



December 2016 NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting 3 December

Doors Open at 1:15. End of Year, Christmas Meeting



It has been a great year for Coastal Quilters, which was only made possible by the participation and input of all members. As a great finish to the year there is a fun programme planned.

We have the RNZAF Brass Quartet playing carols, and a great range of merchants to help you to get prepared for Christmas, so bring those purses.

Confirmed Merchants

Stitchbird Bobby Duncan – Fabric by 3 Sewing Depot Wellington Sewing Centre Quilters' Lane
Mary Potter Hospice KJ Dillon, member Glenis Thomas – American Quilt fabric

Please also bring

A non-perishable food item and \$2 for the food parcel

A wrapped fat quarter

The library will be open

There are no allocated duties – but it would be helpful if you come prepared to pitch in

November 26th – Mini-retreat, this is a great opportunity to focus on quilting then go home to your own bed – contact Lesley Hall for more information. If you are coming you need to pay in advance – on the payment to **02 0524 0056822 please say it is for the mini-retreat**

Club Project and President's Challenge



- 1) President's Challenge – 'Hands OFF'. Anne-Marie now invites you to make a reminder sign, humorous, beautiful or eye catching (or all three) so we have our own signage for future shows. More details to come – but get your thinking caps on.
- 2) Next year we have a beach themed Art Quilt sampler for members to make Camilla Watson has designed a fantastic art quilt that can be completed in stages. This will be run as our monthly group project.
There is a \$12 fee to cover photocopying. To take part you must pay the fee of \$12 by 31 December. This is a not to be missed event as we will not be having spare patterns.

There is an accompanying class – which is already full but names are accepted for the waitlist. – regards Lisa

Almoner

If you know of a member who has suffered a bereavement or illness please contact Rachel-Mary Perry (rm-pjperry@yahoo.co.nz) and a card will be sent on behalf of the club to let them know we are thinking of them.

Have you changed your address? – snail or email?

If so please let Alison Spurdle know so she can update lists and keep you in touch with Coastal Quilters. You will also have to rejoin the email list by accepting an invitation from Yahoo. Or you can create your own Yahoo account and change the details whenever you need to.

Suggestion Box

Have you got an idea for a class? Do you know of someone who would be an inspiring speaker at a meeting? The committee would love to hear from you! Or, you can pop your suggestion into the 'Suggestion' box which is on the sign-in table in the foyer.

Coastal Quilters Bank Account Number

Payment of classes, retreats, subs, bus trips etc, **please include your surname and the reason for payment** eg subs, Bus, class name

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Meeting Duties

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Everyone pitch in to help please This way everyone can relax and enjoy in the activities

Thank you for doing your duties! They really are important and your efforts are gratefully recognized.
Alison

Welcome Quilts

What a wonderful response we have had over recent months for help with the Welcome Quilts and how hard everyone has worked! **Thank you** again to everyone who has participated by making quilts, piecing tops, piecing backing, quilting, donating fabric or completed quilts, stitching down binding. Every bit helps to get them done. Proceeds from the sales table are used for the Welcome Quilts supplies, notably batting. If you have a quilt to donate please hand it in to either Marge Hurst or Christine McKenna.

Wish upon a star Christmas Decoration Challenge

To celebrate Christmas and creativity, and also help those in need, Stitchbird is running a Christmas Star Decoration Challenge. To enter you need to design and make your own star shaped Christmas decoration. The materials used may be fabric, felt, wood, steel or whatever your creativity dictates.

These stars will be hung in the **Stitchbird** window and also help to raise funds for Women's Refuge. Entry forms and more details available at <http://stitchbirdfabrics.co.nz/pages/wish-upon-a-star-christmas-decoration-challenge>



Entries for prizes close November 26, but they will accept stars for sale for the Women's Refuge past this date.

All stars will be hung in the shop window at Stitchbird in the lead up to Christmas.

Hawaiian Quilting

Hi fellow quilters ,
I recently spent a few sun soaked days in Hawaii. While I didn't have the chance for much quilting related activity I did spot some things.

There were many bed covers, wall hangings, cushion covers, toilet bags and other items in the markets and hotel shops. Universally these were made in China, and while attractive the stitching was a bit rough. However they were very well priced.

I did see some beautiful quilts in one of the hotels, the Hilton Waikoloa Resort, I stayed in, displayed behind glass, so my photos are not great. The stages from design to completion were explained and the quilts were lovely and very connected to the land and wild life.

Regards Valmai



President's Piece

HI All

I hope you enjoy our last meeting of the year, we will reconvene in February again following the Xmas break. The extravaganza with merchants and afternoon tea has worked well in the last few years (thank you to previous committees) so we are continuing in that theme. There will be a variety of merchants this year so I hope you all see something you like.

Also, the Brass Quartet from RNZAF Band will be playing a selection of Carols for us to enjoy this year

My family gets carried away with presents at Xmas and as I

have a great nephew to buy for who will enjoy presents this year it is going to be a lovely time for us all. I have painted a child's outdoor setting for him which was fun.

Enjoy your Xmas break and have a rest most of all I hope you have some time for patchwork and quilting.

Anne-Marie



Membership fees

If you haven't paid your membership it is now \$30 (with a \$5 lateness penalty if you are a returning member). Fill in the membership form and, if you can, scan it and send to dnaspurdle@slingshot.co.nz or bring it to the meeting. Please pay online **BNZ - 02 0524 0056822**. Remember to include your name in the details so we know you have paid.

Library Corner

There are two items added to the library this month:-*Old quilts, new life. 18 step by step projects.* By Sarah Fielke. (From Material Obsession). she looks at old well loved quilts and redesigns them using modern colours and techniques. Thank you Robyn Burch for the donation of this book.
Quilting Arts magazine Oct/Nov. 2016.

Informal Stitching Groups

Sit 'N Stitch

This is a great opportunity to dedicate time to those Works-In-Progress. You'll get inspiration, new ideas, help for problems and you'll get to know some of your Coastal Quilter friends better. You can bring your machine and there are pinning tables available. For members starting in quilting it is a great place to get tips and gain experience.

Tea and coffee are provided, a shared plate for afternoon tea is appreciated.

1-5pm St Andrew's Church Hall, Plimmerton, 4th Saturday in the month. All welcome.

The next Sit 'N Stitch is **November 26th and is a Mini-Retreat.**

Enquiries to Lesley Hall 2338194 or lesleyvhall@gmail.com

Stitch Days in Pukerua Bay

Stitch days are held at Marge Hurst's house on the first Wednesday of a month. Coffee and tea provided. No machining but we do any form of hand stitching. You can even bring your embroidery, knitting or crochet if you like!

Please advise if you are coming (or not, for regulars) as a couple of times I have sat at home waiting and no one arrived. The next session is **7 December for a shared lunch**. The next will be February 2

Cheers, Marge, Marge Hurst Pukerua Bay, New Zealand

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Coastal Quilters Classes for 2017

Hello all. Classes are a great opportunity to meet old friends, make new friends, create new quilts and learn new skills.

The Committee is developing ideas for next year. Let Lisa Avery, or any other committee member know of ideas you have or great tutors you would like us to offer in the coming year

Most members receive their newsletter by e-mail. The preferred way for members is via email through Yahoo Groups, so please join the Yahoo CQEvents group.

If you paid your subscription online remember to fill out a membership form, and hand it in at the meeting or email it. If you need help contact Alison Spurdle.

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Jocelyn Todd (Classes), Alz and Janine Armstrong (Frames), Rachel-Mary Perry (Almoner)

Valued workers: Thank you!

2016	CQ Events Calendar	
November	26	Mini Retreat – contact Lesley Hall for more information
December	3 7	CQ Christmas meeting- with merchants' tables and excitement Stitch Day in Pukerua Bay – shared Christmas lunch
2017		
January	28	<i>No Meeting 😊</i> Sit'n'Stitch
February	2 11 25	Stitch Days in Pukerua Bay CQ Meeting Sit'n'Stitch
March	2 11 25	Stitch Days in Pukerua Bay CQ Meeting Sit'n'Stitch
April	5 7-9 22	Stitch Days in Pukerua Bay CQ Meeting CQ Retreat Sit'n'Stitch
May	27	CQ Meeting – NOTE CHANGE OF DATE to accommodate Tote'n'Gloat

Events Calendar		
Nov 2016	27	<i>Kantha Quilts of Bengal; lecture by John Gillow, at Soundings Theatre, Te Papa; 4pm; tickets available from Te Papa</i>
2017 January	12-14	<i>Mid-Summer Quilts in Motueka</i> St Thomas' Anglican Church, High St, Motueka; 10-4
	12-13	<i>Hutt Art Summer School -Classes to interest quilters,</i> <i>http://www.huttart.co.nz/summer-school-1</i> <i>Indigo Dyeing and Shibori Techniques, Tutor - Clare Smith</i>
	14-15	<i>MAKE REMARKABLE ART BY LEVERAGING DESIGN ELEMENTS AND PRINCIPLES: Tutor - Lisa Call</i>
March	17-19	<i>Quilts @the Coachhouse, Feilding,</i> Feilding Kowhai Quilters Exhibition, Coach House Museum, 121 South St Feilding; open 10-5 Fri/Sat, 10-4 Sun. Entry \$5
	24-26	<i>Quilts: Conception to Competition' -</i> a two-day seminar at Vaughan Park Retreat Centre, Long Bay, Auckland. A professional development event presented by Aotearoa Quilters. To register: www.aotearoaquilters.co.nz
April	29-30	<i>Kapiti Quilters Exhibition, Southward Car Museum</i>
May		<i>Hoffman Challenge entries due in. Packs and information are available from www.quilterslane.co.nz</i>
	13	<i>Tote'n'Gloat Rose City, Palmerston North</i>
	18-19	<i>Costume & Textile Association's symposium, Hamilton; for extra information contact Yanny Split: yannyc@gmail.com</i>
Oct	5-10	<i>Creative Construction. Quilt Symposium Christchurch,</i> http://quiltsymposium2017.org.nz

Please note that this information is taken from a number of sources.

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