

Snippets

August 2017

Welcome to the following new member

- Fiona Gaddes



Hello.....

I would sincerely like to thank everyone who responded to the last newsletter and gave me feedback. I really appreciate the constructive comments and suggestions and I also love the fact that so many of you took the time to say lovely things about the new look newsletter.

We have some very exciting months ahead of us with Territory Quilts 2017 next month and some wonderful workshops planned in and around this – make sure you put September 1, 2, 3 and 5 into your diaries for Deborah Louie's suite of classes – and don't forget to book in! There are still some places left but you will need to be quick. Please contact Robyn at dpqworkshopcoord@gmail.com as soon as possible if you are interested in attending. Bernina are also sending up a specialist Bernina Trained technician in September– see page 6 for details.

We have had some queries as to why a photo of quilts entered into TQ17 are needed with the entry form. **This is actually not necessary.** Apologies to those who have already gone to the trouble of including a photo with your entry form. You will, however, need to attach a photo to the outside of your quilt bag when delivering it to the exhibition, for identification purposes.

The random photos of quilts throughout the magazine are a selection of work being done by various members of the Thursday Threads group.

Happy stitching

Nicky



August Birthdays



10 th	Kay Boath	21 st	Lesley Every
13 th	Valentina Adam	24 th	Lyn Bates
14 th	Belinda Shaw	31 st	Christine Currington
16 th	Tip Wade		
20 th	Janelle Rumble		

Meetings

Next Meeting Monday 14th August at 7:30pm

Venue DPAQ clubrooms, 96A Winnellie Rd, Winnellie.

Supper Roster Annie R, Janelle N, Alison Mc

Supper 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.



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Jenny Molloy

President's Patch

Well I can't believe its August – where is the year going? Its horse racing and festival time and of course nearing our exhibition time. With entries due for TQ17 on 11th August how are you progressing with your entry (entries!)? I have a confession to make I have never entered an exhibition in my 20 years of being a DPAQ member. I have always felt that my quilts are not good enough to win and why would I want to display my work and who would want to see it. But if everyone thinks that then there is no exhibition! We all proudly show off our work for show and tell – I'm thinking of this is a big version of show and tell! My quilts may not win any prizes but that's not what entering the exhibition should be about – its about sharing your work, gaining ideas as well as congratulating members on their great work. It always amazes me the ideas that I come away with from an exhibition. I always say my quilts are wrapped with love and so this year I will be entering the exhibition and I hope that if you were a bit hesitant in entering, please do – we would love to see your work as you should be proud of what you are producing!

I want to thank those who completed the survey. While we had about ¼ of the members complete it there were some great responses which Stacey has pulled together and we have started discussing. Everyone has lots of varying views and we will endeavour to start sharing the comments at the monthly meetings. We are now working on a forward plan but one of the first things we decided that came out of the survey is that there will be no charge to attend the monthly general meetings, commencing in August. We are also re-introducing a guest speaker at monthly meetings and I'm looking forward to hearing from Nicky Honan on her travels at the August meeting.

Those who have sat and sold raffle tickets at the show – thanks for donating your time! Its always a great avenue for us to talk to people about the club as well as selling tickets for our exhibition raffle quilt.

Alison McShanag, Jenny Molloy and Nicky Honan are heading to Pirlamgimpi in late July to do some classes with the ladies over there. We are purchasing some essentials and donating some fabric for them to take over and I'm sure they will provide us an update on their return – lots of pictures too please!

Reminder that the August meeting will be the 2nd Monday of the month (14th August). Hope to see you there.

Quilt Appraisals

Next day is Sunday 27 August 2pm

If you have a quilt you would like appraised then please email dapqvaluations@gmail.com or call 0419416712 to book it in.

Next service will be November.

Susan



Kristina Hewer



Nicky Honan

Show and Tell – July and August



Who's who in DPAQ – Tip Wade



How long have you been quilting and how did you get started?

I made my first quilt ten years ago. I come from a dressmaking background, in regard to my sewing and embroidery is also a strength. When I moved to Darwin I went along to a group mum had found and they met at Frangipani Fabrics...a quilting fabric store...and the rest is history!!

Who/what inspires you most in your techniques, style, colour choices, creative journey etc?

I just love fabric and threads. Anything with bright colours are often the things that draw me in. Also anything that has texture, whether it is from shading or through thread painting, if it's got different things going on, I will be drawn to it.

At the moment Wendy Williams and Sue Spargo and artists that use threads and create texture or the allusion of texture and depth in their quilting is what I'm inspired by. I also love what Tula Pink is bring out, fabric and design wise. She's in on my one day to do list.

What's your favourite piece of work?

I think my biggest accomplishment to date is the quilt I made for my brother. It won the prize for Best Traditional Amateur category and Best Use of Colour in TQ15. I entered the quilt to support the club & the exhibition, not to win anything.

I think it surprised me when I finished it, how well it turned out. I started it with no real idea of how it would look in the end and just added bits to make it work (unless I've bought a kit, I often don't have a clear idea of how I want a quilt to



look and it just ends up evolving into what they want to). Sometimes this way works out and sometimes it doesn't. With the quilt for my brother it worked and I love to see it on his bed being used.

What course/further education/workshop/experience have you done/had that has made the biggest impact/impression on your textile work?

The course that has had the biggest effect on my quilting would have to be the free motion class I did with Helen Godden when she came to Darwin. Being that I come from a dress making background, free motion is totally different to anything I had done before.

The other one would have to be Wendy Williams. It wasn't that I learnt a new technique, in that I knew how to do embroidery, but the way she combined it with the quilting was new to me. I also got some new ideas about colour choices from my recent class with Michelle Marvig.

What are the things that you get complimented on the most?

The thing I get complimented on most would be my hand embroidery and the evenness of my stitching. I think the other thing would be my choice of colour combinations.

What would be one piece of advice you would give to someone starting their quilting journey?

Measure twice cut once!! Always double check your measurements!!
And get a good quick unpick.

What is your last/current/next project?

Last project - is a UFO, for my sister.

The brief was Pink, Purple & Turquoise, Classic Disney Princess 'none of this new ****' and wait for it Mr Men & Little Miss. -Maybe you can see why it's not finished yet!

Oh and I've just finished a baby memory quilt for a friend, using her sons clothes from the first year of his life. That was a fun one to do!!

Current - I have 2 current projects

1. Wendy Williams' Hooterville. I've just finished all the hand work and now I have it ready to be quilted.
2. Compass Roses
My first foray into foundation piecing, with lots of bright colours in a black background.

Future - I have a Round the Garden by Wendy Williams all ready to go when I finish Hooterville.

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Covers

Corinne Robinson put the call out to club members to assist in sewing humidity crib covers for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and Royal Darwin Hospital as the existing covers are many years old and a touch worse for wear. Corinne developed a pattern and, with the help of approximately 20 club members and Annette Stacey's fabric stash 30 gorgeous new covers have been made ready for presentation to the NICU this month.



Saturday Stitchers

Four in the Raw

With Janelle Northcott

August 20th, 2017
11am to 4pm

Requirements

- 80 cm dark Homespun (I prefer black as it shows the negative)
- 4 charm squares of coloured fabric (these fabrics should tone together and provide a good contrast to the Homespun)
- 60 cm of batting
- variegated thread or coloured threads to match fabrics
- thread to match Homespun
- 30 cm fusible web
- fabric chalk
- lead pencil
- machine needles 80/12 or 90/14
- darning foot for sewing machine
- small sharp scissors
- general sewing supplies

I will provide a number of designs to choose from or you can create your own

The Singing Quilter

Some of you know our friends Cathy Miller the singing quilter and her husband John Bunge. She sent the following to the club earlier this year:-

You may or may not know that John and I are continuing on from Perth to a 21 day guided tour of South Africa with a quilter friend. We will be visiting women's collectives during that time and bringing along supplies for them to use. I've actually been collecting embroidery threads and scissors / reading glasses for them for months.

I just received a note from our tour leader who has just had a request from another group that is looking for knitting supplies. They are looking for knitting needles and yarn so that they can make small things to sell to support their program.

Cathy then followed up with this after the trip

Now that I've returned from our amazing trip to South Africa, I wanted to get back to you directly to thank you for the generous donations of yarn that I picked up in Darwin. I delivered it to the Phapama Group, a project of grandmothers and elders who are working with AIDS patients. They will use the yarn and knitting needles I delivered to make money for their project.

They were so sweet, all of them - in the pictures below you'll see how they dressed up in their best for our visit. Before we departed, they all sang for us. There wasn't a dry eye among us as we boarded the bus to move on. It was after this that I decided to write a song so that we could sing our thanks back to them. I'm sorry I didn't think about this before, so we could have done it for this group as well.

Your donations made a difference directly in their lives. Every woman that makes money supports a family of sometimes 10 people. Thank you again for your generosity.

*All the best,
Cathy*



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Bernina Servicing – EVENT- Darwin

8th September – 10th Sept. 2017

Bernina Australia are sending - A Highly Qualified, Specialist Technician to service your Bernina Sewing Machines, for the duration of the 'Territory Quilts Exhibition.'

Your machines will have a full Service by a Bernina Trained Technician, Specializing in Bernina machines. **A standard servicing cost will apply, plus part (if required). All payment will be cash and directly paid to the Technician, Martin Witton. Email: berninachermside@ozemailcom.au**

- **A limited number of machine will be serviced, due to the care factor, Book early!**
- **How do I book my machine in for Servicing? - Answer:** Place your name on the **booking in sheet** on the preferred day.
 1. **List the Machine Model**
 2. **Short description of any concerns you have with the machine.**
 3. **You're Mobile number so that theTechnican can contact you directly if needed.**
- **Where do I take my sewing machine? - Answer:** 96A Winnellie Rd, Winnelli Darwin.
- **When? – Answer:** Place your name on the sheet on the preferred day, **before the 8th September unless otherwise contacted.** If you are traveling a long distance, to visit NT Exhibition for the day, in most cases, we can arrange same day service. If you are local and wish your machine to be dropped off at the Darwin Quilters Rooms, at an earlier time, you will need to contact Darwin Quilters.
- **Who is servicing my machine?**
Answer: Martin Witton from Bernina Sewing Centre -Chermside
To find out more about Martin go to
Website: <http://www.berninachermside.com.au/>
Email: berninachermside@ozemailcom.au

Free stuff/ Websites/ Social Media

This is a new section where I'll be sharing stuff that I've found (and hopefully stuff that you find as well because I'm asking you to share) online, in social media etc that is related to textiles/quilting etc and might be of interest to members. If you have suggestions please send them to me <mailto:snippets.darwinpatcher@gmail.com>

Haute Culture Fashion is a site dedicated to traditional fashion, textiles and costume around the world and some of the images are gorgeous. They also offer textile tours to places like Vietnam, Thailand, Laos etc. Definitely worth checking out online and on Instagram.

<http://hauteculturefashion.com>



This is one that Stacey Henderson has shared – full of free patterns and tutorials

<http://bunnyhillblog.com>

Nominations – Australian Quilt Convention Awards 2018

As part of our endeavours to promote quilting and patchwork, and to nurture the quilting community and industry, each year Expertise Events presents awards at our Australasian Quilt Convention. These awards acknowledge outstanding quilters, quilters who have made an valuable contribution to their community through quilting, and a junior quilter.

We invite nominations from individuals and from guilds. Please spread the word. Nomination forms and further information are available on the website

<http://aqc.com.au/aqc-awards/>

Deadlines are January 30, 2018.



Summer Tote Bag



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Would you like to make a fast and colourful summer tote bag? It's really easy, just with a couple of fabrics and a batting. It doesn't have to be complicated: you can even use large remnants from your quilts.

<http://blog.bernina.com/en/2017/07/making-a-fast-and-easy-summer->

CLUB EVENTS IN AUGUST

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1	2	3	4 Friday Stitchers 9am – 3pm	5	6
7 Monday Sewing 10am	8	9	10 Thursday Threads 9am - 9pm	11 Friday Stitchers 9am – 3pm	12 Christmas Club	13
14 Monday Sewing 10am Club Meeting 7.30pm	15	16	17 Thursday Threads 9am - 9pm	18 Friday Stitchers 9am – 3pm	19 Saturday Stitchers Four in the Raw 11am – 4pm	20
21 Monday Sewing 10am	22	23	24 Thursday Threads 9am - 9pm	25 Friday Stitchers 9am – 3pm	26	27
28 Monday Sewing 10am	29	30	31 Thursday Threads 9am - 9pm			

Travelling? Check these out...

Event	Where	When	Website/Details
Berry Quilting Exhibition	Berry School of Arts	26 - 27 August	http://berry.org.au/event/berry-quilting-exhibition-2017/
Canberra Craft and Quilt Fair	Exhibition Park Canberra	10 – 13 August	http://www.craftfair.com.au/wp/Canberra/
WA Craft Show	Claremont Showground	4,5,6 August	http://wacraftshow.com.au
Mornington Peninsula Patchworkers Quilt Exhibition	Peninsula Community Theatre, Mornington	26 – 27 August	morningtonpatch@gmail.com
Festival of Quilts	Hill 7,8 & 9, NEC Birmingham England	10 – 13 August	http://www.thefestivalofquilts.co.uk

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General Meeting	1st Monday of the month at 7.30pm	\$2	96A Winnellie Rd, Winnellie	Don't forget to bring your Show and Tell and a coffee mug. For visitors the first visit is free
Christmas Club	2nd Saturday of each month	\$5	96A Winnellie Rd, Winnellie	Work on different themed projects each month
Friday Stitchers	Every Friday 10am onwards	\$5	96A Winnellie Rd, Winnellie	Work on own projects. BYO lunch/snacks Contact Robyn Salmon 047 356 028
Saturday Stitchers	3 rd Saturday of each month	\$6	96A Winnellie Rd, Winnellie	A sewing activity demonstrated by a volunteer. Material costs may apply. Contact Janelle Northott 0438 691 163
Thursday Threads	Every Thursday 9am – 9pm	\$5	96A Winnellie Rd, Winnellie	Sit and sew. BYO food Contact Sue Britton 0418 839 475
Monday Sewing	Every Monday 9am – 3pm	\$5	96A Winnellie Rd, Winnellie	BYO food Contact Tip Wade 0405 838 242 or Barb Mellon

Visitors are welcome to join our Monday Sewing, Thursday Threads, Friday and Saturday Stitchers days for 3 visits. If you wish to continue attending we need you to become a full member.

Please try to bring small change to pay for your session as change is not always available.

Our supporting businesses generously provide the following discounts:

All Art Framing Pty Ltd – 15%

U3 74 Dick Ward Drive, Coconut Grove
Ph: 8985 5166
sales@arthangingsystems.com.au

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Shops 2 & 3, 53 Alawa Cres, Alawa
Ph: 8948 0691
dragonfabric@bigpond.com

Jackson's Art Suppliers – 10%

7 Parap Place, Parap
Ph: 8981 2779
darwin@jacksons.com.au

The Quilters Rest – 10%

(Quote membership number when ordering)
562 Weens Rd, Kingaroy, Qld, 4610
Ph: 07 4162 3987 Fax: 07 4162 7938

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U50, 12 Charlton Court, Winnellie,
Ph: 8941 0088
janome.darwin@bigpond.com

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42 Cavanagh St, Darwin
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