



SA 
 Quilters



1984 - 2024

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That public meeting convened by Rachel Dettman and Elaine Gardner held at the Contemporary Arts Society, saw 36 people attend and a larger steering committee was formed. Those on the Charter Steering Committee of March 1984 included Rachel Dettman, Elaine Gardner, Beryl Norman, Julie Abbott, Inge Schwerdtfeger, Di Richards, Deidre Scott, Janice Irvine, Betty O'Brien, Jude Adams, Maggie Woodroffe, Marilyn Jelfs, Sally Plummer, Maree Gebhardt, Anthea Martin, Lesley Morris, Jean Lange, Wendy Harbard, Dominic Crosby, Robyn Messner, Lynne Zakarevicius.

QGSA Annual General Meeting

The Constitution was adopted by members at the 1985 AGM, with Rachel Dettman being voted to hold the office of President.

Quilters' Guild of South Australia Inc Exhibition

The first exhibition, *Beginnings*, was held in 1985 at the Unley Civic Centre. It was a great success with over 3,000 visitors to the event.

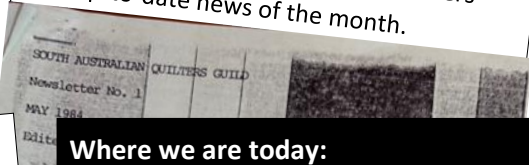
Quilt Encounter 1993

The brainchild of Lessa Siegele, the inaugural Quilt Encounter was held at the Red Shield Camp at Victor Harbor from August 6-8, 1993.



First Newsletter produced

The first Guild newsletter was published in May 1984 with Jude Adams and Inge Schwerdtfeger as the editors. *Patches*, as a name, first appeared in the June/July 1985 edition. In January 2019, a digital version, *I-Patch*, was produced to provide members with up-to-date news of the month.



QGSA Logo Unveiled

A competition was announced in 1984 calling for the design of a logo for the Guild. The successful entry was designed by Una Lawson, who also suggested the name 'Patches' for the newsletter.



2003 - Guild goes digital on the web

The Guild web site was created in 2003 to keep members up to date with Guild activities

As part of the modernisation program in 2022, the new web site was launched and the new logo adopted.



SA Quilters was registered as a business name in 2022.

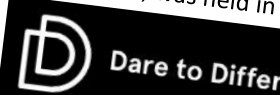
Where we are today:

SA Quilters has thrived over the past 40 years. In 2024 there are over 540 individual members and 90 affiliated groups. SA Quilters maintains monthly meetings, holds regular workshops with local, national and international tutors, has an Appraisal Team and Judging Team, a vibrant Modern Quilt Group, three Sit and Sew groups, an annual Exhibition "*Festival of Quilts*", bi-annual "*Dare to Differ*" contemporary quilt exhibition, "*Quilt Encounter*" is now held at the

Stamford Grand Hotel and includes a Trunk Show. We support Rural Roundup, hosted by a country group, and host Country Forum in the city, alternate years. Our communications team support a monthly digital newsletter *I-Patch*, a Facebook site, YouTube channel and a new modern website with Instagram waiting in the wings. What an amazing organisation.

First exhibition of contemporary quilts held in South Australia in 1994

Instigated by a small group of members interested in promoting and exhibiting contemporary quilting in South Australia, the first non-traditional juried exhibition, open to anyone, was held in 1994.



SA Quilters web site - click [here](#)

Facebook page - click [here](#)



Hello Everyone,

What an amazing 40th birthday meeting we had last week. There are lots of photos for you to enjoy further along in I-Patch. Thank you to everyone who came dressed in red, wore a red hat and generally got into the spirit of the night. Jo Reardon made red velvet cupcakes for everyone, thank you Jo. All individual members received a commemorative 40-year badge. These will be given out during the year at meetings, toward the end of the year those not collected will be mailed out.



40-Year Commemorative Badge

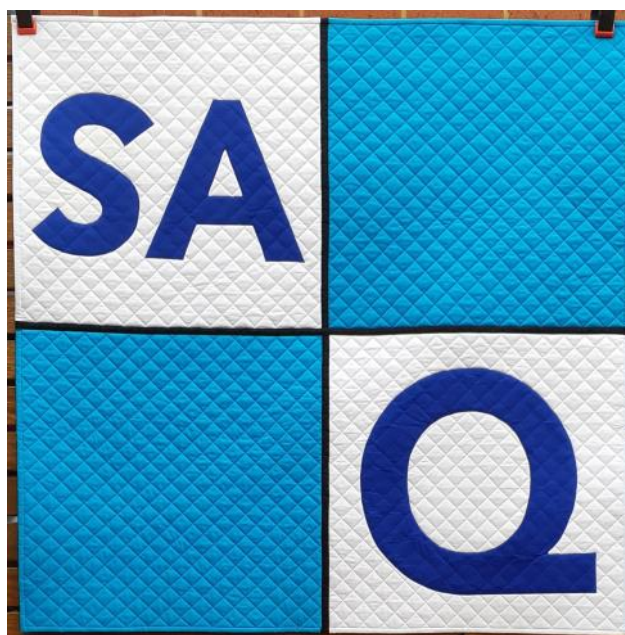
Our modern new banner was revealed, with thanks to Kathleen Rossini who made it.

It was a night to acknowledge those who were responsible for the formation of this amazing organisation and those who have served as President or been awarded Life Membership.

Below is the piece I read out at the meeting with some details of the Quilters' Guild of SA history.

"As we embark on this our 40th year, I thought it was time to look back and acknowledge those who came before us, and whose insight and hard work paved the way for the amazing organisation we have today - SA Quilters. Right from the beginning those activities which are the bedrock of what we offer our members today were being put in place. Monthly meetings, a Library, a Newsletter, Workshops, Exhibitions, Sit and Sew days and the desire to involve and include our rural sisters. Not to mention being incorporated, a logo and a banner.

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New Banner

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A Focus on Quilting

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That public meeting, convened by Rachel Dettman and Laine Gardner, held at the Contemporary Arts Society, saw 36 people attend and a larger steering committee was formed. Rachel Dettman and Laine Gardner were co-convenors of the committee and Julie Abbott was co-treasurer and membership secretary. The full list of the committee is on the notice board and the website.

Very quickly in the ensuing twelve months a design for a logo (submitted by Una Lawson) was chosen, with a banner to follow.

A Newsletter was a high priority, with the first one launched in May 1984. Una Lawson also suggested the name "Patches" for the newsletter

A Library for members was also established.

A very busy Steering Committee saw the drawing up of a Constitution and following its approval, the initiation of proceedings to become an Incorporated body.

An Education Programme – including films, slides and guest speakers was followed by the first workshop, 2 days with Sonja Lee Barrington in May 1985.

The Steering Committee realised the importance of promoting QGSA to the wider community and mounted displays where possible at events such as the Royal Show.

Exhibitions were being discussed and in early 1985 a small exhibition was mounted in the foyer of the Crafts Council premises.

With the knowledge that many country women were meeting to quilt, contact was made with the view to having affiliated groups.

Membership steadily grew over the year and saw a move to a larger venue, Gartrell Uniting Church where regular General Meetings, Steering Committee meetings and a day time sewing gathering were held. By May 1985 membership stood at 75, by October it was 109 and at the end of the year there were 13 affiliated country groups.

What an amazing achievement in such a short space of time.

Over the last months we have endeavoured to find those four women who were responsible for the formation of our organisation.

Unfortunately, we have been unable to find Jude Adams, even after using all the modern technology at our disposal.

Rachel Dettman, as a Life Member is still on our membership list, as is Julie Abbott and Rachel was able to put us in touch with Laine Gardner. (Rachel and Julie were able to join us for the meeting and were presented with a small mantle clock, suitably engraved, to thank them for their part in the formation of our Guild. Laine will receive hers later.)

Over the last weeks the Communications Team have been able to interview Rachel and Laine together and then Julie. Over the coming months the aim is to interview as many of our early members as is possible, so we have a permanent record on our YouTube channel. I would encourage you to view the videos [here](#).

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We had a lovely day, well for some of us it was the weekend, in Waikerie Saturday March 2 for the Riverland Get Together. The weather was kind, the day was lovely, four shops with lots of goodies, huge raffle, guest speakers and I was able to represent SA Quilters along with other team members who travelled to Waikerie. We were able to take the Festival of Quilts raffle quilt and the Appraisal Panel timed pieces for 2024. Thank you to the Waikerie Piecemakers group for hosting the day.

I hope you are enjoying the SA Quilters 40th birthday Sew Along. There have been some lovely photos on the group Facebook page. Information is available on the website [here](#).

Planning for Festival of Quilts is in full swing and there is lots of information further along in this issue. Entries are now open so put an entry in and then you will have a deadline to finish that quilt. You can enter [here](#).

Our AGM is fast approaching and you will find documents we are required to provide for members in this issue of I-Patch. The Annual Report will be emailed to all members in a couple of weeks.

Until next time,

Stay safe and happy quilting

Heather

Heather Ford - President, SA Quilters

Phone: 0432 483 263

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Birthday meeting held on March 7th

I am the Meetings Team Leader and thought I would share a few comments with you all. How pleased we are that the Birthday, Red Hat theme meeting was so well attended on Thursday 7th March. All members received their gift of a "40-year badge". These will be available for all individual members and will be given out at meetings for the next few months.

We are members of a wonderful quilting tribe.

Meetings don't just happen we don't just turn up and hope for the best. We have a team of 14 on the Meetings Team sub-committee and we have a meeting most months to plan for our general meetings to make sure all goes to plan and last night was a good example of our teamwork. It takes us 45 minutes to set up, so well done to the team. There might be a few glitches at times but I would think most go unnoticed by many.

However, we can't do a lot about the space we have to work in but we try tweaking the arrangement of tables and will continue to do so to have the maximum number of seats. Wendy's well planned presentation of her 40 quilts was amazing with 9 quilt wranglers holding up quilts in quick succession it went smoothly. Thank you Wendy

Until next meeting on April 4th.

Cheers Peg Argent

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SA QUILTERS - MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, 4th April 2024

Doors open at 7.15pm for an 8.00pm start

Welcome address: President, Heather Ford
Guest Speaker: Marlyn – RAA Road Rules
Shop: Kitty Rose Cottage **Web Site:** Kitty Rose Cottage
Community Quilt: Festival of Quilts
Fat Quarter Raffle: Red, Yellow, Green
Show and Tell: Anything goes
Library: Open for borrows and returns

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

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Ruby Red

Celebrating SA Quilters' 40th Anniversary
Festival of Quilts 2024

5-7 July 2024 | Adelaide Showground
In association with CraftAlive

Quilter in Residence:

Jill Radcliffe



Jill has always loved doing crafty things like cross stitch and embroidery. She started quilting when her children were small without really knowing that she was making her first quilt. Her interest in quilting was sparked from a magazine. A visit to the Coromandel Quilters group crystallised that interest into a new-found passion that has become the most absorbing craft of all time!



Jill has made many quilts and has won many prizes for her quilting over the years (including 1st prize last year for the quilt on the left).

She is using her love of modern quilts and combining this with the technique of Kawandi quilting with some extraordinary results.

Jill currently leads the Modern Mix group of SA Quilters.

Jill's latest passion in quilting is Kawandi quilting. A type of quilting that originated in India and involves hand sewing and using fabric scraps.

Jill has developed considerable skill in this area and is very happy to demonstrate how easy it is to make a quilt.

The bags featured above are stitched using the Kawandi technique and then made into unique bags.



Come and see Jill demonstrate at the Festival of Quilts and give Kawandi quilting a try. Jill's demonstration will help you learn a new technique and maybe find a new passion.



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Where are our “40” Project Pieces?

We would like at least 40 items to enhance the theme of our event.
Please consider making a small quilt that celebrates our 40th Anniversary.

THE RULES

There are very few restrictions....

- ♦ It must measure 40cm x 40cm. (15 inches square)
- ♦ The binding must be **red** “Shadowplay” fabric. Packs are available at SA Quilters meetings for \$2 per pack.

Display YOUR creativity

The body of the Project Quilt can be...

- ♦ Any colour
- ♦ Any technique
- ♦ Any embellishments
- ♦ Anything relating to 40 or a celebration—a birthday cake, candles, party itmes etc



The Finishing Touch .

- ♦ Clearly label the back with your name and contact details
- ♦ Bring it to the FoQ desk at any SA Quilters meeting up to and including June 2024
- ♦ We will be pleased to receive it and display it at the Festival of Quilts in July

FOQ NEWS



Festival of Quilts Raffle

Do you know who made this quilt top?

Any information please contact:

Ann Ewer, telephone 0414 364 100

Or email: fogconvenor.saquilters@gmail.com

as soon as possible, as we would love to know who it is and acknowledge that person.

Raffle books may be obtained from

Margaret Hurrell, telephone 0419 860 757

or from the Festival of Quilts table at any SA Quilters' Members meeting.



Tickets \$2 each

Buy at SAQ Members' meetings or

PennyLane Patchwork, Victor Harbor

where quilt is being displayed during March after the March SAQ member's meeting.



Hot News:

Bernina Australia has upgraded its donation of the 2nd prize to a Bernina Bernette 05 Series Academy

Valued at \$599.

Part proceeds go to





A guide to entering your quilts

- The Exhibition Handbook is located on the SAQ web site [here](#).
- and will answer all your questions about entering and preparing your quilt.
- Entries must be lodged online - go to [SA Quilters](#) and click on the entries link.
- Your quilt does not need to be finished when entering - a photo is only required for identification purposes
- There is an Entry Guide document, located on the Entries site, which you can print out and complete so that you know you have all the information you need. This is really useful if you want someone else to lodge the entry for you.
- It is necessary to pay your entry fee, prior to lodging your entry (Members: \$15/quilt, Members of Groups \$20/quilt)
- There is no Challenge category this year as it has been replaced by the Red and White Category
- **Suitable bags for Festival of Quilts entries are available at SA Quilters meetings for \$8 each.**



Entries are Open!

"It's an exhibition, not a competition" is the catch phrase we use every year. Don't be afraid to enter your quilts. We all love to look at other people's quilts and it is only the judges who will look closely to ascertain whether one quilt merits a ribbon more than another. You may enter your quilt as "Display only", but then you miss out on the possibility of winning a prize - you have nothing to lose and everything to gain.



- The Red and White category is any size quilt up to 290cm, which must be red and white only, ie no other colours are permitted on the front, however the backing fabric may include other colours. You may use any technique and the quilt may be created by more than one person.
- As there is no Machine Embroidered category this year, please enter these quilts in "Other Techniques".
- When Junior entries are lodged, the entrant will be emailed specific instructions for completing their Quilt Card information.

Early Bird Prizes - Get your Entries in Early!

Enter early and be in the draw for some gorgeous prizes.

Prize draws will be held at SAQ Members' meetings:

- Thursday 4th April
- Thursday 2nd May (for all entries received by 30 April)

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FEATURED QUILTER

Ann Ewer



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Join Cindy and Jane
as they take a
sewing room tour
with Ann Ewer

Having made all her clothes when Ann was young, it was a natural progression to become interested in quilting, which was not until 2002, when she discovered a whole new world of quilt shops, patterns and classes. However, Ann didn't really get started until 2010, after meeting Dorothy Paterson, who introduced her to applique and she made her first child's quilt for a friend. Ann was instantly hooked and subsequently made numerous "A, B, C" quilts for friends, with basic quilting.

Ann attended a couple of free motion quilting workshops with Rachelle Deneny and didn't like free motion quilting – it was too hard to get a nice result. Instead, Ann focused on art type workshops with Gloria Loughman and Carolyn Sharkey, which she really enjoyed, especially learning different techniques, such as 'confetti quilting' using tiny pieces of fabric or yarn.

One day Ann's friend from Toronto, asked her to make a cot quilt around the theme of Snugglepoot and Cuddlepoot, which Ann designed. Several years later, another request – yellow and grey – so "Possum Magic" was created. Since then, Ann has made numerous cot quilts and has also been commissioned by a Sydney person, to make two quilts with Australiana themes, one of which is in Los Angeles (pictured centre) and the latest, made recently - "Snugglepoot and Cuddlepoot Go Fishing" is in Italy. (Fishing and Kookaburra designs by May Gibbs).

Ann's machine quilting was very basic to start with and she quilted a number of charity quilts to gain experience. Ann never thought she would ever say that free motion quilting is her passion. The turning point was thanks to Covid – Ann undertook online free motion quilting classes, took over her partner's office as her sewing room and bought a Q20. Ann quilted this year's raffle quilt: "The Mystery Conway Album Quilt" and said that "it was an absolute joy to quilt such a beautiful top" (see February I-Patch for images and buy a ticket please!).

As a retired Professional Conference Organiser (or Events Manager as they are now known), Ann was drawn to join the Festival of Quilts Committee in 2016. She has been Convenor since, and including, the 2019 Festival. She said: "Having a very happy and hard working team behind me, makes the task really enjoyable. It's always a thrill to walk through the display, prior to opening and see the year's work come to fruition and look so amazing."

Ann is also a keen golfer, participates in a French conversation group (is learning the language on an app called Duolingo) and loves to bake, especially with yeast.



Click [here](#) to to join Cindy and Jane in a video visit to Ann's Sewing Room.

Ann's award-winning quilt from the 2023 Festival of Quilts which won Appliqué Amateur, Stationary Machine and Viewers' Choice.

SA Quilters Meeting Notes

Thursday
7 March 2023

President, Heather Ford, welcomed 166 members, guests, friends and visitors to celebrate the 40th Birthday of the Quilters' Guild of South Australia (SA Quilters). Heather gave a brief history of SA Quilters and thanked those amazing women who were founding members in 1984. Heather also acknowledged SA Quilters Life Members and those members who have taken on the role of President over the years.



Life Members

We are always grateful to our member shops when they bring their beautiful quilty goods to an SA Quilters monthly meeting. The March meeting was extra special with Lyn from Riverlea Quilts. Riverlea has been in business as a bricks and mortar shop for 36 years and was one of the first SA Quilters member shops.



Lynda and Lyn



Presidents

Full list of Life Members and Presidents can be found on the web site at [SA Quilters](#).

Guest speaker at the SA Quilters March meeting was the amazing Wendy Hunt. In keeping with the 40th Birthday theme, Wendy showed us 40 of her quilts in categories: Early Quilts, Friendship Quilts, Fabourite Quilts, Quilts entered into the Festival of Quilts and Ribbon Winning Quilts. What a fantastic display and what dedication to the art of quilting. Here are just a couple examples of Wendy's quilts. You can see the entire display on the SA Quilters web site at [SA Quilters Home Page](#).



Dear Jane



Wendy's first quilt



Wendy with one of her award-winning quilts

RED HAT PARADE

In line with the Ruby theme of the SA Quilters meeting, there was a Red Hat Parade. It was such a difficult decision to choose a winner that the judges settled on an eight-way tie for first place.

L to R: Cindy, Nola, Sonia, Peg,
Darienne, Maree, Jackie, June

See the next page for a collage of photos from the SA Quilters Ruby celebration evening.







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<https://www.saquilters.org.au/sew-along/>

Follow participants progress on the 40th Birthday Sew Along Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/882729666919816>

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Collect all the patterns to make your version of our Quilt. Prizes to be won along the way.

WORKSHOPS ARE BACK!



Workshops are back – 2024 started off with a big bang – and what an incredible workshop to start the year with it was. Lessa Siegel and Faye Packham with a Mystery quilt. OMG what a workshop it was –these two certainly are a dynamic duo – they are the best of the best and they are very much loved – we are so fortunate to have these two tutors – they are nothing short of incredible.

Thank you to everyone who enrolled in this fabulous workshop – we had some new members, some first-time workshop attendees and some not so new members in attendance and I am sure everyone went home with a new piece of knowledge in their quilting journey.

Lessa and Faye's preparation and attention to detail in the handouts were incredible. They were both incredibly patient and helpful – going to great lengths to make everyone feel included and at ease.

Everyone in attendance at the workshop listened intently to what Lessa and Faye had to say.

Lessa started off the day with some valuable tips –

- * Placing a door stop under the back of your machine which raises it at the back slightly
- * We should be changing our needles after 8 hours of sewing
- * If you are not sure where the $\frac{1}{4}$ " is on your machine and you don't have a $\frac{1}{4}$ " foot you can measure and put tape on the machine to mark your $\frac{1}{4}$ "
- * If you purchase fat quarters and they have tape on them remove it ASAP otherwise when you go to use it – there may be tape marks left on the fabric
- * When storing your fabric make sure you keep the sun off it otherwise your fabric will fade where the folds are (Lessa had some great samples of faded fabric to show us)

Lessa and Faye's interaction with the students was certainly incredible to watch - everyone thoroughly enjoyed their day - in fact I am pretty sure they all wanted more. Lessa and Faye have a way of making their workshops fun – with lots of surprises given out during the day.

The students (30 in total) all had different fabric combinations – and as it was a mystery no one knew what the result was going to be and as always with quilts designed by Lessa there are varying layouts so you could choose which one you wanted at the end by placing your blocks to suit your chosen layout.

Enjoying the company of others is so important as well as joining in and doing something we all love quilting - and that is what workshops are all about.

Here are some of the comments from the feedback forms

- Loved it, fab tutors, great ideas, great fun
- Wonderful
- Lovely pattern - loved that the quilts were presented in different layouts
- Had a wonderful day and learnt so much
- Very fun
- Absolutely Amazing 100/10 - Lessa and Faye fantastic teachers. All the Angels, ironing ladies, Isla, Morning, and Afternoon tea ladies - congratulations
- thought out, planned for, and taught. Heartfelt thanks to the teachers for their patience encouragement and kindness
- Bloody Awesome - we want more of the dynamic duo.
- Excellent
- Well organised, fun, no pressure - it was lovely to be able to do a Lessa/Faye workshop at last.
- Really enjoyed this workshop - everyone was extremely helpful and had a wonderful day. This was my first workshop and I had a wonderful time - Makes me want to do more.
- Very good content - great Teachers
- Such fun and laughter, generous prizes and gifts, delicious morning and afternoon tea and wonderful Angels.
- Fantastic
- A lot of fun and so many variations to choose from. Prizes were an added bonus.
- Wonderful - Faye and Lessa are Amazing - Love them both
- Absolutely fabulous - Loved it - thank you to everyone
- Great for all abilities
- Excellent instructions and help - Loved the Angels and Ironing. Faye and Lessa could not have done a better job. We want more of Lessa and Faye
- Loved it so much - we want more of Lessa and Faye
Loved the Quilt, the mystery was fun

Pretty sure after reading all of those you can see Lessa and Faye are both loved **a lot**.

They are both amazing – their encouragement to everyone at the workshop was a joy to watch - everyone listening intently to what they had to say and enjoying every minute of what they were doing. How fortunate are we to have these two to teach a workshop for us.

A big thank you also to Lessa and Faye's helpers – ironing non-stop and helping wherever needed and of course our amazing Angels making endless cups of tea and coffee – preparing an amazing morning and afternoon tea. A special thanks to Peg Argent who arranged and co-ordinated all the food for the amazing morning and afternoon tea – I am sure no one left feeling unfed!!!

If you have never had the opportunity of doing one of their workshops, please if you get the chance to do one do it – it will be an experience in your quilting journey that you will not ever forget.

I am convinced people underestimate how valuable these workshops are - there is always something more to be learnt no matter how experienced you are.

Up-Coming Workshops for 2024:-

- Saturday 16th March – Sue Knuckey Slow Stitching
- Saturday 6th and 20th April – Wendy Whellum – 2 day workshop – Hovea Jacket
- Saturday 11th May and 1st June – 2 day workshop with Jill Christian – embellished wool felt
- Saturday 15th June – Chris O'Brien – Free motion quilting
- Saturday 29th June – Julie Nixon – Spinning Spokes
- Saturday 13th July – Cindy Massey – Scrappy Stars
- Saturday 3rd and 10th August – Bronwyn Cant – Filling in the Gaps (2 day workshop)
- Saturday 21st September – to be advised
- Saturday 12th October – Sue Knuckey
- Saturday 9th and 16th November – Suzanne Gummow – 2 day workshop

See you at a future SA Quilters workshop.

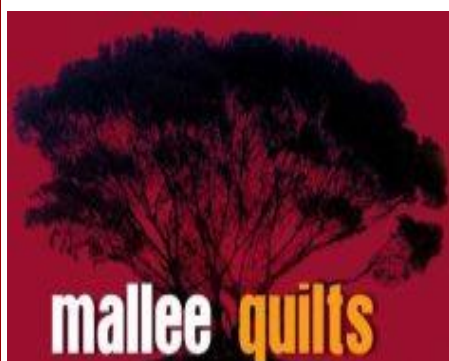
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Workshops Convenor

Go to the [Workshops Page](#) on the SA Quilters web site for full workshop details including registration form.

SALE

3rd April to 28th April 2024



SA Mallee Country Connection - Karoonda

Shop open - 10.30am to 5.00pm

Closed Monday and Tuesday and Public Holidays

Web site: <https://malleequilts.com.au/>

Welcome New Members

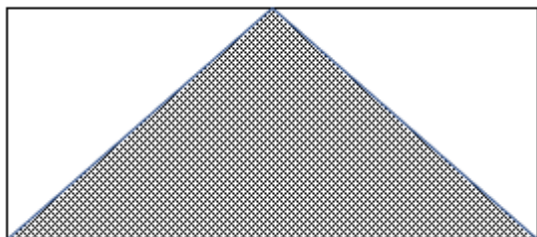
Rochelle Lesse, Suzanne Gordon, Mandy Tanner, Vivienne Pring, Erica Colman, Sam Dunncliff, Pam Furniss, Noeline Laurie, Daphne Lines, Salli Brown.

And new group – Quilted Hugs

Details of the **2024 Quilt Challenge** below for the Royal Adelaide Show. The Handicraft Competition Schedule will be available Mid-April. Check the web site at <https://theshow.com.au/>

Theme: **FLYING GEESE**

Flying Geese include one large triangle, the “goose”, and two smaller triangles sewn on either side of the “goose” called “wings” or “sky”.



- At least 50% of your quilt must contain flying geese blocks.
- Any method of piecing can be used.
- This quilt can be hand or machine pieced and hand or machine quilted.

In addition, the quilt must still meet the entry conditions for the section, as below.

CONDITIONS

1. Quilts must have been completed within two years prior to the first day of the 2024 Royal Adelaide Show.
2. There is no restriction on the size but ensure a three-inch hanging sleeve is attached.
3. Hanging quilts for display is at the discretion of the judges.
4. When forwarding or delivering exhibits, exhibitors must indicate the way these exhibits are to be returned at the conclusion of the Show.
5. Return freight to be paid on all exhibits other than those to be collected.
6. Quilts may be photographed for media or advertising purposes.
7. A Novice Quilter is defined as a person who has started patchwork & quilting since September 2022.
 - a. If this applies to you, please make a note on your entry form and you will be considered for the QGSA Special Award.
8. One entry per class.
9. All identification of the maker included on the quilt label should not be visible - that is it must be covered.

KEY DATES FOR HANDICRAFT SECTION

- ENTRIES OPEN: 26 April 2024
- CLOSING DATE OF ENTRIES: 21 June 2024
- Competition Schedule Available: mid-April



Community Grants Program:

SA Quilters, City of Victor Harbor Council and Victor Harbor Rotary Club

Quilts of Valour Project 2023

First of all, the project has been an outstanding success!!

Sew Whats Quilting Group in Victor Harbor have delivered 5 Anzac themed Quilts of Valour to Elvira Richardson, the Quilts Of Valour coordinator for South Australia, using the grants received. Our group also made and donated 5 quilts using their own time, fabric and materials. As mentioned in our application, one quilt can cost \$700 to complete so we are proud to have made 5 'Rememberance quilts' from the grants.



Being a nonprofit organisation, we needed financial support from the larger community to see our project thrive. We were astonished to receive 3 Community Grants, each for \$500 from SA Quilters, Victor Harbor Rotary Club and City of Victor Harbor Council. A total of \$1,500.

All three Community Grant programs saw the importance and value of our Sewing Group's aim to make quilts to be awarded to Veterans, Service Personnel of Australian Defence Forces and their Allies as well as immediate families of Veterans and Defence Personnel who have passed.

A member of our group was proud to be in attendance at an official award ceremony where Elvira awarded a Veteran a Quilt of Valour along with a certificate and letter of recognition for their service.

The grants were spent on materials and services used to make quilts usually donated by members of our group, Sew Whats (Women Having A Therapy Session). Quilts were pieced using a pattern called "We Will Remember Them" designed by Janet Collins Designs and then the process of construction started. Finally, the quilts were professionally quilted and delivered.

Cotton themed fabrics were purchased from The OZ Material Girls for \$500.90.

Wadding, backing and threads were purchased from Sewing and Craft Supplies for \$450.35.

Five quilts were professionally quilted by 'Quilting in the Vines' for \$550.

Sew Whats Quilting Group would like to thank you for your generous Community Grant for our Quilts of Valour project. Without your support we would not have been able to achieve our goals in supporting people in our community. Thankyou.

Sew Whats Quilting Group

Victor Harbor



Patchwork and Quilters Guild of Victoria Inc.

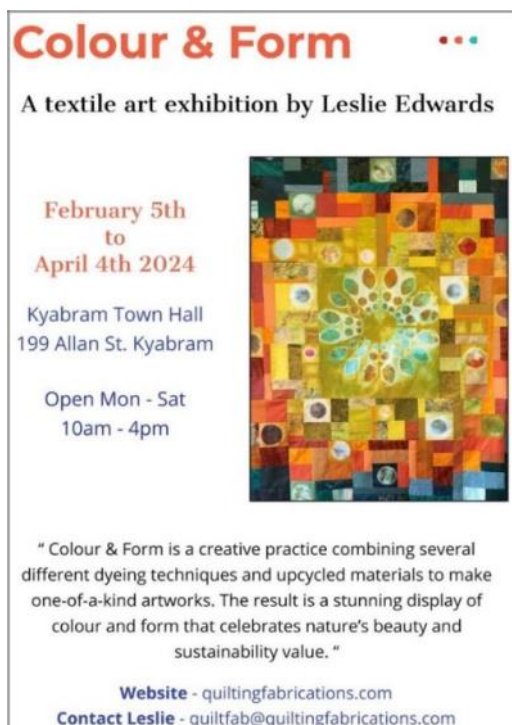
Events of Interest

Leslie Edwards Exhibition: "Colour and Form"

Monday 5 **February** to Thursday 4 **April** 2024
Kyabram Town Hall 199 Allan St, Kyabram.

More information: <https://quiltingfabrications.com/>

I'm super excited about my upcoming solo show at Kyabram. I will be there for a "meet the artist" on 20-21 February to answer questions and sell some of my fabrics.



Annemieke Mein: A Life's Work – Retrospective

Saturday 2 **March** to Sunday 26 **May** 2024 Gippsland Art Gallery. 70 Foster Street, Sale.

Of Land and Sea – Textile Art Exhibition

This exhibition brings together the work of textile



artists Linda Steele and Michael Hammer.

Fri 9 **February** to Sunday 24 **March** 2024. Free entry.
Arts Centre Warburton 3409 Warburton Highway.

Australasian Quilt Convention (AQC) 2024



Thursday 11 to Sun
14 **April** Royal Exhibition Building. Carlton, Melbourne

More info:
<https://aqc.com.au>

Exhibition

Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 **October** 2024. 10am to 4pm.
Eltham Community and Reception Centre. 801 Main Rd Eltham.

Includes: members' quilt display, market hall with traders, demonstrations and scones freshly made at the venue.

Looking for a quilting group in your area

You will find a full list of contact details all SA Quilters member groups in location order on the SA Quilters web site at:

<https://www.saquilters.org.au/member-groups/>

Looking for a quilt shop in your area

You will find all the details of SA Quilters Member Shops on the SA Quilters web site at :

<https://www.saquilters.org.au/links/>



McLaren Vale Patchworkers

2024 Exhibition

The **McLaren Vale Patchworkers** started 2024 with their exhibition, held in the McLaren Flat Community Hall, McLaren Flat. The exhibition celebrated our members' work for the last few years showing a huge diverse range of quilts from piecing, quilting through to art quilts.

This year we invited one of our members, **Elizabeth Camping**, as **Quilter in Residence**. Elizabeth has been a quilter for many years, and she certainly did not disappoint. Her work displayed, was a showcase of her outstanding award-winning work over the years. Not to mention two of her quilts were judged **best of show** and runner up. We invited the SA Quilters' judging panel to oversee the exhibition as a training exercise for the newer members of that team.

This was the first exhibition held in our new premises and it proved to be an excellent venue, especially the Memorial Hall. Our raffle quilt was made by some of the exhibition committee and featured vine leaves and deeper reds to give a nod to the wine industry in the surrounding area.



The raffle was won by a thrilled Wally Hirchausen, with the proceeds of the raffle (\$2000) being donated to the Kangarilla CFS. We proudly support the local CFS units in our area.

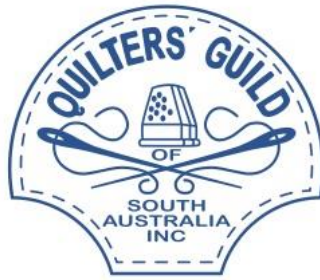


Cheque handover to Kangarilla

CFS Representatives

Thank you to all who attended, and we look forward to seeing you in two years' time. Please take a few minutes to watch the video of the exhibition, it will astound you –click on [McLaren Vale Patchworkers](#)

Kind regards, McLaren Vale Patchworkers



Quilters' Guild of South Australia Inc.



Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that
The Annual General Meeting
of
Quilters' Guild of South Australia Incorporated [SA Quilters]
will be held on

Thursday 2nd May 2024 at 8.00pm

at the Burnside Community Centre
corner Portrush and Greenhill Roads, Tusmore

*Nominations for election to
the Executive Committee (Leadership Team)
are encouraged and welcomed.*



Quilters' Guild of South Australia Inc.



**AGENDA for the 2024 Annual General Meeting
to be held on Thursday 2nd May, 2024, at 8.00pm at the Burnside Community Centre,
Portrush Road, Tusmore**

- 1 Present**
- 2 Apologies:**
- 3 President's Welcome**
- 4 Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting held 7th May 2023:**
- 5 President's Report: (Heather Ford)**
 - 5.1 Annual Report 2023
- 6 Treasurer's Report: (Keith Holland)**
 - 6.1 Financial Statements 2023
- 7 Acknowledgements:**
 - 8.1 Service Awards
 - 8.2 Life Membership
- 8 Sponsorships and Grants:**
- 9 Retiring Committee Members:**
- 10 Election of President and Executive Committee (Leadership Team) for 2024/2025:**
- 11 Appointment of Auditor**
- 12 Appointment of Treasurer:**
- 13 Appointment of Public Officer:**
- 14 Other Business:**
- 15 Close**



**SA Quilters
Nomination Form
for Election to the Leadership Team**

Name of Nominee

being an Individual member of SA Quilters, is

Nominated for the position of

Address:.....

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Telephone:.....

Email:

What is your current/former occupation?

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I agree to accept the nomination for election to the Leadership Team of SA Quilters. I give permission for my name and/or contact details [not address] to be listed in I-Patch and/or the SA Quilters web site as necessary.

Signature of Nominee

Date:

Proposed by [print name]

Signature:.....

Seconded by [print name]

Signature:.....

Completed form to be emailed to: secretary.saquilters@gmail.com

or posted to: The Secretary, SA Quilters
Post Office Box 993, KENT TOWN SA 5071

**Closing date for nominations: to be received 14 days before the date
set for the Annual General Meeting**

Positions that must be elected at AGM:

President plus minimum of ten [10] Leadership Team members. Leadership Team member positions are resolved at the first Leadership meeting and must include 2 Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Secretary, plus five (5) Leadership Team members



Quilters' Guild of South Australia Inc.

MINUTES of the 38th Annual General Meeting

Held on Thursday, 4th May, 2023 at 8.00 pm at the Burnside Community Centre,
401 Greenhill Road, Tasmore, South Australia

PRESENT

Heather Ford, President, chaired the meeting and advised the attendance numbers as recorded on the attendance sheets. (114 Members, 4 visitors, 118 total)

APOLOGIES

Sue Fatchen, Carol Sanderson, Sheila English, Mary Heard, Emilie Knight, Monique Reed,
Ann Ewer, Christine Baker, Pip Porter, Daphne Lyons, Margaret Sampson, Helen Sparkman
Susan Murphy

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Welcome everyone to the 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Quilters' Guild of South Australia, May 4, 2023. My name is Heather Ford and I am the President of the Guild. It's lovely to have you all here tonight to share our continuing journey as a Guild. Thank you to everyone for continuing to support our Guild and I offer a huge thank you to our hard working volunteer cohort and especially the dedicated Executive Committee, the Leadership Team. I'd also like to offer a very warm welcome to those Life Members who have joined us here tonight. Thank you for coming

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Copies of these minutes have been emailed to all and I hope that you have had a chance to review them. If there are no identified corrections

I ask that someone who is an individual financial member of the Guild please propose that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held Thursday May 5, 2022 be accepted.

Moved: Sue Zilm

Seconded: Maxine Smith

Those in Favour: Majority

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Annual Report Booklet)

Tonight, we are required to accept our 2022 Annual Report which includes the President's report. This was emailed to all members a few weeks ago. Once again, I hope you have all read the report because to save time I am not about to read it now. It has been noted that the incorrect financial figures were

included in the annual report, this has now been corrected in our records. The Treasurer will address any questions during his report. The corrected financial report will appear in the May issue of I-Patch.

Having identified this correction I ask that an individual financial member of the Guild propose that the Annual Report for 2022, be accepted.

Moved: Candy Walker **Seconded:** Pam Holland

Those in Favour: Majority

TREASURER'S REPORT (Keith Holland)

The 2022 Financial report was also distributed as part of the Annual Report in the special email sent in April this year.

I would like to ask the Honorary Treasurer Keith, to speak to the Treasurer's Financial Reports for 2022 and invite questions.

A query was received pointing to an error with the net profit figure in the Balance sheet and the Profit and Loss statement. This was explained as to how this happened and it was confirmed the correct figure is \$8,797.21. The corrected documents will be published in the May I-Patch. The surplus is down from 2021 due to FoQ and QE having deficits, however the workshops and sit n sew groups have covered this. There has not been an increase in membership for many years and there will not be any increase at this time.

Would someone like to move that the Treasurer's Financial Report for 2022 be accepted.

Moved: Kathleen Rossini

Seconded: Gwen Butler

In Favour: Majority

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Our Guild continues to grow with the services and activities we offer our members. This only happens with the hard work of a dedicated band of some 120 volunteers and I would like to acknowledge them now.

First my amazing and enthusiastic Executive Committee team – now known as the Leadership Team without whom this Guild would not function. Thanks to **Peggy Argent, Michael Barton, Jan Goulter, Keith Holland, Cindy Massey, Denise Johnston, Gaylene Morgan, Kathleen Rossini, Jacki Harris, Julie Symons, Rosslyn Wyatt, June Yam, Margaret Hurrell and Shez Hobbs**. Your support for me over the past year, indeed two years, as President of the Guild has been invaluable. Thank you all.

The Guild has also been kept on track by the following –

The Finance Team, led by Keith Holland

The Insurance Team, led by Margaret Hurrell

The Communications Team led by Kathleen Rossini, who keeps us informed and entertained via the Website, I-Patch, FaceBook and YouTube.

The Workshops Team, led by Rosslyn Wyatt

The Meetings Team, led by Peggy Argent

The Merchandise & Raffles Team, led by Shez Hobbs

The Sew its Wednesday Team, led by Cindy Massey

The Unplugged Stitchers (Hand Sewing), led by Jacki Harris

The Saturday Stars, led by Therese May

The Modern Mix Team, led by Monique Reed

The Groups Liaison Team, led by Cindy Massey

The Shops Liaison Team, led by Peggy Argent

The Library Team, led by Michael Barton

The Festival of Quilts Team, led by Ann Ewer.

The Quilt Encounter Team, led by Kerry Brand.

The Dare to Differ Team, led by Suzanne Gummow . I would like to wish Suzanne well as she is stepping down from Dare to Differ after many years convening the exhibition. I am pleased to announce that Sue Knuckey will take over as convenor of Dare to Differ, the next to be held in 2025.

The Library Team led by Michael Barton

The Events Team led by June Yam

The Appraisal Panel, led by Heather Ford

The Judging Panel, led by Jill Christian

Frames Hire, led by Angela Yeates

SA Quilters: Comfort Quilts led by Sue Zilm, Kate Seinor and Jan Strachan

The After Dark Quilters, led by Jill Clausen, Monique Reed and Therese May for their work managing our Quilts of Love Program

Chris O'Brien, for managing our Flinders' Kids program

Candy Walker, who has continued to work through almost four decades of files to archive the history of the Guild

To all of our affiliated groups who support each other and community initiatives – your local communities benefit so much from what you do

To those of you who have so willingly put your hand up to support us at Guild meetings, sit and sews, workshops, Quilt Encounter, Festival of Quilts and everything we do,an enormous thank you.

We hope you had as much fun as we did.

Our collective efforts make our Guild what it is today.....Thank you everyone.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

The Leadership Team would like to remove a clause from the Constitution again members have all been notified by email of this desire to remove the clause.

In the constitution point **4** titled **Management - Clause (b)** states:

"No member of this Executive Committee may serve for more than five consecutive years and shall not be eligible for re-election until the expiration of a period of two years from the date of retirement."

The Executive Committee would like Clause 4 (b) of the Constitution to be removed.

Reason for removal of the clause is – in this day and age with fewer volunteers stepping forward it is foolish to not allow willing volunteers to continue in a role.

I now ask that an individual financial member of the Guild please move this proposal.

Moved: Vicki Hart..... **Seconded:** Pauline Thoman

In Favour: Majority

SPECIAL AWARDS

The Guild's Executive Committee would like to specifically acknowledge the following members for service to our Guild's executive and sub committees.

I'd now like to invite Gaylene Morgan our Secretary to the stage to help with the presentation and could

9.1 Five Years of Service:

Peggy Argent

Michael Barton

Jan Goulter

Zara Zannettino - absent

Bronwyn Savage

Margaret Sampson – Kerry Brand will accept in her stead.....please come to the stage

9.2 Life Membership:

The Quilters' Guild of South Australia currently has 32 Life Members, 20 of whom are still active members of the Guild. Life Membership is a recognition given to our members for their outstanding contribution to the Guild over a period of 10 or more years. That is quite a commitment and we all benefit from this commitment, their passion, drive, energy and dedication to quilting and our Guild.

Tonight, we acknowledge the contribution of one Guild member who is to be awarded Life Membership but before we do that I'd again like to thank our special guests, those Life Members who were able to join us this evening. Please can you stand in your seats for a round of applause.

Life membership was awarded to Vicki Hart

SCHOLARSHIPS and COUNTRY GRANTS

10.1 Scholarships

A scholarship for \$85 was awarded to Carolyn Thurtell to attend a workshop

Country Grants

The following Country groups applied for a grant and were successful Burra Quilters, McLaren Vale Quilters, Port Elliott Patchworkers, Renmark Evening Star Quilters and Sew What's at Victor Harbor. Grants to the total of \$2,500-00 were allocated.

RETIRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

I am happy to announce there are no retiring committee members this year.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

I would like to thank our Guild members, all the Executive Committee and Sub-committee members for your support of me in my role as President over the last year. It has been an absolute privilege to serve as your President

Once again, thank you all.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND COMMITTEE FOR 2023/2024

Candy Walker was invited to take the Chair for the election of the 2023/2024 Executive Committee.

Candy:

All positions of the Quilters Guild of South Australia Executive Committee are declared vacant.

The following members have re-nominated:

Heather Ford	5 th year	President
Gaylene Morgan	3 rd year	Secretary
Cindy Massey	5 th year	Vice President
Julie Symons	2 nd year	Vice President
Kathleen Rossini	3 rd year	Membership Secretary
Peggy Argent	6 th year	
Michael Barton	6 th year	
Jan Goulter	6 th year	
Shez Hobbs	2 nd year	
June Yam-Stead	2 nd year	
Rosslyn Wyatt	2 nd year	

Margaret Hurrell	2 nd year
Denise Johnson	2 nd year
Jacki Harris	2 nd year

All nominations were proposed and seconded by financial members in writing, and endorsed with the consent of the candidate to stand for election, in accordance with the Quilters' Guild of SA Constitution. All nominees were duly elected.

Moved: Vicki Hart**Seconded:** Nola Pearce**In Favour:** Majority**APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

The next item on the Agenda is the appointment of the Guild Auditor. Do we have a motion to appoint Peter Hall, Chartered Accountants, Adelaide to continue as our Auditor?

Moved: Raelene Draheim**Seconded:** Kerry Brand**In Favour:** Majority**APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER**

Keith Holland has been our Honorary Treasurer for 17 years and is happy to be reappointed. May I have a proposer that Keith Holland be appointed as Honorary Treasurer for the next year?

Moved: Maxine Smith**Seconded:** Bronnie Young**In Favour:** Majority**APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC OFFICER**

May I have a proposer that Gaylene Morgan be appointed to continue as Public Officer for the next year.

Moved: Carolyn Thurtell**Seconded:** Therese May**In Favour:** Majority**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business from the floor

I declare the Annual General Meeting closed at 8.35 pm

I would like to invite the continuing President, Heather Ford, to the stage.

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President

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Date