SA Quilters GROUPS NEWS

Email Newsletter by Rosanne Fuller, Groups Liaison Leader, June 2024



2024 GROUPS CONTACT

Hi, I am excited to have just been appointed as Vice President on the 2024 SA Quilters Leadership team. Part of my role is Groups Liaison for our affiliate groups. I look forward to getting out to meeting many of you, especially the country groups as I have spent half of my life in country regions and miss it.

WHAT GOES ON AT YOUR GROUP?

What makes your group special to it's members? Are you looking for new members? Do you have any special; interests, events (like exhibitions, Biggest Morning Tea, workshops), or have projects you make quilts for or raise money for?

SA Quilters would like to know about your group and what and when your special activities are on as we would like to support you with them. We would also like to have a spot where groups share what they do at our monthly meetings and/or in I-Patch. Is your group interested in sharing in a short five minute presentation at our monthly meetings, and /or putting in a short article in I-Patch?

Thank you Inman Quilters for your report in May I-Patch, you look to be having lots of quilting fun.



DONATIONS

From time to time SA Quilters gets donations of fabric. We would like to donate this to groups that make community quilts. Please let us know what types of fabric you would like, and when we have a supply we will get in touch with you to arrange delivery.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the grants/groups who received an SA Quilters 2024 grant at the May AGM: Lake Bonney Quilters Kapunda Quilters Pirie Quilters Port Augusta Quilters Guild Shared Stitches of Mannum Purple Patch Quilters

Each year SA Quilters offers a range of grants and scholarships which members and affiliate members are encouraged to apply for. All details are on the website.

<u>https://www.saquilters.org.au/scholarships-grants/</u> Start planning now to apply for 2025, as it will be here before you blink!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Your group members might be interested in the following events: Festival of Quilts, 5-7 July at Adelaide Showgrounds

Quilt Encounter, 15-20 September

registrations are open until: 21 June

Rural Roundup, 26 October, Barmera

Groups and group members are encouraged to enter quilts into the Festival of Quilts. The Festival of Quilts Committee acknowledges the challenges for our more distant country members wishing to enter quilts. To be able to do so on the nominated dates for quilt delivery and quilt collection, may not always be possible. If making alternative arrangements supports you in entering your quilt(s), please contact Ann Ewer on 0414 364 100 to discuss possible options outside of those dates.

Remember, Affiliate members are welcome to attend Sit and Sew days, workshops and monthly meetings. Please see the website for more details: <u>https://www.saquilters.org.au/sitandsew/</u>

Affiliate groups are also able to hire the SA Quilter frames for their exhibitions -<u>https://www.saquilters.org.au/frame-hire/</u>



SISTER GROUP LINKS

Last year an idea to create sister groups was offered to groups. We are offering it again, where we will pair your group with another group, trying for a country/city pairing.

The idea is you make the sister groups what you want. You could:

- visit to your Sister group, attend their special events
- offer spots in workshops you run if you have extra spaces
- share workshop presenters
- set each other challenges
- offer accommodation / support if needed and able

Let us know if your group would like to be involved.

GROUPS CONFERENCE

SA Quilters is looking at hosting a Groups Conference and seeks your input as to what this could look like.

Would your group/members be interested in attending a biannual Groups Conference? What would you like to see/do at the conference? How could it be different to a Rural Roundup or Country Forum? When and where would you like it held?

KEEP IN CONTACT WITH US

SA Quilters is on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube. We use these platforms to keep everyone up to date with Guild events and activities and would love to have you join us on them. More information can be found on page 14 of May 2024 I-Patch. SA Quilters is looking forward to working with your group. Please let us know about your group and how we might be able assist in your quilting goals. We are also open to ideas and suggestions of how we can promote quilting in South Australia. You can use this Google form which has all the questions asked in the email to make responding easier, or use the doc attached to this email and email it back to us.

Please feel free to contact me at anytime via email: <u>vicepresident.saquilters@gmail.com</u>

Happy quilting, Rosanne Fuller