim has worked hard over the years to provide a wonderful place to get all your quilting and sewing supplies. She continues to provide new opportunities to learn with multiple quilting classes every week, three after school classes for children from eight years old, weekend workshops and one on one lessons if required. Kornacraft also has regular sit and sew sessions, where sewers and stitchers can come together for the day and work on their own projects in a group setting, giving participants a chance to chat and while away the day.

Always looking to expand with new ideas, this year Kim had her first SASSI (South Australian Sewers and Stitchers Inspired) retreat. This was a two day event that gave the attendees the chance to learn new skills, this year with a focus on South Australian sewers, designers and businesses. With four classes and a presentation held over the weekend, and food provided throughout the day, it was a wonderful event that Kim hopes to present annually.

Although it has been a difficult year for so many small businesses, with trying times like the current situation around the world, shops like Kim's provide a welcome refuge. A place for like minded people to spend time doing something they love, relax and sew while having a cuppa and a great chat.



As well as their on-line stores, Kornacraft Sewing Centre provides personalised service to customers from the Gawler, Adelaide Hills, Barossa Valley, Clare Valley, Murraylands, Mid North and Yorke Peninsula regions along with the greater metropolitan area of Adelaide.



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

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.



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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 <u>Workshops</u>
- For more details please email workshops.saquilters@gmail.com
- Full requirements lists will be emailed out closer to the workshop date.





NEWS FROM CLARE QUILTERS

Our group has continued the year under the capable leadership of President Ann F and Secretary Janet B and their executive committee. Our major focus is to prepare for our Exhibition to be held on 1st to 3rd October at the Clare Town Hall. You are all invited!!

The Clare Valley should be at its springtime best so we hope people will enjoy getting out to visit us and our exhibition. We will be delighted to see you with a cuppa and snack to sustain you and lots of quilts and a trading table to enjoy.

Our quilters have been finishing UFOs and being creative with scraps. Sandra has been encouraging us to make 9-inch blocks of any design and out of absolutely any old fabric and amazing us by how well she has coordinated these blocks into attractive quilts. She has also been encouraging us to make strip quilts which have been fun.

Other members have shared their ideas to demonstrate Divided 4 patch blocks, simple Dresden Plate blocks and quilt binding techniques. It is wonderful to be part of a group where people share their ideas and we can all pick up a few new tips.

Early in the year Lesley asked for some quilts to give to residents of Wami Kata Aged Care Residence at Pt Augusta; about ten she thought. Soon there were 27 and then finally she was able to deliver 31 quilts and a knitted knee rug!! Thank you Clare Quilters for your generous response: the staff and residents were delighted.

The Group has also continued with our informal "In Between" meetings to sit and sew at members' homes. This year we thank our generous hosts Maria, Lyn, Barb, Sue and Lesley.

Our thanks must go to the I-Patch committee who have put together the monthly newsletter: so full of information and photos from our SA quilting community and a wonderful way to keep connected during uncertain times.

Chris Cootes

Lesley and Sue with a quilt made by Sue for Wami Kata Aged Care Residence



Welcome To Our Newest Members

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to new members of the Quilters' Guild of South Australia.

Karen Kleinlagel Sue Brooks Heather Thompson Sheila English Maree Caplin



We look forward to sharing some quilty times with you!



SEWING ROOM VISITS

Just over a year ago, Cindy and Jane started to interview fellow quilters in their sewing rooms. They are affectionately known now as the Roving Reporters. While their lives had been changed with the Covid 19 Virus and they were restricted in getting together for sewing days and workshops, an idea was created. The aim was to keep Guild members engaged in a lighthearted manner and to visit quilting friends.

Jane has a passion in finding the ideal storage systems for all those bits and pieces quilters accumulate and to be able to find something at a moment's notice. Well, that hasn't happened but every day she strives to get a little bit better at it. Having started sewing on the dining table for years she is now lucky enough to have the spare bedroom as her happy place. Cindy and Jane developed a formula to share with you all the techniques and ideas from the quilters they visit each month.

This month's featured quilter is Heather Ford!

This month we were lucky enough to get past the security checkpoint of the newly elect President's house. We had to have a secret agent drive us there and, once in, we found a shelf lined room with lots of projects on the go. It was evident that everything had a place, even projects in Pizza boxes. Heather Ford has been sewing and teaching dressmaking and patchwork for many years. She also has a beautiful cabinet of heirloom sewing items collected over the years from family and friends. Heather has started featuring a tool of the month at our monthly meetings and will be sharing ideas on the uses of a product and how the item can be used on many projects. Anything to make the job easier, is Heather's focus. Thank you, Heather, for sharing your special place. Heather's story has been published a couple of years ago in a previous issue of PATCHES.

Click on the link below and join us in visiting the President. Previous videos can be viewed on YouTube—just search Quilters' Guild of South Australia, or Cindy and Jane visit. The videos are also accessible on Facebook a week after the publication of I-PATCH.

Look out: we might knock on your door very soon.

Happy sewing to you all.....Jane Polden



Door Prizes

and Raffle

BEDFORD MYSTERY QUILT WORKSHOP

Saturday 18th September 2021 9.30am — 4.00pm

Tutors: Faye Packham and Lessa Siegele

Hosted by The Happiness Fairies at Seeds Uniting Church Hall

42 Sunnymead Drive, Aberfoyle Park SA 5059

Kits \$70 (includes pattern and pre-cut fabric) Proceeds will go to Bedford Industries Training Kitchen.

Extra kits will be \$50 on the day.

BYO lunch, snacks and mug. Tea/coffee provided. COVID regulations apply.

Sewing machines must have a current safety tag.

Enquiries/Registrations: Deborah 0407 187 518 or Anne 0417 242 575

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EXHIBITION NEWS



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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



For further details please contact:

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EXHIBITION NEWS



INTERSTATE EXHIBITION NEWS

Australasian Quilt Convention

The postponed date for AQC is currently under review due to COVID lockdowns in Victoria. Please check this website for updated details:

https://aqc.com.au/

Victorian Quilters Showcase

The annual Quilters Showcase will be held from 11 to 14 November 2021.

https://www.victorianquilters.org/exhibitions-challenges/quilt-showcase/

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

Local quilter, Bronwyn Savage, can supply acrylic, custom sized sewing machine extension tables? If you would like one for your machine, please contact Bronwyn directly on 0417 751 759 or email her <u>tuzzles@gmail.com</u>