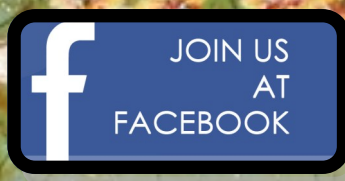




Snippets

July 2014



Our new website is up and running! Check it out at

<http://darwinquilters.com.au>

There is a link on the site to our newsletters

Thanks to Alison McShanag and Alison Brown. Doreen Dyer has also volunteered to help maintain the site.

General Meeting

The next General Meeting of Darwin Patchworkers & Quilters Inc will be held on Monday 7th July at 7.30pm at the DP&Q Clubrooms, 96A Winnellie Road, Winnellie NT.

Supper Roster :

Pam Pemberton

Pat Isaac

Sheila McAloon

Kim Tait

Supper roster duties: Before meeting - fill and turn on urn, check and put out coffee, tea, sugar and milk supplies.

At meeting break - put food out on table, with napkins, and condiments, plates and cutlery if required.

After meeting - clear and clean table; wash and put away dishes; empty and put away urn; put away coffee, tea, etc.; wipe down benches; lock cupboards and fridge. Empty bin in kitchen and replace with a clean garbage bag.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO SNIPPETS DISTRIBUTION

A suggestion has been put forward at the last Committee Meeting to distribute Snippets **every 2 months** instead of every month. We also encourage Members to receive their Snippets by email instead of post mail. You can read it online, print it in colour or black and white and it can also be viewed through our new webpage.

I would like to have your feedback on this change to Snippets distribution and if you wish to discuss it with me, please give me a call or email me. I will bring this up at the next ordinary meeting also. If no responses are received within two months, I will take it that everyone is happy to receive their Snippets Bi-monthly. So please do not sit on your hand if you have something to say.

Thank you

Jan CASHION - President



WELCOME
ABOARD

Welcome to new members :

RHONDA BRYSON

TRACY BRAIN

PATRICIA ANN PARRY

CHRISTINE CURRINGTON

LOUISA MERCEANU

MICHELE GREENFIELD

VICKI MADDOCKS

Happy birthday to :

3rd Jane Price

5th Kaye Carlson

6th Yvonne Boyd

12th Jan Beeby

12th Irene Duncanson

15th Patricia Isaacs

31st Alison McShanag



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Newsletter of the Darwin Patchworkers & Quilters Inc

Clubroom located at 96A Winnellie Road, Winnellie

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Established 1 May 1984 and celebrating 30 years in 2014

Club Patron: Ms. Nerys Evans

Alison McShanag's "Five Little Ducks"



Oh what a night!

On 31st May, we gathered at the Function Centre on Stokes Hill Wharf to celebrate our 30th birthday. The food was delicious, we were entertained by member Jackie Izod and Ken Brodie's wonderful music, we listened to a very interesting talk by Thimblelady Liuxin Newman, we danced and chatted. Alison presented the charity quilts made for the Women's Shelter. Pam Pemberton's "30" quilt challenge entries were displayed and prizes were awarded (see report later in this newsletter). Many thanks to Jan Cashion for organising and all those who helped her, to those who attended and people who entered the quilt challenge, and to Pam Pemberton for judging and prizes.



Jan presents Doreen with her prize



Thimblelady, Liuxin Newman entertained us with her presentation





Minh receives her prize



Kristina and Di showed off their patchwork skills in their outfits



Jackie and Ken did us proud!



Our delicious birthday cake!



Charity quilts off to their new home



LUIXIN NEWMAN WORKSHOP

Luixin Newman spoke at our 30th birthday celebrations telling us that we can all make quilts that are hand quilted using stitches that are one millimetre in length and one millimetre apart. For DPAQ members who attended her workshop we know how this can be achieved, and without causing any pain to our hands, shoulders etc.

Luixin has invented specialised thimbles and a quilting frame that allows you to have both hands free to hand quilt. She demonstrated using these at her workshop on Sunday the 1st of June. Nineteen DPAQ members attended her class and using the same piece of thread spent the day practicing a completely new way of stitching. Luckily on display was a data show on the wall all day demonstrating her technique. It will take practice but we can look forward to seeing some

finely hand quilted quilts at our next exhibition.

Luixin kindly donated a couple of packs for lucky draw prizes as well.

You can visit her website at www.thimblelady.com to see a range of products which are available including online classes and some beautiful fabrics.

Thanks to DPAQ for their sponsorship getting Luixin to Darwin and also thanks to all those who attended the workshop.

Alison McShanag



Help needed

Each year we have a table in the crafts pavilion to sell tickets for our major quilt raffle. Members are asked to donate just 2 hours of their time to help man this table. The roster will be on the table at the next general meeting. Please consider whether you can spare a couple of hours to sit with a fellow member and put your name down on the roster. This is not hard work, and maybe you could tie it in with a visit to the show if you were intending to go anyway. The club has purchased show memberships so that you will receive entry to the show if working. If you are not coming to the meeting, please contact Jan Cashion to put your name down on the roster.

Thirty – The President's Challenge 2014 Quilts

I was delighted, on returning from my travels, to find 21 very diverse quilts for judging in the Challenge; thank you and congratulations to all the makers who were able to complete their entries.

After I finished judging the four awards I was sponsoring, the quilts were hung at the 30 Birthday Dinner at the Stokes Hill Wharf Function Centre and guests were invited to vote for the Viewer's Choice Award, sponsored by DP&Q Inc.

The judging: my primary focus was on how the makers responded to and interpreted the theme – *Thirty* – after that came the “zing” factor, and the other criteria, technique, etc. was third.

I specified only maximum dimensions (60cm x 60cm [3600cm in area if square/rectangular/triangular] or 60cm in diameter if round/oval); interestingly only one entry is not square or rectangular, (Jenny Amour's tear-shaped *Thirty Years: 1984-2014*). The largest entry is *Shinto Temple Gate, Autumn 1984 Kyoto, Japan* by Minh Williams (58cms x 60cms) and the smallest is *30 Minutes* by Barbara Mellon (4.2cm x 12.7cm).

The Award winners were announced at the Birthday Dinner and are:

Most outstanding interpretation – traditional: 1. *Shinto Temple Gate, Autumn 1984 Kyoto, Japan* by Minh Nhu'ông Williams.

Most outstanding interpretation – art quilt: 17. *Friends* by Lyn Bates

Most amusing response to the theme: 21. *When I was thirty* by Helen Tate

Most thoughtful response to the theme (a special award): 19. *Jenny's DP&Q Vision – 30 years on* by Doreen Dyer

Viewer's Choice: 7. *Thirty thirsty, thimble sewers sitting in the sizzling sun* by Chris Knights

This has been a great experience and I've thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the ideas coming to fruition. Thank you again to everyone who took up the challenge.

Where next?: Pam Hamill has invited DP&Q to hang the challenge quilts at the Royal Darwin Show in July, to celebrate and publicise the club's milestone. I will have custody of the quilts in the meantime to organise the hanging rods and prepare the labels for the RDS. Please contact me if you need to have your quilt in the meantime. I would also like to approach Alice Springs Quilting Club to offer them the opportunity to hang the challenge quilts at *Territory Quilts 2014* later in the year.

Something to think about: for those members who have started, but not finished an entry, and for those of you who have a challenge pack but haven't started – it would be wonderful if we could get another **nine** quilts so we can have **thirty** quilts to celebrate our 30th Birthday. If you need a fabric pack just let me know – 0488 261 905. The Challenge continues.....

Pam Pemberton



Shinto Temple Gate, Autumn 1984 Kyoto, Japan

Minh Williams



Thirty thirsty, thimble sewers sitting in the sizzling sun

Chris Knights



Jenny's DP&Q Vision – 30 Years on
Doreen Dyer



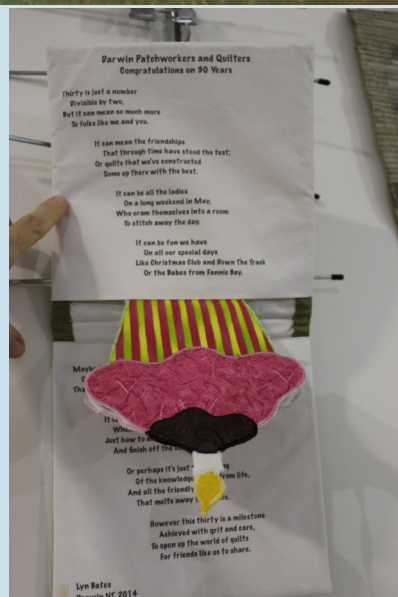
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30th Birthday Celebration
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Welcome to 30
Elizabeth McCallum



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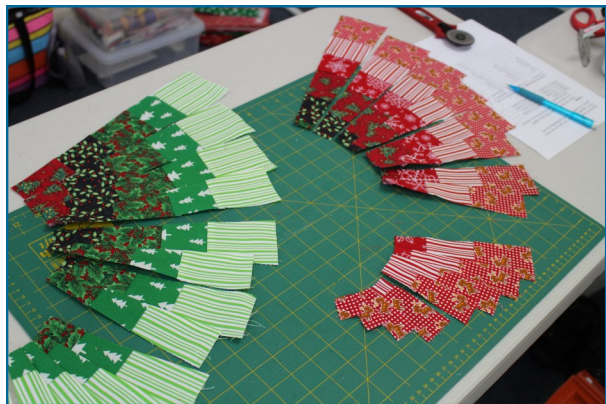


30 Quilts...
Di Howard

Saturday Stitchers—Spicy Spiral Table Runner



On 21st June about a dozen keen quilters gathered to learn how to make this intriguing bargello project, under the expert guidance of Janelle Northcott and Pam McLeod from Janome. First we had to put our 8 fabrics into the desired order, which required a bit of a conference for some. Then, remembering that order, cut each into different width strips, labelling the piles as we went. Concentrate, concentrate! Then sew them into "stratas". Then with the help of a friend, cut into wedge shapes of different lengths using a 10 degree ruler. More serious concentrating. Finally we got to sew them together into the spiral, and that part was easy, and so satisfying to see it actually working! Everyone was happy with their results. Many thanks to Pam and Janelle for your help.





Check out the concentration!



Saturday Stitchers—Saturday 19th July 2014, 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Shopping Tote

Requirements:

Choose your main fabric, then fabrics 2, 3 and 4 should blend or contrast fabric 1. Fabric 3 or 4 could also be the same as fabric 1]

0.6m main fabric

0.3m fabric 2

fat eighth of 3 & 4

0.5m lining

1 m braid (rick rack or similar)

0.6 m thin iron-on wadding (630 Pelon or similar)

12" x 6" template plastic (or firm plastic for base)

sewing machine in good working order with a ¼" foot

threads to match and contrast





Report on Australia's Biggest Morning Tea Fundraising Activity

May 2014

Last year, 2013, was the last time that Australia's Biggest Quilting Bee was run nationally as part of the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea fundraising activity. Unfortunately Darwin Patchworkers & Quilters (DP&Q) were not informed of this decision until after we commenced to organise our activity. Undeterred we registered with the NT Cancer Council as a Biggest Morning Tea fundraising group and continued with our plan to make a quilt.

This year we purchased a panel depicting cartoon ladies in the breast cancer colours. Many members supported our activity by donating fabrics to compliment the panels. One quilter donated the quilt she had made from a similar panel to the one we purchased. This quilt became the second prize for the raffle and the quilt we made as a group at our "Morning Tea" activity for the May Saturday Stitches became the first prize. There was a good turn-up of members to join in the fun and help sew the blocks to make the quilt top. Raffle tickets for both quilts were sold at the Mt Bundy retreat, by Dragonfly fabrics, at meetings and Thursday and Friday sewing days and by individual members. Several of the friendship groups also held their own events, adding the funds they raised to the overall amount.

Funds Raised:

Monies raised by each group were banked at the Commonwealth Bank, Casuarina, into the Cancer Council NT's account using the format provided by Cancer Council. The amount raised by each group was:

Mt Bundy Retreat	\$90.50
Saturday Stitches	\$324.25
Bay Babes	\$107.00
Bernadette's work group	\$171.60
Raffle tickets sold by various groups	<u>\$122.00</u>
Total	\$825.35

Quilt Winners:

The group quilt, which was the first prize, was won by a very delighted Estelle Harris from Tiwi and the second prize was won by an equally thrilled Vanessa from Bernadette's workplace.

Congratulations to the winners. DP&Q hope you both enjoy your quilts.

Thanks

Thanks to everyone who was involved in this activity. Our real prize is the large amount of money raised for cancer research by a relatively small club. Well done everyone and thank you so much for taking part, making such awesome quilts and having such fun.

Diane Clark, BMT co-ordinator



Estelle with her prize

A note from Jenny Armour :

The Fabric Marking Chalk some people saw me using at Mount Bundy is called **Allary Chalk Cartridge Set**.

It consists of a chalk holder a bit like a rather fat propelling pencil, 8 white chalk sticks and 8 in various colours.

The chalk sticks are very thin, so break easily, but are strong inside the holder. The kit includes a pencil sharpener to help you keep the chalk point very fine.

I like them because the chalk marks wear away as you quilt, but there is a warning on the pack that you shouldn't iron over the marks.

They are made in Germany, and I paid about \$20 at the ACQ in Melbourne a couple of years ago, but I checked on Fishpond recently and they were much cheaper, and post free, though Fishpond is the slowest Internet supplier I have ever come across. Allow about 6 weeks. Amazon, Wallmart and one or two other sites also have them, at varying prices.

I should also mention from the packet "WARNING: this product contains lead and other chemicals known to the State of California to cause birth defects and other reproductive harm" (Well actually it says "ham"!)



Meribeth Fletcher – Territorian, Textile Artist/ Quiltmaker and Good Friend

Meribeth grew up in Hobart Tasmania, but had lived in Darwin since 1971. Meri worked for the Department of Health in various roles for 33 years, starting as a nurse for a period and then moved into management in Community Health. I met Meri when I went back to work in 1983 – we had a lot in common, both from Tassie and both had done nursing at the Royal Hobart Hospital. Meri left the Department and had a stint as Director of Family Day Care in the 80's before returning to Health a few years later. She was involved in or responsible for a number of key initiatives in the Department, including the development of Community Care Centres in Darwin and Palmerston in 1993, and more recently the establishment of the Alan Walker Cancer Care Centre.

When Meri was asked to write a profile about herself for Territory Quilts 2009 she said she had sewn from an early age and was introduced to Patchwork & Quilting in 1999 when a fabric shop owner suggested she do a class. Her first memory of a quilt was a small crazy patchwork quilt her Great Grandmother made for her doll's bed. She was inspired to quilt by the 'world around her' and by art quilters. She said that quilting was important to her, as the excitement of planning and finding fabric to suit allowed her to create and be 'somewhere else'.

In December 2011, just prior to her retirement, Meri was diagnosed with metastatic pancreatic cancer. She was in and out of hospital for surgery, outpatient chemotherapy and radiotherapy and asked me if I would look after her sewing stash, equipment, books and magazines when the time came.

As Meri responded to chemotherapy I suggested making a quilt by using some of her favourite bright colours. I cut the blocks and strips, pieced a backing and Meri sewed the blocks and top according to her choice, quilted and sewed on the binding. Meri was thrilled when we completed the finishing touches in time to enter 'Therapy' into Territory Quilts 2013.

Meri and I had an 'arrangement' where I'd drop in about once a fortnight. Sometimes we planned quilt ideas, but other times when she was not feeling great we'd just talk. That was never a problem, as we both loved to talk! She would fill me in on the family – she loved to tell me about each one and what they'd done recently, the special attributes of each family member and particularly the way the grandchildren approached her health issues. Mind you, Meri was so uninhibited about her mortality and so open with the grandchildren that their conversations were a reflection of that approach. She enjoyed the broad range of art topics that we covered. Even a few days before Meri went into the Hospice for the last time, she was thrilled to see a quilt that was made for DPAQs 30th Birthday Challenge and wanted to hear all about the Birthday dinner. She was unconscious when next I saw her, but I'm sure she heard me tell her about those celebrations.

Meri, as a long term Territorian, has touched the lives of so many people in different roles. Many people that I know have a story to tell about Meri – from her nursing days, particularly the 'baby' clinics, remote health and more recently with the Alan Walker Centre and for Family Day Care members during the years that she worked with that service. Then there are all the people that Meri knew in other aspects of her family life. Meri will be missed by us all.

In Meri's 2009 profile she said that her fabric stash was stored by use (Quilting, clothing, embellishment) and colour – in plastic containers and a few in each room – *pretending there is less than there actually is!* I'm sure she is watching over as Bill and I sort that stash and I bet she has a bit of a laugh – you've now been caught out dear friend the boxes of fabric are coming out of the closet!

Darwin Patchworkers & Quilters and their families extend our deepest sympathy to Bill, Dhugal & Maria, Simon & Karen and grandchildren, Kathryn, Jack, Samantha, Megan, Garth and Elonea.

Doreen Dyer

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HELP WANTED

CLEANERS FOR 96A CLUBROOMS

For the past few years Di Clark has been helping Jenny Fisher and Kristina Hewer to clean the clubrooms and toilets at 96A Winnellie Road every fortnight. On alternate weeks ladies from the Friday group of girls have been helping with the cleaning as well. This has been wonderful and I am sure every Member is fully appreciative of their time and effort.

Unfortunately Di Clark is leaving us to move interstate very soon, so we are looking for ladies to help out every fortnight on a regular basis to clean. A roster is on the wall in the kitchen area, and I would like to see some new names being added to this list. We are fortunate to have these clubrooms free of charge and this is one of the ways we can repay our gratitude.

Please consider this and if you wish to discuss the cleaning further or put your name down, please contact Jan Cashion on 0418 894 131 or by email on j.cashion1@bigpond.com

Thankyou

Jan Cashion - President



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WANTED TO BUY—Quilt to replace the one Nana made

We have had a query from a man who has always had a special quilt that his Nana made in the back seat of his car for his children. That quilt has had so much love that it is falling apart, and he wants to buy a replacement single bed sized quilt. Please contact Dan on 89413447 if you can help.

The South Coast and Country Quilters Guild

are holding their 12th Biennial Quilt show on the weekend of 12 - 14 September 2014 at the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club, Beach Road, Batemans Bay.

The membership of the South Coast and Country Quilters extends from Kiama in the north to Eden in the south and west out to Jindabyne and all the areas in between!!! A wide variety of traditional and contemporary quilts and wall hangings will be displayed. There will also be a variety of traders with interesting wares. There will be demonstrations of quilt making. Our "Challenge" this year has the theme "I See Red" and this challenge will elicit a wide range of interpretations for that theme.

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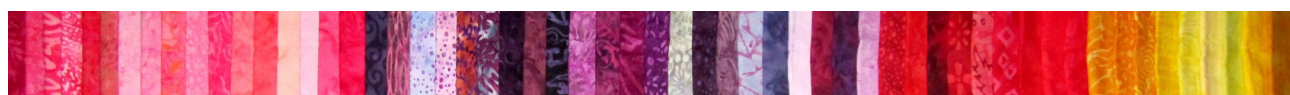
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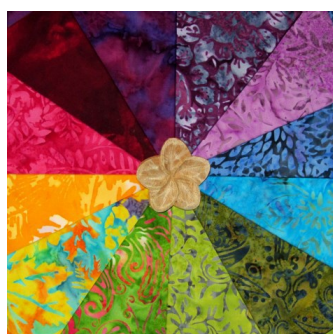
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July 9th-13th	2014 Sydney Quilt Show	Sydney Exhibition Centre @ Glebe Island, NSW
July 7th-9th	Craft Alive Broken Hill	Broken Hill Racecourse, NSW
July 12th	Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show	Sisters, Oregon, USA
18th-27th July	Seabreeze Quilters 2014 Exhibition	Louis Joel Centre, Altona, VIC
July 25th-27th	Craft and Quilt Fair	Derwent Entertainment Centre, Hobart, TAS

Calendar of club events

7th July	General Meeting 7:00 for 7:30pm at the clubrooms
1st July	Quilters Down the Track 9:30am-1:30pm at The Beehive, Freds Pass, cost \$3.50, and every Tuesday
3rd July	Thursday Threads 9am-9pm at clubrooms, cost \$3.00, and every Thursday
4th July	Friday Stitchers 9am-4pm at clubrooms, cost \$3.00, and every Friday
12th July	Quilters Down the Track 1:30-4:30pm at The Beehive, Freds Pass, cost \$3.50, 2nd & 4th Saturdays
12th July	Christmas Club From 10am at the Clubrooms
19th July	Saturday Stitchers Shopping Tote 1:00-4:00pm at the Clubrooms, cost \$5 (see requirements list on page 8)

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Meetings

Christmas Club—Meets the second Saturday of each month from 10am at the clubrooms. Work on a different themed project each month. Cost \$3. BYO lunch and snacks. Contact Debbie Selter 0418 826 169

Friday Stitchers- Meet every Friday from 10am at the clubrooms. Work on your own project. Cost \$3. BYO snacks and lunch. Contact Judy Toy 8945 6612

General Meeting—Held the first Monday of the month at 7.30pm at 96A Winnellie Road, Winnellie from 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. (No meeting held in January.) Don't forget to bring your show and tell and coffee mug. Attendance cost is \$1.00 for members and first time visitors and \$5.00 for non members.

Quilters Down the Track- Meet at The Beehive, Fred's Pass Reserve on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month from 1.30-4.30pm. They also meet each Tuesday from 9.30am to 1.30pm. Work on your own project. Cost \$3.50 each. Contact Maerwen Taylor 8988 1311, Shelley Grobler 0439 888 505

Saturday Stitchers—Meet the third Saturday of each month at the club rooms. A sewing activity is demonstrated by a volunteer. Cost \$5 plus any activity costs. Contact: Kim Tait 0418 825294

Thursday Threads Sit and Sew Day and Evening—From 9am to 9pm at the clubrooms. Cost \$3 each. BYO food. Contact Pam Pemberton 8983 1823 or 0488 261 905.